

FBC NEWS!



March | 2022

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28: 18-20

2022 seems to be flying by. March is already here and spring is right around the corner. I was blessed to make it safely to Israel and home again in February, and I'm looking forward to sharing some of my experiences with you all on March 6th during the Sunday School hour. Since I'll only have about 35 minutes to share, it'll be an overview of the highlights from my trip (with pictures). Everyone is welcome, but we are not cancelling the adult or kids Sunday school classes like we would for a Family Talk. We will be live-streaming it as well, so anyone who wants to watch from home or at a later date will be able to.

The other big thing happening in March is the El Salvador Mission Trip. It will have been two full years since we were last in El Salvador. Our team was in the air returning from El Salvador when the airport we had just left shut down. The Lord was watching over our group for sure. We are excited to be able to return with a small group of 10 on March 17th. We are planning to do three carnivals over the weekend at three different locations. This is very different than what we've done in the past, so it's exciting and a little scary. We were told we could have up to 500 people at each location. It's a little like trying to plan three Praise in the Park events... Mollie is in charge of most of the logistics, so it'll be well organized. Pray for our team as we work together with Rigo to share the gospel with the people of El Salvador.

In Christ,
Pastor Luke

FBC
Giving Details

Total Giving Through 2/20/2022:
\$110,359.68
Giving needed to meet 2022 budget to date:
\$93,671.12

KIDS CLUB MINISTRY



KIDS CLUB SHOW & TELL

March 2nd 6:30-8pm

Kids can bring a small item or photo from home that will fit inside a lunch sack and have an opportunity to chat about it during crew time. *Kids who don't bring something can draw a picture of something special at Kids Club & talk about it.



FBC Kid's Sunday School Classes

SINGING ON PALM SUNDAY (APRIL 10TH) AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 10:15AM SERVICE



Palm Sunday Music Special-The kid's SS classes will sing during the 10:15am service on Sun., April 10th. The 2nd-5th grade students will be given special parts. Practice is 9-9:20am every Sunday at the beginning of SS in the Fellowship Hall.

Fun Easter Event For The Kids!

Easter EGG-stravaganza

Good Friday, April 15th 9-11am

A FREE Drop-Off Event for KIDS! Ages 3-5th Grade

Pre-registration not required but strongly encouraged.

Pre-register @ www.firstbaptistaleo.com

First Baptist Church
800 NE 6th Ave., Aledo, IL
Event Contact: Mollie Dunn
(309)371-6962



Lil' Egg Hunt

**Good Friday, April 15th
9-9:20am**

Ages 2 & Younger

Lil' Hunt is in the backyard. Please register your child by texting your child's name & "Lil' Egg Hunt" to Lindsay at (256)520-7910 or registering on the Kid's Egg-Stravaganza event page. *We ask that an adult accompany your child. Baskets will be provided.

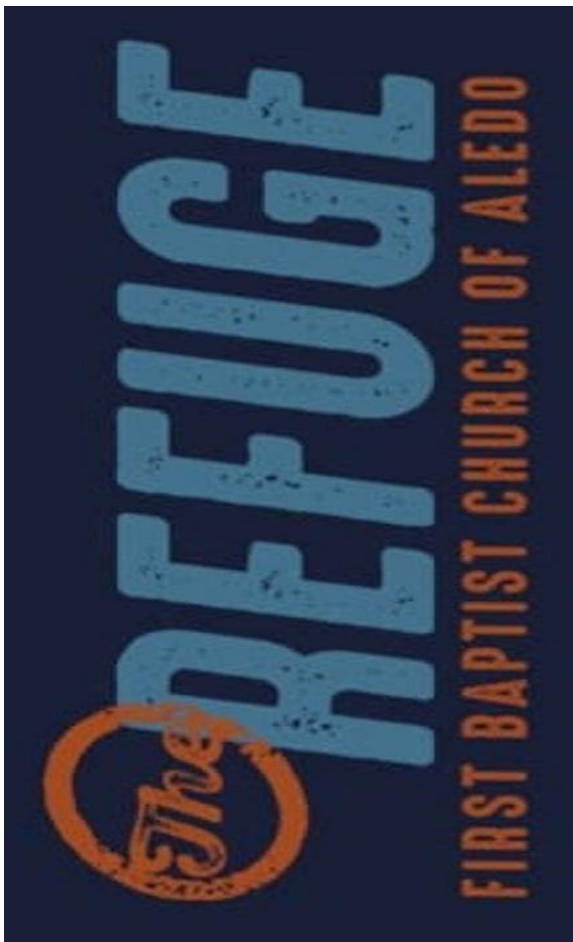
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Lil' Egg Coordinator: Lindsay Ricke
(256)520-7910



First Baptist Church, Aledo
4-Day Vacation Bible School '22
9-11:30am June 27th-30th
VBS Program: Sun., July 3rd 10:15am

A FREE, Community-Wide Event
Ages 3-Going into 5th Grade
Register at www.firstbaptistaleo.com
Registration opens May 1st





REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY!

