

November 20th, 2022

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Mark Your Calendar

11.20

Special Business Meeting 11:45am

Power of Prayer Class 6pm

High School Refuge 6pm

11.24

Community Thanksgiving Dinner 11am

11.25

Church Office Closed

11.26

Couples Game Day 1-5pm

11.27

High School Refuge 6pm

11.29

J.O.Y. Circle 6pm @Joe's Trattoria

Women's Bible Study - Immanuel 7-9pm

11.30

Women's Bible Study - Immanuel 9-11am

Jr. High Points Winners' Night 6:30pm

12.4

Communion Sunday

12.6

Women's Bible Study - Immanuel 7-9pm

12.7

Women's Bible Study - Immanuel 9-11am

Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday 8:30am-4pm.

The office is closed on Mondays. Pastor

Seth is available by appointment.

Website: firstbaptistaledo.com

Order of Worship

Opening Song

Prayer & Announcements

Worship Set

Message

Invitation



Today's Message

“Instructions For Disciples”

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Pastor Luke Dunn

Welcome! It's great to have you here! Wherever you are on your faith journey, we would love to help you take your next steps. **First time here?** Please pick up a *welcome* bag at the Welcome Desk in the lobby following today's service. Have questions or want to register for a class or event? Following today's service Pam and Jenny will be in the lobby to answer questions or you can call the office any time during the week at 309-582-7812. More info at www.firstbaptistaledo.com for more information.

Ways To Give Your Offering

We no longer pass the offering plate during our services. Instead, we invite you to give in one of these 4 ways:

- **OFFERING BOX** - You may leave your offering in the white offering box in the lobby or at the sanctuary door exits.
- **GIVE ONLINE** - Visit our website firstbaptistaledo.com/give
- **TEXT GIVING** - Text the amount of your donation to 84321. When you initiate your first Text2Give donation, you will need to tap the setup link to complete the one-time registration.
- **MAIL** - You may write a check and mail it to First Baptist Church – 800 NE 6th Ave. Aledo, IL 61231

Kids Ministry News

Welcome Families With Young Children!-During the 10:15am service, we offer a nursery for children infant-2 years old and Kids Worship for kids ages 3-5th grade. Kids will sit with their families until they are dismissed out the lobby doors before the message. Pick-up: Please present your family's security label at all locations when picking up your children immediately following the worship service.

Sunday School Christmas Special Practice has started-The Pre-k-5th grade classes are singing with the Praise Team at the beginning of the 10:15am service on Sunday, Dec. 11th. Classes are practicing every Sunday until they sing. Parents are asked to have kids in the Fellowship Hall at 9am. Thanks!

Refuge Student Ministry News

High School Refuge -High School students (9th-12th grade) meet on Sunday nights from 6-8pm, doors open at 5:45pm. There will be no High School Refuge on Sunday nights from Dec. 4th - Jan. 1st.

Jr. High Refuge-Junior High School students (6th-8th grade) meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8pm, doors open at 6:15pm. There will be no Jr. High Refuge on Wednesday nights from Nov. 23rd - Jan. 4th.

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 studying "True Princess" by Erin Davis. Girls can join at any time. We will not meet in December.

FCA is Meeting-Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets each Thurs. at 7:15am in the Driver's Ed Room at MCHS. Open to all High School students.

Boom Sisters - We will not meet in December.

Bold Brothers-Boys in grades 6th and up are invited to join us Sat., Dec. 10th from 10-11:30am at FBC. We'll have a cooking class with Marjie Earl.

Jr. High Points Winners' Night -The winners of our Point Challenge ARE THE GIRLS and we will be celebrating on Wednesday, November 30th from 6:30-8:00pm. We'll enjoy a night of food, games, and hide-and-seek here at the church.

Adult Ministry News

Church Business Meeting-The FBC Special Business Meeting is TODAY following the 10:15am Service. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

Community Thanksgiving Meal-FBC is sponsoring free Thanksgiving meals on Thu., Nov. 24th to our community. We will offer deliveries (11:30am-12:30pm), pick up at FBC (11:30am-12:00pm), and dine-in at the Senior Center (11:00am). We only have 200 hundred meals, so please RSVP early. RSVP by calling the Church office at 309-582-7812 or by going to our website or the Church App and clicking on Signups.

