

# FBC NEWS!



February | 2022

*“Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have... Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.”*  
~ 1 Timothy 4:13-15 (selected)

We’ve been given a lot of gifts, a lot of blessings, a lot of protection and favor from the Lord. When I think of our church, it is overwhelming to think how much God seems to care for us and have a unique plan for our future. The last few weeks have been very interesting as we have felt the Lord’s leading in pursuing the property next to us, and by the grace of God, were able to purchase it. I was encouraged and impressed at the business meeting that followed by the hopeful and expectant comments that were shared in unity by members and non-members alike. The guidance that we had leaving the meeting was that the church should certainly retain a minimum of 10 acres of land for future expansion. In the next few weeks we will be prayerfully discerning God’s will in this matter.

People have asked what we plan to do with the property. That’s a difficult question to answer. The immediate need is to increase our parking so that we can seriously pursue the building expansion that we’ve needed for many years. Beyond that, we don’t have definitive plans. What we do have is the space and opportunity to do anything God would call us to do. It seems obvious that He blessed us with the land, and therefore we have to trust that He has a plan for it. By His grace and leadership we will walk it out, step by step. It’s exciting to be so powerfully reminded that God is moving and doing an undeniable work in our church. I quoted the verses from 1 Timothy because I believe God’s blessing on this church has always been in light of the fact that FBC is dedicated to trusting and proclaiming God’s Word. We’ve been generously blessed, and in response we have been energetically seeking to bless our community with the Light of Christ. Thank you for continuing to pray, serve, give and support in all the ways that you do.

In Christ,  
Pastor Luke

**FBC**  
**Giving Details**

**Total Giving Through 1/23/2022:**  
**\$ 64,970.28**  
**Giving needed to meet 2022 budget to date:**  
**\$46,835.56**

# KIDS CLUB MINISTRY



We're sending campers to Hidden Acres Camp Week 3 (June 19-24) next summer. This camp week is for kids going into 4th-8th grades next school year. FBC will pay half of the fee for all campers who go with our group.

Registration is now open.

You need to register your campers directly through Hidden Acres and make sure you put FBC as your church. We'll pay our half before your kids go to camp. You need to sign up for the grades your kids will be going into next year. \*Kids do not need to attend FBC to go to camp with us.

Specialty Camps will fill up fast so if your kids are wanting to attend one of those, you'll want to get registered sooner than later.

We will need parent drivers to help transport. The camp is four hours from Aledo, near Dayton, Iowa. They are the biggest Christian Camp in Iowa and the kids have a blast. Once you register, please let me (Mollie) know so I can add you to our list. Thanks!

Register here: <https://www.hacamps.org/>

Camp info packets are available behind the kid's check-in station in the lobby.

**CHURCH  
CAMP**

## NURSERY NEWS



The nursery is undergoing some improvements! We are installing a nursery check-in station with an additional doorway for an exit. Other changes include: 1) Removing the wall in between the two nursery spaces and replacing it with a half-cupboard wall and half door, 2) Giving the smaller nursery a fresh coat of paint and removing the cubbies, 3) Adding a parent diaper bag wall in the check-in area, and 4) Making an infant only space with a changing area. We're also excited to announce a new Nursery Coordinator who will be facilitating the nursery ministry in 2022, Lindsay Riche. Welcome, Lindsay! \*It is our hope that we will be able to keep the nursery open during our renovations.

We will keep parents posted.

Parent News: Lindsay will be sending parents new information about the changes in the nursery in the new year.

## KID'S CLUB WINTER/SPRING SESSION '22 (FEB. 2ND-APRIL 6TH)

Hey Parents!

Kids ages 3-5th grade are invited to join us for Kids Club this winter from **Feb. 2nd-April 6th on Wednesdays 6:30-8pm at FBC in Aledo**. Check-in begins at 6:15pm and pick-up is at 8:05pm. *(No early check-in's please, as the crew needs time to set up before kids arrive.)* We're diving into the gospels with Gospel Project and having lots of fun learning about the life of Jesus where kids will engage in super fun activities, play games, and eat snacks. Registration is now open at [www.firstbaptistaledo.com](http://www.firstbaptistaledo.com). \*Adult classes & nursery and Jr. High Youth Group (6th-8th grades) is at the same time.

