

FBC NEWS!



January | 2022

“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.” ~ Luke 2:52

It's hard to believe another year has flown by. I've heard it said that the older you get the days are long and the years are fast (or something like that)... All things being equal, I'm happy 2021 is in the rear view and we can look ahead to what God has in store for 2022. Don't get me wrong, 2021 was good. We started to see things return to normal, even if it was slow and not quite as normal as we would like. FBC had a full year of ministry, outreach and programming. The only thing didn't get to do in 2021 is take a group to El Salvador on a mission trip. However, we took the opportunity to redirect some of that mission money and helped pay for the remodeling and expansion of a church in Montelemar, El Salvador. We are planning, hoping and praying to take a group in March to do some evangelism and see the changes in person that we've seen on facebook.

As we start the year off here at First Baptist, I'm excited to preach on the life of Christ. We began exploring His life in December as we walked through the nativity stories. Now we will dig into His life and ministry from the calling of the first disciples to His resurrection and ascension into heaven. I'll be compiling details from all four Gospels as we study the life of Christ. If you're trying to figure out a plan or schedule for reading the Bible, now would be a good time to start in Matthew and read straight through the New Testament. When I finish the Life of Christ series, I plan on continuing through Acts and the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul. In February I'll start a Wednesday Night Live class on the Daniel Prophecies. The new year is a great time to renew and refresh our commitments. While you're thinking about that diet, or exercise plan you're going to finally commit to, remember what Paul said: “physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things.”

Happy New Year, Pastor Luke

FBC
Giving Details

Total Giving Through 12/26/2021:
\$679,307.65
Giving needed to meet 2021 budget to date:
\$561,670.20

KIDS CLUB MINISTRY



FAMILY LET'S GLOW DANCE PARTY

Glow-in-the-Dark
Dance Party 5-6pm Big Gym

Wear Neon

*Little gyms closed during the dance

Open Gyms,
Pizza, & Popcorn
6-7pm

Aledo YMCA
Sun., Jan. 23rd
5-7pm

Free*All Ages*Invite your Friends & Family

January's Family Talk: Teaching Biblical Purity at Home Sun., Jan. 30th 9-10am in the Sanctuary

**Family
Talk &
Donuts**



6th Grade Students-Adults are invited to join
us from 9-10am for **Family Talk & Donuts.**

***No Sunday School classes**

***Nursery is available for kids ages 3 & younger.**

***Gluten & Dairy Free Donuts will be available.**

Kid's PJ Party

Due to the sensitive nature of our topic,
kids (ages 3-5th grade) are encouraged to
check-in for a PJ, Donut, and Movie party
downstairs in the youth room during the
Family Talk. Please pick-up kiddos by
10am.



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. ***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



Ongoing Family Ministry Opportunities

KIDS 10:15am Service WORSHIP

***Kids Worship is going back to Family Worship on January 2nd** during the 10:15am Service. Kids ages 3-4th grade will check-in outside the sanctuary and sit with their families until they are dismissed before the message. ***They will be dismissed out the back door of the sanctuary. *Pick-up is in the Fellowship Hall immediately following service. An adult or older sibling may pick-up kids with a security label. Please enter the parent line for pick-up so we can dismiss kids in order of parent arrival. Thank you for your help!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9-10am CLASSES

