



## Mark Your Calendar

12.3

Communion Sunday

FBC Security Team Meeting 11:30am

Deadline to order Poinsettias

Refuge & Revelation Study 6pm

12.4

God's Gals 6pm

12.10

Kids Christmas Program 10:15am

Refuge 6pm

Final Revelation Study 6pm

12.16

Salvation Army Bell Ringers 9am-7pm

12.17

Special Business Meeting 11:30am

Refuge Christmas Party – 6pm

12.19

Sort & Pack Nursing Home Gifts 10am

12.24

Combined Christmas Service 9am

No Men's Breakfast/Sunday School/8am or 10:15am

No Refuge

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7pm

### Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday 8:30am-4pm.

The office is closed on Mondays. Pastor

Seth is available by appointment.

Website: [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)

## Order of Worship

Opening Song

Prayer & Announcements

Worship Set

Message

Communion

Dec. 3rd, 2023

## Today's Message

Lie Detector Series

“People We Don’t

Understand ~

John The Baptist”

Mark 1:1-8

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 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](http://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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 old - 5th grade. Kids check-in & sit with their families until they are dismissed after the second song. Pick-up is in the Fellowship Hall right after service. A cry room with the live service is available at the end of the upstairs hallway; last door on the right.

**Kids Club**-Kids Club is finished for the fall session but mark your calendar for next session (January 24th-March 20th). All kids age 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us. Joining us for the first time? Registration is at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

**Kids Christmas Special**-The Kids Worship kiddos will be singing at the 10:15am service on Dec. 10th. Kids are asked to wear Christmas attire. SS classes will be taken to the front of the sanctuary at 10:05. Kids Worship kiddos walking in the door after 10 can check-in & meet us up front.

## Refuge Student Ministry News

**Refuge Announcements**-Refuge is for students grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, Sundays from 6-8pm. We need help stacking chairs in the sanctuary each Sunday following the 10:15am service. NO REFUGE December 24th and 31st, Merry Christmas!

**Youth Band!**-Students! If you play an instrument or are interested in learning how to dive deeper into worship, we would love for you to be a part of the youth band. If you are interested, please sign up online today!

**God's Gals**-Girls in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to join us Mondays from 6-7pm in the Enon Room for God's Gals Small Group Study. Our new study is called Jesus & Women. If you're new, join the group at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

**Refuge Christmas Party**-6th-12th graders are all invited to join us for our youth group Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm! Music, games, snacks, White elephant and an ugly Christmas sweater competition! So bring a white elephant gift not exceeding \$10 and wear the craziest and most outlandish Christmas sweater! Door open at 5:30pm.

## Adult Ministry News

**Security Team Meeting** – If you are currently a part of the FBC Security Team or you would like more information about joining the Security Team, please come to this meeting on today at 11:30am in the Enon Room. If you have questions about the Security Team, see Corey Smith.

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

**Kids Christmas Special on Dec. 10th**-The Kids Worship kiddos will be singing during the 10:15am service on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. The 8am service will be a regular service that day.

**2024 Women's Flourish Small Group Program**-Are you ready to deepen your relationship with Christ, while also growing in community with others? Registration is open through December 10th for the 2024 Women's Small Groups. Small groups will be going through GraceLaced: Discovering Timeless Truths through Seasons of the Heart starting in January, which encourages women in any circumstance to become deeply rooted in God's faithful promises. All ladies need to register, even if you have been in the program before. Small groups will decide when, where and how often they meet. Please register online at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com), and your group leader will be in contact with you in January. Questions, see Peggy Johnson or Crystal Clark.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringers**-On Sat., Dec. 16th from 9am-7pm FBC has the opportunity to provide bell ringers for the Salvation Army Kettle at the Aledo Walmart. **There 3 slots still available.** Sign up at the Welcome Desk in the lobby or call the church office at 309-582-7812.

**Special Business Meeting**-There will be a Special Business Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> following the 10:15am service. We will be discussing and voting on the Building Committee's need for additional funds.

**Christmas gifts for Nursing Home Residents**-Each year the local churches collect gifts for the local nursing home residents. Your unwrapped gifts may be placed in the boxes marked NURSING HOME GIFTS in the lobby from today through Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Gift suggestions include: Small fleece blankets, dressy scarves, lotion, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, aftershave, stamps, stationary, diabetic socks, slipper socks with grips, small stuffed animals, adult coloring books with markers, metal tins of cookies, sugar free candy, chocolate candy, costume jewelry, cube boxes of Kleenex, Christmas wrapping paper, tape, and tags. Your help is also appreciated for sorting and packing the gifts on Tuesday, **December 19th at 10am** in the church lobby.

**Celebrate Christmas at FBC**-On Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> we will have one combined service at 9am along with nursery. Pastor Luke will be sharing a special Christmas message. \*No Sunday School, No 8am & No 10:15am service on Dec. 24th. Come back at 7pm for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**-Celebrate Christmas at FBC by inviting your friends and family to join us on Sunday, Dec. 24th at 7pm for our special Christmas Eve Candlelight service. This is always a beautiful and moving service. This is a great time of year to invite a friend, neighbor or family member to church. There are invite postcards at the Welcome Desk.

**Mission Opportunity**-FBC will be sponsoring a short-term mission trip to El Salvador in April. Space is limited, so please let Pastor Luke or Mollie know if you are interested. The dates are tentatively April 13th-19th, 2024. Passports are required, so if you are interested and don't have a passport, you will need to apply soon. An informational meeting will be scheduled in January.

**Building Fund**-The FBC Building Fund is accepting donations. If you'd like to help fund the vision for the future, please consider giving a special gift of any amount to FBC with "Building Fund" marked in the memo.

## 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 but would like to, please fill in the information below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**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 no later than Dec. 3rd. Cost \$10. Checks to FBC, put "Poinsettia" in the memo.

From \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_