

PRAISE IN THE PARK

SUN. AUG. 22 • 10AM-3PM

Aledo Central Park

Outdoor Worship, Lunch, Live Music, Kona Ice & Kids Fun Zone!

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Pastor's Perspective

Go... make disciples... baptize... teach them to obey... I am with you till the end... ~ Jesus, i.e. Great Commission.

The church is always doing several things simultaneously. We are always reaching out with the Gospel, as well as teaching people how to follow God, caring for those who are hurting, worshiping, supporting missions, and about a dozen other things. It mainly boils down to two things: evangelism and discipleship. Those two things boil down further to one thing: worship. We worship (honor, glorify, thank, praise, delight in) God, and we help others to do the same as best we can. This creates a small problem. Since we are always seeking to bring new people into this relationship, while helping everyone to grow toward maturity, we constantly have people from one end of the spectrum to the other. We have non-believers coming to see and hear what this is about, new believers who trust Jesus, but don't know Father Abraham from Abraham Lincoln, and mature believers at various stages of their walk. This is how it is and how it should be. If we had a church full of mature Christians we would be failing to reach out. If we had a church full of baby-Christians, we would be failing to teach and disciple. It's always a mixture. Some things that we do, or events that we plan, are focused more heavily on one of these aspects than another.

In the upcoming month we have some exciting things we're planning. Praise in the Park is scheduled for August 22nd from 10am till 3pm. It's going to be a blast! We hope you'll not only plan on coming, but invite some friends and family to join us. This is an outreach event. It's intended to attract people from the community who don't have a church they call home. We hope it builds up the reputation of Christ and our church and encourages people to come back to hear more. In September we are hosting a four-day revival led by Life Action Ministries. This event is intended to help people go deeper. We encourage visitors to join us, and hope that you'll invite friends and family to this wonderful week of revival, but our hope and our aim is that our church body will set aside these days to go deeper with God. It's a wonderful, intensive time of spiritual growth for all. If you're new to First Baptist or new to the Christian faith, this is something you'll definitely not want to miss. We have had Life Action come to FBC many times over the years, and we always hear countless stories of how great an impact it has made in people's lives. September 12th-14th will be the days you'll want to make sure you have your evenings free. Please pray for Praise in the Park, that God would use it to reach many new people in our community, and pray for Life Action Revival, that God would meet us in new and powerful ways as we grow together. In all, we give God the glory for what He's doing in our church. Thanks for being part of it.

In Christ, Pastor Luke

**FBC
Giving Details**

**Total Giving Through 7/25/2021
\$383,305.85**

Giving needed to meet 2021 budget to date-\$324,040.50



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! Invite your friends to join us!



**6th-8th
Grade
Girls Book
& Craft
Club!**

Boom Sisters - Attention girls in grades 6th – 8th. Would you like to be part of an amazing group of sisters in Christ, learn together about some historical women of faith, and have fun doing some crafts? We invite you to join us Saturday, August 21st from 10am-11:30am. If this is your first time joining us, please visit firstbaptistaledo.com to sign-up.



Bring the whole family to Praise In the Park Family Fest!



Hey Kids! We'll have water inflatables at Praise in the Park so remember to bring your swim suit, towel and sunscreen and be prepared to have lots of fun!

Wednesday Night Live Kids Club is Kicking Off In September Kids Club Is For Ages 3-5th Grade

All kids are welcome to join us for Wednesday Night Live Sept. 22nd-Nov. 17th each Wednesday night from 6:30-8pm for activities, games, Bible, a yummy snack & lots of fun. More info about Kids Club can be found on our Facebook page at "First Baptist Children's Ministry." During WNL, there are classes for the whole family. All nursery, kids, & youth check-in as a family in the church foyer from 6:15-6:30pm.



This Session at Kids Club we'll be studying The Gospels through the Gospel Project.

FBC Women's Ministry



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

All ladies are invited to the Joy Circle Gathering on Tuesday, August 24th 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!

Women's Better Together Gathering Greeting Card Crafting Night

Please join us at FBC in the new addition Wed., Aug. 25th at 6:30pm for an evening of creating cards and praying for the Mercer County School District staff. Bring a snack to share, and we will provide all the materials for the cards.



Save the Date for these Upcoming Women's Ministry Events!



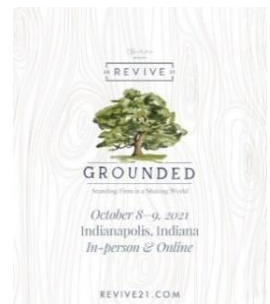
- August 25th - Better Together Gathering
- September 12th-15th - Life Action Team at FBC
- Sept. 14th – Life Action Ladies Luncheon
- October 8th-9th - GROUNDED Conference in Indianapolis
- October 15th-17th - THRIVE Retreat in Michigan
- November 6th - Women's Event at FBC

Watch and listen for details. As the dates approach, more info can be found by visiting our website firstbaptistaledo.com/womens-ministry and also like us on Facebook by searching First Baptist Women's Ministry Aledo.