Jr. High students (6th-8th grade) continue to meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8pm, doors open at 6:00pm. High School students (9th-12th grade) meet on Sunday nights from 6-8pm, doors open at 5:45pm. 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!



ATTN: High School Students & Older!-We're having a fun free night at the YMCA on Sunday, March 6th from 6-8pm for anyone High School age and up. (Parents come and show the students how it's done.) We'll have basketball, volleyball, and 9-Square in the Air. We'll also have a cooler with bottled water. Only the two gyms will be open and all other areas will be closed.

Junior High Students save the date for your own fun free night at the YMCA. We'll gather on Wednesday, April 13th from 6-9pm for gaga ball, 9-square in the air, and swimming.

Helping Hands Ministry!



Our Spring Helping Hands date has been set for Saturday, April 30th. We are excited to lend a helping hand to members of our church family and community by doing some general household maintenance. We are in need of adult and youth volunteers to help with this rewarding event.

Please sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com before April 9th if you are interested in helping.



Study for Girls grades 6-8th!

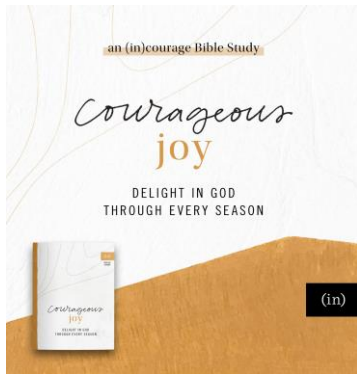
Girls in grades 6th-8th are invited to join us Mondays from 6-7pm in the Enon Room for a small group study. This study is taught by Vickie Korns and Rhonda McKinley. They are currently studying, "Matchless. The Life & Love of Jesus."



Boom Sisters - Attention girls in grades 6th-8th grade. Would you like to be a 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, March 12th from 10-11:30am. If this is your first time joining us, please sign-up at firstbaptistaledo.com.

Bold Brothers - Boys in grades 6th-8th grade are invited to join us for Bold Brothers where we have activities and hands-on learning. The goal is to learn how being bold for Christ comes in whatever we put our hands to. Our next Bold Brothers is on March 12th from 10-11:30am at the Mercer County Family YMCA. If this is your first time joining us, please sign-up at firstbaptistaledo.com.

Flourish Women's Ministry



New Women's Bible Study-Courageous Joy coming in March! This 7 Week Study will meet each Wednesday in the Enon room from 9-10:30am beginning March 2nd through April 13th. Britni Ewing will be leading this study that celebrates God's goodness and shows you how to experience true joy right where you are. Childcare is available. More details and registration can be found online



Women's Ministry Meeting Saturday, March 12th, 9-10:30am-All women are invited to brain storm ideas. We will be meeting downstairs in the Lower Enon Room. Questions, see Crystal Clark or Peggy Johnson.

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Better Together Women's Event – All ladies are invited to join us at FBC Friday, March 18th at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall for a Better Together Gathering.



New Women's Tuesday Daytime Study-Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy Study by Beth Moore - Tuesdays at 2pm beginning March 1st in the Enon. Join Beth in a faith-building study of prophecy and learn how to live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society. The prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and to confront temptations and threats. Today, believers in Jesus Christ face many of the same trials. Sign up online at Firstbaptistaledo.com.



THRIVE Women's Retreat at Life Action Camp-April 8th-10th and October 14th-16th. Cost is \$100 per woman. For details about Thrive visit www.lifeactioncamp.com/thrive-womens-retreat/. To register for Spring Thrive visit firstbaptistaledo.com.



JOURNEY Mother/Daughter Retreat at Life Action Camp- April 29th-May 1st and September 16th-18th. Recommended for daughters age 8-13. Cost is \$100 per Mom and \$50 per daughter. For details visit www.lifeactioncamp.com/mother-daughter-retreat/ To register visit firstbaptistaledo.com



A Note from The Flourish Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry of FBC helps cover part of the cost to attend these Retreats/Conferences. More information about the events can be found on the corresponding websites. Currently, registration will only be opening for the THRIVE Retreat April 8th-10th, and the JOURNEY Mother/Daughter Retreat April 29th-May 1st. Please register with the church, then housing and transportation will be coordinated. Deadline for registration is March 25th for THRIVE and April 15th for JOURNEY. More information coming soon. Questions, please see Peggy Johnson or Crystal Clark.

Men's Ministry/El Salvador Missions/Baby Dedication Sunday



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. Register today at firstbaptistaledo.com



Men's Momentum Retreat at Life Action Camp-Buchanan, MI—April 22nd-24th. Cost-\$100 and includes meals/lodging while at the conference.

