

Give Thanks

November 21st, 2021

Love Christ. Love Others. Think Biblically!

Mark Your Calendar

11.21

High School Refuge 6pm

11.25

Community Thanksgiving Dinner 11am

11.25-11.26

Church Office Closed

11.28

Baptism Sunday

Special Business Meeting 11:45am

High School Refuge 6pm

11.30

J.O.Y. Circle Christmas Party 6pm

12.1

NO JR. HIGH REFUGE

Giving Seminar 6:30pm

Grief Share 6:30pm

12.4

Chicken Noodle Dinner Fundraiser 4-7pm

12.5

Communion Sunday

Order of Worship

Opening Song

Prayer & Announcements

Worship Set

Message

Invitation



Today's Message

"Give Thanks"

Colossians 3:9-17

Pastor Seth Bowker

Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday 8:30am-4pm.

The office is closed on Mondays. Pastor Seth is available by appointment.

Website: firstbaptistaledo.com

Welcome! It's great to have you here! Wherever you are on your faith journey, we would love to help you take your next steps. **First time here?** Please pick up a *Welcome* bag at the Welcome Desk in the lobby following today's service. Have questions or want to register for a class or event? Following today's service Pam and Jenny will be in the lobby to answer questions or you can call the office any time during the week at 309-582-7812. More info at www.firstbaptistaledo.com for more information.

Ways To Give Your Offering

We no longer pass the offering plate during our services. Instead, we invite you to give in one of these 4 ways:

- **OFFERING BOX** - You may leave your offering in the white offering box in the lobby or at the sanctuary door exits.
- **GIVE ONLINE** - Visit our website firstbaptistaledo.com/give
- **TEXT GIVING** - Just text FBCALED0 and "Amount" to (833) 721-9014 (eg. FBCALED0 50). Tap the link to complete the one-time registration. Once registration is complete, simply text "Amount" to (833) 721-9014 (eg. 50) for subsequent gifts.
- **MAIL** - You may write a check and mail it to First Baptist Church – 800 NE 6th Ave. Aledo, IL 61231

Kids Ministry News

Welcome Families With Young Children!-During the 10:15am service, we offer nursery for children 0-2 years old and Kids Worship for kids ages 3-4th grade. Please check-in as a family from 10-10:15am. Kids ages 3-4th grade will attend Kids Worship for the entire service instead of going into to the sanctuary. *Family Worship Sundays will be on Baptism Sundays where kids will worship with their families until dismissed before the sermon. Pick-up is downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please make sure to show your security label when picking up your children.

Family Advent Kits Available today!-Stop by the welcome desk to pick 1 up for your family.

Sunday School (Nursery-5th Grade Classes)-Check in your kiddos in the lobby before Sunday School. Once kids are checked in, please take Pre-k - 1st grade to the Fellowship Hall and 2nd-5th grade will go to the Refuge Student Room.

Kid's Christmas Program- The kids will be performing on Dec.12th during the 10:15am service. Kids in the program will need to arrive at 9am, dressed and ready to rehearse.

Refuge Student Ministry News

High School Refuge- High School Refuge meets tonight from 6-8pm. Grab a friend and join us!

Junior High Refuge-We normally meet every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm! All students from 6th-8th Grade are welcome! ***NO Junior High Refuge on November 24th or on December 1st.

Junior High Girls Study-Girls Grades 6-8 are invited to join us Mondays from 6:00-7:00pm in the Enon Room for a study on King David.

Adult Ministry News

Advent Books-If you are looking for an Advent Devo, we have options at the Welcome Desk. The First Song of Christmas is \$10 (This is for adults) and The Christmas Promise is for families with younger children- Cost \$20 (These will arrive this Wednesday.)

