

First Baptist Church News!



Welcome Home!

July | 2022

A few weeks ago we introduced Cassidy Lainson to the church as a potential candidate for our youth ministry position. Cassidy had the opportunity to share a little of her testimony during both worship services, meet a lot of our church, and spend an evening at the Refuge answering questions and getting to know our students, parents, and volunteers. After a good weekend, I had some people inquiring about Cassidy, whether or not she had been hired. Not yet... and here is the reason why; after 2 years of searching, we didn't want to rush to a decision. When Cassidy applied for the youth ministry position, I spent some time interviewing her, calling her references, and praying. The next step was to bring her to Aledo for a weekend long interview/familiarity process. She spent Friday with the staff and some families from the church. On Saturday she spent some time with some ladies from our church and with some students from the church. And on Sunday she spent the day participating in all our ministries.

On Sunday night Mollie, Cassidy, and I had a good talk about the weekend. The conclusion was that I wanted to take a week for all of us to pray and seek the Lord before we spoke again. After a week of prayer, Cassidy and I spoke again and confirmed that there was a peace about her potential to become our next youth director. The next step is to confirm with the church. If the church council will agree at our next meeting, then we will vote at the July business meeting whether or not to hire Cassidy. If the church votes yes, then Cassidy will join the FBC staff in early August. I want to thank you for being patient throughout this process, especially Seth who has been faithfully serving as our interim youth director for more than two years. I'm looking forward to what God has in store as we keep moving forward.

In Christ,
Pastor Luke

2022 Giving

Total giving through 6/26/2022:

\$337,841.93

**Giving needed to meet
2022 budget to date:**

\$304,431.14

KIDS CLUB MINISTRY

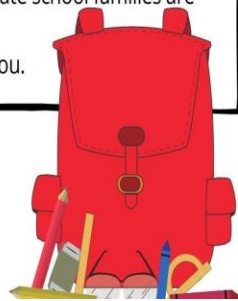


FOR FAMILIES ENROLLED IN THE MERCER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (PRE-K- 12TH GRADES)

Families are invited to shop for school supplies at
First Baptist Church, Aledo (800 NE 6th Ave., Aledo, IL)
on **Saturday, July 30th from 10am-12:30pm**. 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.



**NOW COLLECTING
BACKPACKS FOR
FBC'S SCHOOL
SUPPLY GIVE AWAY**

***PLEASE LEAVE LARGE BACK
PACKS (NEW OR GENTLY USED)
IN THE KIDS MIN OFFICE NO
LATER THAN JULY 20TH**



Contact: Mollie Dunn
309-371-6962

VBS Program Sunday, July 3rd @ 10:15am



*Program
Practice at 9am



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).



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. No Refuge on Sunday, July 3rd. Enjoy the fireworks!

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!



Boom Sisters

For girls who have completed grades 5th and up. 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, July 9th from 10am-2pm at Rhonda's house (1085 247th St, Viola). We will be working on our lap quilts project. Please bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided. Questions, please contact Rhonda at 309-235-5054.

Bold Brothers

Boys in grades 6th and up are invited to join us Saturday, July 9th from 10:00-11:30am at FBC. Lonnie will be going over construction/carpentry tools and use.



CHECK OUT AXIS!



Hey, adults! FBC wants to help you navigate conversations with your teens around today's issues. We have partnered with Axis to provide you with a free membership to resources that will help you navigate conversations about culture, technology, faith, mental health, anxiety, identity, and hundreds of other challenging topics all through a Gospel-centered lens. Go to firstbaptistaledo.com/student-ministry, scroll to the bottom, and then click to unlock your free membership!



Dear First Baptist Church,
Thank you for paying half the price of camp. It's really kind of you to do that. I really appreciate it. Camp was really fun and if you guys didn't do that it would have been really expensive for my parents. And I'm also talking about the other 35 campers and their families. You guys are creative, kind, smart, generous and the best church ever. Keep the good work up. Our whole family loves this church. And you teach us so much and I hope when I'm older I end up like you guys!

