

# Will you set aside time to seek God together?

*Mark your calendars for the upcoming Life Action Event at First Baptist Aledo Sept. 12-15*



*LifeAction.org*

**FBC News | September | 2021**

## Pastor's Perspective

“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.” ~ Acts 3:19-20

In just a couple weeks Life Action Ministries will be rolling into Aledo. Even though we've had Life Action lead revival services many times over the years, this may be the first time for many people to experience a Life Action Conference. Life Action is a ministry that sends out teams of people, many of which are college aged young people, who have committed at least a year to serve the Lord. They will take over almost every aspect of our ministry for the week they are with us. Starting on Sunday morning, they will lead the worship services and do all the kids ministry from 3 years old up through high school. They will return for worship services and youth and kids programming each night from Sunday night through Wednesday night.

It seems like a big commitment to set aside 4 nights in a row for church, but every single time Life Action comes I hear so many people saying they were not ready for it to end. You won't want to miss a single night. If, for some reason, your schedule won't allow you to come every night, I hope you'll come as many nights as possible. God has big plans for that week, and I know many people are going to get a refreshing sense of God's presence through this experience.

Before they get here, we want to get ready, so I'll be preaching on Revival on September 5<sup>th</sup> to prepare our hearts for the week to come, and we will also have a special prayer and praise night on Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup>. The prayer and praise nights are always a fantastic time of worship and prayer. The theme for the prayer and praise night is “Getting Ready for Revival”, so we will have some inspiring worship interspersed with intentional times of prayer.

September is a big month this year. The following Sunday after Life Action has been here, we are planning “Back to Church Sunday”. We are inviting everyone we know to get back to church. If you've been missing church for one reason or another, or have been thinking about attending church for the first time, September 19<sup>th</sup> is the week to put on your calendar. On that Sunday, I'll be starting a new sermon series on the Life of King David, as well as starting a new Discipleship Sunday School class. It's going to be a great day!

There's a lot going on in September, but it's God's plans that prevail. Let's make sure we leave room for what God's going to do in it all.

In Christ,  
Pastor Luke

**FBC  
Giving Details**

**Total Giving Through 8/22/2021  
\$424,197.14**

**Giving needed to meet 2021 budget to date-\$367,245.90**



## Refuge Student Ministry News



Jr High (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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!



**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
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, September 11th from 10am-11:30am. If this is your first time joining us, please visit [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com) to sign-up.



**The Refuge Fall Retreat** - Mark your calendar! 1 Day Only! Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> is our annual Refuge Student Ministry Fall Retreat! This year's theme: **This Is The Way!** For all Students 6th-12th Grades @ Camp Summit in New Windsor, IL. GAGA ball, Zip Line, Camp Fires, Smores, Friends, Great Food and TONS of FUN! Prepare yourself to have a great time with friends and grow in your faith. Registration will be coming soon! Questions, see Pastor Seth Bowker.



## KIDS 10:15am Service WORSHIP

Kids Worship is every Sunday at the 10:15am Service. Kids ages 3-4th grade check-in outside the sanctuary and sit with their families until they are dismissed before the message. **\*Starting Sept. 19th**, Kids Worship participants will go straight to class after check-in.

**\*Family Worship will be offered on Baptism Sundays** where kids will worship with families until they are dismissed.

## 9-10am SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

We offer Sunday School classes for all ages to make connections and go deeper in the Word. We have a nursery for kids 2 and younger, several adult classes, a High School class (behind kitchen), a Jr. High class (second room on the left in the downstairs hall), a Pre-k-1st grade class (in the Fellowship Hall), and a 2nd-5th grade class (Youth Room). No need to sign up. Just come! Kids nursery-high school check-in the lobby.



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## KID'S CLUB FALL SESSION '21 SEPT. 22- NOV. 17

Hey Parents!

Kids ages 3-5th grade are invited to join us for Kids Club this fall from **Sept. 22nd-Nov. 17th from 6:30-8pm at FBC**. Check-in begins at 6:15pm and pick-up is at 8:05pm. We're diving into the gospels with Gospel Project and having lots of fun learning about the early life of Jesus where kids will engage in super fun activities, play games, and eat snacks. Registration opens mid-August at [www.firstbaptistaledo.com](http://www.firstbaptistaledo.com).

Please bring kids inside the lobby door & grab your security label. You'll need to present that when you pick them up. The sanctuary door will open when you can get your kiddos. You'll go straight in and pick them up from their crew leaders. See you this fall! ~Mollie

### Special Nights

**Sept. 29th- Spirit Night & Nachos**  
(Wear fave team or school team shirts)

**Oct. 13th- Silly Glasses Night**  
(We'll provide the silly glasses)

**Oct. 27th- Glow Party**  
(Wear Neon)

**Nov. 17th- Christmas Shop**  
Shop with Bible Memory Points





# 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, September 28th 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!



