

NOVEMBER



“There is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.”
~ Romans 13:1

In Romans, Paul wrote by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that no authority competes with God. He is in charge. This was true even when the Roman government had decided that Christianity was illegal and those that openly practiced faith in Jesus could be beaten, imprisoned or thrown to wild animals for a spectator sport in the colosseum. Christians still knew and believed God was in charge, even if the government was out to get them. Paul probably had an Old Testament story in mind when he wrote that. Nebuchadnezzar had been the most powerful king in the world and even conquered God’s people and took them into exile around 600 B.C. Yet he learned that his power was given to him by God, and the moment he took credit for himself, God humbled him until he acknowledged God’s right to rule (read Daniel chapter 4).

In the past few weeks we’ve been led by God to focus on prayer. I had a different sermon series in mind for this season, just read last month’s newsletter article... Thankfully, God knows best and He’s good enough to get us on His page if we will just trust Him. A lot of people are anxious about the election. The Bible tells us what to do when we are anxious. Philippians clearly tells us to trade our anxiety in for prayer and the peace of Christ will protect us. Peter says to cast our anxiety on Christ because He cares for us. It doesn’t mean we opt out of caring, voting or being involved, but instead that we pray for God’s will and His direction for ourselves and our nation. Even if our nation seems to be in a mess, I’m grateful for the freedom we still enjoy and all that we’ve been blessed with. More than that, I’m thankful to be a citizen of heaven. We know God is in charge of our eternity, and it’s good to know He’s still in charge of our day to day.

In Christ, Pastor Luke



Giving Needed To Meet 2024 Budget YTD
\$573,014.03

Current Expense Giving YTD
\$513,040.13

Building Fund Designations YTD
\$85,225.34

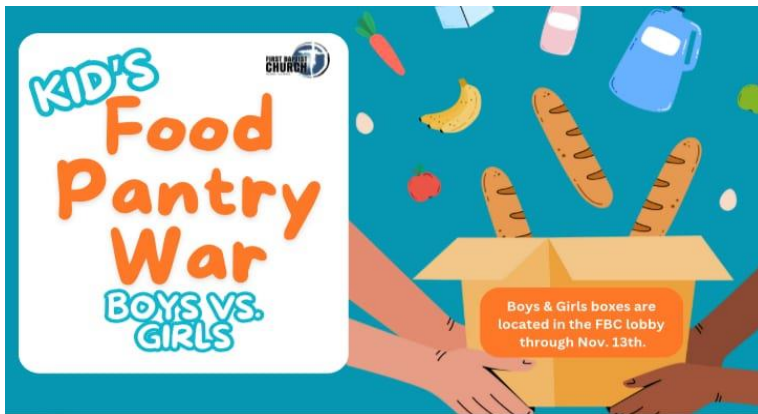
Deacon Fund Designations YTD
\$2,579.00

KIDS CLUB MINISTRY



Kids & Crew are invited to wear island attire and join us for a fun luau on Wed., Nov. 13th (the last night of Kids Club) to celebrate their Food Pantry Challenge & their great work bringing in Christmas boxes. New friends are welcome to join!

Mark your calendars for the Winter/Spring '25 session of Kids Club which will begin on Wednesday, Feb. 5th and runs the April 9th each Wednesday Night from 6:30-8pm. Watch for more details coming soon!



We're celebrating all God is doing in Kids Ministry at FBC on Sunday, Nov. 10th during the 10:15am service. All kids (Sunday School students, Kids Worship participants on Sundays, & Kids Clubbers on Wednesday) are singing at the beginning of the service.

If kids attend Sunday School, teachers will take them to the sanctuary. All other kids need to check-in between 10-10:10am downstairs and join the kids in the Fellowship Hall. *Please place name tags on their backs. Kids can wear a Kids Club shirt (optional). We have some extra for purchase (\$10) if you'd like one.

