

First Baptist Church News!



Welcome Home!

August | 2022

“Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”

~ Proverbs 19:21

You may recall that in last month’s newsletter I described the process for vetting and hiring a potential youth ministry candidate. Suffice it to say that toward the end of that process it became apparent that Cassidy was not going to be a good fit for the position. We wish her well, and pray that the Lord would open the right door at the right time for her. We also will continue to seek the Lord’s will for the person He has in mind to join our team. This may be a good place to let you in on the heart and the intention behind what has been a long process.

Two years ago when Mario decided to step away from leading the youth ministry it was an easy transition to have Seth take over that area of ministry. Seth had already been involved in leading the youth on an interim basis, and is always ready to jump in and serve wherever needed. As the associate pastor he has always been the go-to guy to help pick up the slack. So, the blessing with Seth leading the Youth Ministry is that we have stability. We don’t have to be in a big hurry to try to find someone for that position. Yet, we are committed to seeking

the right candidate to take over. The reality is that we went through a difficult and confusing season during the pandemic, and by the grace of God we have come out the other side of it very healthy. Nevertheless, without a youth director we find ourselves short-staffed. We have been working short-staffed for over two years, and that gets exhausting. There is added pressure on everyone as a result. So, we have to be careful. Careful not to let burnout set in. Careful not to become resentful in serving. And still careful not to rush into hiring someone out of a sense of urgency. We continue to prayerfully consider each candidate that comes to light. We believe that the right person is out there, and in God’s perfect timing He will bring them on staff at FBC. So, pray for our next youth director. Also, please pray for our youth, pray for Seth, Mollie, Pam and me, as well as all those serving in support roles, like Jenny, Denise, Jordan, and Lindsay. Pray for all those who serve as volunteers on our praise band, prayer team, men’s and women’s ministry, Sunday school teachers, nursery workers, and in every behind-the-scenes way that makes our church run like a well oiled machine to the glory of Christ. God is moving. We continue to see new people show up every single week, add new members every business meeting, and baptize new believers every month. The fields are white unto harvest, pray for workers. Maybe that means you!

In Christ, Pastor Luke

2022 Giving

Total giving through 7/24/2022:

\$377,015.01

**Giving needed to meet
2022 budget to date: \$351,266.70**

KIDS CLUB MINISTRY



Stay
Connected



Hi Parents & Guardians!

We know you are super busy with all the things so there are several ways to stay updated on what's happening in the FBC Kids Ministry.

Remind (Text Reminders)

If you'd like text reminders, send the following messages to 81010:

Kids Club: @e7h9b2

Kids Worship/Sunday School: @c4c2fa8

Nursery Families: @kee2d6

Church Center App

This is a really cool app for your smartphone that you can use to sign-up, add new people, cancel, look up info, etc. Here's how to get it: Search for "Church Center" in your app store and make First Baptist Church, Aledo, IL your church. Done! *All registration links are attached to this app so take the guess work out of how to sign-up for stuff & add it today! Reminders are sent via email so make sure we have your most current email.

Facebook Pages/Groups:

Church-wide: "First Baptist Church of Aledo" (public page)

"First Baptist Family Ministry: Aledo, IL" (private- ask to join)

Instagram:

kidsclubministry



KID'S CLUB FALL SESSION '22 (SEPT. 7TH-NOV. 16TH)

Hey Parents!

Kids ages 3-5th grade are invited to join us for Kids Club this fall from **Sept. 4th-Nov. 16th on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:10pm at FBC in Aledo.**

Check-in begins at 6:15pm and pick-up is at 8:10pm. (No early check-in's please, as the crew needs time to set up before kids arrive.) We're diving into the New Testament with Gospel Project and having lots of fun with friends, games, activities, & snacks. Registration is now open at www.firstbaptistaledo.com. *Adult classes/ nursery and Jr. High Youth Group (6th-8th grades) are at the same time.

Please bring kids inside the lobby door (no door drop-offs, please) & grab your security tag when you check-in. 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 us any time. Let us know if you have questions!