## Tanner's Apple Orchard Outing

Join us September 18th (back up date if bad weather is Sept. 25th) for an Outing to Tanner's Apple Orchard. All ladies are invited to join us for a fun day trip to Tanner's Apple Orchard in Speer, IL. We will meet at the church 8:30am and drive together, returning around 4pm. Please bring money for any purchases you may make and eating lunch out. RSVP online at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com) under the Women's Ministry tab or to the church office by Sept. 15.



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

- September 12th-15th - Life Action Team at FBC
- Sept. 14th – Life Action Ladies Luncheon
- Sept. 18th – Tanner's Apple Orchard Outing (the rain date is Sept. 25th)
- October 5<sup>th</sup> – Beth Moore's David-Seeking a Heart Like His – Tuesdays at 2pm
- October 8th-9th - GROUNDED Conference in Indianapolis
- October 15th-17th - THRIVE Retreat in Michigan
- November 6th - Women's Retreat "Truth Seeker, Freedom Walker at FBC

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



## Beth Moore Study– David-Seeking a Heart Like His

All ladies are invited to join this daytime study which takes place on Tuesdays at 2pm beginning Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> in the Enon Room. *David: Seeking a Heart Like His Member Book* by Beth Moore guides participants through a compelling 11-week DVD group Bible study of David for women. Each day of the week you'll find Bible reading related to the previous week's video topic, fill-in-the-blank statements, and reflective questions. Explore David's life. Some days you'll want to be just like him; other days you won't want to be anything like him. Discover the truth that God will never give up on you. Register online at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

## 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](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

## Truth Seeker, Freedom Walker – Women's Fall Retreat Coming in November to FBC

All ladies are invited to attend a morning of fellowship and digging into God's Word together Saturday, November 6th at FBC. We will be focusing in on identifying lies we may be believing, what God's Word says is true and how to walk in the abundant freedom offered to us in Christ! 9am-noon. Snacks will be provided. Childcare is not offered. Please register by October 20th. Free to attend and includes an event t shirt. Registration is coming soon!

# FBC Men's Ministry/Thank You!

## Open Bible Church Galesburg

**Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Time: 8am-1pm**

**Cost: \$15 – Includes Lunch!**

**Register at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)  
under the Men's Ministry Tab.**

**Man in the Mirror wants to help you...**

***Act Like a Man!***

*"No Man Fails on Purpose, No Man Succeeds by Accident. You need a Plan, and this is the Plan"*

**Sign up: "Live" 1-day Event**

**The Christian Man**

- ⇒ *Conference Based on the Book "The Christian Man"*
- ⇒ *For all Men Ages 16 and up"*
- ⇒ *Great team building event for men's groups"*
- ⇒ *Come in as a group, Leave as a band of brothers*
- ⇒ *Join a 6-week follow up group with your church*



**Our speaker:**

**Dr. Ronn Read – Pastor & Chaplain for Man in the Mirror**



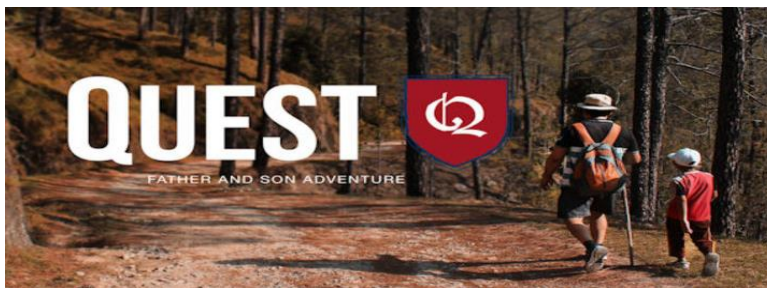
## Men's Sunday Morning Breakfast

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.

## QUEST Father Son Retreat!

**Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Buchanan, MI**



Quest is a fun filled weekend for dads and their sons - These adventure weekends feature outdoor events jam packed with activities designed to help dads and sons reconnect. You will make memories that last a lifetime. Spiritual principles are embedded into activities and athletic events to equip fathers and sons for the journey ahead. Sons should be at least 6 years old.

Cost is \$100 per dad and \$50 per son. We will travel together in the church bus and leave Friday, Oct. 1st at 9am and we will return on Sunday, Oct. 3rd around 7pm. To reserve your spot, visit [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com) under the Men's Ministry tab.

# Thank You

Thank you for all the calls, cards, visits, food and "hugs" since Bob's passing.