Please bring kids inside the lobby door (no door drop-offs, please) & grab your security label. You'll need to present the security tag when you pick-up kids. This is a free program and open to the community. Friends can join at any time. Let us know if you have questions! ~Mollie Dunn (Children's Pastor)

### Special Nights

**Feb. 16th- PJ & Movie Night**

\* Double Pantry Points & Double Friend Points Night

**March 2nd- Show & Tell Night**

**March 16th - Crazy Socks & Minute-to-Win it Games**

**April 6th - Prize Shop**

\* Kids will spend their points from Bible Memory, bringing friends, pantry points, & the take home Bible Challenge

**April 15th- Kid's Easter Event (Details TBA)**

Contact: Mollie Dunn (309)371-6962

Find us on Facebook at First Baptist Family Ministry: Aledo, IL



## Kid's Ministry at a Glance Winter/Spring 2021

### February

**Wed., Feb. 2nd-Kids Club begins on  
Wednesdays 6:30-8pm until April 6th.**

**March: Kid's Club Continues...**

### April:

**Wed., April 6th- Last Kids Club (Prize  
Night)**

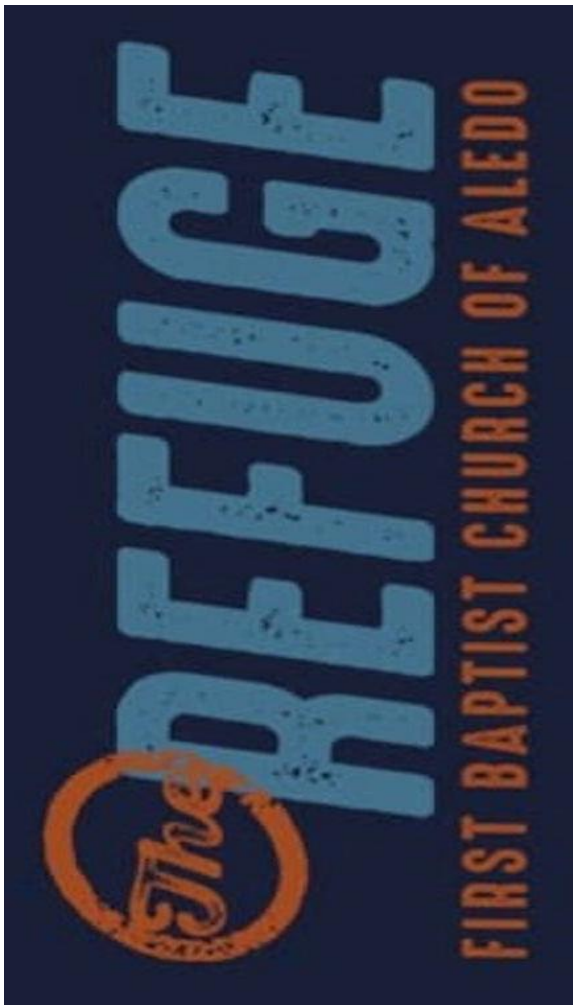
**Fri., April 15th- Kids Only Easter Event  
(Drop-off) 9am-11:30 at FBC Ages 3-5th  
grade; Lil' Egg Hunt in the back at 9am for  
2 and younger.**

**VBS Save-the-Date: June 26th-July 1st  
9-11:30am**

**Kids ages 3-Going into 5th grade**

**A HUGE thanks to our volunteers who serve in our Kid's Ministry!  
You're AWESOME!**





## REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY!

All Students grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are invited to join us at FBC for Refuge Student Ministry. Jr. High students (6th-8th grade) continue to meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8pm, doors open at 6:00. High School students (9th-12th grade) meet on Sunday nights from 6-8pm, doors open at 5:45. 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!



High School students are invited to join us on Sunday, February 13th to watch the Big Game at Bennett's Shop (202 W Main St). Doors open at 5pm. Snacks and drinks provided.



### TUBING EVENT!

Hey, High Schoolers, who wants to go TUBING?! Join us Sunday, February 20th for tubing fun at Snowstar in Andalusia.

We will leave at 3pm and return around 7:30. Cost is \$15. Please register online at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)



**GAME NIGHT!** 6th - 8th Graders, invite your friends, we're having a Boys vs. Girls Game Night on Wednesday, February 23rd during Wednesday Night Live. We're breaking out "Bring Me," so fill up those backpacks. The Gaga Pit will be set up and we'll have several other games too. We'll have pizza and snacks to round out the night.