Revive '21

Women's Grounded Conference Oct. 8th and 9th - Indianapolis, IN

Join women from around the globe in person and online for this unique, two-day conference. Expect to drink deeply from God's Word, strengthening the roots of your faith as we learn how to stand firm together and face the future with confidence and hope. If you are interested in attending the Revive 21 conference, the FBC Women's ministry is covering the hotel room cost and you are responsible for buying your ticket for the event. More information about the Revive Conference and tickets can be purchased online @ Revive21.com. We will carpool and leave for Indy on Oct. 7th and return in the late evening on Oct. 9th. If you are planning on attending or have already purchased your ticket, please email Jenny Dixon at jenllong1@gmail.com to secure your hotel room. We have spots for 8 more women so purchase your ticket today!



Women's Thrive Retreat at Life Action Camp Buchanan, MI

All ladies are invited to join us Oct. 15th-17th for the THRIVE Retreat at the Life Action Camp in Michigan. THRIVE is a weekend designed to help you experience more of Jesus—through His Word, worship, fellowship, fun, and incredible food (that you don't have to cook!) Come join us! Because Jesus wants far more for you than to simply survive. More details can be found at <https://lifeactioncamp.com/thrive-womens-retreat/> Cost is \$100 per person and must be paid to FBC to reserve your spot no later than September 26th. Sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com



FBC Men's Ministry



Men's Small Groups Are Kicking Off! Be A Part of the "Go: Journey to Biblical Manhood"

Every day we either go closer toward being the men whom God has called us to be or farther away. In this four-week men's study we invite you to explore the key issues that keep us from the narrow road—including what we believe about God, how we interact with others, the fight to be independent, and avoiding the sins that threaten to take us off course.

Session Titles:

WEEK 1: ON-RAMP with Patrick Morley
What We Believe About God

WEEK 2: MERGING LANES with
Pete Alwinson
How the Gospel Impacts Our Relationships

WEEK 3: NAVIGATION with Brett
Clemmer
Trusting God As Our Source

**WEEK 4: POTHOLES &
GUARDRAILS** with Collin Outerbridge
*Guarding Our Hearts from Sin and
Distraction*

If you would like to be a part of a 4 week Men's "Go" study group, call the church office today. The groups will be meeting at various times and days during the week. Call the church office at 309-582-7812 ASAP or see Pam at the Welcome Desk on Sunday to get plugged into the group that fits your schedule best. Groups will be kicking off soon!



A Note of Encouragement From the FBC Men's Ministry Team

To supplement your time in God's Word and encourage you throughout your day, the FBC Men's Ministry Team has compiled several different types of resources. Visit this link to find devotionals, books, apps, podcasts and radio programs all designed to grow your faith:

<https://www.firstbaptistaledo.com/mens-resources/>



Men's Sunday Morning Breakfast

We've created a purposeful environment where you can enjoy a casual and relaxed time connecting with other men in our church, sharing some great food and conversation about our faith and how God is working in our lives. Invite a friend to join you!

The FBC Men's Breakfast is held every Sunday morning, at 7am in the Berean Room (lower level through Fellowship Hall). The breakfast is free but a love offering can be left. No need to sign up, just show up. Questions, call Kevin Ricke.

**No Men's Breakfast on Sunday, Aug. 22nd due to Praise in the Park.*

Praise in the Park Family Fest!!



Praise In The Park Family Fest is Coming to Aledo's Central Park!

Sponsored by First Baptist Church Aledo

Join us in Aledo Central Park Sunday, August 22nd from 10am-3pm. Bring your lawn chair for our Outdoor Worship service at 10am followed by a delicious lunch of grilled pork chops or fried chicken. We'll enjoy live music with The Punches Family Band & Harmonies of Grace. After lunch, younger kids bring your swim suit, towel and sunscreen for our Water Inflatables and the Jr. High & High School students can play 9 Square In The Air and Gaga Ball! Top off the day with a refreshing shaved ice treat from Kona Ice! It's all free, it's always fun! No RSVP Required!

**Please note there will be no 8am service, no Sunday School and no Men's Breakfast on Sunday, August 22nd instead, please join us in Central Park at 10am.*

What's Coming Up!/Family Talk/Wednesday Night Live!

Local Church Apologetics



Rick McGough
At First Baptist

Sunday, Aug. 1st at 8am & 10:15am

— Love Offering —

Rick McGough Preaching at FBC!

This Sunday, August 1st Rick McGough of Local Church Apologetics will be sharing the message at the 8am and 10:15am service.

We will be taking a love offering for Rick. Checks should be made to Local Church Apologetics.



Communion Sunday Is Aug. 8th

This is also the Sunday we remind you to bring a non-perishable food item for our Blessing Box. Blessing Box items can be left in the pink tote in the lobby. Thank you!

