



## Frequently Asked Questions... Building and Capital Campaign

A few weeks ago we were given a report from Church Growth Services (CGS). We had spent a few weeks unveiling the vision for First Baptist Church and the building that we believe will enable us to do the best ministry possible both now and in the future. On Vision Sunday we spoke of the process, the reasons and the plan for the new building. The following Sunday we spent the Sunday School hour discussing the vision and collecting thoughts, opinions, and questions. We sent out about 100 emails to leaders in our church with more specific questions, and a small group of people were selected to respond to a phone interview with CGS. Last of all, we had the entire church fill out a survey about the vision. All that information was collected by CGS, collated, interpreted, and returned to FBC in the form of a 40-page report and a one-page synopsis. Here are some of the takeaways:

- The church is very supportive of the building plan that was proposed.
  - o Over 70% agreement, with almost 20% undecided. We believe this means that the more details are given and questions are answered the undecided will give support.
  - o Nearly 75% agree that a capital campaign should begin and that they are committed to give financial support, with about 15% undecided. Again, we believe that the undecided will give support once more information is available.

- The church is spiritually and financially healthy enough to support the project.
  - o FBC has a very good distribution of age groups actively involved.
  - o FBC has a great distribution of tenure, half our church has attended for more than 10 years and half has attended for less than 10 years. Meaning that we are stable but growing.
  - o FBC has a strong giving ratio. On average, FBC attenders give at the 6% level. This means we exceed the average in America by almost 4%, but still have room to improve.
- There were questions, but no surprises.
  - o The frequently asked questions were:
    - What is the plan for the current building?
    - What is the plan for the youth ministry?
    - What is the plan for crossing the street?
    - How will we afford the project?

We are still working on solutions to all these questions, and we will be answering them as best and as soon as we can. In the next month or so we will be working hard with the building committee and the capital campaign committee to get all the information to the church body that you need. The capital campaign is already underway. Please be in prayer. We believe this building project is the next step to enable FBC to reach many more people for Christ. It will take our whole church prayerfully and generously supporting it to see it happen. Together, with God's help we can make the vision come to life.

In Christ, Pastor Luke



**Giving Needed To Meet 2024 Budget YTD**  
**\$158,102.52**

**Current Expense Giving YTD**  
**\$158,077.83**

**Building Fund Designations YTD**  
**\$15,145.00**

**Deacon Fund Designations YTD**  
**\$250.00**

# KIDS CLUB MINISTRY

## KIDS CLUB MAX @ APOLLO

K-5th Gr. After-School Program    Wednesdays 2-4pm May 1st, 8th, 15th



Register at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)

Hey Apollo Families! We're so excited to announce that a super fun after-school program is coming to Apollo Elementary the first three Wednesdays of May from 2-4pm. All K-5th grade students who attend Apollo are invited to attend. All the details and registration can be found at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).



This Winter Spring Session of Kids Club has wrapped up.

Mark your calendar for the start of the fall session on Sept. 4th. Kids Club is on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:05pm for kids ages 3 years old through 5th grade. Questions, see Children's Pastor, Mollie Dunn.

# SUMMER to the MAX

## FREE FAMILY EVENTS 2024

<b>MAY 31</b>	<b>SUMMER KICK OFF: 5-8PM @ FENTON PARK, ALEDO</b> Family Kickball, Swim, Play, Walking Tacos, Ice-cream
<b>JUNE 16</b>	<b>FATHER'S DAY NERF WARS &amp; NACHOS: 4-7PM @ ALEDO Y</b> Loaded Nachos, Floats, Family Nerf Wars, Open Gyms, & Open Swim
<b>JULY 17</b>	<b>MESSY ART IN THE PARK: 10AM-NOON @ FENTON PARK</b> MESSY ART STATIONS, PLAY, & FOOD TRUCK TBA

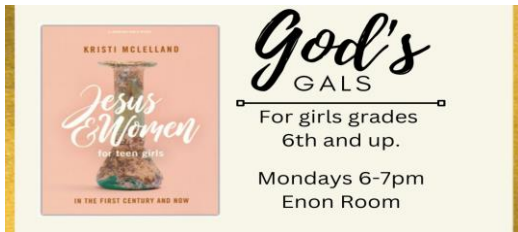
**\*AUG. 3RD-SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE AWAY @ FBC**

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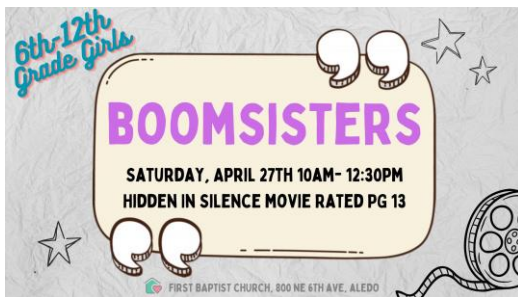
# Refuge Student Ministry



**Refuge Student Ministry**-Refuge is for students grades 6th-12th, and we meet on Sundays from 6-8pm. At Refuge we focus on living and encouraging each other through scripture and community. We make sure students have a safe place to come, have fun, laugh and be the person God has made them to be. Life can be difficult, but together in Christ we can sharpen one another and find Refuge within our Father in heaven. Bring your Bible, get ready for some healthy competition and enjoy the fellowship with like-minded friends.



