

FBC NEWS!

FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH



Welcome Home!

June | 2022

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” ~ Matthew 9:37-38

We are blessed with a great staff and many, many volunteers at First Baptist. Over the past couple years, we have really banded together during some difficult ups and downs to continue to do great ministry. We have been patiently waiting, praying, and serving until such a time as God would reveal the youth director He had in mind for our church. A few weeks ago, I began talking to a young lady who had sent me her resume. It was the first time in the search process that I can say I was genuinely, wholeheartedly positive about a potential candidate. In a couple weeks Cassidy Lainson will be spending a weekend in Aledo so we can all get to know each other better and confirm whether or not God is calling her to FBC to join our staff. On Sunday, June 12th, Cassidy will be joining us for worship and introducing herself. As a way of introduction, I wanted to share a brief excerpt from her call to ministry:

In my own calling to vocational ministry, God has placed on my heart several burdens for His Kingdom which I will strive to fulfill throughout my days on this Earth. The first of these is that of serving in youth ministry. Along with being the first

burden of calling I identified when I made the decision to pursue vocational ministry, this calling is also the one which I see as the most foundational, and is the focus around which all of my other avenues of ministry calling seem to revolve. Since my generation and those after us have demonstrated increasing struggles with things like mental illness, feelings of abandonment and loss, abuse, broken families, and have also seen some of the highest suicide and drug abuse rates ever recorded (verywellmind.com, 2021), it is clear that there is a dire need for caring and present youth ministers to intervene in the lives of today's youth in order to shine the light of Christ into these all-too-broken souls. This passion of mine also stems from how God has brought me through my own struggles with many of these things, and has placed on my heart the desire to use my experience to help other kids still lost in the darkness amidst I once wandered.

You'll be hearing more from and about Cassidy in the weeks to come. In the mean-time, please pray for her and for us as we seek God's will in discerning the call to serve together.

In Christ,
Pastor Luke

2022 Giving

**Total giving through
5/22/2022: \$276,067.48**

**Giving needed to meet
2022 budget to date:
\$245,886.69**

KIDS CLUB MINISTRY

Join Us at Rhubarb Fest!



Kid's Zone @ Rhubarb Fest
Fri. & Sat. June 3rd & 4th 10-2pm

Look for the inflatables by the Fire Station at Central Park in Aledo. We'll have inflatables & a cool down tent both days. In addition, on Saturday, we'll have a craft tent where kids/teens can make sun catchers. See you there for this free day of fun with the family.

Hosted by First Baptist, Aledo.
www.firstbaptistaledo.com



FBC will be adding to the fun Fest atmosphere at Aledo's Rhubarb Fest.

We will be selling rhubarb pie by the slice on Friday, June 3rd under the pavilion from 11am-2pm and we will host the Kids Zone June 3rd & 4th from 10am-2pm!

We hope you can join us at Aledo's 30th Annual Rhubarb Fest!



**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**



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. 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.



**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).

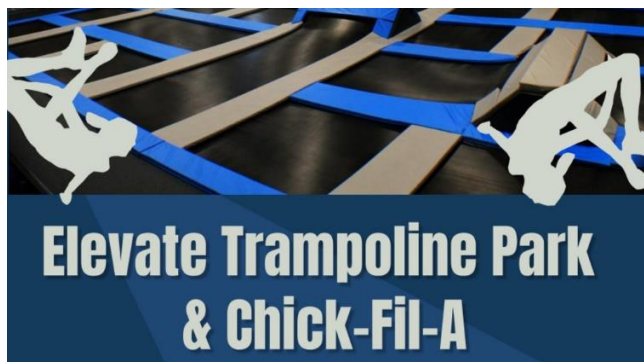


Refuge Student Ministry



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. No Jr. High Refuge on June 22nd & June 29th.

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!



Trampoline Park & Chick-Fil-A Outing!

Jr. High Trampoline Park & Chick-Fil-A - Jr. High Refuge Students are headed to Elevate Trampoline Park in Milan on Wednesday, June 8th. (Students who've completed 5th grade are welcome to join us!) Please meet in the Church parking lot at 5:00pm to get checked in. 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/student-ministry 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.



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.



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, June 11th from 10-11:30am at FBC.



Bold Brothers - Boys who have completed grades 5th-7th are invited to join us Saturday, June 25th from 10:00-11:30am at FBC. We will be learning about cars from Jason Snyder & Barry Cooper.



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!

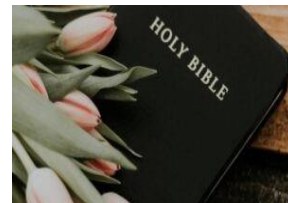
Flourish Women's Ministry



Are you cleaning out your home and have some treasures that someone else in our community could use? 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 will be accepting donated items for the sale from our FBC church family July 5th-8th, from 9-10:30am AND 5:30-7pm, but you should start setting these items aside now! 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.

Women's Verse by Verse Bible Study

Taught by Sheri Olson-June-August 6:30-8pm every Wednesday beginning June 1st 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 with your Bible and a notebook.



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.

J.O.Y. Circle Gathering

All ladies are invited to the Joy Circle Gathering on Tuesday, June 28th 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



Ladies Night Out

July 22nd

@Aledo Fire Station

All ladies are invited to an evening of fun, food and fellowship! We'll have a nice dinner together that you won't have to cook. More details coming soon!

