

FREEDOM IN CHRIST

GALATIANS 5:1



The kids raised a total of \$1,718.40 for the School Supply Shop. We had a very generous donor come forward and match all the kids raised up to \$1,000. So that gives us \$2,718.40 total for the School Supply Shop!

Thanks for a Stellar week at VBS!!
~ Pastor Seth & Miss Denise

Huge thank you VBS helpers and supporters!

- Monday we had 113 kids and 55 helpers.
- Tuesday we had 117 kids and 53 helpers.
- Wednesday we had 110 kids and 51 helpers.
- Thursday we had 116 kids and 56 helpers.
- +20 volunteers who helped with decorating!



**Total Giving Through
6/18/23:
\$366,513.93**

**Giving Needed To Meet
2023 Budget To Date:
\$308,560.75**

KIDS CLUB MINISTRY

FREE

SCHOOL SUPPLY SHOP

School Supply Shop – FBC is hosting a FREE School Supply Shop on Saturday, July 29th from 10:00am-12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is intended for our church families and families who live in the MC School District. No income requirements. Single parents, foster parents, and grandparents raising grandkids are encouraged to attend. First come, first served.

School Supply Shop Donations – We are currently accepting donations of large/full-size backpacks for our free School Supply Shop. Please leave new or gently used backpacks in the KidMin office no later than July 23rd.

School Supply Shop Volunteers - Adult volunteers are needed to be personal shoppers at our free school supply shop on Saturday, July 29th from 10am-12:30pm. Please sign-up online at firstbaptistaledo.com or in the Church App before July 22nd.

SAVE-THE-DATE EVENTS

Praise-in-the-Park

Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 27th for another fun time at Central Park including worship, music, food, & lots of fun for for the whole family.

Kids Club

All kids ages 3 years old-5th grade are invited to join us for Kids Club on Wednesdays this fall from 6:30-8:10pm starting September 6th - November 15th. Registration will open in August.

"MERCOC FAMILY SUMMER FUN"

www.facebook.com/groups/mercofamilysummerfun23/

Play group dates below, but there are SO many more family dates and activities on our Facebook page!

July 11- Viola Park
July 18- New Boston Splashpad
July 22- Schweibert Splashpad
July 27- ROE Summer Fest @ Aledo Pool, *TBA*
Aug 1- Sherrard Park
Aug 8- Memorial Park
Aug 15- Monmouth Splashpad

9-11 AM
unless marked differently

All families (with kids of all ages) are welcome to attend these, moms/dads/grandparents or sitters, too. Just make sure you have an adult who will stay to play with your kids!

Thank you for your support:



Edwards River Public Library

SCAN ME



RAIN OR SHINE, COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE!
BYO SNACKS/SUNBLOCK/SWIM GEAR FOR SPLASHPAD DATES

Refuge Student Ministry

REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY

High School Refuge – High School students (9th-12th grade) will meet every Sunday in July from 6:00-8:00pm, doors open at 5:45pm.

Jr. High Refuge - Junior High students (6th-8th grade) meet on Wednesday nights on July 19th & 26th from 6:30-8:00pm, doors open at 6:15pm. On July 5th, we're having a Refuge Hangout at the Mercer County YMCA. See details below. There will be no Refuge on Sunday, July 12th as the Jr. High Students will be at CIY Summer Conference.



Refuge Hangout - All students 6th-12th grades are invited Wednesday, July 5th from 6-8 PM to the Mercer County YMCA. Food and games and fun in the gym! Please register online or the app today.



FUSE - FUSE is all of Refuge coming together to worship the Lord! We will be going through a series on unification of Christ while being set apart from the world. Our next FUSE event is Sunday, August 13th from 6-8pm. Doors open at 5:30pm. For 6th-12th grades! No need to sign up just come & invite your friends.



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.

Flourish Women's Ministry



J.O.Y. Circle

Meets Tuesday,
July 25th at
7pm in the
Enon Room.

All ladies are
welcome to
attend.

Join us for J.O.Y. Circle!

All ladies are invited to the Joy Circle Gathering on Tuesday, July 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!



