



“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.” ~ Matthew 24:35

Over the past 9 months I’ve been preaching a series called “Lesser Known Stories”. I’ve enjoyed it. I found it fascinating to dig into so many obscure events and people in the Scriptures and discover timeless truths. I still have a list of about 30 ideas I had written down for upcoming messages. Each week I look over that list and pray about where the Lord would want to take us next. Sadly, for me at least, I have felt that the time has come to change gears and begin a new sermon series. The truth is that there will never be an end to the lesser known stories of the Bible that could be preached. Perhaps I’ll return to this series again in the future. But, beginning in October, I will be preaching a new series on “Timeless Truths: From Dust to Glory”. We will begin walking through the better-known events through the Bible beginning with Creation and ending with Eternal Glory. These messages will take a new look at familiar passages and seek to explain and apply God’s timelessly relevant truth. The whole world can change, but God’s Word and His will never changes. The only way to navigate the relentless changes we can’t control is to stay firmly established on the foundation of Scripture that leads us to the One who overcame the world by His perfect life, sacrificial death, and miraculous resurrection.

A new season is upon us. Even now the fields are ripe unto harvest, and some have already been harvested. The air is getting cooler, and days are getting shorter. Every season has its own kind of frantic activity. It seems like it should slow down at some point, but it never seems to. It just changes from one kind of busy to another. Before fall is even over, we will head in to the holiday season, and before we’ve had time to breath a new year will be upon us and all the things we put off will suddenly have to be dealt with, and on and on it goes. No matter what the season or how busy we are, we have to make Christ a priority. God’s desire and design for us is to live in a richly satisfying consistently growing relationship with Himself. Don’t wait for a new season or some vague hope of the elusive less-busy time to draw near to God. Seasons change, but God’s Word never does. No matter what the sermon series may be, I hope you’ll make Sunday morning worship a priority as a vital part of your walk with the Lord.

In Christ,

Pastor Luke



Giving Needed To Meet 2024 Budget YTD
\$504,437.98

Current Expense Giving YTD
\$453,144.01

Building Fund Designations YTD
\$74,489.34

Deacon Fund Designations YTD
\$1,055.00

KIDS CLUB MINISTRY



KIDS CLUB

First Baptist Church, Aledo, IL
Fall '24: Sept. 4th-Nov. 13th
Winter/Spring '25: Feb. 5th-April 9th
6:30-8:00pm Ages 3-5th Grade
Register at firstbaptistaledo.com



Kids Club MYSTERY BAG SHOW & TELL Oct. 16th



KIDS CLUB PJ'S & DONUTS

Kids Club-Oct. 2nd




DESPICABLE ME



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Wed., Oct. 30th
5:30-Pizza
6-8pm-Movie
& Snacks

*No Kids Club, Refuge, or Adult Classes

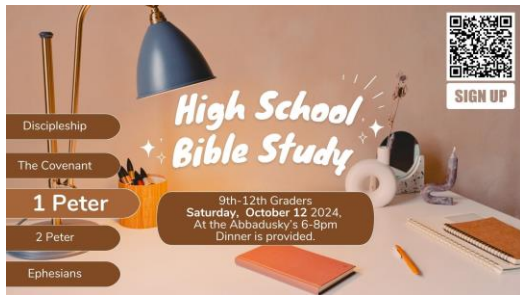


KID'S Food Pantry War BOYS VS. GIRLS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Boys & Girls boxes are located in the FBC lobby through Nov. 13th.

Refuge Student Ministry



Refuge Student Ministry News

Refuge at the Y! - Sept. 4th-Nov. 13th Refuge students meet at the YMCA every Wednesday evening! Session starts at 6pm and pick up time is 8:15pm. Drop off and pick up will be at the door to the left of the main entrance.

God's Gals - Girls in 6th-12th grades are invited to join us Mondays from 6-7pm in the Enon Room. We are currently studying "The Gospel on the Ground Study- The Grit & Glory of the Early Church in Acts." This study is open to all girls Middle School through High School. If you're new to this study, please sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com. Questions see Rhonda McKinley or Vickie Korns.

Boomsisters - 6th-12th grade girls join us Saturday, Oct. 5th Boomsisters will be on mission, and the ladies of First Baptist are invited to join us! We will be helping the ladies of Faith Lutheran Church, in Moline to create hygiene kits, fabric kits, and to finish quilts which will be sent out around the world through missions. We will meet and leave First Baptist at 8:30 am. Lunch will be provided at 11:45am by Hy-Vee. Sign up online today! If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda McKinley or Britni Ewing.

High School Bible Study- Attention high schoolers, our next study will be in Oct. 12th at 6pm and will be held every other Saturday night. Join us as we study 1 Peter and learn what it looks like to walk as a Christian in our current world. We are continuing to grow in GOD's love and be rooted in His word. Please be sure to bring your Bible. Dinner is provided and free to attend. This study meets at Nick & Justina Abbadusky's home-408 NE 12th St. Aledo.

Homecoming Group - October 5th, FBC will be providing transportation to dinner and to the homecoming dance. There are limited seats so please sign up online today, the deadline to sign up is Sunday, September 29th. Please have each student bring money for dinner.