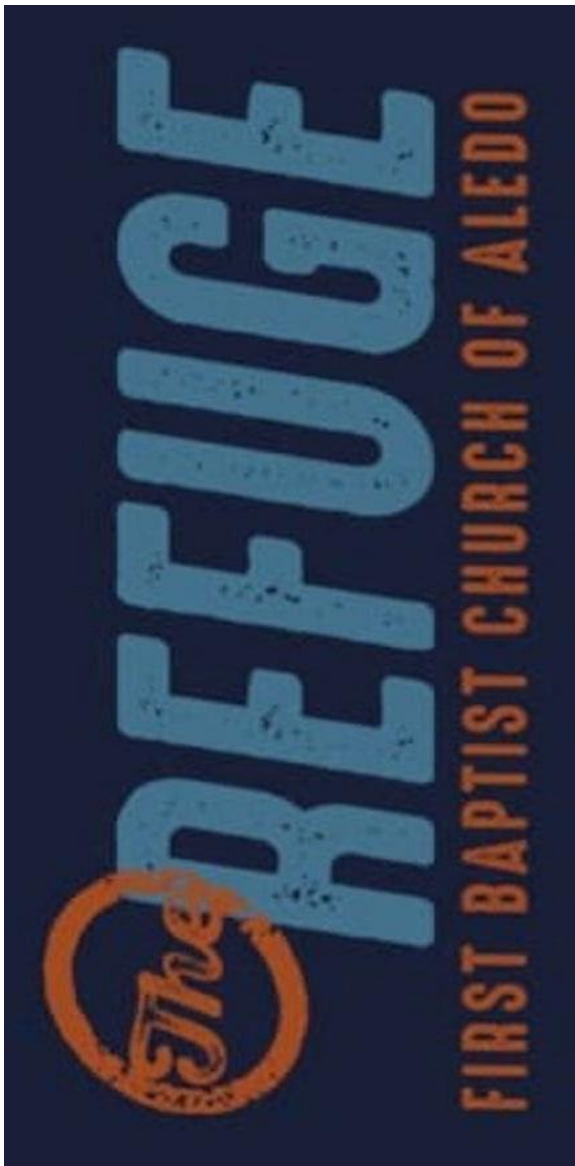
We offer Sunday School classes for all ages to make connections and go deeper in the Word. We have a nursery for kids 2 and younger, several adult classes, a High School class (behind kitchen), a Jr. High class (second room on the left in the downstairs hall), a 4th-5th grade class (first room on the left in the downstairs hallway), a 2nd-3rd grade class (first room on the right in the downstairs hallway), and a Pre-k-1st grade class (in the Fellowship Hall). No need to sign up. Just check-in upstairs and head to class. ***Parents of kids ages 3-3rd grade will need to pick-up kids at 10am.**

The 4th grade-High School students will be dismissed on their own.



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Ministry:
Aledo, IL





REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY!

All Students grades 6th-12th 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! Please note, there will be no High School Refuge on Sun., Jan. 2nd or Sun, Jan. 23rd. We encourage all students (6th-12th) to join us on Sun., Jan. 23rd for the Family Glow Dance Party at the YMCA from 5-7pm. Invite your friends to join us!

REFUGE OUTING High School Students

Trampoline Attractions | Ropes Course
Climbing Walls | Hamster Balls
Mini Bowling | Laser Maze
Pizza | Soda/Lemonade | Ice Cream



Sign Up!
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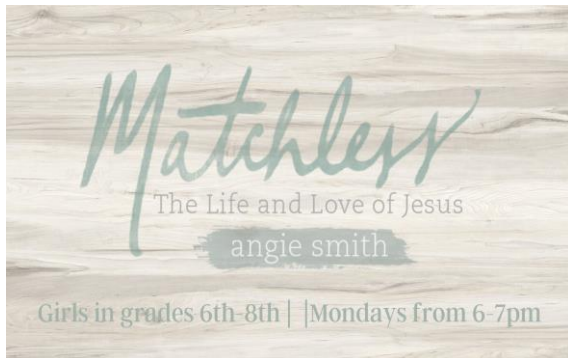


Jan. 16th

3:00-9:00 PM

Cost: \$25
cost includes food & fun
first 16 students to sign up pay only \$15

REFUGE OUTING! - High School Students in grades 9th-12th are invited to join us Sun., Jan. 16th for fun at The Play Station in Eldridge, IA. We will leave at 3pm and return home by 9pm. The cost is \$25 per student (which includes food and fun), the first 16 students to sign up will only pay \$15! Sign up today at firstbaptistaledo.com.



Matchless-The Life and Love of Jesus - Girls in grades 6th-8th are invited to join us Mondays from 6-7pm in the Enon Room for a small group study. This study is taught by Vickie Kornes and Rhonda McKinley. It's a great time to jump in as on Jan. 3rd we will begin a new study called, "Matchless. The Life & Love of Jesus."



NEW group for boys in grades 6th-8th grade. Bold Brothers will meet once per month and enjoy activities and hands-on learning. The goal is to learn how being bold for Christ comes in whatever we put our hands to. We are excited to kick-off our new Bold Brothers on January 15th from 10-11:30am at the Aledo Fire Station. Please sign-up at firstbaptistaledo.com.