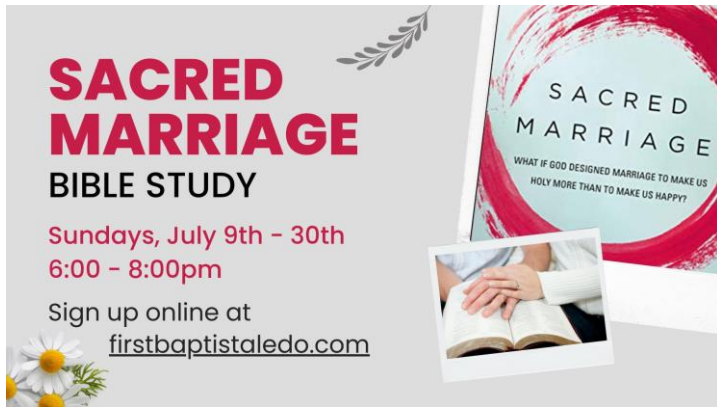
Join us for Ladies Night Out!

The FBC Flourish Women's Ministry invites all women of the church High School age and up to a casual evening of fun, food and fellowship held at the Aledo Fire Station Friday, July 21st at 6pm.

We will have a nice dinner together that you don't have to cook, plus some inspiring testimonies. Cost is \$10 per person, and you can sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com. Deadline to register is July 7th.



More Upcoming Events



Sacred Marriage Bible Study

Couples are invited to join us from 6-8pm on Sunday nights July 9th-30th as we learn how God can use marriage as a discipline and a motivation to reflect more of the character of Jesus. This Marriage Study will be taught by Steven & Felicia Bonyne. Please sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com or click on Sign Ups in the Church App.



Happy Birthday Ron McNall! You are invited to Ron's party!

Please join Ron McNall and his family as we celebrate his 95th birthday at a birthday party open house. The event will be on Saturday, July 15, 2023, between 1:00 and 4:00 pm at The Depot, 204 SE 2nd Ave, Aledo.

Ron has been a resident of Mercer County for his entire life. Before retiring, he was a local businessman and was once named "Aledo Businessman of the Year." He was elected to the Aledo City Council and served as Mercer County Coroner for 24 years. He was an active member of the Exchange Club and a former President of Oakview Country Club. Ron is a member of the Aledo Masonic Lodge, having served as Master and Secretary of the organization. He is a member of the Aledo First Baptist Church. Ron is a U.S. Army veteran and is the proud parent of seven children, 10 grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren.

Ron would love to see his many friends at the Open House, however asks that there are no gifts.



You Are Invited! Graduation Party for Maddie Dunn!

You're invited to help us celebrate Maddie's High School Graduation on Sunday, July 30th at First Baptist. Pop in anytime between 2-4pm and enjoy some dessert while you visit.



FBC Building Informational Town Hall

Everyone is invited on Tuesday, July 25th at 6pm to an informational town hall meeting in the Sanctuary about our potential building expansion. The FBC building committee will be sharing an update about the project and you will be able to ask questions and share ideas. If you can't attend and have a question you would like to ask, please see FBC Building Committee Chair Aaron Struble.



Praise and Worship Night at FBC

Everyone is welcome to join us Sunday, July 2nd at 6:30pm as we lift up our voices in song and prayer at our Night of Praise and Worship. No need to sign up, just show up.

FBC Men's Ministry



2023
MEN'S ROOTED CONFERENCE

JULY 8, 2023
8:30AM-1:30PM
@FBC

BILL ALLISON
Speaker
Cadre Missionaries

Free to Attend & FREE T-Shirt if you sign up no later than June 10th!
Register at firstbaptistaledo.com

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ALEDO, ILLINOIS

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35.

Annual FBC Men's Rooted Conference Saturday, July 8th

8:30am-1:30pm at First Baptist

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35.

Men's Rooted is centered around the exploration of how to live the "one-another" as found in John 13:35. "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

What might that look like in your everyday life? Bill Allison from Cadre Ministries will take you to the very heart of friendships that flourish and multiply. You will leave with the One Another Living Guide that shares practical application pages and follow through ideas for taking back to those where you live, work and church. Bring your Bible and join us on Saturday July 8th, in the FBC Sanctuary from 8:30am – 1:30 pm (includes breakfast and lunch). Check in begins at 8am. This event is **FREE** to attend. Register online at firstbaptistaledo.com. Please note: This event is designed for men ages 13 and older.