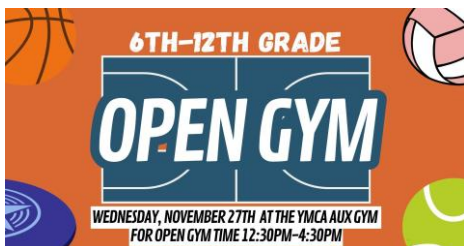
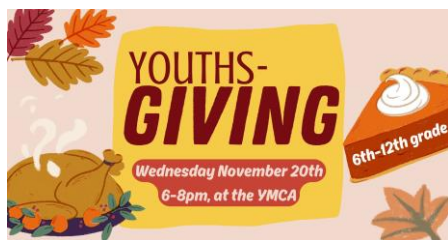
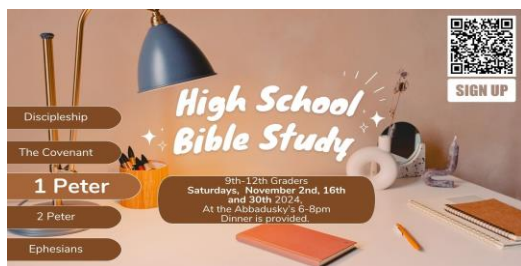
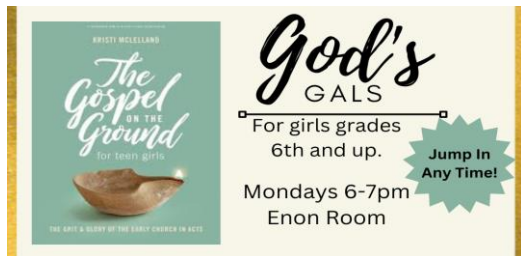
See Mollie or staff before Nov. 10th. Sizes are limited. *Late arrivals need to check-in downstairs then meet the rest of the kiddos in front of the sanctuary. Service starts at 10:15am. After kids sing, we will enjoy a fun video highlighting the fall session of Kids Club, then kids will be dismissed for Kids Worship downstairs. *Pick-up is immediately following the service downstairs through the Fellowship Hall where check-in is located.



All kids (Sunday School & Kids Worship participants on Sundays) are singing two Christmas songs at the beginning of the 10:15am service on Sunday, Dec. 8th. If kids attend Sunday School, teachers will take them to the sanctuary. All other kids need to check-in between 10-10:10am downstairs and join the kids in the Fellowship Hall.

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Refuge Student Ministry



Refuge Student Ministry News

Refuge at the Y! - September 4th - November 13th Refugee students 6th-12th grades meet at the YMCA every Wednesday evening! Session will start at 6:00pm and pick up time will be 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 just began "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. Sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com.

High School Bible Study-Attention high schoolers, our study dates for November are Nov. 2nd, 16th & 30th at 6pm. Join us as we study 1st 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.

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!

FCA Meal Train-FCA is looking for families to help out with breakfast at the Jr. High and High School. If you can cook and want to serve these students, please sign up online using the QR code on the slide or go to the Refuge Facebook page. If you have any questions, contact Andrew Hofer or Austin Shields.

Boomsisters Crafting Day- Girls grades 6th-12th, Nov. 16th from 9am-4pm Fellowship Hall. We will be creating craft items as well as enjoying lunch. Girls should bring a canned food item for the December Bushels of Love collection and must be signed up online before November 11th. Questions contact Rhonda McKinley or Britni Ewing.

Youths-Giving-All 6th-12th grade students are invited to join us Nov. 20th from 6-8pm for Youths giving at the YMCA in Aledo. Games, Thanksgiving day food & more!

Open Gym-On Wednesday, November 27th all students are invited to join us at the YMCA aux gym for open gym time! It will be from 12:30-4:30pm, there will be no refuge in the evening on this day. No need to sign up just show up and tell the front desk you are here for the open gym with Refuge.

Flourish Women's Ministry



For those who RSVP'd the 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.

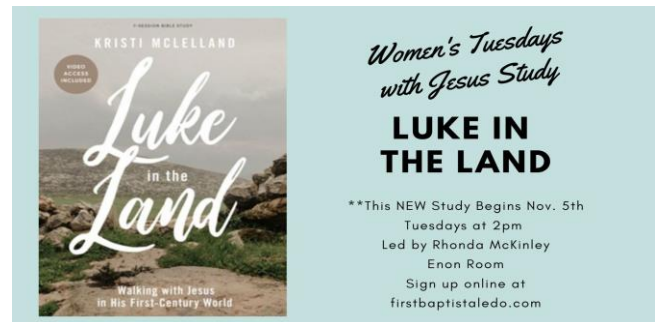
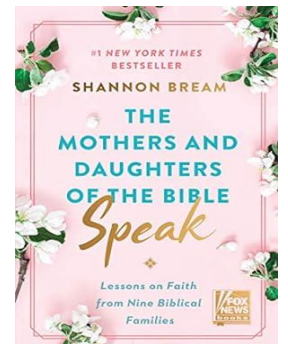
2025 Women's Flourish Small Groups New Study for 2025



Are you ready to deepen your relationship with Christ, while also growing in community with others? Registration will open November 9th and run through December 8th for the 2025 Women's Small Groups. Small Groups will be going through "Beholding and Becoming: The Art of Everyday Worship" by Ruth Chou Simons starting in January. This study focuses on setting our minds and hearts on Christ here in the daily details of our lives. All ladies need to register, even if you have been in the program before at firstbaptistaledo.com. Small groups will decide when, where and how often they meet, though our recommendation is at least once a month. Please register online, and your group leader will be in contact with you in January. For questions, please see program coordinators Peggy Johnson and Crystal Clark.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE FALL WOMEN'S CLASSES

Wednesday Night Live Classes continue through Nov. 13th on Wednesday's from 6:30-8pm. There are 2 women's studies. "The Mothers And Daughters of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Bream. And, a study called "Being A Godly Woman In A Sinful World." Details & sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com. The Winter/Spring Session of WNL runs from Feb. 5th-April 9th. Details coming soon!