Departure time is Friday, April 22nd at 10am and we'll be back in Aledo on Sunday, April 24th in the early evening. Sign up today online at firstbaptistaledo.com. Actual Momentum cost is \$150 so if you can pay the full amount it helps with the Men's Ministry budget.

If you have questions, see Brad Olson or Barry Cooper.



2022 El Salvador Mission Trip Team

Please be in prayer for the FBC El Salvador Mission Trip Team. The FBC Mission Team '22 includes: Josh & Jenny Dixon, Luke & Mollie Dunn, Marjie Earl, Amy Hess, Lonnie & Cindy Maynard, Sheri Olson & Kim Quam.

The team will be heading to El Salvador on March 17th and will be there from March 17th-22nd. Team El Salvador will be leading a Carnival Themed VBS at 3 locations. They will perform a skit, share the gospels and man the Carnivals in 3 different communities. Our team will also be hosting a Pastor and Women's leaders appreciation/encouragement event.

Thanks for keeping the El Salvador Mission Team in your prayers!

Baby Dedication



Baby Dedication Sunday - Sunday, April 10th at the 8am & 10:15am service. If you are interested in dedicating your baby to the Lord, please call the church office at 309-582-7812.

Room To Grow/Baptism Sunday



We own land! It has been an interesting couple of months here at First Baptist. In mid-December we learned that the farmland across the street from the church was going up for auction. It was a quick turnaround, but we were able to get church approval to bid on the property. By the grace of God, we won the bid, and became the grateful owners of an additional 38 acres to our current 3.5 acres. On February 18th we officially closed on the sale of the property. To be honest, all of that seems like the easy part. Now we have to make some big decisions. 38 acres seems like a lot more room than we currently need, which is true. We didn't have a choice in that number of acres up front since that was how the property was divided. What we have been facing for a long time is the need to expand both our building and our parking. Having some space across the road to build a parking lot would free us up tremendously to expand the building. The down-side is that we had to spend our entire building fund to purchase the land, as well as borrow money to make the sale. The decision we have to reach is multi-faceted. Since we believe 38 acres is more than we will need, we have to determine what

we believe is the appropriate amount of land to keep and how much to sell. By another gracious act of God, we have the opportunity to sell what we don't need at the price we paid.

The things that feed that decision are:

- #1 – Current building expansion needs.
- #2 – Short-term building and parking development.
- #3 – Long-term building and parking development.
- #4 – Financial considerations, i.e. how quickly can we recoup the cost of purchasing the land as well as raise money to begin a building project.
- #5 – Zoning considerations, i.e. if we keep more than 15 acres there is no need to rezone, anything less than 15 acres will need to be rezoned, which affects potential tax liabilities as well as red tape for future development.
- #6 – Tax implications.
- #7 – Potential future development of the land we sell, i.e. do we need to retain some acreage as a buffer?

As you can see, the decision is not a simple one. Often times when we focus on one issue exclusively it seems the answer is obvious, but when you take everything into consideration as a whole it becomes more complex. We will be discussing it further at the next business meeting in April. Please pray for God's will to be clearly revealed. Pray for the church leaders to make wise and discerning recommendations. Pray for a continued spirit of unity as we move through this exciting process.

In Christ, Pastor Luke

BAPTISM SUNDAY

**Baptism Sunday is Sunday, March 27th
& Sunday, April 24th**

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 and we'll get you in touch with Pastor Seth for all the details.



Easter Sunday is April 17/Israel Trip



April 10th – Palm Sunday – The Sunday School Children will be singing at the 10:15am Service.

April 15th – Good Friday – Kids Only Easter Event 9am-11am. See all the details on the Kids Ministry page.

April 15th – Good Friday Service – Join us at 7pm in the Sanctuary for a Good Friday Message and Worship.

April 17th – Happy Easter! He is Risen!

April 17th - Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am in the Sanctuary.

April 17th – Easter Breakfast – 7am in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP coming soon!

April 17th – Easter Services at 8am & 10:15am – Please be in prayer about who you might invite to church for Easter!

Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary- If you would like to honor a loved one by placing an Easter Lily in the sanctuary, please sign up on Sunday's Connect Card or call the church office at 309-582-7812. Deadline to order an Easter Lily is Sunday, April 3rd. The cost of an Easter Lily is \$8.

Pastor Luke's Israel Recap Sunday, March 6th at 9am In the Sanctuary

Pastor Luke will be reviewing his trip to Israel Sunday, March 6th at 9am in the FBC sanctuary.

All Sunday Schools will take place that day but if you're interested in hearing about Luke's trip and seeing some photos, please feel free to stop in the sanctuary on Sunday March 6th at 9am.



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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!***



Daylight Saving Time **begins on Sunday, March 13th, 2022 at 2:00 A.M.** On Saturday night, clocks are set forward one hour (i.e., losing one hour) to “spring forward.”