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



**Boom Sisters Event** - All 6th-12th grade girls invited to join us Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12:30pm to watch the movie Hidden In Silence.



**High School Bible Study**-Youth's new Bible study class has begun! Our next meeting is Saturday, April 6th @ 6pm and will continue every other Saturday. We are diving into the Bible so we can continue to be grounded in GOD's truth and growing in His love. We meet every other Saturday night, 6pm-8pm at Justina Abbadusky's home and dinner will be provided. Free to attend, sign-up today at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)!



**CIY MOVE**-MOVE is a 5-day summer event designed for high school students to know Jesus better, deepen their relationships, and to be sent out to do Kingdom Work. This year we are going back to Bowling Green State Univ. June 22nd-28th. Cost is \$200 per student make sure to sign up today!



**CIY MIX**-MIX is a 4-day summer event built for middle school brains, hearts, and bodies. That's why the Gospel is taught in a way they understand. It's why small group discussions aren't an afterthought. And it's why we play a lot. Moments at MIX change lives and could be the most important four days of your youth ministry calendar. This year we will be going to Hope College on July 28th-August 1st, 2024. Cost will be \$190 per student, sign up online today!

# Flourish Women's Ministry



*Women's Tuesdays with Jesus Study*

**THE GOSPEL ON THE GROUND**

Ongoing Study  
Tuesdays at 2pm beginning April 2  
Led by Rhonda McKinley  
Enon Room  
Sign up online at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)

**Tuesdays With Jesus Women's Study**-New 15 week study begins on April 2nd. We meet Tuesdays at 2pm in the Enon Room. Join us for **"The Gospel On The Ground"**- Led by Rhonda McKinley. Come along with Kristi McLelland as she unpacks the life of the early church in the book of Acts. Sign up at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).



*A Women's Equipping Conference from*  
**FOCAL POINT**  
MINISTRIES  
*Be Refreshed . Be Renewed . Be Rejuvenated*

A one-day equipping conference for women (13 years and older) featuring:

- Inspiring keynote speakers
- 16 breakout seminars uniquely designed for women
- Christ-centered worship

**Saturday, April 13, 2024 • 8:30am-4:00pm**  
Calvary Church • 4700 53rd St. • Moline, IL

**ALISA CHILDERS** **RACHEL LOVINGOOD**  
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

*Iron Sharpens Iron*  
Proverbs 27:17

**Early Bird Cost by March 31st - \$59 Including Lunch**  
**SIGN UP AT [FIRSTBAPTISTALEDO.COM](http://FIRSTBAPTISTALEDO.COM)**  
**More Info at [FocalPointMinistries.net](http://FocalPointMinistries.net)**

Ladies, please join us Saturday, April 13th from 8:30am-4pm at Calvary Church in Moline - Be Refreshed, Renewed & Rejuvenated. This is a one day conference is for women of all ages, 13 and up. Cost, including lunch, for early bird registration by March 31st is \$59 for adults \$43 for students. After March 31st, the adult cost goes up to \$69. Register at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com). We will carpool from FBC, leaving at 7:30am and we will be back in Aledo around 5pm. Questions, see Peggy Johnson.



*New Women's Study!*  
Beginning March 6th at 1pm  
@ Britni Ewing's Home

Britni Ewing is hosting a verse-by-verse study of 1 Peter at her home. The class takes place on Wednesdays at 1 pm. Handouts provided, bring your Bible and a notebook! Contact Britni 309-224-4184 for more details or directions to her home.



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A RETREAT FOR WOMEN

**THRIVE Women's Retreat-Life Action Camp-Buchanan, MI**  
April 19th-21st  
Cost is \$100 per person  
Deadline to register is April 3rd @ [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)

**THRIVE Women's Retreat** at Life Action Camp in Michigan is April 19th-21st. Are you ready to be refreshed by the Truth of God in your life and spend some amazing time with your sisters in Christ? Then make plans to join us at THRIVE! Please register with the church, then details will be coordinated by Karyn Smith. Deadline for registration is April 3rd. Cost is \$100 per woman. (Also offered in October).



