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Mark Your Calendar

3.19

Baby Dedication Sunday
High School Refuge 6pm

3.22

WNL/Jr. High Refuge/Kids Club 6:30-8pm

3.25

Women's Ministry Think Tank Meeting 9am
Young Adult Group @ Clarks 7pm

3.26

Baptism Sunday
High School Refuge 6pm

3.28

J.O.Y. Circle 7pm

3.29

WNL/Jr. High Refuge/Kids Club 6:30-8pm

4.1

Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Event 8:30am-4pm

4.2

Communion Sunday
Decluttering by Faith Study 3:30pm

4.7

Easter Event @Central Park 9:30-11am

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

Baby Dedication (10:15am)

*Robert Lewis McCutchan &
Graham Robert Ricke*

Announcements

Worship Set

Message

Invitation

**FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH**

ALEDO, ILLINOIS

March 19th, 2023

Today's Message

"Gauge Growth"

Romans 8:31-38

2 Peter 1:3-4

Pastor Seth Bowker

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 infant-2 years old and Kids Worship for kids ages 3 years thru 5th grade. Pick-up is in the Fellowship Hall right after service. A cry room with the televised service is available at the end of the hallway; last door on the right.

Kids Worship News - Now through April 2nd, kiddos will check-in & go straight to Kids Worship in the youth room to practice for the Palm Sunday Kids' Special. SS teachers will take kids straight to Kids Worship. Pick-up as usual. Family Worship will resume Easter Sunday.

Kids Club - All kids ages 3 years old through 5th grade are welcome to join us for Kids Club on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:10pm through March 29th. New friends can register at www.firstbaptstaledo.com. *No Kids Club March 15th.

Hidden Acres Camp - We're sending kids going into grades 4th-8th grade to camp June 4th-9th. Pick up an info pack in the lobby behind kids' check-in or talk to Mollie for more details!

Easter Candy Collection - We need lots & lots of individually wrapped Easter candy for our Family Easter Event on Good Friday, April 7th. Please leave donations in the designated basket in Mollie's office by April 1st. Candy is going in a candy launcher so candy can be any size/shape. Thanks for your help!

Refuge Student Ministry News

High School Refuge - High School students (9th-12th grade) meet on Sunday nights from 6:00-8:00pm, doors open at 5:45pm.

Jr. High Refuge - Junior High students (6th-8th grade) meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00pm, doors open at 6:15pm.

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. Join at any time.

Boom Sisters - Boom Sisters is for girls in grades 6th and up and is about friendship, learning and creating. Join us at FBC on Sat., April 15th from 10am - 12pm

CIY MOVE - CIY MOVE is June 25th- July 1st at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. MOVE is intended for students who will have completed grades 8th - 12th. The cost is \$195 per student. Please sign up on our church website or in the Church App by April 23rd.

CIY MIX - MIX is for students who will have completed grades 5th - 7th. This year we are headed to Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana July 9th - 14th. The cost is \$180 per student. Please sign up on our church website or in the Church App by May 7th.

Adult Ministry News

Women's Ministry Think Tank - All ladies are invited to the meeting on Saturday, March 25th at 9am in the Enon Room. These meetings are designed to help plan and brainstorm FBC Women's Ministry events for the year. Questions, see Crystal Clark or Peggy Johnson.

J.O.Y. Circle - All ladies are invited to the J.O.Y. Circle Gathering on Tues., March 28th at 7pm in the Enon Room. Come join us for fun, fellowship and a devotion.

Iron Sharpens Iron-Early Bird Discount Ends Today!-This Men's Conference is April 1st from 8:30am-4pm at Coram Deo Bible Church, Davenport, IA. Specific to men of all ages 13+. **Keynote Speaker** - Stephen Kendrick. Cost \$59/adults \$43/students. Sign up at firstbaptstaledo.com.

Upcoming Men's Study-Play The Man - Somewhere along the way, our culture lost its definition of manhood, leaving generations of men to be confused about their roles, responsibilities, relationships, and the reason God made them men. In this inspiring call to something greater, Mark Batterson helps men understand what it means to be a man of God by unveiling seven virtues of manhood. This 4-week study is hosted by Kevin Ricke and begins April 5th. We'll be meeting in the Enon Room at 6:30pm. Register online at firstbaptstaledo.com.

Decluttering by Faith Women's Study - Feeling overwhelmed with all your stuff? Want accountability to help you to simplify your home? Let's dig deeper as to why our stuff is not making us happier or satisfied in life. Starting Sun. April 2nd, join in on a 12-week devotional, taught by Karyn Smith, that will help us understand what God's word says about all these things. We'll meet in the Lower Enon Room, 3:30-4:30pm. Signup by visiting our website and clicking on Groups.

Men's Momentum Retreat is April 14th-16th in Buchanan, MI at Life Action Camp - Departure time is Friday, April 14th at 10am and we'll be back in Aledo on Sunday, April 16th in the early evening. Cost is \$100 which includes the conference, accommodations, and meals at the retreat. The actual cost for Momentum is \$150, so if you can pay the full amount it helps with the Men's Ministry budget. Deadline to register is April 7th. Housing and transportation will be coordinated after the registration deadline. Questions see Austin Shields or Kevin Ricke.

Life Action Retreats coming up for women and moms and daughters - THRIVE Women's Retreat - April 21st-23rd. Cost is \$100 per person. JOURNEY Mother/Daughter Retreat - April 28th-30th. Recommended for daughters age 8-13. Cost is \$100 per Mom and \$50 per daughter. More info can be found at firstbaptstaledo.com. Please register with the church at firstbaptstaledo.com, then housing and transportation will be coordinated.

Easter Lilies - If you would like to honor a loved one by placing an Easter Lily in the sanctuary, sign up on the Connect Card by March 26th. Cost is \$10.

Maundy Thursday Service - Join Pastor Seth Thursday, April 6th at 7pm in the sanctuary as he shares a message that commemorates the Last Supper.

Celebrate Easter at FBC - Easter Sunrise Service - Join Pastor Austin on April 9th at 6:30am in the Sanctuary. Pastor Luke will be sharing a special Easter message at 8:00am & 10:15am. Please be in prayer about who you can invite. Easter invite postcards can be found at the Welcome Desk.

Easter Breakfast - Join us for a free Easter breakfast following the Easter Sunrise Service (around 7am) on April 9th in Fellowship Hall. Breakfast Menu - Breakfast Casserole, Fruit Cup and Danish. Gluten Free Options available. RSVP at firstbaptstaledo.com.

Baby Shower For Lela Farris-The ladies of the church are invited to a baby shower for Lela Farris at the Legion in Aledo on March 25th from 2-4pm. Baby boy will be in attendance so only plan to attend if you are feeling well. This is a gift card shower and if you bring either cloth diapers or Hello Bello diapers and wipes you will be entered into a prize drawing. There will be cake, refreshments and silly games. Come celebrate the newest Farris baby with us! Hope to see you there!

Couples' Game Day - Couples are invited to join us Saturday, April 15th from 1-5pm in the Fellowship Hall for a fun afternoon of playing games. Please bring your favorite card game or 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.

Helping Hands - Our Spring Helping Hands is Saturday, April 22nd from 7:30am-Noon and we could use your help! If you would like to volunteer, please sign up online by going to our website or the Church Center App and clicking on Signups.

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: _____

Easter Lily - If you would like to honor a loved one with an Easter Lily, please complete the info below:

From _____ In Memory Of _____