

HOPE *Rises*



April | 2021 |

Pastor's Perspective

"So is it with the resurrection of the dead... sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory."

~ 1 Corinthians 15:42-4

Throughout the month of March, I preached a series of sermons that outlined the last 24 hours of Jesus leading up to His sacrificial death, from the garden to the cross. Through the month of April, we will be focusing our attention on the risen Christ, from the tomb to glory. He appeared for 40 days before He ascended to the right hand of the Father, and later we see His glory revealed in the book of Revelation by the Apostle John.

It was hope that motivated our Lord to do all that He did. He knew He would be raised to glory and be crowned King of Eternity, but that hope wasn't His motivation. He had eternal glory before the creation of the world. Glory was His rightful aspect. Philippians tells us that he put aside His glory to become lowly. He humbled Himself and took on human form, and submitted to a shameful death. It would be a mistake to think He did all that for His own glory. He did all that so *we* could share in His

glory. Not only do we look forward to eternal life and a glorified resurrected body, but we glorify Jesus in our daily lives. He has millions of representatives all over the world. Every workplace and community is blessed with a personal ambassador of Christ. You and I represent Jesus everywhere we go in every interaction we have. Some of the ways we do this are:

Character – Speaking the truth in love, be honest and dependable. *Ephesians 4:15*

Purity – Disengage from conversations and situations that are not pleasing to God. *2 Corinthians 6:17 & 1 Peter 1:16*

Forgiveness – Be unwilling to hold a grudge, become bitter or resentful. Apply the grace you've received by God to others. *Matthew 6:14*

This April, as Hope Rises, we will dive deep into the infinite truth and glory of the Risen Christ, and His wonderful plan for his glorious church. Looking forward to seeing you!

In Christ,
Pastor Luke

**FBC
Giving Details**

**Total Giving Through 3/21/2021
\$172,712.34**

Giving needed to meet 2021 budget to date-\$129,616.20.



Refuge Student Ministry News

Jr High (6th-8th Grade) continues to meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8pm and our High School Students (9th-12th Grade) meet on Sunday nights from 6-8pm. Refuge is a great place to gather with friends, play games, have snacks and dig into God's Word! Please feel free to invite your friends to join us!



**5th-8th
Grade
Girls Book
Club!**

Would you like to be part of an amazing group of sisters in Christ and learn together about some historical women of faith? We'd love to have you join the "Boom Sisters Book Read." We meet once a month and read a book together. (No homework, we promise.) We invite you to join us for our first read on Sat., Apr 10th at 9am. Please visit our website to sign-up.



Join the Helping Hands Ministry - Saturday, April 17th from 7:30am-12:00pm. We are excited to lend a helping hand to members of our church family and community by doing some general household maintenance. We are in need of Youth volunteers to do various tasks for this event. Please register on our website under events, then registrations.



CIY Jr. High Summer MIX Conference

CIY Mix is held at Hope College in Holland, Michigan and is for students who have completed grades 5th – 8th. Dates for our trip are **August 1st-4th**. The total cost for CIY is \$314. FBC will scholarship \$164 of that cost and the student needs to pay \$150. The \$150 can be paid in one lump sum or in three \$50 payments. Final payment must be received by July 18th. Sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com under the Student Ministry tab.



CIY Move High School Conference

CIY Move is held at Hope College in Holland, Michigan and is for students who have completed grades 9th – 12th. Dates for our trip are **June 28th - July 3rd**. We have ten spots available. The total cost for CIY Move is \$334. FBC will scholarship \$184 of that cost and the student needs to pay \$150. The \$150 can be paid in one lump sum or in three \$50 payments. Final payment must be received by May 31st. Register online at firstbaptistaledo.com.



FBC Kids Ministry Update!