Love, Ava Carlson

PS - I'm excited for VBS this week!

Flourish Women's Ministry



Ladies Night Out!

Friday, July 22nd - 6pm
@ The Aledo Fire Station
Cost: \$10
RSVP online at
firstbaptistaledo.com
or on Sunday's
Connect Card by July 15th.

All ladies high school age and older are invited to a casual evening of fun, food and fellowship!



FREE. FREE. FREE!

Basement Sale

Friday, July 8th
4:30pm - 6:30pm
Saturday, July 9th
8:00am - Noon



That is right, everything is free! Come find something that your family needs.

Snacks provided!

First Baptist Church
800 NE 6th Street
Aledo, IL

FREE Basement Sale! July 8th & 9th at FBC

The FBC Flourish Women's Ministry is hosting a "free basement sale" July 8th from 4:30-6:30pm & Saturday, July 9th from 8am-Noon.

We are accepting donated items for the sale from our FBC church family July 5th-8th, from 9-10:30am AND 5:30-7pm. All items at the sale will be free, and anyone in our community is welcome to come "shop" for things they need! Gently used adult or children's clothing, shoes, furniture, tools, toys, decor and more! We will need volunteers to assist with this event. Sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com If you have questions, contact Kady Hofer or Britni Ewing.

J.O.Y. Circle Gathering

All ladies are invited to the Joy Circle Gathering on Tuesday, July 26th 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!



True Woman National Conference! Coming Sept. 22nd-24th

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. 22nd-24th in Indianapolis 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. Then, go to 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.



SAVE THE DATE! Watch and Listen for Details!

July 22nd- Ladies Night Out at the Aledo Fire Station

August 9th- Sunflower Night at Dandee Flowers

September 16th-18th- JOURNEY Mother/Daughter Retreat at Life Action Camp

September 22nd-24th- True Woman Conference in Indianapolis

October 14th-16th- THRIVE Women's Retreat at Life Action Camp

November 5th- Women's FLOURISH Event at FBC



Women's Verse by Verse Bible Study

Taught by Sheri Olson-June-August 6:30-8pm every Wednesday at FBC in the Enon Room. We are currently in the book of Matthew. If Wednesdays at the church don't work, Sheri also does the same study at her home (720 SW 2nd Ave. Aledo) on Tuesday mornings at 10am. Ladies are always welcome to join us either day/time/place. No need to sign up just show up anytime with your Bible and a notebook.



This Sunday, July 3rd the 8am Service will be a regular service with a message from Luke. The 10:15am service will be the VBS program. Hope to see you Sunday!

VBS Program

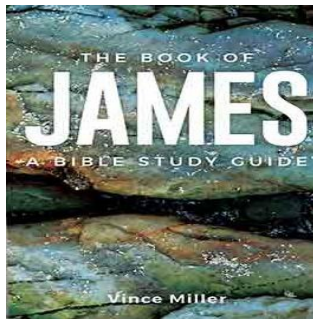
Sunday, July 3rd @ 10:15am



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FBC Men's Ministry



New Men's Wednesday Study Book of James Begins July 27th!

The Book of James for Men Study

Come join us for a 6-week study of the book of James beginning July 27th.

In *The Book of James For Men*, author and speaker Vince Miller explores vital spiritual elements which are important for men of all ages and stages of life.

This book addresses the tough issues we all encounter and teaches us to face them head on in a godly way. The study will be led by Kevin Ricke and consists of a 14 minute video and group discussion questions. We will be meeting in the Lower Enon Room from 6:30–8pm on Wednesdays. You can sign up online now at firstbaptistaledo.com.



What: Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Where: Every Sunday at 7am at FBC in Fellowship Hall

Cost: FREE!

Who: All men are invited to attend.

No need to RSVP, just show up hungry!

