

First Baptist Church News!



October | 2022

“Go, make disciples....” ~ Matthew 28:19

It may surprise some people, but the command in the great commission is not “to go”. The typical translation is “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” The word for “go” in the original language would be better translated, “as you go” or “wherever you happen to go” or “as you are going”. The command is to make disciples, and the implication is that everyone can and should do this wherever they go, or wherever they happen to be. Over the next few months we are going to learn what “discipleship” means. Here’s a hint, it’s the state of being a disciple. As we kick off this new series we are bringing in a discipleship expert. Bill Allison has dedicated his life and ministry to the disciple-making process. He founded a ministry called Cadre Missionaries, which helps teach and train people how to be disciples who make disciples who make disciples, ad infinitum... you get the idea. He will be preaching on October 2nd to introduce the idea of

disciple making. Then, on October 8th Bill will return for a conference/workshop/training that will help us to dig a little deeper into the disciple making life. After that we will spend the next several months learning all the things the Bible says about what it means to live the Christian life and how to grow into the kind of disciples Jesus called us to be. A disciple is someone who learns from Jesus and follows Him in order to be more like Him. Thankfully we have the amazing gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us in the process and the great gift of grace that means no matter how slow we are to learn or how often we fail, God continually forgives us and sees us as His children. I’m excited to see how God grows us into disciples and disciple makers over the next few weeks and months. If you haven’t signed up for the discipleship training, it’s not too late to do so. We’d love to have everyone possible join us for a fun and important time together next Saturday.

In Christ,
Pastor Luke

2022 Giving

Total giving through 9/18/2022:

\$474,185.31

**Giving needed to meet
2022 budget to date: \$444,937.82**

KIDS CLUB MINISTRY



Kids Club: Oct. 12th

CRAZY
Hair & Relays



Kids Club: K-5th Grade
Outdoor Movie
Wed. Oct. 26th 6:30-8:10pm

*Pre-K movie will be indoors.
*K-5th Grade kids need to
dress for the weather and they
can bring a lawn chair, blanket,
& pillow.



Invite your friends anytime. Have them
pre-register at www.firstbaptistaledo.com or via
Mollie at 309-371-6962 before they come.



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



Family Talk & Donuts

Sunday, Oct. 30th 9-9:45am

Special Guest: Pregnancy Resource Center
Grab a donut & join us in the sanctuary to learn all about
this amazing ministry that serve the greater QCA.
Nursery will be provided. Grade 6+ Adults

Kids PJ, Movie, & Donut Party

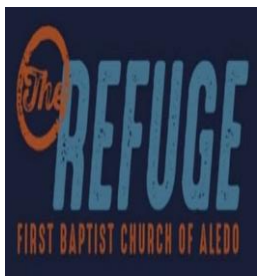
Kids ages 3-5th Grade are invited to
wear their PJs & join us in the youth
room for donuts & a movie from 9-
10am. *Please pick-up kiddos at
10am in the youth room.



Family Talk & Donuts

Grab a donut & join us in the sanctuary on Sunday, Oct. 30th to learn about the Pregnancy Resource Ministry during the SS hour (9-9:45am). Nursery will be provided. No regular Sunday School classes on this Sunday. Kids ages 3-5th grade are invited to join us for a PJ, Movie & Donut party in the youth room from 9-10am. Check-in and bring them to the basement at 9am. They will get their donuts in the youth room. Pick-up is in the youth room at 10am.

Refuge Student Ministry



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 - High School students meet on Sunday nights from 6-8pm, doors open at 5:45pm. There will be NO High School Refuge on Sunday, Oct. 30th. Instead, we encourage all High School Students to join us out at the Castor's from 4-6pm for Family Day on the Farm.

Jr. High Refuge - Junior High School students (6th-8th grade) meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8pm, doors open at 6:15pm.