Christmas gifts for the Local Nursing Home Residents-Your unwrapped gifts may be placed in the boxes marked NURSING HOME GIFTS in the lobby through Dec. 15th at 10am. A detailed gift list can be found in the lobby. We will pack gifts on Dec. 15th at 10am in the church lobby and will need volunteers to help assist with the packing.

Immanuel - God With Us (Isaiah 7:14) Women's Bible Study-Taught by Britni Ewing. Take four weeks to prepare your heart to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This will be a study focusing on Jesus' birth and the events surrounding His birth. Class supplies: Bring your Bible and a notebook or three ring binder. We'll meet in the Enon room. TWO Class Options - either Tuesday nights from 7-9pm starting Nov. 29th OR attend on Wednesdays Nov. 30th - Dec 21st from 9-11am. Childcare available by reservation at firstbaptistaledo.com. Please sign up by Nov. 23rd.

Couples' Game Day-Couples are invited to join us Saturday, Nov. 26th from 1-5pm in the Fellowship Hall for a fun afternoon of playing games. Please bring your favorite card/board game and an appetizer to share. There is no need to sign up, just show up ready to have a great time of fellowship.

J.O.Y. Circle Christmas Party- Please note, this date is not the normal Tuesday and also a different location. This Christmas gathering is the final event for J.O.Y. Circle for 2022. J.O.Y. Circle will gather at 6pm on Nov. 29th at Joe's Trattoria Pizzeria in Aledo. We will order from the menu. Please bring a paper product for the food pantry as well as a \$5 gift exchange.

Women's Ministry Small Groups for 2023-Are you ready to deepen your relationship with Christ, while also growing in community with others? Small groups will be going through FLOURISH: A Mentoring Journey Year 2 starting in January, which explores what Scripture says about womanhood, stewardship, suffering, hospitality and more. All ladies need to register by Dec. 4th at firstbaptistaledo.com, even if you have been in the program before.

Grief Share Surviving the Holidays-Our Surviving the Holidays 1 night seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. Joe & Kathy Olson will lead this class on Wednesday, Dec. 11th at 6pm in the Enon Room. Sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com

Christmas Poinsettia-We will be placing poinsettias in the sanctuary "In Memory Of" loved ones. Sign up on today's Connect Card or call the church office 309-582-7812 no later than Sunday, Dec. 4th. Cost is \$10. Checks can be made payable to FBC with Poinsettia in the memo.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed-On Saturday, Dec. 17th from 9am-7pm FBC has been asked to provide bell ringers for the Salvation Army Kettle at the Aledo Walmart. There are ten - 1 hour slots that need to be filled. The sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Desk in the Lobby or call the church office.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service-Celebrate Christmas at FBC by inviting your friends and family to join us on Saturday, Dec. 24th at 7pm for our special Christmas Eve Candlelight service. This is always a beautiful and moving service. There will be no official nursery on Christmas Eve, however, we will live stream the service in there if you and your kiddos need to use it.

Celebrate Christmas morning at FBC- On Sunday, Dec. 25th we will have one combined service at 9am along with nursery. Pastor Luke will be sharing a special Christmas message. *No Sunday School, No Kids Worship, No 8am & No 10:15am service on Dec. 25th.

Connect Card - Sign Up & Tear Off!

We would love to connect with you! Please complete and tear off this Connect Card and leave it with Pam at the Welcome Desk in the lobby following today's service.

If you aren't receiving the FBC Newsletter or want to sign up for one of the options below, please fill in the information below.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ OR to receive our newsletter via e-mail leave your e-mail address: _____

_____ Poinsettia -If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one, please complete the information below and drop this card off at the Welcome desk in the lobby or in the white Offering Box. Cost \$10. Checks to FBC, put "Poinsettia" in the memo.

From _____

In Memory of _____