

# FBC NEWS!



# Welcome Home!

May | 2022

*"For a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries."  
~ 1 Corinthians 16:9*

A few weeks ago Mollie and I were talking about how amazing it is to see so many new families attending First Baptist. The number is unprecedented and staggering. Mollie asked what I thought was causing it. The truth is, we haven't done anything different lately that we weren't doing before. Maybe the secret is getting out... First Baptist is a great church! What can't be denied is that God is moving, and thankfully our church is prepared to respond. In the Scripture quoted above Paul is telling the church in Corinth that he is experiencing a wonderful time of ministry in Ephesus, so he needs to stay there a while longer. What he also expresses, and what I feel is a spiritual principle, is that while God is moving in new and powerful ways, there is also a movement of the enemy that seeks to hinder or destroy that work. I find it helpful to remember that and to remind others as well. Sometimes when we feel most under attack is when God is getting ready to do His greatest work in our lives, and sometimes when God is so obviously moving is when we need to be most aware of the enemy's schemes. It helps me to keep

that in mind because I don't get discouraged when trouble or conflict arises. I believe it's a sign that God's on the move and that's exciting. The reality right now is that God is pouring out His blessing on our church and that's an amazing thing to be a part of. Growth always comes with growing pains, and there are some challenges that need to be overcome. Honestly, the challenges are minimal compared to all the good things that are happening. We have to figure out our space issues, staffing, and financing. But, by the grace of God, we have options, and a great team of people who are ready to do whatever it takes to see God's kingdom grow. I am so thankful for the staff that works so hard, and the volunteers that spend countless hours serving in every ministry. The church is often referred to as the body of Christ, and each part has a unique and important function. Thank you for being part of this church body. If you feel like it's been a long time since you've been here, just know that you are always welcome and it would be fantastic to see you. Now is the time to come. God is moving and you don't want to miss it.

In Christ,  
Pastor Luke

**FBC  
Giving Details  
For 2022**

**Total giving through 4/24/2022:  
\$227,952.59**

**Giving needed to meet  
2022 budget to date:  
\$199,051.13**

# KIDS CLUB MINISTRY

## FBC's Kids Min Summer HAPPENINGS

**Tuesday, May 24th 2:30pm**

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FUN: PLAYDATE @ NORTHSIDE

All ages are invited to join us for a Playdate @ Northside Park in Aledo on the last day of school (Tuesday, May 24th) at 2:30pm. MC Schools/Homeschool/Private School kiddos are invited. The FBC Ice-Cream truck will meet you there & hand out ice-cream for all ages!

**Sunday, May 29th 9am**

### 9-9:45AM- FAMILY TALK @ FBC: SUNDAY SCHOOL & GRADUATION CELEBRATION

All ages are invited to join us in the sanctuary for donuts. We'll recognize graduates, promote classes, hand out summer goodies, and celebrate our teachers. No SS classes this day. Nursery will be provided.

**FRI & SAT JUNE 3RD & 4TH**

### FRI. & SAT., 10-2PM: RHUBARB FEST KID'S ZONE AT CENTRAL PARK HOSTED BY FBC, ALEDO

Look for our Kids Zone by the Fire Station at Central Park in Aledo! We'll have inflatables for the kids & a cool down tent with water. In addition, on Saturday, we'll have a craft tent where kids/teens can make a sun catcher craft. Come on down & join us for this free day of fun!



**4-DAY VBS JUNE 27-30TH**

### MON.-THURS. JUNE 27-30TH-9-11:30AM:VBS

Kids ages 3-Going into 5th grade are invited to join us for a 4-day super fun VBS week at FBC. Register at [www.firstbaptistaledo.com](http://www.firstbaptistaledo.com). This is a free event and open to the community.

### FRI., JULY 1ST- 6-8PM: FAMILY SWIM PARTY & ICE-CREAM @ ALEDO PUBLIC POOL

The whole family is invited to swim, hang out in the park, & enjoy ice-cream. \*Squirt-Off in the park @ 7pm.

### SUN., JULY 3RD- 10:15AM: VBS PROGRAM AT FBC

Kids will show off what they learned all week. Participants are asked to wear their KidsMin shirts and be in the sanctuary for practice at 9am.

## FBC's Kids Min Summer POP-UP FUN

**NEW BOSTON SPLASH PAD  
FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH @ 10AM-**

Meet us at the New Boston Splash Pad on Friday, June 10th for fun for the kids & moms. Snacks will be provided. Free Admission. Mom Host: Angela Pauley

**WEED PARK POOL IN MUSCATINE, IA  
FRIDAY, JULY 8TH @ 1PM-?**

Meet us at the pool at Weed Park in Muscatine, IA on Friday, July 8th in the afternoon. Bring admission (Cash/Check Only- \$4 Youth/\$5 Adult) & your pool gear for a fun day in the sun with friends. Look for the Mom Host.