2021 Thanksgiving Meal & Volunteers-FBC is sponsoring free Thanksgiving meals to our community. We will offer deliveries and pick up only (no inside dining). Meals can be picked up on Thursday, Nov. 25th at First Baptist Church between 11:30am-Noon. Deliveries will go out at 11:30am. Sign up for a meal by calling the church office at 309-582-7812 or visit our website firstbaptistaledo.com to sign up. We are also in need of volunteers to help prepare the meal cartons, deliver meals, and clean up. Interested in serving, please visit our website to sign up.

Nursing Home Gifts - It now time to begin bringing gifts for the residents of Mercer Manor and Aledo Rehab and Health Care Center. Your unwrapped gifts may be placed in the boxes marked NURSING HOME GIFTS in the church lobby from today **until 10 am on Tuesday, Dec. 14th**. A detailed list of gift ideas is in the lobby. We will pack the gifts in the church lobby on **TUESDAY, DEC. 14TH at 10 am**. We will need volunteers to help assist with the packing. No need to sign up just show up. Questions call Cathy Griswold at 582-2838. Thank you for your help!

Special Church Business Meeting-Sunday Nov. 28th following the 10:15am Service.

Baptism Sunday is Sunday, Nov. 28th-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 or fill out today's Connect Card at the bottom of the bulletin and turn it into Pam at the information table in the lobby following today's service.

J.O.Y. Circle-All ladies are invited to join us Tuesday, Nov. 30th. Please note, this date is not the normal Tuesday and also a different location. This Christmas gathering is the final event for J.O.Y. Circle for 2021. J.O.Y. Circle will gather at 6pm at Joe's Trattoria Pizzeria in Aledo. We will order from the menu. Please bring a paper product for the food pantry as well as a \$5 gift exchange. There will be no J.O.Y. Circle in December, January, or February. J.O.Y. Circle resumes on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm starting in March.

Grief Share Surviving the Holidays-Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. Joe & Kathy Olson will lead this 1-night class on Wednesday, Dec. 1st at 6:30pm in the Enon Room. Sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com

Giving Seminar Coming to FBC!-Did you know you can make a charitable donation from your retirement and pay less taxes? In this seminar you will learn how to make donations from retirement accounts, and how to gift other appreciated assets. If you're interested in learning more, sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com or by calling the church office at 309-582-7812 and join us in the sanctuary on December 1st at 6:30pm. Scott from the Quad City Investment Group will be presenting and answering any questions.

Christmas Poinsettias-We will once again be placing poinsettias in the sanctuary "In Memory Of" loved ones. Sign up on today's Connect Card or call the church office (309-582-7812) no later than Sunday, Dec. 5th. Cost is \$10. Checks can be made to FBC with "Poinsettia" in the memo.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed-On Saturday, Dec. 11th from 9am-7pm FBC is providing bell ringers for the Salvation Army Kettle at the Aledo Walmart. There are ten - 1 hour slots that need to be filled. The sign-up sheet is in the lobby on the bulletin board.

Chicken Noodle Dinner Fundraiser-The family of Isaiah Metcalf is hosting a drive thru dinner in memory of Isaiah to raise money for several charities that help grieving families who have lost children. The drive through dinner is Saturday, Dec. 4th from 4-7pm at First Baptist Aledo. Cost is by donation. No need to RSVP just show up. *Donation Checks made payable to Gracie Olson. Questions, see Gracie, Joe or Kathy Olson.

Connect Card - Sign Up & Tear Off!

We would love to connect with you! Please complete and tear off this Connect Card and leave it with Pam at the Welcome Desk in the lobby following today's service.

If you aren't receiving the FBC Newsletter but would like to or want to register for an event, please fill in the information below.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ OR to receive our newsletter via e-mail leave your e-mail address: _____

_____ **Baptism** Yes, I have made the decision to follow Jesus and I would like to be baptized!

_____ **Poinsettia** -If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one, please complete the information below and drop this card off at the Welcome desk in the lobby or in the white Offering Box. Cost \$10. Checks payable to FBC, put "Poinsettia" in the memo.

From _____

In Memory of _____