~Mollie Dunn

Special Nights

Sept. 21st:
Dress like a
Grandparent & Bingo w/ Prizes

Oct. 12th:
Crazy Hair & Relays

Oct. 26th:
Outdoor Movie Night

Nov. 16th: Last Night of the Session
Escape the Zoo Party &
Bible Memory Treasure Box



KIDS 10:15am Service WORSHIP

Kids ages 3-5th grade check-in outside the sanctuary and sit with their families until they are dismissed during the third song out the back of the sanctuary. *Please present your security tag at pick-up in the Fellowship Hall immediately following service.

9-10am SUNDAY SCHOOL 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 (last room on the right in the downstairs hall), 3rd-5th grade class (back of youth room), a 1st-2nd grade class (left room inside Fellowship Hall), and a Pre-K-K class (right room inside Fellowship Hall). No need to sign up. Just check-in upstairs and head to class.

*Parents need to pick-up kids at 10am.



FBC Kid Ministry Fall'22/Winter/Spring '23

September

Sun., Sept. 4th- **Praise in the Park** 9:30am-2pm @ Central Park

Wed., Sept. 7th- **First Night of Kids Club**

Wed., Sept. 21st- **Kids Club: Dress-like-a Grandparent & Bingo Night**

October

Wed., Oct. 12th- **Kids Club: Crazy Hair & Relays**

Wed., Oct. 26th- **Kids Club: Outdoor Movie Night (K-5th)/Indoor Movie (Pre-K)**

November

Wed., Nov. 16th- **Kids Club: Last Night of the session "Escape the Zoo & Treasure Box" Night**

December

Sunday, Dec. 11th- **Sunday School Kids Sing**

January

Sun., Jan 15th- **Family Fun Event TBA**

February

Wed., Feb. 1st- **First night of Kids Club for Winter/Spring '23 Session**

Wed., Feb. 15th- **Kids Club: Birthday Bash Night**

Sun., Feb. 19th- **Family Fun Event TBA**

March

Wed., March 1st- **Kids Club: Nerd Night**

Wed., March 15th- **No Kids Club (Family Fun Event TBA)**

Wed., March 29th- **Last Night of Kids Club: Prize Night**

April

Fri., April 7th- **Family Easter Event**



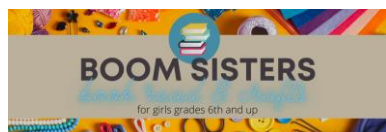
Refuge Student Ministry



High School Refuge - High School students (9th-12th grade) meet on Sunday nights from 6-8pm, doors open at 5:45pm.

Jr. High Refuge - Junior High School students (6th-8th grade) continue to meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8pm, doors open at 6:00pm. No Junior High Refuge on 8/3.

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 - Girls in grades 6th and up are invited to join us Saturday, August 13th from 10:00-11:30am at FBC.



Bold Brothers - Boys in grades 6th and up are invited to join us Saturday, August 13th from 10:00-12:30pm. We'll be going over the fundamentals of catching, cleaning, cooking and eating fish. Taught by Jerry Mattson at the Bowns Farm (1687 100th Ave, Aledo). Lunch is included. Bring a pole and tackle if you have them.



Jr. High Girls Study - Girls in grades 6th and up are invited to join us Mondays from 6-7pm in the Enon Room for a small group study. The current study is Matchless on the life and love of Jesus. This study is taught by Vickie Korn and Rhonda McKinley. Girls can jump in any time.



Jr. High Back to School Bash - Students in grades 6th - 8th are invited to join us Wednesday, August 10th from 6-8pm for our Back to School Bash. We will be meeting in the back yard here at the church and enjoying hot dogs, chips, smores, big birdie badminton, and gaga ball. Invite your friends for a great way to start off the new school year!



High School Back to School Bash - Students in grades 9th - 12th are invited to join us Sunday, August 14th from 6-9pm for our Back to School Bash. We will be meeting in the back yard here at the church and enjoying hot dogs, chips, s'mores, big birdie badminton, frisbee, and gaga ball. Invite your friends!