One-Day Fall Retreat - All students are welcome to join us October 19th for an all day event at Camp Summit! Check in and breakfast will be at the church at 7am. Jr. High will be riding the bus back to the church at 9pm, High schoolers will be staying at the camp until 10pm. Early Bird cost is \$20, after October 10th the cost will be \$30 (T-shirt included!). We will be having worship, Camp Fire, Archery Tag, Zip Line, Board Games, GAGA Ball, Basketball, and 9-Square In the Air! Sign up online today!

FCA - Calling all students to join us for Fellowship of Christian Athletes huddles at Mercer county high school and Jr. High! High school will meet every Wednesday morning at 7:15am in room 210, Jr. High will meet every Friday at 7:30am in room 23. All students are free to join, breakfast will be provided!

Flourish Women's Ministry



FLOURISH Women's Ministry Event: Better Together will be held Saturday, Nov. 9th from 9am-Noon at FBC. Please join us for a time of growing together in God's Word and worship. Maggie Paulus from Life Action will be our special guest speaker! Brunch will be provided, but childcare will not be offered. Sign up for this FREE event will run from Oct. 6th – Oct. 27th. (Gluten Free Brunch will be available, just note that at registration.)

2025 Women's Flourish Small Group Program

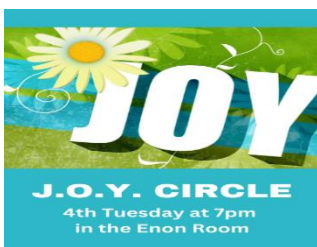
Are you ready to deepen your relationship with Christ, while also growing in community with others? Registration will open soon for the 2025 Women's Small Groups. Small groups decide when, where and how often they meet, though our recommendation is at least once a month. For questions, please see program coordinators Peggy Johnson and Crystal Clark.



Thrive Women's Retreat - Life Action Camp Buchanan, MI

Oct. 25th-27th - Cost \$100 Per Person
Deadline to Register is October 4th
Register at firstbaptistaledo.com

Ladies, you are invited to join us at Life Action Camp in Buchanan, MI on October 25th-27th for Thrive Women's Retreat. Please register on the church website, then housing and transportation will be coordinated. Deadline for registration is October 4th. Cost is \$100 per woman. Sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com

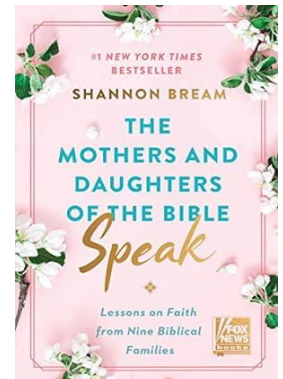


Joy Circle Meeting

All ladies are invited to J.O.Y. Circle on Tuesday, Oct. 22nd at 7pm in the Enon Room. Come join us for fun, fellowship and a devotion.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE FALL WOMEN'S CLASSES

Wednesday Night Live Classes run from Sept. 4th-Nov. 13th on Wednesday's from 6:30-8pm. There are 2 women's studies. Kady Hofer leads the study "The Mothers And Daughters of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Bream. And, Britni Ewing leads a study called "Being A Godly Woman In A Sinful World." Details & sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com.



Weekly On Going Women's Studies

Sheri Olson hosts a study of the book of Matthew. The class takes place on Tuesdays from 10-11:30am at her home (720 SW 2nd Ave Aledo). This is an ongoing study, so jump in at any time.

Sheri Olson also hosts study on the book of Daniel. The class takes place on Tuesdays from 12-1:30pm at her home (720 SW 2nd Ave Aledo). This is an ongoing study so jump in at any time.

Tuesdays With Jesus Women's Study

We are currently going through Kristi McLelland's "Jesus and Women" study. Imagine walking the dusty roads of Galilee with Jesus of Nazareth-braving jostling crowds just to touch the edge of His cloak and hear Him say, "Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you." Those words, once meant to comfort a hurting woman's soul thousands of years ago, were also meant for you. This class is led by Rhonda McKinley and meets on Tuesdays at 2pm at FBC in the Enon Room. Jump in any time!

Upcoming Events!



On Oct. 6th and Dec. 1st, 2024, Boomsisters, Bushels of Love will be on mission collecting the following items for the Mercer County Food Pantry. This pantry offers temporary/emergency food assistance to residents of Mercer County. We will place our Bushels of Love baskets near the welcome desk for your convenience.

Items needed include canned corn, green beans, tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, chili beans, peas, pork-n-beans, peaches, fruit cocktail, tuna, soups, as well as spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, cake mix, brownie mix. Bars of bath soap, toilet paper, shampoo, and toothpaste are welcome. We thank you for your support! Any questions see Rhonda McKinley or Britni Ewing.



Family Day on the Farm-All ages are invited to this church-wide event on Sun., Oct. 27th at Castor's Farm (1536 135th Ave., Aledo) from 4-6pm. It's a wiener roast so please bring hotdogs & buns for your family, a dish to share, and your lawn chairs. Drinks will be provided.



Operation Christmas Child Kicks Off Sunday, Oct. 13th!