Fun monthly meetings for students in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>! Boom Sisters & Bold Brother will meet on February 12th from 10-11:30am at FBC. The Boom Sisters meet downstairs in the Berean Room and the Bold Brothers meet in the Enon Room. Please sign-up at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

# Visiting the Holy Land

## A Note From Luke about his upcoming trip to the Holy Land!

“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they be secure who love you?” ~ Psalm 122:6

Last month I got a call from someone named Bob Scott. He is the director of Christians United For Israel or CUFI (pronounced coo-fye). He got my name from a mutual friend. CUFI was looking for pastors who would be interested in a sponsored tour of Israel, and apparently, I fit the requirements. Having been to the Holy Land, I was immediately interested to hear more. He explained that this tour would have some unique differences from a normal religious tour. Not only would we experience many of the Biblical sights, but we would also get to go behind the scenes of some of the political, military and archaeological issues that Israel currently faces. We would meet Lt. Col. Eyal Dror at the Golan Heights for a Northern Israel strategic tour, before hearing about the “Good Neighbor Project”. We would meet with Palestinian Affairs Journalist, Khaled Abu Toameh. We would be able to volunteer at an archaeological site unearthing Ir David, City of David. And we would get a tour of the security fence and IDF check points with Retired Col. Danny Tirza.

This is extremely exciting to say the least. Not only is Israel the place Jesus walked 2,000 years ago, but it is also the future epicenter of end times prophecy. I am honored to have been invited to join this group. The only down side is that the trip is scheduled for the second week of February, which meant a very short window in which to plan. But, by the grace of God, everything came together without a problem. I’ll be joining a group of pastors on February 7<sup>th</sup> in New York where we will fly to Israel and learn what God’s doing in the Holy Land. I hope to bring back some first-hand knowledge and experiences to share with our church in the weeks and months to follow. ~ Luke





# Iron Sharpens Iron/ Business Meeting/Pastor Luke's Podcast



## Save The Date-Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference

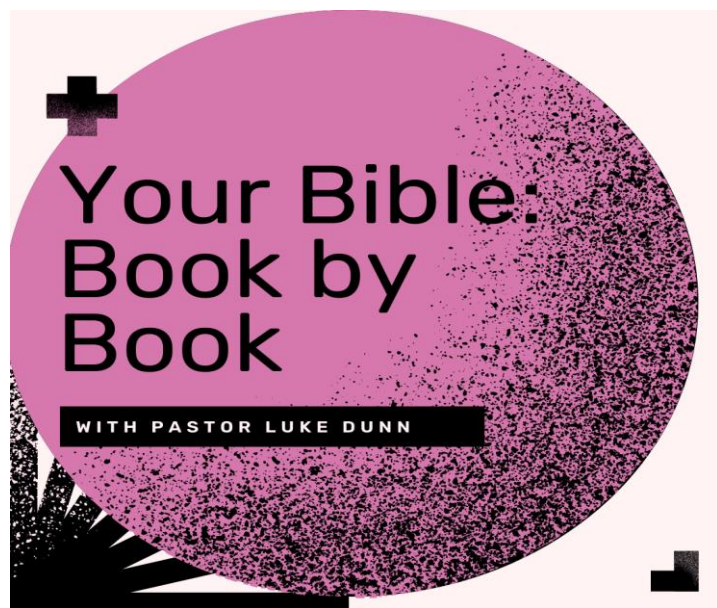
The FBC Men's Ministry invites you to Coram Deo Bible Church Davenport - Sat., April 2nd from 8:30am-4pm for the Iron Sharpen Iron Men's Conference. Registration Cost is \$56 (\$41 for students) and includes an on-site lunch. Car pool will leave from FBC at 6:30am. Registration is coming soon at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)

## Special Church Business Meeting



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The Church Council is requesting a Special Church Business meeting on Sunday, Feb. 6th following the 10:15am worship service. We will be discussing our recent land purchase and voting on the amount of acreage to keep.



## Pastor Luke Has A Podcast! Your Bible: Book by Book

Do you have a hard time understanding your Bible? In this podcast, Pastor Luke Dunn will briefly explain each book of the Bible. If you are a new believer, or just need some help understanding God's word, this podcast is the place to start.

You can find this podcast on Spotify. Just search Your Bible Book By Book. We hope you'll check it out!

## Women's Movie Night Friday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at FBC



All ladies are invited to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!

We will be watching the faith-based comedy film "Moms' Night Out." Popcorn and drinks provided.

Wear your comfy clothes and Bring a snack to share if you want! Movie Night is sponsored by the FBC Women's Ministry.

# Thank You! Communion Sunday

*Thank You*

Thanks so much for the fruit plate and  
thanks for thinking of us. We love you  
Elden & Martha Cirks

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To First Baptist Family,  
Thank you so very much for the Christmas  
fruit basket! I had a nice visit with the  
young man who brought it. He also helped  
me with a small project.