Kayaking & Picnic at Lake George - High School Students are invited to join us on Sunday, August 28th for kayaking and a picnic at Loud Thunder in Illinois City. We will meet at First Baptist Church at 2:45pm and leave the church at 3:00pm. Once we arrive at Lake George we will go on a 2-hour kayak journey and then enjoy a picnic together. We should be back to the church around 8:00pm. The cost is \$15 per student and this covers the kayaking and picnic. Sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com.

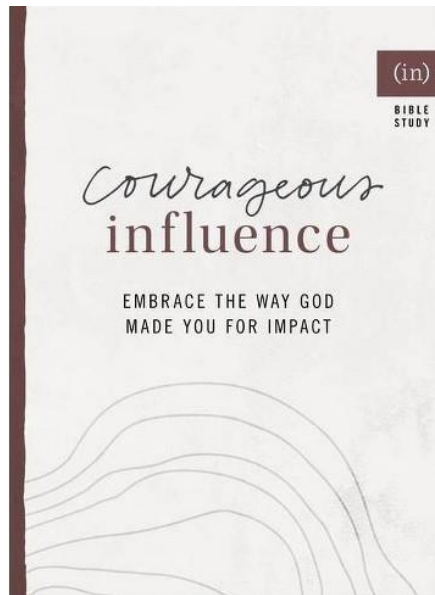


AXIS - FBC wants to help you navigate conversations with your teens around today's issues. We have partnered with Axis to provide you with a free membership to resources that will help you navigate conversations about culture, technology, faith, mental health, anxiety, identity, and hundreds of other 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



The Women's Ministry invites all ladies High School age and up to an evening in the sunflower field at Dandee Flowers August 9th at 6:30pm! Cost is \$25. Register at firstbaptistaledo.com



Wednesday Night Live Women's Studies!
Sept. 4th-Nov. 16th
6:30-8pm

Courageous Influence
Embrace the Way God Made You for Impact lead by Kim Quam at First Baptist and a **Verse by Verse Study** through the Bible lead by Sheri Olson at Laurie Louck's home. Register online at firstbaptistaledo.com

J.O.Y. Circle Gathering

All ladies are invited to the Joy Circle Gathering on Tuesday, Aug 23rd 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!

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



Journey Mother Daughter Retreat- Buchanan, MI Sept. 16th-18th



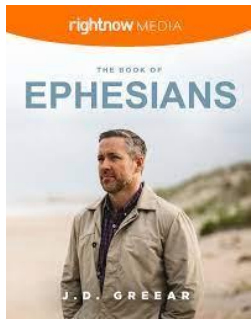
Journey Mother Daughter Retreat is a super-fun and impactful weekend to spend quality time learning from God's Word and growing together! This is recommended for daughters age 7-13.

Please register online at firstbaptistaledo.com, then housing and transportation will be coordinated by Crystal Clark. Deadline for registration is September 2nd. Cost is \$100 per Mom and \$50 per Daughter.



THRIVE Women's Retreat at Life Action Camp in Michigan is October 14-16. Are you ready to be refreshed by the Truth of God in your life and spend some amazing time with your sisters in Christ? Then make plans to join us at THRIVE! Please register online at firstbaptistaledo.com, then housing and transportation will be coordinated. Deadline for registration is September 30. Cost is \$100 per woman.

FBC Men's Ministry



**Wednesday Night
Live Men's Studies!
Sept. 4th-Nov. 16th
6:30-8pm**

JD Greear Men's Ephesians Study

Has it ever dawned on you that nothing has ever dawned on God? He knew before the world began that His people would face hardship, so He gave us His Word. The Book of Ephesians is a survival manual—it equips believers to thrive in a world that hates the message of Jesus Christ.