*\*Will be announced*

**ALEDO POOL SWIM DATE:  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27TH @ 1PM**

Meet us at the Aledo Public Pool at 1pm on Wednesday, July 27th for fun in the sun! Bring admission (\$4 per person).



**SATURDAY, JULY 30TH  
10AM-2PM**

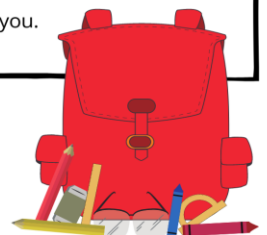
### FOR FAMILIES ENROLLED IN MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS (PRE-K- 12TH GRADES)

Families are invited to shop for school supplies at First Baptist Church, Aledo (800, 6th Ave., Aledo, IL) on Saturday, July 30th from 10am-2pm. Please bring your supply list(s). Shopping bags will be provided. No income requirements.

Must have children living in your household. No holds. \*Not all items on your child's list will be in the shop. Basic supplies only on a first come, first serve basis. Please enter through the front doors and check-in.\*Homeschool/Private school families are welcome.

Please bring a list with you.

\*We encourage single parents, grandparents raising grandkiddos, & foster families to shop regardless of financial need.

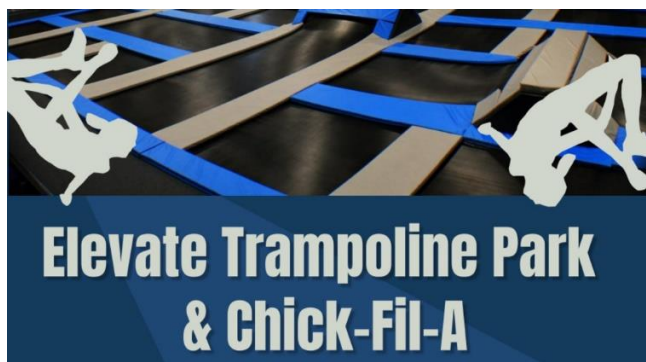




# Refuge Student Ministry



Jr. High students (6th-8th grade) continue to meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8pm, doors open at 6:00pm. Students completing 5th grade are invited to start attending Jr. High Refuge on Wednesday, June 1st. 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! \*\*No High School Refuge on Sunday, May 8th. Happy Mother's Day!



## Trampoline Park & Chick-Fil-A Outing!

The Jr. High Refuge Students are headed to Elevate Trampoline Park in Milan on Wednesday, June 8th. Please meet in the Church parking lot at 5:00pm to get checked in. The bus will leave at 5:15pm. We expect to be back between 8:30-9:00pm. We will jump for an hour and then head to Chick-fil-A in Moline for dinner. We are taking dinner orders at the time of registration to speed up that portion of our evening. Cost is \$15, which includes dinner and the trampoline park. Please sign up online at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com) before June 5th.



**CIY MOVE** is June 27th- July 1st at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. MOVE is intended for students going into ninth grade (graduated eighth graders) through graduated seniors. We have ten spots available. The cost for students is \$150. Pastor Seth Bowker and Rhonda McKinley will chaperone our group. Please sign up at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).



**CIY MIX** is held at Hope College in Holland, Michigan and is for students who have completed grades 5th – 7th. Dates for our trip are July 31st - Aug 3rd. We have ten spots available. The total cost is \$150. Pastor Seth & Rhonda McKinley will chaperone our group. Please sign up at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).



**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 for Boom Sisters on Saturday, May 14th from 10-11:30am at FBC.



**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 May 14th from 10am-12:30pm at FBC to watch and discuss the movie *Greater*. Lunch will be provided.

# Flourish Women's Ministry



## WOMEN'S BAGS & PIZZA NIGHT

FRIDAY, MAY 6 2022

6pm @ FBC

FELLOWSHIP HALL



Please join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and food! Starts at 6pm with pizza arriving at 6:30pm. No need to RSVP, just show up!



All ladies are invited to the Joy Circle Gathering on Tuesday, May 24th 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!

## VOLUNTEER



The FBC Hospitality Committee is looking for a few more people to join them in serving families during funeral luncheons. If you would like to be on our call list to bring a salad or dessert for a funeral luncheon or you are willing to serve during the luncheon, please call Vivian Kopp at 309-582-5464 to add your name to the list. Thank you!



**J.O.Y. Circle Pork Chop Lunch Fundraiser**-J.O.Y. Circle will be selling pork chops Saturday, May 7th from 10:30am-1pm at Mercer Market. Come support J.O.Y. Circle and eat a delicious pork chop!

## Summer Women's Bible Study

This Summer we'll be studying the Daily Grace "Preaching the Gospel to Yourself" every Wednesday beginning June 8th and ending July 13th (Not meeting June 29th because of VBS) from 9:30-11am. Childcare will be provided by reservation. Sign up at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).



