

F B C N E W S !



October | 2021

“Though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again.” ~ Proverbs 24:16

Last month we spent four days with Life Action Ministries. Their team came and led our church in worship 5 times starting Sunday Morning and concluding on Wednesday night. It was amazing to see the church full each night and people responding so enthusiastically to each song and each message. Although we’ve had Life Action come to FBC many times in the past, it was a truly refreshing time. For many people I believe it was what we call a mountain top experience. Whether that comes across as a sense of encouragement, peace, freedom, or excitement, the truth is that often times those experiences are followed by a valley experience. We tend to ride a roller coaster of spiritual emotion. We’re up one day and down the next. It’s important to remember that this is normal.

I also take great encouragement from the fact that God gives us two great promises to keep us going. Both are reflected in the Proverb that though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again. On the hand this tells us something about God’s presence. He never leaves us or forsakes us.

He will strengthen you. Even though King Saul was doing everything he could think of to destroy David, he couldn’t lay a finger on him because God was with David. We might experience a great deal of opposition in this world, but if we keep our eyes on the Lord, He will bring us through any circumstance.

Secondly, I think this passage tells us about God’s plan of grace. Though we fall, we can get back up because we’ve been given the promise of forgiveness. Any sin or failure you have ever faced can be forgiven and erased when you call on the name of Jesus. God has made Himself available to us at any moment and promises that if we will simply draw near to Him, He will draw near to us. So, if you feel far from God, remember His promises. If we confess our sin, He is faithful to forgive us and cleanse us. That might not put you on a spiritual mountain top every day, but it will keep you on the path.

God Bless,

Pastor Luke

FBC
Giving Details

Total Giving Through 9/26/2021
\$504,688.87

Giving needed to meet 2021 budget to date-\$421,252.65



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!



Students in grades 6th - 12th are invited to join us on Saturday, October 23rd from 7:15AM - 8:30PM for Fall Retreat at Camp Summit in New Windsor. The cost is \$25 which includes meals, drinks, activities, and a t-shirt. We will enjoy time of Worship, a Camp Fire, Archery Tag, Zip Line, Archery, Boating, Fishing, Board Games, GAGA Ball, Basketball, and our special guest, the Juggler for Jesus. Not able to make it to Fall Retreat, but you'd still like a t-shirt? No problem! Visit firstbaptistaledo.com for more information and to sign up.



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.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9-10am 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.



Join First Baptist Family Ministry: Aledo, IL



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.

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

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

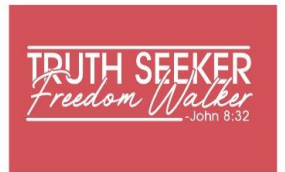


The Kids Clubbers are earning points this fall to spend at their Christmas Shop on the last night of Kids Club on Nov. 17th. We need LOTS of great Christmas gift donations by Nov. 10th to make our Christmas Shop rock! Find the full list in the lobby. Want to make a monetary donation, make checks to FBC with "Christmas Shop" in the memo.

FBC Women's Ministry

Truth Seeker Freedom Walker FBC Women's Fall Conference

The FBC Women's Ministry invites all ladies are invited to attend a morning of fellowship and digging into God's Word together Saturday, Nov. 6th from 9am-noon 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! This event is free to attend and includes an event T-Shirt. Snacks will be provided. Childcare is not offered. Please register online at firstbaptistaledo.com by Oct. 20th.



More Upcoming Women's Ministry Events!

- October 5th – Beth Moore's David-Seeking a Heart Like His – Every Tuesday at 2pm
- October 8th-9th - GROUNDED Conference in Indianapolis
- October 15th-17th - THRIVE Retreat in Buchanan, 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 and also like us on Facebook by searching First Baptist Women's Ministry Aledo.



JOIN US FOR A



Baby Shower Open House

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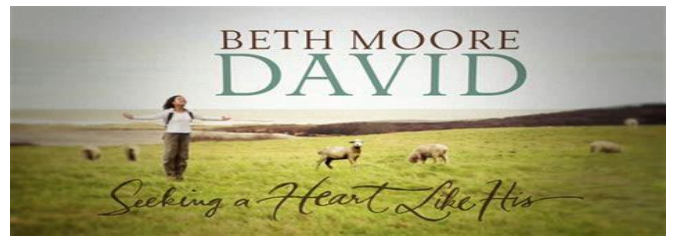
Nolita Acker & Justin Buechler

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

1:00PM-3:00PM @ First Baptist Aledo

You are invited to join us for a co-ed Baby Shower Open House in the Enon Room to celebrate Nolita, Justin and their baby boy! Nolita and Justin are registered at Walmart.com under Nolita Acker - Illinois. Bring a pack of any size diapers to win a prize!

Main point of Contact: Justina Abbadusky 563-506-8891



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. 5th in the Enon Room. *David: Seeking a Heart Like His* by Beth Moore guides participants through a compelling 11-week DVD group Bible study of David for women. Discover the truth that God will never give up on you. Register online at firstbaptistaledo.com.

JOY Circle Gathering!

All ladies are invited to the Joy Circle Gathering on Tuesday, October 26th 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!

FBC Men's Ministry

Open Bible Church Galesburg

Saturday, October 23rd

Time: 8am-1pm

Cost: \$15 – Includes Lunch!