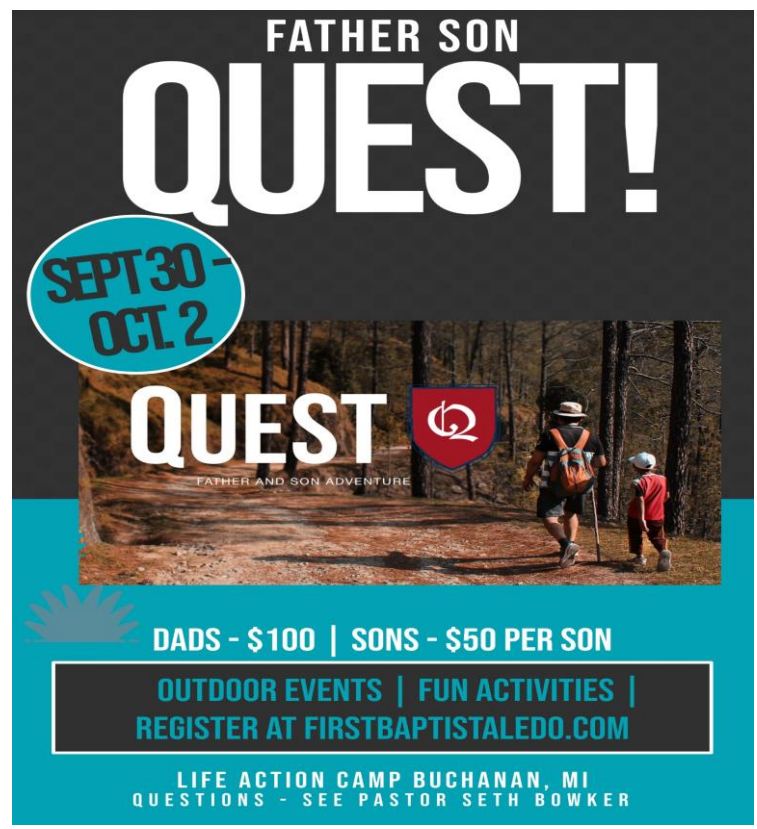
In 9 sessions, J.D. Greear digs into the text of Ephesians verse-by-verse and challenges believers to live out the gospel. If the people of your city, of your school, of your family are going to hear the gospel, it's going to be from your mouth. Encounter Ephesians, and get swept up into the story of Jesus.

Facilitated by Kevin Ricke. You can sign up online now at firstbaptistaledo.com.



Men's Momentum @ Life Action Camp Buchanan, MI

Food, fellowship, and spiritual recharging mark these men's time together. This retreat is designed for men ages 16 and older. Cost is \$100 and includes meals/lodging while at the conference. (*Actual cost is \$150 so if you can pay full amount it helps the budget.*) Departure time is Friday, Oct. 21st at 10am and we'll be back in Aledo on Sunday evening, Oct. 23rd. Sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com



QUEST Father Son Retreat-Buchanan, MI Sept. 30th-Oct. 2nd

Quest is a fun filled weekend for dads and their sons. These adventure weekends feature outdoor events jam packed with activities designed to help dads and sons reconnect. Spiritual principles are embedded into activities and athletic events to equip fathers and sons for the journey ahead. Sons should be at least 6 years old. Cost is \$100 per dad and \$50 per son. We will travel together in the church bus and head to Buchanan, MI Friday, Sept. 30th at 9am and we will return on Sunday, Oct. 2nd around 7pm. Register at firstbaptistaledo.com.

PRAISE IN THE PARK/YOUTH MISSION TRIP



Praise In The Park Family Fest!

We've planned a day of outdoor fun and we want your family to come to Aledo's Central Park - Sunday, September 4th from 9:30am-2pm for Praise In The Park Family Fest!