Two words are sometimes all it takes to upset and overwhelm us: tornado warning, treatment options, work layoffs, family trouble, big decision, car repairs. They take up so little room, and yet they can fill a whole day, the whole house, our whole lives with dread, panic, and concern.

Heaven rules is the two-word answer for every two-word worry, for every wave of assault on your peace of mind. Because Heaven's rule is God's rule: His rule over nations, leaders, and nature; His rule over COVID, cancer, and concerns about your kids. Be a part of True Woman '22, a three-day event Sept. 22-24 for women around the world to anchor your heart to the unshakable truth that Jesus is King.

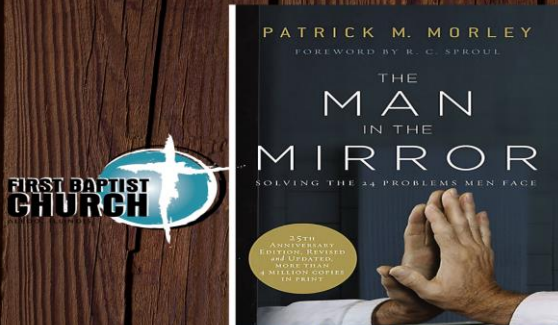
If interested, you need to purchase your ticket for True Woman at [www.truewoman22.com](http://www.truewoman22.com). Then, go to [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com) to reserve your hotel room. The hotel room is paid for by the FBC Flourish Women's Ministry but we need a count so we know the number of rooms we need.



# FBC Men's Ministry/Church Land Vote

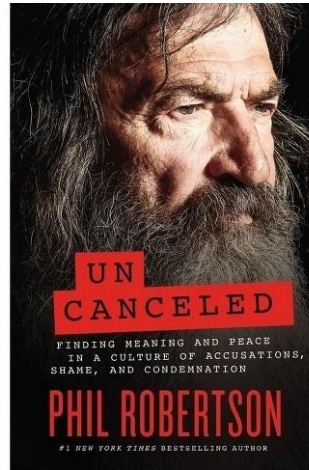
## FREE BOOK!

For the Men!  
Courtesy of the  
FBC Men's Ministry



Located at the Welcome Desk. If you take a book, please add your name to the list.  
Thank You!

## Men's Summer Study "Un Canceled" by Phil Robertson



Meet on Sundays from  
June 12th-July 31<sup>st</sup>

6:30-8pm

@ FBC in the Enon Room.  
Study will be facilitated by  
Kevin Ricke

Sign up at  
firstbaptistaledo.com then pick  
up your book in the church  
office. \*\*Please read Chapters  
1 & 2 prior to June 12<sup>th</sup>.  
*We won't meet June 19 or  
July 3<sup>rd</sup>.*



## FBC Men's Ministry Archery Tag

This a free, outreach event that is open to the public; all adult men, and boys Jr High age or older are welcome.

**When:** Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> - 6:00-8:00pm

**Where:** First Baptist Church of Aledo, south lawn

**Menu:** Brats, hotdogs, snacks and beverages

No need to register in advance, just show up. In the event of inclement weather, watch the FBC Facebook page the day of for any reschedule notification. Contact Chase Burns with questions or for more details. (309)368-0370.

## A Decision Has Been Made!



After a few months of discussion and prayer we voted on how much land FBC should keep. It was a close vote for sure. In fact, it couldn't have been closer... out of 84 votes, 43 were cast in favor of keeping 10 acres, and the remaining 41 votes wanted to keep 15. In the end we all agreed that the Lord had certainly blessed us with the land we need and we made a unanimous vote to accept the decision.

We will begin the process of getting the land surveyed, rezoned and sold in the upcoming weeks. The most immediate issue, once all the legal stuff is finalized, is putting in a parking lot. We have a bid on 1 acre of gravel parking, which came in at about \$42,000. Any and all who would like to help raise money for the parking lot are welcome to make offerings designated for that project. While that is happening the building committee will also continue to work on plans to expand our facilities.

It's an exciting time at First Baptist. As I said and will always say, it's not about land or buildings or parking lots, it's about changed lives. God continues to bless this ministry with changed lives and a growing church. Everything else is just a matter of providing room for God to keep adding to His kingdom. Thanks for all the prayer, support, time and energy you've put in to make this possible.