Thanks for all the donations and memorials. Thanks to Seth Bowker for all his help and meaningful funeral.

Thanks for the wonderful luncheon – all those who donated food and helped serve. Thanks to Adell Struble for taking over. Chris said "Church Ladies Rock!"

God Bless all of you,  
Vivian Kopp, Chris, Sheila, Linda,  
Kevin, Randy & families



# Wednesday Night Live



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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Classes for the whole  
family!



DETAILS AND  
REGISTRATION AT  
[firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)

SEPT. 22-NOV. 17  
WEDNESDAYS  
6:30PM-8PM

KIDS CLUB  
REFUGE STUDENTS  
ADULT CLASSES  
NURSERY



## 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. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 each Wednesday night from 6:30-8pm.

We will have **Kids Club** for kids ages 3 years through 5th grade. Kids Club kids will be diving into the gospels with Gospel Project, playing games, engaging in activities, making friends, enjoying yummy snacks, and having lots of fun on theme nights. Your kids won't want to miss learning all about Jesus and his life as a kid.

**The Refuge Student Ministry** on Wednesdays is for students 6th-8th grade. High School students are invited to attend the adult WNL classes. High School Refuge will continue to meet on Sunday evenings from 6-8pm. Our goal is to make Refuge a safe place for all students to come and be themselves. Life throws us a lot of crazy storms but everyone needs a place to take Refuge from the storm. Our Refuge verse is Psalm 18:2 "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." The Refuge staff and adult leaders work hard to greet and talk to every student that comes through the doors. We have adult leaders reaching out to the Refuge students for prayer, encouragement, and bible verses through the week. Bring your Bible, get ready for some games and enjoy the snacks as you come to the Refuge to hangout.

## Class for Adults & High School Students



**Adult Class - "The Chosen - Season 2"** – The Chosen is multi-season online drama series about the life of Christ. The second season focuses on the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and what happens as word of his ministry begins to spread. The Chosen-Season 2 will be led by Steven & Felicia Bonyne & Kevin & Pam Ricke. The Chosen study is open to all adults and high school students. Register online at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

**Women's Study-"Get Out of Your Head"** This is a women's study of Philippians by Jennie Allen. This study will be led by Kady Hofer. Are your thoughts holding you captive? Jennie Allen knows what it's like to swirl in a spiral of destructive thoughts, such as I'll never be good enough. Other people have better lives than I do. God couldn't really love me. But Jennie also knows we don't have to stay stuck in toxic thinking patterns. As she discovered, God built a way for us to escape that downward spiral. Freedom comes when we refuse to be victims to our thoughts and realize we have already been equipped with power from God to fight and win the war for our minds.

In Get Out of Your Head, Jennie takes groups on a study in Philippians, inspiring and equipping us to transform our emotions, our outlook, and even our circumstances by taking control of our thoughts. When we submit our minds to Christ, the promises and goodness of God flood our lives in remarkable ways. It starts in your head. And from there, the possibilities are endless. Register online at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).



# Prayer & Praise Night/Back To Church/New Sunday School



Join Us  
For  
**Prayer & Praise  
NIGHT**

*"Getting Ready for Revival"*  
Wednesday, Sept. 8

6:30PM  
@FBC - 800 NE 6th Ave. Aledo, IL

CALL 309 582 7812 FOR MORE INFORMATION



## Back to Church Sunday Sunday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> @FBC

Join us for National Back to Church Sunday. Maybe it's been a while since you've been in church or maybe you know or are someone who has never been to church. We'll be starting a new sermon series on King David titled "The Giants We Face." Make plans to head back to church at either 8am or 10:15am on Sunday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>!



**discipleship STUDY**

Therefore go and make disciples

With Pastor Luke

JOIN US AT 9 AM

## 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](http://firstbaptistaledo.com). We will start on Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the Refuge Room (Downstairs through the Fellowship Hall).



# 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. 10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>) 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!  
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. 12<sup>th</sup> –Life Action Worship Service  
8am, 10:15am & 6pm

Monday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> –Life Action Services - 6:30pm

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

Tuesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – Life Action Services – 6:30pm

Wednesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> –Life Action Services–6:30pm

Watch & listen for more details, coming soon!



## **Life Action True Women Ladies Luncheon**

**Tuesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>  
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.

Register for the Ladies Luncheon at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com). This event is free to attend.

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# Stay Connected!

- 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](http://FirstBaptistAledo.com).
- Listen to WRMJ 102.3 at 10:15am on the 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays & at 5:10pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.
- Download our Church App by texting *fbcaledo app* to 77977.
- Find Us On Facebook.
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*Love Others.*

*Think Biblically!*