Operation Christmas Child uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Beginning Sunday, Oct. 13th, you may pick up an empty OCC shoebox with instructions in the church lobby! Return your filled box by Sunday, Nov. 17th along with \$7 for shipping cost (check made payable to Samaritan's Purse). The Women's Ministry pays the remainder of the shipping cost. Questions, see OCC Coordinator Pam Ricke.



OCC Collection Week At FBC

FBC Aledo is excited to be a Collection Site for the Samaritan's Purse project, Operation Christmas Child. We are honored to be a place where individuals, churches and organizations can bring all the shoeboxes that they have filled. National Collection Week is November 18th - 25th. We are looking for volunteers from all area churches to help with various aspects of this event; set-up, tear-down, and collection of boxes. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up on our website or in the Church App.



FBC Men's Ministry & Other Events

What's Coming Up?

The Men's Ministry is planning a trip to Buchanan, MI in November, we will be heading to Life Action Camp for Momentum. Food, fellowship, and spiritual recharging mark this men's time together. Men are challenged and encouraged to lead their families with deliberate action, resisting the role of passive onlooker. Please join us on November 1st - November 3rd. We will leave the Church Friday morning and return Sunday evening. The cost of this event is \$100 per person, the true cost is \$185, both options will be available on-line. Tom Harmon is the speaker and spaces will fill up quickly. You can register online at firstbaptistaledo.com. Please note: This retreat is designed for men ages 16 and older.



Also, please remember that 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.



SATURDAY, OCT. 26TH

CHECK IN AT 7:30AM IN THE CHURCH FOYER
RETURN AT 12:00PM FOR FOOD & FELLOWSHIP
SIGN UP TODAY AT FIRSTBAPTISTALEDO.COM

We are excited to lend a helping hand to members of our church family and community on Sat., Oct. 26th from 7:30am-12pm. We need adult and youth volunteers to do various tasks from raking leaves to changing light bulbs. Sign up on our website or in the Church App before Oct. 21st.



Quest Father Son Retreat @ Life Action Camp

Quest Father/Son Retreat is happening at Life Action Camp however, FBC is not coordinating or sponsoring this event this year however, we encourage you, if you're interested, to call Life Action directly to make your reservation at 269.695.2191 or you can register online at www.lifeactioncamp.com.

These father-and-son adventure weekends feature outdoor events jam-packed with activities designed to help dads and sons reconnect. You will make memories that last a lifetime. Spiritual principles are embedded into activities and athletic events to equip fathers and sons for the journey ahead. *Note: We recommend that sons be at least six years old for this event.*

WNL Live|Food Pantry|Coat Giveaway



It's not too late to join us for each Wednesday from 6:30-8pm for Wednesday Night Live!-There are classes for the whole family designed to help grow your faith and deepen your fellowship with others! **Adult Classes Include: The Chosen Series-Season 4**-Lead by Kevin Ricke and open to all adults, **2 Women's Studies-The Mothers & Daughters Of The Bible Speak**-Lead by Kady Hofer, & **Being a Godly Woman In A Sinful World**-Lead by Britni Ewing & **2 Men's Studies-The Book of James**-Taught by Pastor Luke & **Strength and Faith Class** (Devo & Weight Lifting) held at the YMCA and lead by Aaron Struble. Sign up for adult classes at firstbaptistaledo.com or use the Connect Card below. **Kids Club:** Kids ages 3 years old through the 5th grade. **Nursery** for babies ages 0-2 for the parents taking classes or volunteering. **Refuge Student Ministry**-Students grades 6th-12th grade at the YMCA. Details and sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com.

First Baptist Aledo Hosts River Bend Mobile Food Pantry on Oct. 3rd Volunteer Needed!



The River Bend Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry will be held on Thurs., Oct. 3rd, at the **First Baptist Church, 800 NE 6th Ave., Aledo**. Registration begins at 9:15 a.m. and distribution starts at 10 a.m. Please arrive no more than 30 minutes early. Distribution will be outdoors. In the event of inclement weather, distribution will be indoors. The process can take up to an hour. Laundry baskets are great to bring to the mobile food pantry if you have one.

****We need many volunteers to help with this food pantry.** If you can assist, please show up at First Baptist at 9am ready to help and we'll put you to work! Thanks in advance for assisting with this important ministry.



Volunteers are much needed for this Coat Giveaway!
Please sign up to volunteer at firstbaptistaledo.com.

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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.
- 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.**

A poster for the Annual Winter Coat Giveaway. It features three winter coats (blue, red, and brown) and a QR code. The text includes the event name, dates, times, and a call to action for volunteers to sign up online. There is also a small "SAVE THE DATE" speech bubble and a "FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH" logo in the bottom right corner.

Annual
Winter Coat Giveaway

Oct. 14th, 6-7:30pm
Oct. 15th, 5:00-6:30pm

Volunteers
Signup Online

First Baptist Church of Aledo | 800 NE 6th Ave, Aledo, IL 61231

There are no income or age guidelines. Items will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. No early distribution.
*Donations being collected now until Oct. 13 for New or Gently Used coats, hats, mittens, snow pants, etc.
Questions, contact the church office at 309-582-7812.