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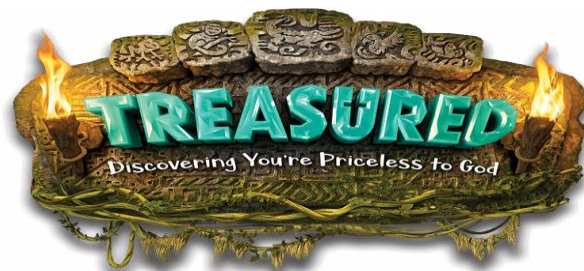
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Hope Rises Easter Event - Good Friday, April 2nd 10am-12:30pm at FBC. Free indoor/outdoor event. Participants will enjoy a "Hope Rises" presentation, make a living resurrection garden, egg hunt race, snap a picture at the photo booth in front of our life size tomb, do a fun science experiment and wrap up with a hot dog lunch. Please note, this is not a drop off event this year, families will stay together and experience and enjoy the event as a family. Sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com.



"Treasured" VBS 2021

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church June 28th-July 2nd, 2021 from 9am-Noon. VBS is for all kids ages 3 years old through 5th grade. Kids going into 6th grade and up will have an opportunity to serve but must be registered to serve in advance. Registration for VBS will begin in late May.

Church Meetings/JOY Circle/Life Action Revival!

Upcoming Church Meetings

Church Council Meeting – The FBC Church Council will meet Tuesday, April 13th at 7pm.

FBC Quarterly Business Meeting-Sunday, April 18th following the 10:15am Service. All are welcome to attend.



JOY Circle Resumes!

J.O.Y. Circle – (*Jesus, Others, Yourself*)

All ladies are invited to the Joy Circle Gathering on Tuesday, April 27th at 7pm in the Enon Room.

J.O.Y. Circle is a gathering of the women for a time of fellowship and learning as well as helping with families in need throughout the year. J.O.Y. Circle is for women of all ages. No need to RSVP to J.O.Y. Circle, just show up!

Pork Chop Fund Raiser in May – The ladies of J.O.Y. Circle will be selling grilled Pork Chops at Mercer Market on Saturday, **May 1st** from 10am-1pm. Please stop by, have a pork chop and support the mission projects of J.O.Y. Circle.



Life Action Summit Is Coming to First Baptist Aledo Fall of 2021! September 12-15, 2021!

Designed for the entire church family, a Life Action Summit provides a one of a kind experience of reconnecting with God and transforming relationships. They're times of seeking God personally and corporately for an outpouring of His Spirit. Our prayer is that through these concentrated times of seeking Him, God will awaken a desire in each church for something more, something holy...something extraordinary.

Please mark your calendars and begin to pray for the Summit! We will need the church family to come alongside and provide host homes for team members and vehicles. Please be in prayer about how you might be involved with the Life Action Summit!

Men's Ministry/Shower/Thank You

Men's Ministry Conference in Davenport

Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference – This one-day conference is being held at Coram Deo Church in Davenport on Saturday, April 10th from 8:30am-4pm and is for men of all ages; beginning with men age 13 and older.

We will be taking as many men as we can to this unique event. There will be sixteen different seminars for men at this conference so we know there will be something for every one of us. - Registration Cost is \$55 (\$40 for students) and includes an on-site lunch. Car pool from FBC. Registration now available online at firstbaptistaledo.com. Questions, see Kevin Ricke.



IRON SHARPENS IRON 2021

16 DIFFERENT SEMINARS
SPECIFIC TO MEN
FOR MEN OF ALL AGES (13+)
8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

FOCAL POINT MINISTRIES

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Davenport, IA
April 10th



Jerry Boykin Brydan Lortts

Building Godly Men!

Register with the men from your church!
FocalPointMinistries.net



New Sermon Series Beginning in April! The Risen Christ From Tomb to Glory!

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Celebrating Your Marriage! The FBC Marriage Ministry would like to celebrate and pray for your marriage. We are asking all married couples to call 309-582-7812 or e-mail Pam at the church office fbcaledo2@frontiernet.net with your anniversary date. She will add your names to the Anniversary list for that month and the FBC Marriage Ministry Team will pray for your marriage during the month of your anniversary.



The FBC Ladies Are Invited to a Drive Thru Baby Shower on April 3rd for Danika (Higgins) Volz!

**Instead of a card, the mommy to be requested a book for Baby Volz.*



Thank You

Thank you for all the great Easter candy & twig donations!

