



### Mark Your Calendar

6.8

VBS Volunteer Meeting #1 1:30pm

Sunday Prayer Meeting 5pm

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God's Gals 6pm

6.10

Tuesdays with Jesus – Heaven Study 2pm

VBS Volunteer Meeting #2 6:30pm

6.11

ROE SummerFEST 5-7pm

Focus Group Meeting 6pm

Refuge Kickoff to Summer Bash 6:30pm

6.12

VBS Volunteer Meeting #3 6:30pm

6.13

Couples Game Night 5pm

6.15

Happy Father's Day

6.16 & 6.18

Focus Group Meeting 6pm

6.23-6.27

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

6.24

JOY Circle 7pm

6.28

High School Bible Study 6pm

### 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)

## Order of Worship

Worship Song

Prayer & Announcements

Worship Set

Message

Invitation



June 8th, 2025  
10:15am Service

Today's Message

“Persistence In Prayer”

Luke 18:1-8

Message By  
Steve Struble

**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.

**ROE SummerFEST**-The Regional Office of Education is having their annual SummerFEST on Wednesday, June 11th from 5-7pm at Aledo Central Park. Bring the kiddos and come find us at the FBC tent for fun games and prizes.

**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. We will be meeting on June 9th, 16th, and 30th.

**Kick off to Summer Bash** - June 11th at 6:30pm all Students are invited to the YMCA for Pizza + Pool!! We will be playing games in the community room then at 7 pm going into the pool for an all-Refuge swim! Students, bring your favorite games, modest swimsuits, and a friend! No sign up, just show up.

**Refuge at the Y!**-All 6th-12th grade students join us at the YMCA in Aledo for the Refuge youth group! Games, small groups, snacks, and more will be provided on Wednesdays from 6:00 pm (check-in) to 8:00 pm (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. June 14th is cancelled, and 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.

## Adult Ministry News

**Sign Up Today for a 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 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 on Wednesday, June 11th, Monday, June 16th, Wednesday, June 18th, Monday, June 30th, Wednesday, July 2nd or Wednesday, July 9th. If you have questions, please see Steve Struble or you can email him at [svstruble@gmail.com](mailto:svstruble@gmail.com).

**Couples Game Night**-Couples are invited to join us Friday, June 13th from 5-7pm for a fun evening of playing games and great fellowship. Bring your favorite card/board game and an appetizer to share. Childcare will be provided. Sign up at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com) by June 10th so we can ensure we have enough sitters.

**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 would like to fill those volunteer slots (2 slots available), see Pam at the Welcome Desk or call the church office at 309-582-7812.

**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).

**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.

**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.

**Bushells 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.

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