Boom Sisters - Girls in grades 6th and up are invited to join us at FBC on Saturday, Oct. 8th from 2:00-3:30. Vickie Korn's will be teaching us about money stewardship.

Bold Brothers - Bold Brothers will not meet in October.

Refuge 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. We are finishing up our "Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus" study. Beginning October 10th, we will start a new study titled *True Princess* by Erin Davis. Girls can join at any time.

Refuge High School Girls' Study - Calling all High School girls! On Oct. 31st, we will be starting a new 6-week study called "The Lies Young Women Believe". With this study we will be diving in to uncover some of the most common lies that you hear and learning how to combat those lies with the truth of God. We will meet every Monday night from 6-8pm at Justina Abbadusky's home (408 NE 12th St, Aledo) and dinner will be included. Please go to our website or the Church Center App and click on 'Groups' to be part of this great study! This is FREE to attend.

Fall Retreat - Fall Retreat for Junior High and High School students will be Saturday, October 29th at Camp Summit. We are so excited to RESTore our souls in the presence of Jesus that weekend. Early Bird registration is now open. Please go to our website or the Church Center App and click on Signups to get all the details.

FCA is Meeting Weekly - Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets each Thursday at 7:15am in the Driver's Ed Room at Mercer County High School. All High School Students are welcome. Come for food and fellowship!



Nicaragua Youth Mission Trip 2023! Informational Meeting this Sunday, Oct. 2nd!

Pastor Luke and Mollie will be leading a youth mission trip March 11th-16th to Nicaragua in 2023. High School students & their parents are invited to join us for an info meeting before Refuge on Sunday, October 2nd at 5:30pm in the sanctuary. If you're attending, please contact Mollie Dunn or sign up on the mission trip link at www.firstbaptistaledo.com

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-16th.

How: If interested, please sign up online under the Student Ministry 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.



Flourish Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Fall Conference at FBC



FLOURISH Women's Ministry Event: Better Together

This gathering will be held
Saturday,
November 5th from 9am-Noon at
FBC.

Please join us for a time of growing
together in God's Word and
worship.

Snacks will be provided, but
childcare will not be offered at this
event. Sign up for this FREE event
start October 2nd - October 23rd at
firstbaptistaledo.com

J.O.Y. Circle Gathering

All ladies are invited to the Joy Circle Gathering on Tuesday, Oct. 25th 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!



Wednesday Night Live! Sept. 7th-Nov. 16th 6:30-8pm 2 Women's Studies

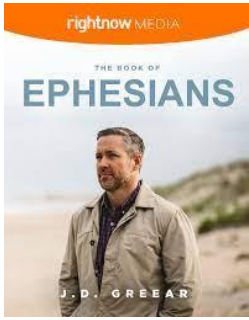
Courageous Influence Embrace the Way God Made You for Impact lead by Kim Quam at First Baptist.

Verse by Verse Study through the Bible lead by Sheri Olson at Laurie Louck's home. Bring your Bible and a notebook! Join online at firstbaptistaledo.com



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 sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com, then housing and transportation will be coordinated. Deadline for sign up is September 30. Cost is \$100 per woman.

FBC Men's Ministry & Guest Speaker



**Wednesday Night
Live Men's Studies!
Sept. 7th-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.

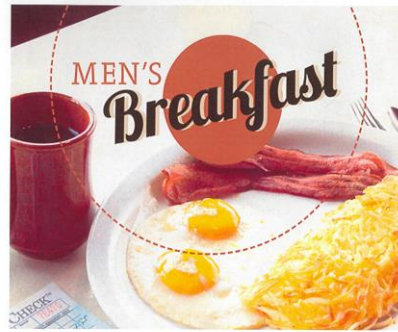
Facilitated by Kevin Ricke. You can join online now at firstbaptistaledo.com.



