

Mark Your Calendar

12.1

Communion/Food Pantry Sunday
Prayer Meeting 5pm

11.24-12.17

Christmas Gifts for the Nursing Home

12.2

God's Gals 6pm

12.3

J.O.Y. Circle Christmas Party 6pm

12.4

Refuge Open Gym @ YMCA 12:30pm

12.8

Sunday School Kids Christmas Sing 10:15am

Baby Dedication Sunday

12.21

Ring the Salvation Army Bell @ Walmart 9am

12.24

Church Office Closed

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7pm

12.25

Merry Christmas!

Church Office Closed

12.31

Church Office Open 8:30am-Noon

Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday 8:30am-4pm.

Pastor Seth is available by appointment

on Mondays. Call 309-582-7812 to set

up an appointment.

Website: firstbaptistaledo.com

Order of Worship

Opening Song

Prayer & Announcements

Worship Song

Kids Dismissal

Worship Song

Message

Communion

Invitation

**FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH**
ALED0, ILLINOIS



December 1st, 2024
10:15am Service

Today's Message

"Christmas Is Coming"

Daniel 7:13-14

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.

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
- **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 6th Ave. Aledo, IL 61231

Kids Ministry News

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 downstairs with a parent. Three-year-olds through first grade go straight to Kids Worship while 2nd-5th grade worship upstairs then are dismissed during the worship set. Pick-up is in the Fellowship Hall area 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 taking a break for the holidays & starts up again on Feb. 5th. Kids Club is for kids ages 3-5th grade on Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm. New friends can join anytime. Register at firstbaptistaledo.com. The winter/spring session starts Feb. 5th.

A Christmas Story Adventure-Kids are invited to join us on a special Christmas Story Adventure during the Sunday School hour in December. Kids don't want to miss out on a new story each week followed by fun snacks & activities that go along with each story. No need to sign-up, just show up! See you there!

Refuge Student Ministry News

Refuge at the Y!- all 6th-12th grade students join us at the YMCA in Aledo for Refuge youth group! Games, small groups, snacks and more will be provided from 6:00pm (check-in) to 8:00pm (pick up). No Refuge on December 11th, please grab "Refuge Winter Schedule" at the welcome desk for more Refuge dates this winter.

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, join us December 14th at 6pm as we study 1st Peter. 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.

Open Gym- December 4th, all students are invited to join us at YMCA in Aledo 12:30pm-4:30pm for games and hanging out! We will not be having refuge these evenings. Check the Refuge Winter Schedule for more details.

Refuge Christmas Party- December 18th, 6th-12th grade students are invited to join us at the YMCA for our annual Christmas Party! Bring a gift for our gift exchange game not exceeding \$10! Games, food and gift exchange games!

Adult Ministry News

Communion/Food Pantry Sunday-Dec. 1st is Communion Sunday and this is also the Sunday Boomsisters, Bushels of Love will be on mission collecting items for the Mercer County Food Pantry. 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 and toiletries.

Sunday Prayer Meeting-Join us tonight at 5pm in the Enon Room for a time of prayer.

Women's Tuesdays With Jesus Study- We are 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!

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 our lobby from Nov. 24th through Dec. 17th at 10am. 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. Your help is also appreciated for sorting and packing the gifts on Tuesday, **Dec. 17th at 10am** at FBC.

J.O.Y. Circle Christmas Party-Ladies please join us at FBC on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd at 6pm for our Christmas Party. Please bring a \$5 - \$10 grab bag gift.

Baby Dedication-Sunday, Dec. 8th is Baby Dedication Sunday. If you are interested in dedicating your baby to the Lord, please fill out today's Connect Card.

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 Sunday, Dec. 8th. Cost is \$10. Checks can be made payable to FBC with Poinsettia in the memo.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers-On Sat., Dec. 21st from 9am-7pm FBC has the opportunity to provide bell ringers for the Salvation Army Kettle at the Aledo Walmart. Sign up at the Welcome Desk in the lobby or call the church office at 309-582-7812.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service-Celebrate Christmas at FBC on Tuesday, Dec. 24th at 7pm for our special Christmas Eve Candlelight service. This is always a beautiful and moving service and a great time of year to invite a friend, neighbor or family member to join you at church.

Wednesday Night Live has concluded for this session-The Winter/Spring Session of WNL is Feb. 5th-April 9th each Wednesday from 6:30-8pm. Details and sign up coming soon!

New Church Office Hours-Beginning Thursday, Jan. 2nd, 2025 the Church Office will have new permanent office hours which are as follows: Tuesdays-Fridays 9am-4:30pm. Mondays Pastor Seth is available by appointment by calling 309-582-7812.

Connect Card - Sign Up & Tear Off!

We would love to connect with you!

Please complete and tear off this Connect Card and leave it 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: _____

_____ **Baby Dedication.** Yes, we would like to dedicate our baby to the Lord.

_____ **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. 8th. Cost \$10. Checks to FBC, with "Poinsettia" in the memo.

From _____

In Memory of _____