**JOURNEY Mother/Daughter Retreat**  
April 26th-28th  
Recommended for daughters age 7-13.  
Cost is \$100 per Mom \$50 per daughter  
Deadline to register is April 10th  
[firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)

Held at Life Action Camp Buchanan, MI

**JOURNEY Mother/Daughter Retreat** at Life Action Camp in Buchanan Michigan is April 26th-28th. This is a super-fun and impactful weekend to spend quality time learning from God's Word and growing together! This is recommended for daughters age 7-13. Please register with the church, then housing and transportation will be coordinated. Deadline for registration is April 10th. Cost is \$100 per Mom and \$50 per Daughter. (Also offered in September).

# Upcoming Events



The FBC Men's Ministry is sponsoring a night of fun on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm in the Sanctuary. Form a team or join a team for trivia night. This is a free event for everyone ages 13 and up. There will be ten rounds of ten questions with categories such as: The Bible (of course), Star Wars (May the 4th be with you...), Sports, Music, Literature, 80's, and more. We are looking for a maximum of 12 tables of 8. Bring your own snacks and have a blast with a team you form (no more than 8), or sign up and we will find a team for you. Registration is open now through April 28<sup>th</sup> at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

## Upcoming Church Quarterly Business Meeting



## Graduation Recognition



Does your family have a 2024 Graduate? If someone from your family is graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, High School or College, complete Sunday's Connect card or call the office by April 24<sup>th</sup> at 309-582-7812 so we can add them to the Graduate Recognition list. Also, if you are hosting a party for your grad and you want the church family to be invited, e-mail the party invite details to Pam at [fbcaledo2@frontiernet.net](mailto:fbcaledo2@frontiernet.net). Graduation Recognition Sunday at FBC is Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> during the 10:15am service. We hope you and your Grad can attend.



The church family is invited to Vaunda Spivey's Birthday Party, Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 2-4pm at Grace E Free Church 606 SE 3rd St, Aledo. Please come and celebrate. Your presence is your present.

# FBC Men's Ministry

## What's Coming Up For The Men!

The spring Momentum dates have been announced. The Momentum event is April 12<sup>th</sup>-April 14<sup>th</sup>. Shane Black will be the speaker for this event. The cost for Momentum this year is \$185 per person. We are asking each participant to pay \$100 with the Men's Ministry paying the balance. When you register online there will be two payment options \$100 and \$185, choose the best option for you.

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a trivia night sponsored by the Men's Ministry Council. It will take place in the church's sanctuary beginning at 5:00pm and will end somewhere about 8:00pm. You may bring your own team or just show up as a couple or single and we will put you on a team. Bring your own snacks/ hors d'oeuvres to be shared at your table drinks, water and soda will be provided.

Then, on July 20<sup>th</sup>, our Annual Rooted Conference is scheduled with Tom Harmon as our guest speaker. Tom draws upon his 11 years as a State Patrol Officer and as a college athlete to illustrate God's work in his life. In 1984, he sensed God's call to preach, resigned from the state police, pastored a small church for four years, and then became a full-time itinerant preacher. Tom has led numerous Momentum Weekends at Life Action Camp in Buchanan MI.



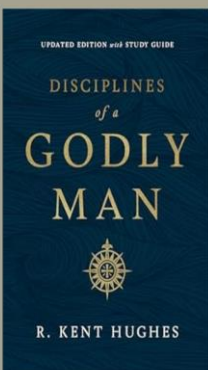
We host a Men's Breakfast every Sunday morning beginning at 7am. We have breakfast then follow up with questions on the previous week's sermon. We do dismiss in time for 8am services. It's a great time for fellowship and accountability. Men 13 years and older are welcome.



What is Momentum? Food, fellowship, and spiritual recharging mark these men's times together. Be challenged in your Christian walk and encouraged to lead your family with deliberate action. Note: This retreat, held at Life Action Camp in Buchanan, MI is designed for men ages 16 and older.

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## Men's Monday Night Study



Current Men's Study  
"Disciplines of a Godly Man"  
Mondays at 7pm  
Taught by Pastor Luke

No need to sign up, just show up.  
Moving downstairs to Room E

Pastor Luke has started a men's study on Mondays at 7pm and it's not too late to join.

We are studying "Disciplines of a Godly Man" by R. Kent Hughes. We meet in the lower level of the church in Room "E." No need to sign up just show up! Questions, See Pastor Luke.

# Celebrate Easter at FBC! Come & See!



Easter is a special time at First Baptist and we want you to be a part of it! We have something for everyone, an inspirational message, fun programs for the kids and a casual atmosphere where you can meet new friends. Come & See Easter and how it can bring us all new life and a renewed purpose.



We invite you to join us during the Sunday School hour on Easter Sunday for Testimonies & Donuts from 9-9:45am in the sanctuary. We'll hear testimonies from our church family & enjoy Mercer Market donuts & coffee. All ages are invited. No Sunday School classes this Sunday. Nursery will be offered.

Good News! Donuts will also be offered at all 3 Easter services until they are gone! Happy Easter church family!



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# Stay Connected!

- We offer 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](http://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.***

***Coming up in May!***