Men's Momentum @ Life Action Camp Buchanan, MI

Food, fellowship, and spiritual recharging mark this men's time together. Men are challenged and encouraged to lead their families with deliberate action, resisting the role of passive onlooker. Please join us on October 21st-October 23rd. We will leave from FBC Friday morning and return Sunday evening. Cost of this event is \$100 per person. You can register online at firstbaptistaledo.com.

Please note: This retreat is designed for men ages 16 and older.



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

The FBC Men gather together to eat breakfast at 7am each Sunday. We meet in the Berean Room downstairs behind the kitchen.

Join us for a time of food, fellowship and Bible study. No need to sign up, just show up.

Special Guest Speaker Sunday, October 2nd Bill Allison of Cadre Missionaries



Come listen to Bill Allison Sunday, Oct. 2nd at 8am or 10:15am. Bill is the Executive Director of Cadre Missionaries—whose mission is to make disciplers who make more disciplers. As a part of Bill's missionary role, he is the author/coauthor of Jesus-centric discipling books, resources and training experiences.

Bill's message for this Sunday is titled
"The Life God Has Always Wanted You To Have."
The message will be based on Mark 12: 28-31 &
1 John 4:19.

Volunteer Opportunities



Helping Hands Volunteers Needed

Our Fall Helping Hands is scheduled for Saturday, November 12th from 7:30am-Noon.

If you would like to volunteer, please signup online by going to our website or the Church Center App and clicking on Signups before November 5th.

Coats For the Cold Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help with our annual coat give-away.

We will need help Wed., Oct. 19th, Thu., Oct 20th & Sat., Oct 22nd. Please go to our website or the Church Center App and click on Signups to volunteer.



Community Thanksgiving

We will again be serving a free community Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 24th. We are looking for volunteers to serve in various capacities between 10am-1pm that day.

Please go to our website or the Church Center App and click on Signups to volunteer.

Youth Pastor/OCC Volunteers

Youth Pastor Search

Over the past couple months, I've been working with a small ad hoc committee to help with the youth pastor search. We've been blessed to consider a few candidates, but have narrowed the search down to one that we feel possesses the gifts, heart, experience and calling that we've been looking for. In a few weeks we will be introducing Austin Shields on Sunday November 6th. Austin has been a youth leader with Life Action Revival Ministries, and before that served as both intern youth minister and interim youth minister at a Baptist church in Texas.

We are excited to take this next step in the discernment process to determine if Austin is called to serve here at FBC. Please pray for him and for us as we seek God's will together. ~ Luke



OCC Collection Week

First Baptist Aledo is excited to once again be a Collection Site for Operation Christmas Child.

The 2022 National Collection Week is November 14th - 21st. We are looking for volunteers to help with the collection of shoeboxes from area churches and organizations. Please go to our website firstbaptistaledo.com or the Church Center App and click on Signups to volunteer.



Church Council Meeting – The FBC Church Council will meet Tuesday, Oct. 11th at 7pm.

FBC Quarterly Business Meeting-Sunday, Oct. 16th following the 10:15am Service. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

Coat Drive & Giveaway/Operation Christmas Child

The FBC Annual Coat Collection & Give-Away

FBC is hosting Coats for the Cold coat drive - We are collecting items to give away to anyone who has need. We will collect NEW or like new condition winter coats, scarves, mittens/gloves, hats, snow pants, and boots. Donations can be dropped off in the collection tote outside of First Baptist Church, Aledo from now thru Oct 19th. The giveaway will take place at First Baptist-800 NE 6th Ave. Aledo on Thursday, Oct. 20th from 5-7pm and Sat., Oct 22nd from 9-11am. There are no income guidelines. Items will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. No early distribution. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



Operation Christmas Child Kicks Off Sunday, Oct. 9th!

Operation Christmas Child uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world.

Beginning Sunday, Oct. 9th, you may pick up an empty OCC shoebox with instructions in the church lobby! Return your filled box by Sunday, Nov. 13th along with \$6 for shipping cost (check made payable to FBC with "OCC" in the memo). The Women's Ministry team pays the remainder of the shipping cost. The FBC Jr. High Sunday School is coordinating the OCC project this year! Questions, see OCC Coordinators Pam or Kevin Ricke.

