



Hello Church Family!

This is Seth. As you read this, I'm praying that you are challenged, encouraged and strengthened by Jesus Christ. I'm a big fan of the Word of God so when two or three witnesses of a matter is shown to me, I know God is going to established a matter.

Three ways I saw God moving:

#1 - The message God laid on my heart was "You give them something to eat" the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000. Believing that when Jesus steps in, WATCH OUT!

#2 - I was handed an envelope Sunday morning before 8am service and I was told to forget about it and open it up sometime on Monday the 8th.

#3 - In response to the message, a person shared that God laid the building project on their heart and they gave money.

The message was the first witness that God laid on my heart about trusting Him even when the need is enormous or that the lack of supply is too small. At the 10:15am service, I mentioned the building project. Then Monday, I opened the envelope to find the letter with the scripture reference about loaves and fishes. God placed on this person heart the same scripture. Within this envelope

was \$600 for the building fund to start a "loaves and fishes" contribution. They gave \$100 per loaf and \$50 per fish. They were both made with good dough. LOL! As I shared the envelope story and the scripture, it was at that point that someone told me about #3. I learned that after Sunday's sermon God laid the building project on their heart and they gave money. I could clearly see and it still causes me to rejoice.

God is on the move to build something here at FBC. To me, He is building our hearts to trust Him and to keep striving together in unity. It's not all about what we build, where we build, how we build or why we build but it is all about WHO is building because unless the Lord builds it, we will labor in vain. God is establishing this build so let us rejoice together that He is moving and He is working in the heart of this Church to be on His team and come and see what He is doing. ALL ABOARD!

When you look over this Newsletter and see our budget and that we are above giving, don't stop giving! All the above and beyond portion is getting set aside for the building fund. Every dime every penny matters. When Jesus is in the mix and he has our hearts, WATCH OUT!?! With God, nothing is impossible! It is so much fun to see God just doing His thing. AMAZING!!!

Seth



**Total Giving Through
5/28/23:
\$330,594.16**

**Giving Needed To Meet
2023 Budget To Date:
\$271,533.46**

KIDS CLUB MINISTRY



sign up online at
firstbaptistaledo.com

Hey Kids! Join Us at FBC for Vacation Bible School!
June 19th - June 22nd

We're super excited to offer a free, 4-day Vacation Bible School the week of June 19th-22nd from 9:00-11:30am. Kids ages 3 to going into 5th grade are invited to join us for an out-of-this-world adventure! Kids will enjoy Stellar Bible Adventures, All-Star Games, Galactic Snacks, KidVid Cinema, and an Imagination Station; all while discovering what it means to shine Jesus' light!

VBS Service Project: The crews will be encouraged to raise \$1,600 for FBC's School Supply Shop at the end of July. Checks may be made payable to FBC with "School Shop" in the memo. Kids can bring their donations to the front of the stage after check-in.

Family Pool Party: We're ending our Stellar VBS week with a family pool party on Friday, June 23rd from 5:00-7:30pm at the Aledo Public Pool! We will have hot dogs, chips, and treats. This event is free and open to all ages. Please let us know on your registration if your family is attending. Friends are welcome.

VBS Program: Kids can show off what they learned at our VBS Program on Sunday, June 25th during the 10:15am.

Save-the-Date Events

Free School Supply Shop: Saturday, July 29th from 10:00am-12:30pm we will host a Free School Supply Shop here at FBC for students in Pre-K through 12th grades. There is no need to sign up for this event. Supplies will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

Praise-in-the-Park: Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 27th for another fun time at Central Park including worship, music, food, & lots of for for the whole family. More details will be announced soon.

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.

"MERCOT FAMILY SUMMER FUN"

www.facebook.com/groups/mercofamilysummerfun23/

SCAN ME

9-11 AM
unless marked differently

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

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

May 30- Joy Playground
June 6 - Edwards River Library Magic Show 10:30am
June 13- Seaton Park
June 20- Fenton Park
June 23- Family Swim Night @ Aledo Pool 5-7:30pm
June 27- Monmouth Splashpad

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

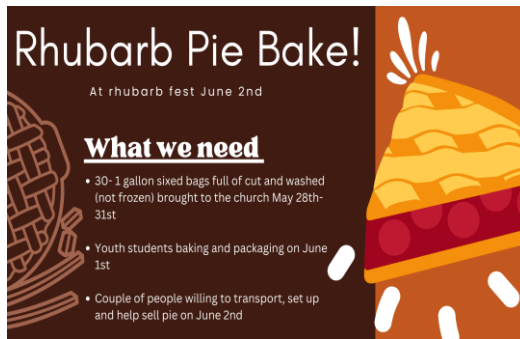
All families (with kids of all ages) are welcome to attend these, moms/dads/grandparents or sitters, too. Just make sure you have an adult who will stay to play with your kids!

Thank you for your support:

MOPS
Edwards River Public Library
Kids Club Ministry

Refuge Student Ministry

Refuge Student Ministry News



Rhubarb Fest Hey students, here's a fun, hands on project that we'd love your help with! The FBC students are selling pie by the slice again this year at Rhubarb Fest this Friday, June 2nd. We need pie bakers and packagers on Thursday, June 1st. We need a couple people willing to help with setup on Friday morning June 2nd. We also need sellers on Friday at the Festival (June 2nd). We are planning on working in shifts and will need a couple volunteers to help with clean up. Volunteers or questions contact Austin Shields (817)-630-5522 or austinshields95@gmail.com.