Join us for an Outdoor Worship service beginning at 9:30am, followed a performance by Illusionists David & Teesha Laflin. Beginning at 11am you can enjoy a delicious lunch of fried chicken or pork chops! After lunch, there will be live music, kids bring your swimsuit, towel and sunscreen as you'll have blast playing in our water Inflatables and mega foam machine! Older students invite your friends and have fun with a lively game of 9 Square In The Air, Gaga Ball & Big Birdie Badminton! Top the day off with a refreshing treat from Kona Ice! No need to sign up, just bring your lawn chair or blanket and join us in Aledo's Central Park on Sunday, September 4th for a day of FREE family fun! Sponsored by First Baptist Church of Aledo. Visit firstbaptistaledo.com for more details.

Nicaragua Youth Mission Trip 2023!

Every three years we plan a big mission trip for our high school students. Over the years our students have been to South Dakota, Honduras, and El Salvador serving God and others. We are excited to announce that Luke and Mollie will be leading a youth mission trip to Nicaragua in 2023. The planning is still in the beginning stages, but here is what we want you to know as we get ready.

Where: Nicaragua. 10 years ago we served in Nicaragua with missionaries Oscar and Tammy Gaitan, and they will be our hosts/leaders for this trip as well.

What: We will serve youth and families at 5 different mission churches in and around Managua, Nicaragua.

Who: We have availability for up to 15 high school students who must qualify according to at least two criteria: Actively involved at FBC (regularly attends worship or Refuge or both), and has a testimony of saving faith in Christ.

When: We are planning this trip sometime during the Mercer County spring break schedule, i.e. March 11th-19th. Specific dates TBD.

How: If interested, please register on-line under the youth page. Mollie or Luke will contact you for further information. You will need a passport. If you don't already have one, we will help you with the application process.



CHURCH LIBRARY/WNL FOR KIDS

A graphic with the words "Thank You" in a yellow, cursive font, underlined with a white line, set against a teal background.

I want to thank everyone for their prayers for my healing and continued healing. I wish to thank everyone for the cards, visits and all the good food brought to me before I had surgery. I can't wait till I'm back in church with everyone!

Love, Vivian

GOT BOOKS!

Calling all readers! Church Library Changes!

As our church continues to grow, we are always looking for better ways to use all our spaces. We have decided it is time to turn the Church Library space into a classroom. Don't worry, we will still have study resources available but the majority of the books need to go to new homes. We would love for all the readers to come visit the library and take home what you want. Know a friend who is a reader? Invite them to stop by too! If you don't know where the church library is, go down the steps and it is the room at the foot of the steps on the right. The library will be open for free "shopping" August 2nd-5th from 8:30am-4pm as well as Sunday, August 7th from 8am-Noon.

Wednesday Night Live begins

Sept. 7th!

Each Wednesday from 6:30-8pm!

Programs for your kids!

We offer Kids Club Ministry for children 3 years old through 5th Grade. Kids Club is diving into the New Testament with Gospel Project and having lots of fun with friends, games, activities and snacks. Lead by Mollie Dunn & the Kids Club Volunteers

Refuge Student Ministry on Wednesdays is for Students Grades 6th-8th Grade. 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. High School Refuge is for students grades 9th-12th and meets on Sunday nights from 6-8pm. High School Students are welcome to join in on the **adult classes during Wednesday Night Live. Refuge is lead by Pastor Seth Bowker and the Refuge Volunteers.

Kids Ministry & Refuge Student Ministry are free to attend! Sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com.

**For a full listing of adult classes see the next page.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE ADULT CLASSES!

What is Wednesday Night Live?

WNL is a series of classes & programs for the whole family held at First Baptist. WNL runs from Wednesday, Sept. 7TH through Nov. 16th, 2022 each Wednesday night from 6:30-8pm. All classes and programs are free with the exception of the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University which costs \$60. Along with these adult classes which high school students can participate in, we offer Kids Club for kids 3 years old through 5th grade and Refuge Student ministry for 6th-8th grade. Sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com.



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Sept. 7th-Nov. 16th - 6:30-8pm @ FBC
Classes & Programs for kids and adults!
Cost \$60-Register at firstbaptistaledo.com

Adult Study
Dave Ramsey's
Financial Peace University



Taught by Jon & Lindsay Ricke

Financial Peace University

It's time to stop worrying about money! In *Financial Peace University*, you'll learn the proven plan to help you keep a budget, beat debt, and build wealth!