Family Day on the Farm Sunday, Oct. 30th

All ages are invited to this church-wide event at Castor's Farm (1536 135th Ave., Aledo) on Sunday, October 30th from 4-6pm.

Drinks & S'mores will be provided. Please bring your own hot dogs/buns, a dish to pass and your lawn chairs. Come out and enjoy a wiener roast, bonfire, Fall Bingo with prizes & a Fall craft for the kids. No RSVP needed. Hope to see you there!



Disciple to Disciplemaker/Pastor Appreciation



DISCIPLE TO DISCIPLEMAKERS

Free to Attend

OCT. 8TH
8:30AM-1PM
FIRST BAPTIST ALEDO

JOIN US
800 NE 6TH AVE. ALEDO
SIGN UP AT:
FIRSTBAPTISTALEDO.COM

Speaker Bill Allison
Cadre Missionaries

For anyone interested in learning how to be a disciple of Jesus - who makes more disciples of Jesus.

Join us at FBC for a Disciples to Disciplemakers Conference October 8th from 8:30am-1pm

Free working lunch provided

Paul says in 1 Corinthians 4:20 "For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk, it is living by Gods power."

What might that look like in your everyday life? Bill Allison from Cadre Ministries will share with us three simple, but potentially life changing, ways for us to invest our lives in sharing Jesus-like life with friends, family, co workers and others God places in our paths.

Come join us on Saturday October 8th, in the Church Sanctuary, 8:30am – 1 pm (includes a working lunch). This event is free and open to adults and teens. You can register online at firstbaptistaledo.com or by calling the church office at 309-582-7812.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ALEDO

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE FALL '22

Classes for the whole family!

DETAILS AND JOIN AT
firstbaptistaledo.com

SEPT. 7-NOV. 16
WEDNESDAYS
6:30PM-8PM

KIDS CLUB
REFUGE JR. HIGH
NURSERY

ADULT/HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES
-Financial Peace U
-Men's Ephesians
-Women's Courageous Influence
-Women's Verse by Verse Bible Study

What is Wednesday Night Live?

WNL is a series of classes & programs for the whole family held at First Baptist. WNL continues to run 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 \$59.99.

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. Join online at firstbaptistaledo.com.

Pastor Appreciation Month A note from Pam

Did you know the month of October is designated as Pastor Appreciation Month? We are so blessed here at First Baptist to have wonderful pastors. Although they prefer not to be in the spotlight as they faithfully and humble serve and lead us, let's take time to let them know how much we love and appreciate them.

First and foremost, please remember to pray for our pastors. I know they will appreciate that greatly! Second, if you would like to show your appreciation for Pastor Luke & Mollie & Pastor Seth and Denise and their families, I will have a greeting card collection box at the Welcome Desk where you can drop off a card of encouragement to our pastors. Let me know if you have questions. Thanks for helping pray and appreciate our Pastors!

Pam Ricke



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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!***

A flyer for the "Disciple to DiscipleMakers" event. It features a red and orange color scheme. At the top, it says "DISCIPLE TO DISCIPLEMAKERS" in bold white letters. Below that, it says "Free to Attend" in white letters. There are four orange circles with white hearts inside. On the left, there is a calendar icon with "OCT. 8TH" and a clock icon with "8:30AM-1PM". Below that is a location pin icon with "FIRST BAPTIST ALEDO". On the right, there is a circular portrait of a man with a beard, identified as "Speaker Bill Allison" and "Cadre Missionaries". At the bottom, there is a "JOIN US" button and a sign-up link: "SIGN UP AT: FIRSTBAPTISTALED0.COM". A small text at the bottom right says: "For anyone interested in learning how to be a disciple of Jesus - who makes more disciples of Jesus."