You guys are awesome!

**We're set on candy & twigs donations now. Thanks again!*

~Mollie



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CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION

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Easter is Sunday, April 4th, 2021!

Please Join Us in Celebrating our Risen Lord!

The Passion of the Christ Movie - Join us in the FBC sanctuary on Wednesday, March 31st at 6:30pm to watch this powerful movie. The Passion of the Christ is a 2004 American biblical drama directed by Mel Gibson and starring Jim Caviezel as Jesus of Nazareth. Doors open at 6:15pm and the movie will begin at 6:30pm. No need to RSVP just show up. No childcare provided. Please note, The Passion of the Christ is rated R. The R rating is for sequences of graphic violence.

Family Easter Event - "Hope Rises" - Join us at FBC on Good Friday, April 2nd from 10am-12:30pm. See next page for details.

Easter Sunrise Service – Sunday, April 4th at 6:30am outdoor, weather permitting, under the church carport. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket. Pastor Seth will be sharing the message on Hope Rises. We will be serving donuts!

Easter Morning Services - In addition to our 6:30am Sunrise Service, we will also have Easter Services at 8am and 10:15am. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us as we celebrate our risen Savior who brings hope to each one of us! We will be serving donuts!

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Sunday School Resumes! Class List Below.

Sunday School will begin April 11th at 9am. This will include Sunday School for adults and children. We also offer a nursery at 9am so parents with babies can also attend. **Why is Sunday School important, you might ask?** Here are a few reasons we encourage children and adults to attend Sunday School:

- Because we love God and want to grow in our knowledge of Him. If we are serious about spiritual growth wouldn't we want to make Sunday School a priority?
- For those with children, Sunday School is a great tool to add to in home Biblical teaching to help your kids come to know Christ and grow in Him.
- Attending a Sunday School Class is a great way to meet others in the church and connect at a deeper level. We benefit from hearing others stories about how their life has been changed by Jesus and sharing Biblical wisdom and truth with each other.



Updated Sunday School List 2021

We have classes for kids and adults! Feel free to jump into any of these classes at any time.

Kids

Class	Teacher	Level
Nursery 9-11:30am	Rotation of Volunteers	Upper Level
Pre-K-1 st Grade	Kelly Higgins, Lynda Castor & Nadine Coulter Gina Young Anita	Lower Level-Fellowship Hall
2 nd -5 th Grade	Mollie Dunn, Denise Kelly & Monica Dennison	Lower Level-Refuge Room-F

Youth

Class	Teacher	Level
6 th , 7 th & 8 th Grade	Kevin & Pam Ricke	Lower Level - Room E
High School (9 th -12 th)	Pastor Seth Bowker & Mike Bowns	Upper Level - Room 3

Adults

Class	Teacher	Level
Bible Study	Brad Olson (Current Study: NIV Standard Lesson Commentary-Love For One Another)	Lower Level- Room #4 - Lower Enon
Forward For Christ	Ron Moffitt (Current Study: Genesis Ch.39)	Upper Level- Room #1-Enon
Berean Class	Steven & Felicia Bonyng (Current Study: The Art Of Marriage)	Lower Level - Berean - Room #8
Women's Class	Crystal Clark (Current Study: Faith Depending on God)	Lower Level - Room #6
Women's Class	Cindy Maynard (Current Study: Proverbs)	Lower Level - Classroom C

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Stay Connected!

- We are having In-person worship at 8am & 10:15am. Sunday School will begin on Sunday, April 11th at 9am. We will still have Kids Worship at the 10:15am service as well as a nursery for babies 0-2 years.
- For all the details about our upcoming events and live streaming Visit FirstBaptistAledo.com.
- Listen to WRMJ 102.3 at 10:15am on the 1st-3rd Sundays & at 5:10pm on the 4th and 5th Sundays.
- Download our Church App by texting *fbcaledo app* to 77977.
- Find Us On Facebook
- Call the Church Office at 309.582.7812.



Love Christ.

Love Others.

Think Biblically!