



# “THE FIRST STEP” EPHESIANS 4:30-32 PASTOR LUKE DUNN

## Mark Your Calendar

1:5  
Baby Dedication Sunday!  
Prayer Meeting 5pm  
1.6  
God's Gals 6pm  
1.8  
Refuge at the YMCA 6pm  
1.11  
High School Bible Study 6pm @ Abbudskys  
1.12  
Town Hall Meeting 6pm  
1.15  
Men's Bags Tournament 6pm  
1.17-1.18  
BoomSisters Overnight 6pm-10am  
1.16.25-4.10.25  
Grief Share Class – Thursdays at 6pm  
1.19  
Annual FBC Church Business Meeting 11:40am  
2.2  
Family Movie Date Moline 3pm  
2.6.25-4.9.25  
Wednesday Night Live Classes for all! 6:30pm

## Order of Worship

Worship Song  
Baby Dedication  
*Aliyah Louise Whitenack*  
Announcements  
Worship Song  
Kids Dismissal  
Worship Song  
Message  
Invitation



January 5th, 2025  
10:15am Service

## Today's Message

“The First Step”  
Ephesians 4:30-32

Pastor Luke Dunn

### \*\* NEW Church Office Hours

New church office hours begin Jan. 2nd -  
Tuesdays through Fridays 9am-4:30pm.

Pastor Seth is available by appointment on  
Mondays. Call 309-582-7812 to set up an  
appointment.

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

**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

**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 Winter/Spring '25:** All kids ages 3 years old through the 5th grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm from Feb. 5th-April 9th. Kids will have lots of fun with special theme nights & parties, yummy snacks, Bible stories, Bible memory challenges, & games. More info will be available in January & registration can be found at [www.firstbaptistaledo.com](http://www.firstbaptistaledo.com) or contact Mollie at 309-371-6962. \*If your child attended in the fall, no need to register again.

**Family Movie Date (Feb. 2nd)**-All ages are invited to the VIP Moline 14 Theater to watch "Dog Man" at 3pm on Sunday, Feb. 2nd. Must register for this private event. Seats are \$2 each and check-in begins at 2:30. Friends of all ages are welcome. Register at [www.firstbaptistaledo.com](http://www.firstbaptistaledo.com).

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## Refuge 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). Refuge is back this week at the YMCA on January 8th, 2025!

**God's Gals**-Girls in 6th-12th grades are invited to join us Mondays from 6-7pm in the Enon Room. Current Study is "The Gospel on the Ground Study-The Grit & Glory of the Early Church in Acts." Sign up at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

**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! We still need breakfast provided and the meal train is still active, questions see Andrew Hofer of Austin.

**High School Bible Study**- Attention high schoolers, join us Jan. 11th, 2025 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.

**Boomsisters Overnight**-Girls in grades 6th-12th are invited to join us at FBC for a Boomsister Overnight! We will start at 6pm on Friday, Jan. 17th and end at 10am on Saturday, January 18th. Dinner and breakfast will be served. Bring snacks to share. **Please sign-up before Jan. 10th.**

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## Adult Ministry News

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

**New Church Office Hours**-The Church Office now has new permanent office hours which are: Tuesdays-Fridays 9am-4:30pm. Mondays Pastor Seth is available by appointment by calling 309-582-7812.

**Prayer Team Changes**-In addition to being available for prayer at the altar at the close of each service, the FBC prayer team will now be on hand to pray for your concerns AFTER the services. Look for the prayer team members wearing ID Badges at the front of the sanctuary on the west side.

**FLOURISH Small Groups**-We are so excited for the new Small Group year to begin! If you signed up, your group leader will be in contact with you this month with information on meeting times and getting your "Beholding and Becoming" book. Let's grow together in setting our hearts and minds on Christ this year!

**Town Hall Meeting**-The FBC building Committee is hosting a Town Hall meeting Sunday, Jan. 12th at 6pm to give an update on the recommendations discussed at our last town hall. Everyone is invited.

**Men's Bags Tournament**-Men are invited to join us on Wednesday, Jan. 15th from 6-8pm at FBC for a Bags Tournament. This is a free event with pizza, soda, and water provided. Please sign up so we can get a count for pizza at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

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

**New Session of GriefShare**-GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. This 13-week class is taught by Joe and Kathy Olson and held Thursdays from Jan. 16th-April 10th from 6-8pm at FBC in the Enon Room. This class is free and open to everyone. Sign up at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

**Wednesday Night Live Winter/Spring '25**-The Winter/Spring Session of WNL is Feb. 5th-April 9th each Wednesday from 6:30-8pm. Classes will include **The Art of Marriage** taught by Pastor Seth & Denise, a **Men's Bible Study on 1st Corinthians** taught by Pastor Luke, a **Women's Class** taught by Kady Hofer, a **Study for everyone on Parables by John MacArthur** taught by Steve Struble, **Men's Strength and Faith Class** (Devo & Weight Lifting) held at the YMCA and lead by Aaron Struble. **Kids Club:** For 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**-For Students grades 6th-12th grade at the YMCA. Details and sign up coming soon!

**MC Food Pantry Volunteers Needed**-FBC has the opportunity to provide volunteers at the Mercer County Food Panty on 2 days, Tuesday, Feb. 11th from 5:30-7pm & Friday, Feb. 14th from 8am-Noon. If you would like to volunteer, see Pam at the Welcome Desk today.

**Save The Date**-The True Woman Conference hosted by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth will be held October 2nd-4th, 2025 in Indianapolis, IN. If interested in attending, please purchase the ticket yourself at <http://www.reviveourhearts.com> and the church will help pay \$100 towards your transportation/hotel costs. We do have some rooms reserved already. Tickets are currently \$189 each, and will increase to \$209 in February. More info coming soon!

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