FBC Women's Ministry

It is time to sign up for the 2022 Women's Small Group Program!

The 2022 Women's Small Group program runs from February to October. Groups will be going through "Better Together: A Guide for Discipleship," which will guide you through beginning a discipleship relationship and provide material for you to walk through together as you pursue spiritual maturity. The content covered includes sections on what is discipleship, how to articulate a personal testimony, sharing the Gospel with others, how to study the Bible, how to memorize Scripture and cultivating a life of prayer. The goal of discipleship is ultimately that Christians would use these intentional relationships to flourish in the faith, love God more and seek to glorify Him with their whole lives. We hope you will join us on this journey together!



Small groups decide when, where and how often they meet, though our recommendation is at least once a month. There are options available online when you register to decide if you would like to be placed in a small group, if you are already in a small group that is continuing to meet, or if you would like to form your own small group with some ladies God has placed on your heart. All women, even those currently in a small group need to register, as this will help us know how many materials to order.

Registration is now open. Even if you were in a group in 2021 you need to register for 2022. The deadline to register is January 9th. Then, you will receive information on who is in your group (if applicable) and how to pick up your books in time to begin in February. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Peggy Johnson 309-737-8441 or Crystal Clark 309-339-5586.

Courageous Simplicity



NEW WINTER DAY TIME
WOMEN'S STUDY

Courageous Simplicity

ABIDE IN THE SIMPLE
ABUNDANCE OF JESUS

**9AM-10:30AM
EACH WEDNESDAY
BEGINNING JAN 12**

7 Week Study
At FBC In The Enon Room
Taught By Britni Ewing
Childcare Available
Register at firstbaptistaledo.com

"I'm just so *busy* and *tired*." These words fall from your lips as easy and often as your next breath. You're weary of your packed schedule and frenetic pace and responsibilities at every turn. Even good things no longer feel life-giving. You long for a simpler life. You want to be able to face daily burdens and the chaos of this world and say with confidence, "It is well with my soul." But how? (in)courage is ready to come alongside you through *Courageous Simplicity*, a seven-session Bible study on living in the simple abundance of Jesus. This study will help you release control of what frays your soul and will lead you to true refreshment. As you train in the spiritual practice of simplicity, you will discover the God who loves you lavishly and wants to show you how to live with a heart open and surrendered to his presence. You can live in the peace and freedom of having and being enough. Let your friends at (in)courage show you how.

If this Women's Study appeals to you, you can register online at firstbaptistaledo.com



Women's Ministry Think Tank-We want to hear from you! All ladies are invited to a Women's Ministry Think Tank January 22nd from 9-10:30am in the Enon Room. We will be casting a vision for and discussing options for ministry opportunities/events in the coming year. If you have questions, please see Women's Ministry Coordinators, Crystal Clark at 309-339-5586 or Peggy Johnson at 309-737-8441.

New Sermon Series/Annual Meeting/Men's Bags Tourney



Pastor Luke has recently begun a new series on The Life of Christ! Join us each Sunday morning as we explore the life of Christ and his earthly ministry. Invite your friends to join us for this interesting and informative series on Jesus!

**FBC MEN'S
BAGS
REMATCH
TOURNAMENT**

Friday, Jan. 21st at 6pm at FBC

FUN FOR ALL!

Pizza & Bags!

No need to sign up just show up!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ALEXANDRIA, ILLINOIS

All men are invited to join us on Friday, January 21st at 6pm for a REMATCH at our indoor bags tournament at FBC. We will be ordering pizza and providing chips and soda. Bring a few bucks for pizza. Teams of two in a double elimination style tournament. Bring a partner or find one when you arrive. Please let your small groups know they are invited! No need to sign up, just show up.

Annual Business Meeting & Church Council Meeting



Special Business Meeting

The church council is requesting a special business meeting on January 2nd following the 10:15am worship service. It has been brought to the FBC Council's attention that there is currently a parcel of land available that the church might be interested in. Please plan to attend the Church Business meeting on Sunday, Jan. 2nd at 11:30am to learn more and vote on this proposal.

Church Council & Annual Business Meeting

The Annual FBC Business Meeting is Sunday, Jan. 16th at 11:45am. The Church Council will meet Tuesday, Jan. 11th at 7pm. For those who are a Board Chair or head of a Ministry area, please have your Annual report turned into the church office by Sunday, Jan. 2nd. Questions, see Pam Ricke.