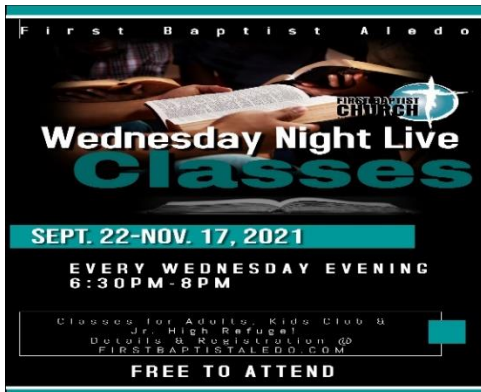
Family Talk & Donuts



Family Talk & Donuts – Aug. 29th at 9am

All ages are invited to join us in the sanctuary Sunday, Aug. 29th from 9-10am for a Family Talk & Donuts Bible & Devotional Fair.

We're talking about & displaying resources for all ages that help us dive deeper into God's Word at home. You'll learn about great Bibles for different ages, Personal & Family Devotional & Study Materials, how to lead a family devotional time, what's on our Parent Resource Shelf, and we're promoting Pastor Luke's Discipleship Class that's starting Sept. 19th during Sunday School. Resources will be available to order. No Sunday School classes on this Sunday. See you at the fair!



What is Wednesday Night Live?

WNL is a series of classes & programs for the whole family held at First Baptist. WNL runs from Wednesday, Sept. 22nd through Nov. 17th, 2021 each Wednesday night from 6:30-8pm. We will have Kids Club for kids ages 3 years through 5th grade, Refuge for students 6th-8th grade and classes for adults. High School students are invited to attend the adult WNL classes. High School Refuge will continue on Sunday evenings from 6-8pm. **Adult Studies include:** "The Chosen" - Season 2 - The Chosen is an online drama series about the life of Christ and led by Steven & Felicia Bonyne & Kevin & Pam Ricke and a Women's Study "Get Out of Your Head" A study of **Philippians** by Jennie Allen and led by Kady Hofer. Online registration will open soon at firstbaptistaledo.com. WNL is open to the public so feel free to invite your friends and their families to join us. WNL is FREE to attend!

New Sunday School Class with Pastor Luke

Pastor Luke will be kicking off a new Sunday School class on Discipleship. Whether you're new to FBC, new to the faith, or just interested in a new class, this is a class you won't want to miss. We will be studying 30 topics on what we believe and why we believe it like salvation, forgiveness, prayer, trusting God, how to study the Bible, and many other spiritual growth topics. Everyone will be given a Rose Guide to Discipleship Workbook, so we'd love to have you register in advance at firstbaptistaledo.com. We will start on Sunday September 19th at 9am in the Refuge Room (Downstairs through the Fellowship Hall).

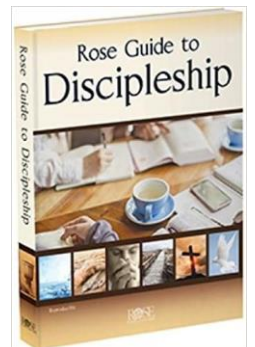
Other Sunday School Updates

Ron Moffitt's Sunday School Class is moving into the book of **Exodus**.

Crystal Clark's Women's Sunday School is moving into the Study "Christian Community."

All Sunday School classes are at 9am and open to everyone and you can jump in any time.

Visit our website firstbaptistaledo.com for a full listing of Sunday School Classes/locations.



Life Action Thirst Conference

**The Life Action Team is coming to
First Baptist Aledo!
Sept. 12th-15th, 2021!
You won't want to miss the
Life Action Thirst Conference!**



Designed for the entire church family, Life Action Summits provide 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. We will need "host families" to house the young people on the LA Summit Team as well as needing other volunteers and resources such as vehicles for the team to drive.

For more details about being a host home (Sept. 10th-17th) host home call or text Laurie & Mick Louck at 309-236-9751 (call or text). If you can spare a vehicle for the Life Action Team to drive while they are here during the Summit, call or text Jon Ricke at 309-945-3804.



***Clear your schedule & plan to join us!
Tentative Schedule for Life Action
Thirst Conference***

There is something for the whole family!

- Nursery for 0-2 year olds
- Happy Heart City for 3 year olds-1st Grade
 - Base Camp for 2nd-5th Grade
- Life Action Students – 6th-12th Grade
 - Worship for all Adults

Sunday, Sept. 12th –Life Action Worship Service
8am, 10:15am & 6pm

Monday, Sept. 13th –Life Action Services - 6:30pm

Tuesday, Sept. 14th – Life Action True Women's
Luncheon-11:30am in Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday, Sept. 14th – Life Action Services – 6:30pm

Wednesday, Sept. 15th –Life Action Services–6:30pm

Watch & listen for more details, coming soon!



Life Action True Women Ladies Luncheon

**Tuesday, Sept. 14th
11:30am-1pm
at FBC in the Fellowship Hall**

All ladies are invited to come enjoy a delicious lunch and hear what God has to say about your role as women, wives, mothers and grandmothers at the Life Action Ladies Luncheon. You will be blessed by hearing the stories from the revivalists' wives.

A nursery will be available. For those with home school children, you can bring them and a Life Action Team Member will supervise the children during the luncheon. A sack lunch needs to be brought for the home school and nursery children.

Online registration for the Ladies Luncheon is coming soon. This event is free to attend.

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- We are having In-person worship at 8am & 10:15am. Sunday School for all ages is at 9am along with a nursery for 0-2 years old. We 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.



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Love Others.

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