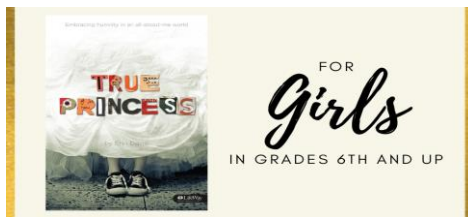
REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY

High School Refuge – High School students (9th-12th grade) will meet on Sunday, June 4th from 6:00-8:00pm, doors open at 5:45pm. We will not meet 6/18 & 6/25.

Jr. High Refuge - Junior High students (6th-8th grade) will not meet on Wednesdays in the month of June.



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, centered around 1 Corinthians 1:10. The dates are June 11th & August 13th from 6-8pm. Doors open at 5:30pm. 6th-12th grades are all welcome! No need to sign up just come and 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.



Boom Sisters – Thursday, June 8th we are headed to the Figge Art Museum to view The Life and Art of Charles M. Schulz exhibit. We will leave the church parking lot at 4:00pm and should be back around 7:30pm. The cost is \$5 paid at registration, which includes the exhibit, dinner at Chick-fil-A and ice cream. Please go to Sign Ups on our website or app to register for this event.



Bold Brothers - Boys in grades 6th and up are invited to join us on Saturday, June 24th from 8:45am-12:30pm. We will be heading out to the Korns Farm. Lunch is provided. Drop off and pick up at the church.

Flourish Women's Ministry



J.O.Y. Circle

Meets Tuesday,
June 27th 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, June 27th 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!

Thank You

Dear Helping Hands Ministry,

Thank you for coming to my home and cleaning leaves from the gutters (roof). It was a joy and a blessing to see you all. Barbara Nesbitt

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Bill & I would like to thank the "Helping Hands" group that took the time out of their busy lives to rake our yard. It was an amazing group of people. You did a great job. Thank you so much!
In Christ, Bill & Marsha Loving



All ladies high school age and older are invited to a casual evening of fun, food and fellowship!



All women of the church High School age and up are invited 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 on the church website. Deadline to register is July 7th.



Come support the Refuge Student Ministry by buying a slice of Rhubarb Pie. The Students will be selling pie by the slice during Rhubarb Fest on Friday, June 2nd from 11am-2pm under the Central Park Pavilion. All proceeds benefit the Refuge Student Ministry.

More Upcoming Events

SACRED MARRIAGE BIBLE STUDY

Sundays, July 9th - 30th
6:00 - 8:00pm

Sign up online at
firstbaptistaledo.com



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.



FBC Praise In The Park-Coming In August!

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—Worship Service

11:15am—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.



You Are Invited!

Graduation Party for Ashley Gochee. Join us Saturday, June 3rd from 3-6pm at the Gochee's 2822-170th Ave. Sherrard.

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.



The Church Office will be closed Friday, June 2nd as the staff will be at Aledo's Rhubarb Fest. The normal church office hours are Tuesday-Friday from 8:30am-4pm. If you need to reach us by phone the number is 309-582-7812.



Coming Up Next Month! 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.

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

ROOTED

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ALEDO, ILLINOIS

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 and you will receive a FREE T-shirt if you **register by June 10th**. Register online at firstbaptistaledo.com. Please note: This event is designed for men ages 13 and older.



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.



**1ST ANNUAL
FBC MEN'S
BBQ COMPETITION**

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH
@FBC
11AM JUDGING
NOON EATING

RSVP REQUIRED AT
FIRSTBAPTISTALEDO.COM

QUESTIONS.
SEE JOE OLSON!

**WIN a Man
CRATE!**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Men's BBQ Cook Off Competition!

Men there's a fun new event on Saturday, June 24th at 11am. The FBC Men's ministry will host a BBQ Rib Cook Off Competition here at FBC. Cost to enter is \$15. The Church family is invited to the church at noon on June 24th to eat the BBQ ribs. Cost to eat is by donation. RSVP to enter the competition or to eat at firstbaptistaledo.com. Competitors, after you RSVP to become a contestant, Joe Olson will contact you with more cook off details. Questions, call Joe Olson at 309-582-4511.

More Upcoming Events



Come To The Young Adult Group!

Are you a young adult looking to connect with others in our community? If so, we invite you to stop by our 'Young Adult Group' gathering. We're changing it up! We're moving to Friday nights and we'll meet on June 9th & 23rd. Different activities are being planned so text Kerri at 360-516-3432 or Matt Clark at 360-689-5581 so you can be added to the group text where we'll communicate the plans for each meeting.



Young Adult Sunday School Has Changed Rooms

Young Adults, are you looking for a Sunday School option just for you? A new Young Adults class has started, we are now meeting in the Lower Level Room #5, at the end of the hallway on the left-hand side. The class study topic is Authentic Faith and taught by Mike & Beth Bowns each Sunday at 9am. Jump in any time.



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.



FREE BASEMENT SALE!!!

We invite you to come shop for what you could use or need!

Everything is free!

Friday, June 30: 4:30-7:30 PM

and

Saturday, July 1: 8-11 AM



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Sign up online or at the church office

Donation Drop-offs: June 26-30

Mon/Wed/Fri 9-10:30am

Tues/Thurs 5:30-7:30pm



Our church is hosting our 2nd "free basement sale," Friday, June 30th from 4:30-7:30pm & Sat., July 1st from 8-11am. We will accept donated items for the sale from our FBC church family during the week of June 26-30th with morning and evening drop off options. All items at the sale will be free, and anyone in our community is welcome to come "shop" for things they need! Gently used adult or children's clothing, shoes, furniture, tools, toys, decor and more! We will need many volunteers to assist with this event. Sign up to volunteer any time that week online at firstbaptistaledom.com. Questions, see Kady Hofer.

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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.***

