



## Mark Your Calendar

12:15

Prayer Meeting 5pm

12:16

God's Gals 6pm

12:17

Packing Nursing Home Boxes 10am

12:18

Refuge Christmas Party @ YMCA 6pm

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

12:29

Testimonies & Donuts 9am

No Sunday School

12:31

Church Office Open 8:30am-Noon

1.1.2025

Happy New Year! Church Office Closed

1.2.2025

New Permanent Office Hours Begin 9am-4:30pm

### 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. \*New Office Hours Begin Jan. 2nd - See bulletin for details.

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

## Order of Worship

Worship Song

Announcements

Worship Song

Kids Dismissal

Worship Song

Message

Invitation



December 15th, 2024  
10:15am Service

**Today's Message**

**"Come & Worship"**  
Matthew 2:7-12

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).

## 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

**Sunday School & Kids Worship Christmas Parties TODAY**-All kids are invited to join us to celebrate Christmas during Sunday School (9-10am) and Kids Worship (10:15am service). Kids can come to one or both parties. \*The older class (2nd-5th) will check-in and go directly to Kids Worship.

**Kids Club Max Christmas Party @ Apollo (Dec.18th 2-4pm)**-All kids who attend Apollo Elementary are invited to this outreach event. More info & registration can be found at [www.firstbaptistaledo.com](http://www.firstbaptistaledo.com) or contact Mollie at 309-371-6962.

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## 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). Please grab "Refuge Winter Schedule" at the welcome desk for more Refuge dates.

**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](http://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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Refuge Christmas Party**- December 18th, 6th-12th grade students are invited to join us at the YMCA for our annual Christmas Party from 6-8:15pm! Bring a gift for our gift exchange game not exceeding \$10! Games, food and gift exchange games!

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## Adult Ministry News

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

**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 through this Tuesday, 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. Your help is also appreciated for sorting and packing the gifts this Tuesday, **Dec. 17th at 10am** at FBC.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringers**-This 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. \*\* We have 3 slots left to fill!

**Holiday Office Hours**-The hours for the church office during the holidays are as follows: Christmas Eve & Christmas Day the office will be closed. New Years Eve we will be open 8:30am-Noon & Closed on New Year's Day.

**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 Winter/Spring '25**-The Winter/Spring Session of WNL is Feb. 5th-April 9th each Wednesday from 6:30-8pm. Details and sign up coming soon!

**Join us in a Card Shower for Bernice Kelly**-Bernice is having some health issues and we would like to bless her with cards of encouragement and prayers. You may send cards to Bernice at 304 SW 11th Street Aledo, IL 61231.

**Testimony & Donut Sunday**-Grab a donut and join us Sunday, Dec. 29th at 9am in the Sanctuary for testimonies and donuts as we listen to how the Lord is working in the lives of our church family. There is no Sunday School on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**FBC ANNUAL MEETING 2024**-The FBC Church Council will meet Tuesday, Jan. 14th at 7pm. FBC Annual Business Meeting is Sunday, Jan. 19th at 11:40am. All are welcome to attend the Business Meeting.

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_