Come & Enjoy!
MEN'S BREAKFAST
Food | Fellowship | Faith

7am
EVERY SUNDAY
BEREAN ROOM



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The Power to Change
HOW THE GOSPEL HELPS US
TO LIVE DIFFERENTLY

ONEKA MCCLELLAN
JENNIE ALLEN
MATT CHANDLER

The Power to Change – Men's Study

On Wednesday, July 19th a follow up 6 week learning opportunity begins. Do you believe you can actually change? Life change happens at the moment you begin a relationship with Jesus. You have been rescued. But what happens when daily temptations and distractions from following Jesus leave you feeling overwhelmed and stuck in the same discouraging patterns? This seven-week study with Jennie Allen, Matt Chandler, and Oneka McClellan will help you understand the work of the Holy Spirit in your life and the process of sanctification. There is no checklist to follow, but there is a daily act of surrender to a God who will continue to mold and shape you. The more you know God, the more you can live like him.

Change is possible because the gospel changes everything. Cost is free and you can register online at firstbaptistaledo.com. We will meet Wednesdays in the Enon Room at 6:30pm, this 6-week study is hosted by Kevin Ricke and begins July 19th.



RETREATS JUST FOR
MOMENTUM

Oct. 27th-29th

MEN'S MOMENTUM
@ LIFE ACTION CAMP
BUCHANAN, MI
REGISTER ONLINE @ [FIRSTBAPTISTALEDO.COM](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)

Food, fellowship, and spiritual recharging mark this men's time together at Men's Momentum at Life Action Camp. Men are challenged and encouraged to lead their families with deliberate action, resisting the role of passive onlooker.

Please join us on October 27th - October 29th. We will leave the FBC Friday morning and return Sunday 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. Tom Harmon is the speaker and spaces will fill up quickly. Sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com. Housing and transportation will be coordinated after registration. This retreat is designed for men ages 16 and older. For more information about Momentum, please visit the Life Action Camp website or contact Kevin Ricke or Troy Riddell.

More Upcoming Events



Praise In The Park
FAMILY FEST
Sunday, August 27th - 10am-2pm
Aledo Central Park
Free Admission - Open to the Public

WORSHIP | LUNCH | MUSIC |
INFLATABLES | GAMES

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Coming In August! FBC Praise In The Park

Mark your calendar and invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us in Aledo's Central Park on Sunday, August 27th from 10am-2pm for a day of worship, lunch, music and family fun!

Praise In The Park Line Up

10am—Praise & Worship Service.
11:15am— Delicious Lunch catered by Mercer Market.
12pm-2pm—Kids Fun Zone-Water & Bounce Inflatables, Snow Cones & Cotton Candy, Games for the Students & Music by FBC and the Terrill Sisters.



Raised to New Life! Baptism Sunday are scheduled for Sunday, July 23rd & Sunday, August 20th

If you have accepted Jesus and in a step of obedience want to be baptized, please see Pastor Seth Bowker for more information or call the church office at 309-582-7812 to set up an appointment to talk about your baptism.



Church Council will meet Tuesday,
July 11th at 7pm.

Quarterly Business Meeting-Sunday,
July 16th following the 10:15am service. Everyone is welcome at the Business Meeting.



Generation Celebration

TUESDAY **25** JULY
11AM - 1PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Enjoy delicious food, fun and fellowship. This event is designed for everyone age 65 & older in our church. It is free to attend but we need an RSVP. RSVP to the Church Office at 309-582-7812 or online at www.firstbaptistaledo.com



You're Invited to Marc & Dori Dewey's 45th Wedding Anniversary Open House



Saturday, August 12th from 1-4pm
Sherrard Fire Station -101 E. 1st St. Sherrard, IL
Informal Attire
Come celebrate with Marc & Dori and enjoy music, food, DJ and fun!

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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 10:30am each Sunday.
- 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.***