You can sign up for this class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace at fpu.com/1151643. Class cost is \$59.99 (per couple or single). **Please contact teachers Jon or Lindsay Ricke** for any questions you may have. Jon 309-945-3804 or Lindsay 256-520-7910.



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Women's Study
Courageous Influence

Embrace the way God made you for impact



Taught by Kim Quam

Courageous Influence – Women's Study

In today's social media-saturated world, the word influence conjures up images of beautifully curated Instagram feeds or women who lead from the stage and have thousands of followers. Influence has almost become synonymous with fame and power, and if we're honest, many of us long to have it. But in its purest form, influence is simply the capacity to affect change on someone. It is the ability to impact others for a certain purpose. And from a biblical perspective, influence is the right and responsibility of everyone who follows Christ.


Courageous Influence will guide you in the journey of living the impact you were made to have through this six-session study. Let's turn the world's idea of influence on its head and become the courageous women of influence God calls us to be. **Taught by Kim Quam.**



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Men's Study
JD Greear - Ephesians



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Ephesians by JD Greear – Men's Study

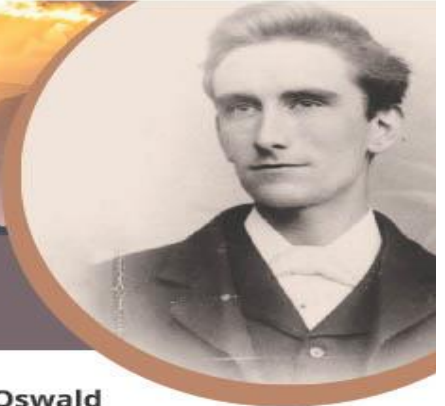
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Sunday Night Study on Prayer

THE POWER OF PRAYER

A Journey with Oswald Chambers

An 11-Week Bible Study Based on Oswald Chambers' Book, *If You Will Ask*



The Power of Prayer invites participants on a timeless journey with Oswald Chambers: out of the dry, dusty landscape of surface-level faith and into the vibrant, life-changing realm of knowing God. Only through this intimate, soul connection with God is prayer no longer elusive or tedious, but instead a powerful force in the life of a believer.

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” This Bible Study is a feast on God’s Word!

” This study has increased my trust and love in God while inspiring me to live by his teachings!

” Jill and Joy have taken the timeless wisdom of Oswald Chambers and made it accessible to modern readers.

” A perfect balance of scripture study and personal reflection--so encouraging, like having a friend along on the journey.
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The Power of Prayer: A Journey with Oswald Chambers is an in-depth 11-week Bible study that takes participants on a fascinating journey beyond their ordinary perceptions of prayer and into a world of spiritual depth and meaning. Authors Jill Holler and Joy Carter lead participants into the depths of Chambers' wisdom, guiding them on the pathway to knowing God more. Through clear explanations of Chambers' insight, as well as powerful testimonies of their own faith, the authors invite participants to discover the riches of prayer and reignite their passion for God. As Chambers asserts throughout his book, *If You Will Ask*, an intimate connection with God is where faith comes to life and prayer is no longer elusive or tedious; instead, it becomes a powerful force in the life of a believer.

About the Authors

Jill Holler and Joy Carter are twin sisters and Bible study leaders who have been transformed by the amazing grace of God. On their journey to knowing God more, they have been profoundly influenced by the writings of Oswald Chambers. Now their mission is to share his timeless wisdom with the current generation in order to ignite spiritual fire into the hearts of believers.

Contact Jill at jlholler1@gmail.com | Joy at joycarter0523@gmail.com



The Power of Prayer Class – 11 Week Study

Lead by authors Jill Holler & Joy Carter

Sunday Nights at First Baptist beginning Sept. 11th

6-8pm in the Enon Room

Open to all adults

Register online 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 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!***