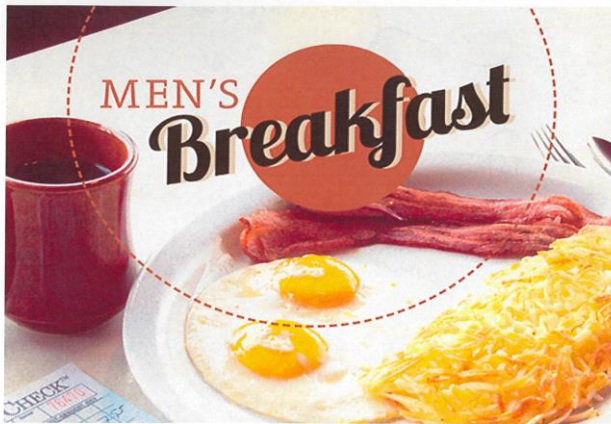
VOLUNTEER



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!

FBC Men's Ministry/



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.

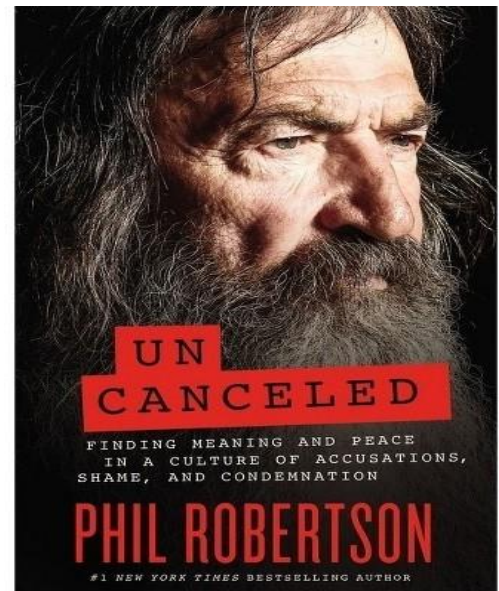
No need to RSVP, just show up hungry!

Questions: See Luke Dunn, Seth Bowker or Kevin Ricke

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



Men, mark your calendars for July 16th. You will not want to miss this year's Men's Rooted Conference. We will have Shane Black from Life Action bringing some power packed messages, as well as two special guest appearances by Dan Pearson and Michael O'Brian. As always there will be great food, and tons of fun. More details to follow...



Un Canceled! Men's Study We'll meet on Sundays from June 12th-July 31st 6:30-8pm @ FBC in the Enon Room.

This Men's 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 12th.**

*The Un Canceled class will not meet
June 19 or July 3rd.*

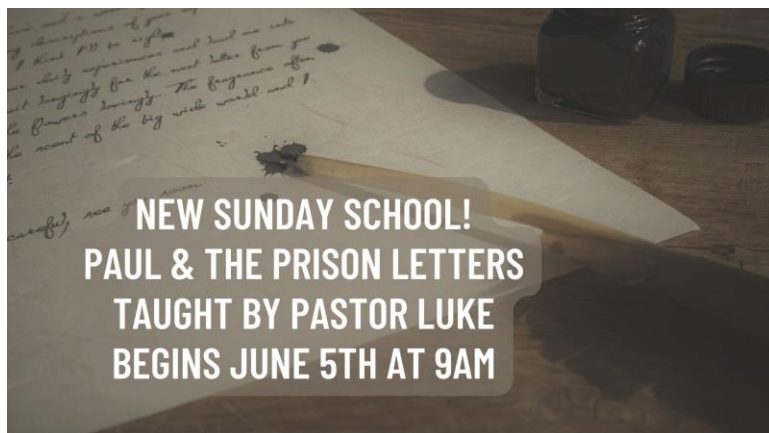
In *Uncanceled*, Phil shares his own experiences with cancel culture as he:

- encourages us to turn to Scripture as we navigate politics, personal conversations, and new cultural norms;
- helps us see the psychological and political motivations behind silencing conservative voices;
- reminds us that the goal is not to convince others to like us but to win the war for our own integrity by refusing to bow down to the god of political correctness; and
- shows us how to trade retaliation for the love and forgiveness that God offers.

Uncanceled is a blueprint for standing up for the truth of Jesus Christ in a culture that has forgotten how to have respectful conversations. As Phil reminds us, when we embrace the truth that Jesus Christ already paid an enormous debt to cancel our sins, we find a path to redemption, a way to forgiveness, and a means for godly connection.

Luke's Sunday School/Greeters

Pastor Luke's New Sunday School Class



Looking for a new Bible study? Sunday School is for all ages. We have several options for adults to choose from. Pastor Luke will be starting a new class on June 5th, which will cover Paul's Prison Letters (Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians). Everyone is welcome. You can find Luke's class in the Refuge Room (off the Fellowship Hall).



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 Korns at 309-221-9078 or fill out Sunday's Connect Card.



FBC Staff & Congregation,

Thank you for your kindness and prayers during this difficult time. We're grateful for your words of comfort and for all of the gift cards.

Sincerely,
Jessica, Ava & Emery Weist

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Thank you so very much for your helping hands visit! It was so nice to see people joyfully doing something for someone else! I really liked the "Little Jar – Big Blessings" too. Thanks again.

Love & Prayers,
Rosemary Reid

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
11:45-2pm-Family Fun Zone

Generation Celebration/Giving & App Changes

Join us on the North lawn at FBC for

GENERATION CELEBRATION PICNIC

Wednesday, June 15th at 11:30am

We'll have food, fun, fellowship, preregister by June 7th.
Generation Celebration is for all those 65 and older in the church.

A Guy and A Grill will be catering the meal of hamburgers and sides along with homemade ice cream for dessert.



RSVP BY CALLING 309-582-7812 OR SIGN UP
ONLINE AT [FIRSTBAPTISTALEDO.COM](http://firstbaptistaledo.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. 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!***