Questions: See Luke Dunn, Seth Bowker or Kevin Ricke



FBC Rooted Men's Conference @FBC – Saturday, July 16th

The sixth annual **Men's Rooted Conference** will happen Saturday, July 16th from 8:00am-3pm at FBC. The FBC Men's Ministry is excited to announce Shane Black (Life Action Ministries) as our main speaker this year. We are also blessed to have two additional guest speakers: Dan Pearson & Michael O'Brien.

Check in begins at 8am. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The T-shirt order has closed but we may have a few extras if you didn't get an order placed. There is no charge for this event, but registration is a must. Visit firstbaptistaledo.com under the Men's Ministry event tab or complete a Connect Card on Sunday. **Theme:** Here I Am. **Theme Verse:** "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" Isaiah 6:8



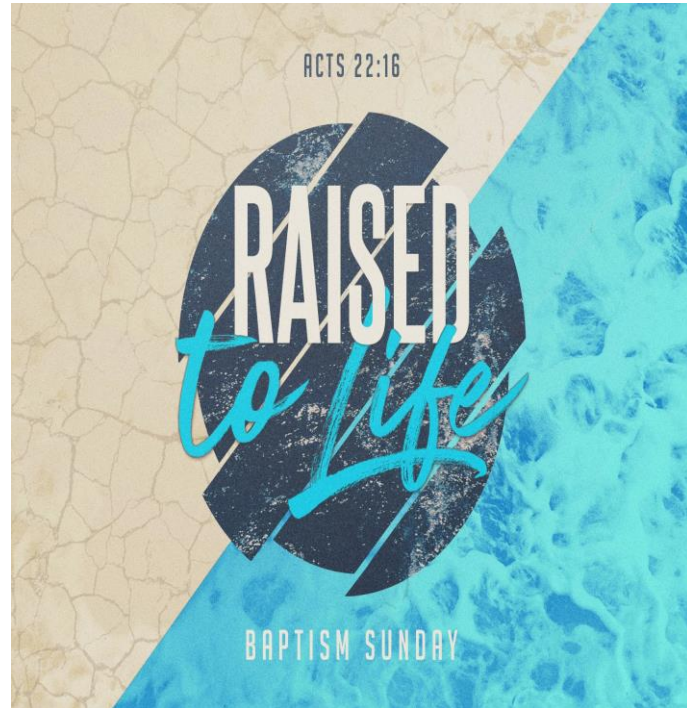
Family Talk/Quarterly Meeting/Greeters



Church Council will meet Tuesday, July 12th at 7pm.

Quarterly Business Meeting-Sunday, July 17th following the 10:15am service.

Everyone is welcome at the Business Meeting.



BAPTISM SUNDAY

Baptism Sunday is Sunday, July 24th. If you have accepted Jesus and in a step of obedience want to be baptized, please see Mollie Dunn or Pastor Seth Bowker for more information or call the church office at 309-582-7812 to set up an appointment to talk about your baptism.

For baptisms of children under 5th grade please meet with Children's Pastor Mollie Dunn.

For baptisms of Students grade 6th-12th & Adults please meet with Pastor Seth.



We are in need of a few friendly people who would like to be a greeter at the front doors on Sunday before services at FBC! If you are interested or would like more details, please call Don Korn at 309-221-9078 or fill out Sunday's Connect Card.

Coming This Fall!

Praise In The Park Family Fest!

Sunday, Sept. 4th Aledo's Central Park

9:30am-Worship | 10am-David & Teesha Illusionists |

11am-Lunch | 11:45am-2pm-Family Fun Zone

Generation Celebration/Giving & App Changes



Thanks to everyone who came out for our Generation Celebration Picnic! It was a hot day so we moved the picnic inside. By the sounds of laughter coming from Fellowship Hall we think a fun time was had by all!



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. 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.



Church Website

The FBC website has undergone a bit of a facelift. Check it out at firstbaptistaledo.com and let us know what you think. Suggestions can be sent to 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.
- Listen to WRMJ 102.3 at 10:15am on the 1st-3rd Sundays & at 5:10pm on the 4th and 5th 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!***