El Salvador Mission Trip

Dates are now set for March 17th-22nd, 2022. If you are interested in going on this Mission Trip, see Pastor Luke. There will be an informational meeting in the Enon Room at 11:30am on Sunday, January 30th, 2022.

Thank You!



Thank You

On behalf of all the kids who will receive your gifts through the Operation Christmas Child program I say a BIG thank you to each of you!

This year the FBC family sent 156 OCC boxes to children around the world!
That's wonderful!

I also want to thank Denise Bowker for being the Regional Coordinator for the Operation Christmas Child Boxes and for all her volunteers who assist as it makes it so easy for all the local churches, including ours, to drop off their boxes!

Thanks again to those who filled an OCC box! Your Christmas gifts, along with the Gospel message, are on their way to children around the world!

Merry Christmas!
Lindsay Ricke
OCC Coordinator

Church Family,

We can't even begin to express our gratitude for all the love, prayers and support you showed us over the past couple of weeks. We are honored to be a part of this church. We do consider each of you family!

Much Love, The Family of Suzy Stephens

Another year has ended and new beginning is here! I want to take this time to thank all of you who help me throughout the year! I especially want to thank my FBC Newsletter Crew who faithfully come in each month to prepare and mail the newsletter for me: Larry & Patsy Castor, Ron & Sharon Moffitt, Vivian Kopp & Joanne Anderson. You are much appreciated! Also, I want to thank Mike & Kathy Sponsler for helping keep the sanctuary organized for me each week!

Pam Ricke

Thank you very much to everyone who donated to the Nursing Home Christmas Gift project again this year! Your donations were over the top!!! We had to use the church bus in order to get them all delivered!

This is a community wide event, so I would like to thank the following churches for their donations and help also: Sunbeam United Presbyterian, Hamlet-Perryton Presbyterian, Aledo United Methodist Church, Messiah Lutheran, St. Catherine's & the Catholic Churches of Mercer County and Grace E Free. I would also like to thank Vivian Kopp, Linus Griswold, Carol Hill, Marylee Finch, Jeanne Barber, Nancy McMeekan, Brooke and Leo Welch, Jim Augustine, John Thompson, and Mary Flint for their help in sorting, boxing, loading and delivering the gifts! Also, thanks to Pastor Seth for driving the bus to help deliver and Pam for all of her help and Seth for getting the tables set up. This important ministry goes smoothly and quickly when people are willing to serve and volunteer their time to help me out! I know that the staff and residents of both nursing homes greatly appreciate being remembered during this Christmas season, especially with the tough times they have had during this past year. Thanks again!

Cathy Griswold
Nursing Home Christmas Gift Coordinator



FIRST BAPTIST
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE WINTER/SPRING '22

Classes for the whole
family!

DETAILS AND
REGISTRATION COMING
SOON AT
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FEB. 2-APRIL 6
WEDNESDAYS
6:30PM-8PM

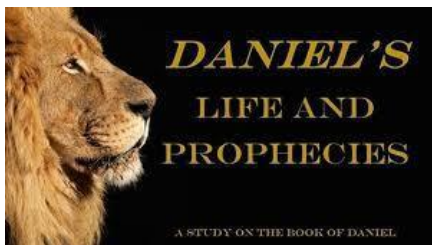
KIDS CLUB
REFUGE STUDENTS
ADULT CLASSES
NURSERY

What is Wednesday Night Live?

WNL is a series of classes & programs for the whole family held at First Baptist. WNL runs from Wednesday, 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.

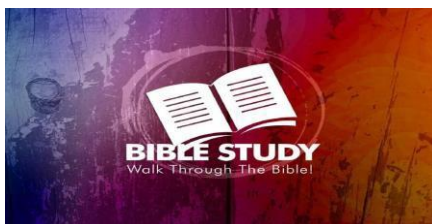
The Refuge Student Ministry on Wednesdays is for students 6th-8th grade. High School students are invited to attend the adult WNL classes. High School Refuge will continue to meet on Sunday evenings from 6-8pm. Our goal is to make Refuge a safe place for all students to come and be themselves. Life throws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



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.

Registration for Wednesday Night Live can be found at 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.
- 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.



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