**Register at 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!

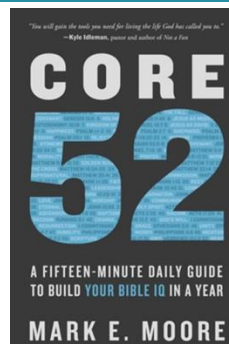
The FBC Men's Breakfast is held every Sunday morning, at 7am in the Berean Room (lower level through Fellowship Hall). The breakfast is free but a love offering can be left. No need to sign up, just show up. Questions, see Kevin Ricke.



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/>



Core 52

***Free Men's Devo
While Supplies Last!***

**Pick 1 up at the
Welcome Desk
in our lobby!**

In just fifteen minutes a day, you can master the 52 most important verses in the Bible in a year.

While there are lots of one-year Bible reading plans, few help you understand the words that you're reading. What if we could introduce you to a Bible reading plan that would dramatically increase your mastery of the Bible in one year? Mark Moore coaches you through 52 of the Bible's most important verses. These are the "core" of the Bible. Each verse clears the path to master and manage dozens of other verses that run along the same principle path. At the end of this journey, you will move from curiosity about the Bible to competence in the Bible. It is the quickest onramp to understanding the whole of God's Word for your life.

Wednesday Night Live



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Classes for the whole
family!



DETAILS AND
REGISTRATION AT
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. 17th, 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.

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.



Upcoming Events for the Whole Church Family!



Church Council Meeting – The FBC Church Council will meet Tuesday, Oct. 12th at 7pm.

FBC Quarterly Business Meeting–Sunday, Oct. 17th following the 10:15am Service. All are welcome to attend.



Baptism Sunday will be Sunday, Oct. 31st

Have you made that all important decision to follow Jesus and now, in a step of obedience, you would like to be baptized? If so, call the church office at 309-582-7812 or fill out Sunday's Connect Card at the bottom of the bulletin and turn it in to Pam at the information table in the lobby following Sunday's service. Pastor Seth will be in contact with you about all the baptism details.



Family Day on the Farm Oct. 17th

You're Invited to a Weiner Roast at the Castor's Farm

All ages are invited to this church-wide event at Castor Farm (1536 135th Ave., Aledo) from 4-6:30pm. Hotdogs, smore's & drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to pass and your lawn chairs.

Come out and enjoy lawn games, hay rides, and a bonfire. No RSVP needed. See you there!



New Sunday School Class with Pastor Luke

Pastor Luke recently started a new Sunday School class on Discipleship but it's not too late to join. 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 are 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.

If you'd like to attend, just drop in any Sunday at 9am in the Refuge Room (Downstairs through the Fellowship Hall).



October is Officially Pastor Appreciation Month!

A note from Pam

I know you all agree that FBC is greatly blessed by Luke, Mollie & Seth and all they do to minister to our church family and our community. So, I wanted to let you know, in case you weren't aware, the month of October is recognized as Pastor Appreciation month.

If you would like to send a card of encouragement to Luke & Mollie & Seth & Denise, I know it would make them feel loved, celebrated and appreciated.

Cards can be addressed to: **Luke & Mollie Dunn:** 612 N. College Ave. Aledo, IL 61231 & **Seth & Denise Bowker:** 503 NE 6th Ave. Aledo, IL 61231. Or, you may leave your card or letter with me at the church office and I will get them to our Pastors. ~ Pam

Family Talk and Donuts/Coats for Kids



Family Talk & Donuts



Family Talk & Donuts – Sunday, Oct. 31st at 9am

All ages are invited to join us in the sanctuary for a Family Talk & Donuts chat about the topic of Halloween. Grab a donut and join us in the sanctuary as Pastor Luke and Mollie talk about the roots of Halloween, how to discern your convictions/involvement and chat about their personal thoughts & convictions on the holiday. No Sunday School classes on this Sunday! Hope to see you in the sanctuary for this timely Family Talk.



Operation Christmas Child will begin soon! O.C.C. uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Coming soon, you may pick up an empty shoebox with instructions in the church lobby! Return your filled box by Sunday, Nov. 14th along with \$5 for shipping cost (check made payable to FBC with "OCC" in the memo). The Women's Ministry team pays the remainder of the shipping cost. Questions, see OCC Coordinator Lindsay Ricke.



OCC Collection Week Volunteers Needed We are excited to once again be a Collection Site for Operation Christmas Child. We are honored to be a place where individuals, churches and organizations can bring all the shoeboxes that they have filled. Last year we received 597 boxes and the year before that 700! This year National Collection Week is November 15th - 22nd. We are looking for volunteers to help with various aspects of this event; set-up, tear-down, and collection of boxes. Please visit our website to register.



Kids Coat Collection & Giveaway!

We are collecting CHILDRENS/TEENS winter coats for the Coat Giveaway. Donations can be left in the Rubbermaid tote at the Maynard's Home-107 SW 12 Street, Aledo thru Thursday, Oct 28th. The giveaway will take place at First Baptist Aledo in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Oct. 28th from 5-7pm and Sat., Oct 30th from 9-11am.

There are no income guidelines. Items are distributed on a first come, first served basis. Recipients must be present to receive a coat. No early distribution and 1 coat per person present.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you Pastor Luke for the wonderful tribute to my father, Don Richardson. Thank you to the kitchen ladies for serving a tasty lunch for our family and friends.

Thank you to everyone for the prayers and support.
God Bless you, Arlene Bewley

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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.
- 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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