Women's Tuesdays With Jesus Study - New study begins Nov. 5th. We'll be going through Kristi McLelland's "Luke In The Land" study. This class is led by Rhonda McKinley and meets on Tuesdays at 2pm in the Enon Room. Sign up online or jump in any time!



No J.O.Y. Circle in November

Ladies, there is no J.O.Y. Circle in the month of November. Instead, plan on joining us at FBC on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd at 6pm for our Christmas Party. Please bring a \$5 - \$10 grab bag gift.

Upcoming Events!



Boomsisters would like to thank our church family for the overwhelming support of Bushels of Love to benefit the Aledo Food Pantry. You have blessed so many with your generosity. We appreciate you!

On 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.



Grieving a loss? Know someone who is? Please join us for a Grief Share - Surviving the Holidays 1 Night Seminar. You'll find encouragement, support and valuable tools to navigate the challenges of the season. This 1 night seminar will take place at First Baptist Aledo-800 NE 6th Ave. in the Enon Room on Thursday, Nov. 14th from 6-8pm. This class will be led by Joe & Kathy Olson and is free to attend and open to the public. Sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com



Operation Christmas Child

Return the filled Shoebox by Nov. 17th

Operation Christmas Child uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Pick up an empty OCC shoebox with instructions in the church lobby today! Return your filled box by Sunday, Nov. 17th along with \$7 for shipping cost (check made payable to Samaritan's Purse). The FBC 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.

Town Hall Meeting

Join us on Sunday, Nov. 10th at 6:30pm as we gather as a church family to talk about options for the expansion of First Baptist.



FBC Men's Ministry/Thanksgiving Dinner

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.



Thursday, November 28th
starting at 11:00am



Three Options to Receive Your Free Meal

Pick-up at FBC. Delivered to your home. Dine In at the Senior Center.
RSVP Required. Call 309-582-7812 or visit FirstBaptistAledo.com

FREE Community Thanksgiving Meal

First Baptist Church Aledo is once again sponsoring free Thanksgiving meals on Thursday, Nov. 28th to our community.

We will offer meal pick up at FBC from 11:00-11:30am, delivery to those who are homebound starting at 11:00am, and dine-in at the Senior Center (137 W Main St, Aledo) with doors opening at 11:00am. Please RSVP early to get your meal reservations. RSVP by calling the Church office at (309)582-7812 or by going to our website (firstbaptistaledo.com) and clicking on Signups.



Thanksgiving Community Meal Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to serve as Set Up Crew, Food Servers, Food Delivery, and Clean Up Crew for our free community Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 28th. Please sign up on our website or in the Church App before Mon., Nov. 25th.

More Upcoming Events



The Best Time of the Year is Almost Here!!!

We know that for many of you, your favorite time of year is fast approaching! Your chance to help us out in collecting and dropping off Christmas gifts for the local nursing homes will be here before you know it! A tote and empty boxes that are labeled **NURSING HOME GIFTS** will be placed in the lobby starting **Sunday, November 24th**. We will be collecting unwrapped gifts until **Tuesday, December 17th**. The residents love small fleece blankets, small stuffed animals, adult coloring books with markers, chocolate candy, sugar free candy, metal tins of cookies, and slipper socks with grips. Please feel free to take a list of gift ideas from the front of the tote.

Cathy and Linus Griswold are coordinating this effort and would love for you to donate gifts. Your help would also be appreciated for sorting and packing the gifts on **December 17th at 10:00 a.m.** If you have any questions, please free to call Cathy at (309)737-5444 or Linus at (309)737-5746 or the church office at (309)582-7812. Thank you so much for your help with this project!



The FBC prayer team is inviting you to pray for the election on Saturday, November 2nd. Stop by the sanctuary anytime between 9 a.m. and noon. This is not about endorsing a candidate or a party. It's about seeking God's will for our nation. Please consider taking a few moments out of your Saturday morning to pray for this crucial election. Then don't forget to vote!

Community Thanksgiving Service

Everyone is invited to the Community Thanksgiving Service held at Catholic Church in Aledo Nov. 24th. More details to follow, save the date.

Save the Date!

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed



On Saturday, Dec. 21st the First Baptist Church family has the opportunity to provide bell ringers for the Salvation Army Kettle at the Aledo Walmart. There several 1 hour slots that need to be filled. Sign up will be coming soon!

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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.



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