



## Mark Your Calendar

6.22

Sunday Prayer Meeting 5pm

6.23-6.27

True North VBS '25 9am-11:30am

NO God's Gals

6.24

NO Tuesdays with Jesus

JOY Circle 7pm

6.25

Women's Study of Romans 2pm

Wednesday Night Men

6.28

High School Bible Study 6pm

6.29

Joyce McKinley's 90th Birthday Party 11:40am

Focus Group 6pm

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7.6-8.10

The Art of Marriage Study 4pm

7.6-7.13

Bushels of Love Food Pantry Donations

7.10

Night of Destruction at MC Fair 6:30pm

7.12

Rooted Men's Conference at FBC 8am

## Order of Worship

Worship Song

Prayer & Announcements

Worship Set

Message

Invitation

June 22nd, 2025

10:15am Service

**Today's Message**  
"Our Christian Duty"

Acts 8:26-40

Guest Speaker  
Pastor Jerry Higdon

### Church Office Hours

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 3 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)
- **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

**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 1st 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.

**Vacation Bible School**-VBS is June 23rd-27th from 9am-11:30am. Kids ages 3 years old through those going into 5th grade are invited to join us on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where kids will learn how to trust Jesus in a wild world. Jesus is our True North!! Please sign-up at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

**VBS Program**-Kids will show what they learned at our VBS Program on Sunday, June 29th at 10:15am. Practice is in the sanctuary at 9am before the program. We encourage kids to attend this practice, but if they are unable to, please bring them to the front of the sanctuary no later than 10am.

**VBS Service Project**-The crews will be encouraged to raise \$2,000 for FBC's Free School Supply Shop at the end of July. Kids can bring their donations to the front of the stage after check-in. Checks may be made payable to FBC and dropped in the bucket on the stage or given to staff in the church office.

**Backpack Donations**-We are also accepting donations of large/full-size backpacks for our Free School Supply Shop. Please leave new or gently used backpacks in the KidMin office no later than July 20th.

## Refuge Ministry News

**God's Gals**-Girls in 6th-12th grades are invited to join us on Mondays from 6-7 pm in the Enon Room. Not meeting June 23rd. We'll resume June 30th.

**Refuge at the Y!** Refuge at the Y is on a summer break till July 23rd. Beginning July 23rd all 6th-12th grade students join us at the YMCA in Aledo for the Refuge youth group on Wednesday nights! Games, small groups, snacks, and more will be provided Wednesdays from 6pm (check-in) to 8pm (pick-up). **Please pick up the Summer schedule for Refuge in the Lobby.**

**High School Bible Study**-Attention High schoolers, join us on June 28th at 6 pm as we study 1<sup>st</sup> Peter. We will have guest speaker Marty South coming, so 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. This study will take a break in July but resume in August.

**Jr. High Camp**-At Spring Valley Camp in Muscatine for students going into 6th-8th grade! 6th grade camp will be July 6th-11th and 7th-8th grade camp is July 13th-18th. Pastor Austin will be joining the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders! This is a smaller, local, traditional camp. \*Parents are responsible for getting their camper to and from camp. Register at [www.springvalleycamp.org](http://www.springvalleycamp.org), pick a camp week. \*Please indicate that FBC will pay 50% of your child's camp fee. This discount can only be used for FBC families and regular FBC program attendees of Refuge. You're not finished! Next register on our church's website underneath "FBC Camper Sign-up for Hidden Acres Camp & Spring Valley Camp Summer 2025" so your child is signed up with us so we know to pay half of your camper's fee.

**Night of Destruction** - All students, please gather with us for the night of destruction at the Mercer County Fair on July 10th at 6:30pm! We will be reserving spots on the bleachers, so be on the lookout for where we will be! We are not providing tickets or childcare, so parents are welcome to join us! Sign up online so we have a headcount for the bleachers.

## Adult Ministry News

**Joy Circle**-All ladies are invited to the J.O.Y. Circle Gathering on Tuesday, June 24th at 7pm in the Enon Room. We'll have fun, fellowship and a devotion.

**Pastor Search Focus Group**-Join a 1-time group to assess FBC's Mission statement, determine our vision for the future and to understand and discuss the potential pastor profile. Each group will consist of 10 people. Sign up today at the Welcome Desk or by calling the church office at 309-582-7812 for 1 Focus Group which will meet at FBC in the Enon or Lower Enon Room at 6pm Sunday, June 29th, Mon., June 30th, Wed., July 2nd or Wed., July 9th. If you have questions, please see Steve Struble or you can email him at [svstruble@gmail.com](mailto:svstruble@gmail.com).

**Mercer County Food Pantry Volunteers Needed**-FBC has the opportunity to provide volunteers for the MC Food Pantry in Aledo on Friday, June 27th from 8am-noon. If you can volunteer (2 slots available), see Pam at the Welcome Desk or call the church office at 309-582-7812.

**90th Birthday Open House for Joyce Bewley McKinley**-Joyce Bewley McKinley's family invites you to come to the FBC Enon Room on Sunday, June 29th following the 10:15am service for a 90th Birthday Celebration Open House in honor of Joyce. Cookies and refreshments will be served.

**The Art Of Marriage Study**-Join Pastor Seth and Denise on Sunday evenings at FBC starting July 6th through Aug. 10th from 4-5:30pm for a marriage class. Every marriage has its strengths and its stresses. There's not one that can't be improved, fine-tuned, made stronger-or even overhauled-if needed. Whether you're a newlywed or have been married for decades, this series can be your path to a stronger, more beautiful masterpiece of God's handiwork. This class is free to attend. Childcare will be provided. Please sign up at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

**Bushels of Love MC Food Pantry Collection**-Summer is a slow time for donations at the Mercer County Food Pantry so Boomsisters will be on mission to collect nonperishable food items July 6th-13th. Leave items in the bushel baskets or totes under the lobby coat rack any time now through July 13th.

**FBC Rooted Men's Conference**- Sat., July 12th from 8am-2pm at FBC. Rooted is intended for men 13 years old and up. Each man who attends will be encouraged to be rooted in Christ and in His Word. We are pleased to announce that Andrew Hofer is our Speaker. We'll serve you breakfast and lunch (Joe Olson is grilling ribeyes). The day begins and ends with worship, and there is plenty of food for the stomach and the soul. Free to attend, but please sign up at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com) so we can plan meals accordingly. Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your faith and connect with other men.

## 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.

**Please tear off and leave the completed Connect Card at the Welcome Desk in the Lobby.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**OR** to receive our newsletter via e-mail leave your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_