The issues that have been present in the past  
couple of years have changed so many  
things in all our lives. The one thing that  
will never change is God's love for us and  
his desire for leading us in the best way for  
our happiness! Thank you again!

Rosemary

## Greeting Card Ministry

Did you know we have hand crafted greeting  
cards for you free for the taking? It's true!

As part of the Women's Ministry, Britni  
Ewing creates these beautiful cards and you  
can find them at the Welcome Desk. There are  
cards for birthdays, get well, thinking of  
you etc. If you are in need of a greeting card  
stop by the Welcome Desk and check out these  
beautiful creations made by Britni.

Thank you Britni for sharing your creative  
talents with the FBC family!



## COMMUNION SUNDAY

Communion Sunday in February will be on  
Sunday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. This is also the Sunday we  
remind you to bring a nonperishable food item for  
our Blessing Box. You may leave the items for the  
Blessing Box in the hot pink tote in the church  
lobby. Thank you!







**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ALEDO**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE**  
WINTER/SPRING '22

Classes for the whole family!

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

**FEB. 2-APRIL 6**  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**6:30PM-8PM**

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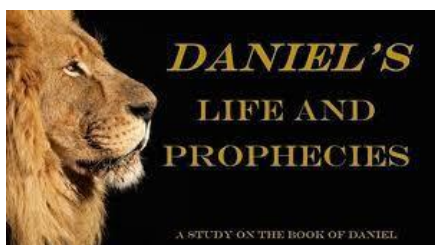
ADULT/HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES  
-The Daniel Prophecies  
-Marriage Remodel  
-Power of Words/Choosing Gratitude  
-Women's Verse by Verse Bible Study

## What is Wednesday Night Live?

WNL is a series of classes & programs for the whole family held at First Baptist. WNL runs from Wednesday, Feb. 2nd through April 6th, 2022 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.

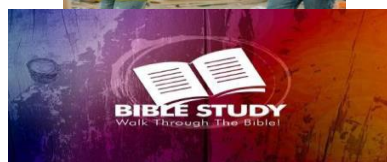
**The Refuge Student Ministry** on Wednesdays is for students 6th-8th grade. High School students are invited to attend the adult WNL classes. High School Refuge will continue to meet on Sunday evenings from 6-8pm. Our goal is to make Refuge a safe place for all students to come and be themselves. Life 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.



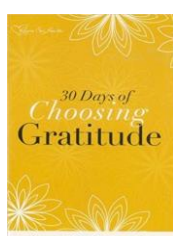
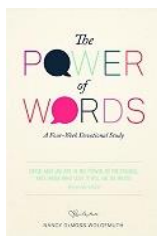
**Adult Class - "The Daniel Prophecies"** – Pastor Luke will be teaching this class. Some of the most profound prophecies of the Bible are found in the book of Daniel. It has been often said that you cannot understand the book of Revelation apart from a good grasp of Daniel's prophecies. Come join us as we briefly explore the life of Daniel, and dive deeply into the prophecies. Registration is now open at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)!



**Couples Study - "Marriage Remodel"** This class will be taught by Steven & Felicia Bonyng. This fulfilling and engaging five-week study by the authors of the acclaimed "Fundamentals of Marriage," Howard and Danielle Taylor, is aimed at enhancing the marital bond between couples at varying stages of their marriage. The Marriage Remodel guides couples through a practical 5-step program, mirroring that of your favorite home remodel show, although upon completion it will be your marriage to be admired! Whether you're looking to simply refresh a specific area of your marriage or you're in need a complete marriage makeover, The Marriage Remodel program provides couples with an actionable blueprint for building the marriage of their dreams.



**Verse by Verse Bible Study for Women** – This study is held off site at Laurie Louck's home. They walk verse through verse through the Scriptures. You only need to bring your Bible and a notebook. The address to the Louck's home can be found when you register.



**The Power of Words/Choosing Gratitude Study for Women**-Two back to back women's devotionals from Revive Our Hearts Ministries will be led by Brooke Loving and Kady Hofer during WNL. In an effort to develop daily Spiritual disciplines and encourage rich relationships with other women at FBC, the group will go through "The Power of Words," and "Choosing Gratefulness" by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. A grateful spirit, rooted in God's goodness and grace, will radically impact how you view and respond to everything in your life. We can't wait for you to join us!

**Registration for Wednesday Night Live can be found at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)**

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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.
- Call the Church Office at 309.582.7812.



***Love Christ. Love Others.  
Think Biblically!***



*For God so loved the world that he  
gave his one and only Son, that  
whoever believes in him shall not  
perish but have eternal life.  
~ John 3:16*