God bless, Luke

# Grad & Sunday School Promotion Sunday

## Congratulations 2022 Graduates!

### *8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduate*

*Molly Dixon-Mercer County Jr. High, Bailey Johnson-Sherrard Jr. High, Noah Johnson-Mercer County Jr. High, Laryssa Russell-Ignite Christian Academy, Davin Shike-United Jr. High & Joshua Struble-Home School,*

### *High School Graduates*

*Mercer County High School Graduates:  
Emily Bowns, Jon Headley, Damian Martinez,  
Sidney Quam & Shaylee Smet*

### *College Graduate:*

*Taylor Cameron-Columbia College Chicago*

*Does your family have a Graduate that is not on our list? If someone from your family is graduating from 8th grade, High School or College, call the office ASAP at 309-582-7812 so we can add them to the Graduate Recognition list. Graduation Recognition Sunday is May 29th at 9am during Family Talk and Donuts.*

## You Are Invited!

**Graduation Party for Emily Bowns** - The church family is invited to a Graduation Party for Emily Bowns on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 2-9pm at the Bowns' home-1687 – 100<sup>th</sup> Ave. Aledo. We'll have food, yard games, fishing and boating and music in the evening.

**Graduation Party for Sidney Quam** – The church family is invited to celebrate Sidney Quam on Sunday, May 15th at our home (1881 70th Ave Aledo) from 4-7pm.

## Graduation & Promotion Sunday & Family Talk & Donuts



Does your family have a 2022 Graduate? If someone from your family is graduating from 8th grade, High School or College, call the office ASAP at 309-582-7812 so we can add them to the Graduate Recognition list. Graduation Recognition Sunday is Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am during Family Talk & Donuts.



All ages are invited to join us in the sanctuary for a special Family Talk on May 29th from 9-9:45am. We're celebrating our graduates & having a big family-style Sunday School celebration. Kids/Teens will be promoted to their next classes, we're handing out goodies, and we're honoring our dedicated SS teachers.

Kids will sit with their families. Donuts & drinks will be provided. \*No Sunday School classes this day. \*\*The nursery will be open. We hope you'll join us!

Mark Your Calendar!  
Coming This Fall!  
**Praise In The Park Family Fest!**  
Sunday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>  
Aledo's Central Park  
Stay tuned for details!



# Website/Giving & App Changes

## Rhubarb Needed!



The First Baptist Church is selling pie by the slice again this year at Rhubarb Fest on Friday, June 3rd and we need your help. We are asking for 30 - 1 gallon size bags of cut and washed rhubarb, cut into  $\frac{3}{4}$  "inch pieces. Please bring the fresh (not frozen) Rhubarb to the church between May 29- June 1st. It can be put in the basement refrigerators.

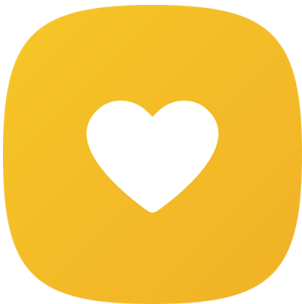
We will also be needing Pie Bakers and Packagers on Thursday, June 2nd. We need a couple people willing to help with setup and transport of the pies and supplies on Friday morning June 3rd. We will also be needing sellers on Friday at the Festival (June 3rd). We are planning on working in shifts and will need a couple volunteers to help with clean up and transport of supplies back to the church. Remember many hands make light work! Thank you in advance! Volunteers or questions contact Ashley Reick at 641-840-2706 or email at reickaa@gmail.com

## Online Giving Changes

We are excited to be making a change to our online giving platform. This change will save FBC money annually and still provide us with an easy way to give online or via text. Beginning May 1st we will switch from Pushpay to Planning Center Giving. We have been using other programs provided by Planning Center since 2016 with great results. If you are a current donor or are interested in learning how to give online, please visit our website at [firstbaptistaledo.com/giving-switch](http://firstbaptistaledo.com/giving-switch). Pushpay will remain available until June 30th, however we ask that all recurring gifts be switched from Pushpay to Planning Center before June 20th.

## Church App Changes

We are also excited to be changing our app provider from Pushpay to Planning Center. This also will save FBC money annually and still provide us with a great platform to easily sign up for church events, check our church calendar, give online, watch sermons and receive important church notifications. The Pushpay app will remain available until June 30th, however we will stop making updates to the app effective May 1st. So, download the "Church Center App" today from the App Store or Google Play and choose "First Baptist Church, Aledo, IL". For more detailed information, please visit [firstbaptistaledo.com/app-switch](http://firstbaptistaledo.com/app-switch).



## Church Website

Our Church website has undergone a bit of a facelift. Check it out and let us know what you think.

Suggestions can be sent to [tech@firstbaptistaledo.com](mailto:tech@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 the "Church Center App" from the App Store or Google Play and choose "First Baptist Church, Aledo, IL" to easily sign up for church events, check our church calendar, give online, watch sermons and receive important church notifications.
- Find Us On Facebook.
- Call the Church Office at 309.582.7812.



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



Maybe you feel something has been missing from your life. Maybe that something is your faith! Spring is a great time for a fresh start and to rediscover your faith. First Baptist offers a casual atmosphere with programming for kids and adults, live music and relevant message.