

# AUGUST



## Praise In The Park FAMILY FEST



Sunday, August 31st - 10am-2pm

Aledo Central Park

Free Admission - Open to the Public

WORSHIP | LUNCH | MUSIC |  
INFLATABLES | GAMES



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

## 2025 Tithes & Offering

Giving Needed to Meet 2025 Budget YTD - **\$347,496.56**

Current Expense Giving YTD - **\$345,001.53**

Building Fund Designations YTD - **\$139,915.72**

Deacon Fund Designations YTD - **\$2,200.00**

Total YTD Giving - **\$487,117.25**

*Tithes*  
AND OFFERINGS





# PRAISE IN THE PARK

Join us for our annual Praise in the Park event at Central Park in Aledo on  
Sunday, August 31st from 10am-2pm!

Join us at 10am for a worship service and free lunch. Then we'll have a Kids Fun Zone starting at 11:30am with water inflatables (kids bring your swimsuits, towels and sunscreen) and popsicles. It's a great time for fellowship and celebration — we hope to see you there!



## KIDS CLUB



All kids ages 3 years old - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for Kids Club on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm starting September 10<sup>th</sup> - November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Our theme this session is: "We are God's Masterpiece." Kids will learn about the life and ministry of Paul through the Gospel Project. We will have fun playing games, engaging in Bible activities, eating snacks, and making new friends.

### **Mission Project**

This session we are collecting items and cash donations to fill 50 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Kids are encouraged to bring school supplies, personal care items, and "Wow" items each week of Kids Club. More details about suggested donations will be posted on our *First Baptist Family Ministry: Aledo, IL* Facebook page and on a take-home flyer given on the first night of Kids Club.

### **Fun Nights this Session**

*October 8th "Favorite Color Night"*: Kids, come dressed in your favorite color from head to toe! We're celebrating the amazing way God made each of us unique and special. This helps us learn how our differences make the world more beautiful!

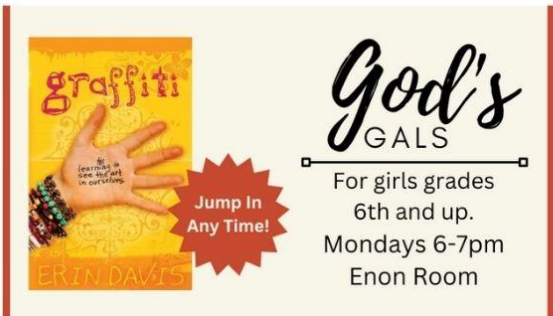
*November 12th "OCC Packing Party"*: Kids, wear red or green and join us as we celebrate all the amazing items we've collected for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! We'll pack boxes, have fun, and take a big group picture to include in every shoebox we send—sharing joy and Jesus with kids around the world!

Registration is strongly encouraged for our planning and for easy check-in each night. Please sign-up online at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com). Come every week or come when you can!

# REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY



**Refuge at the Y!**- 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 on Wednesdays from 6 pm (check-in) to 8 pm (pick-up). Hope to see you at the YMCA this Wednesday!



**God's Gals**-Girls in 6th-12th grades are invited to join us on Mondays from 6-7 pm in the Enon Room. The current study is "Graffiti-Learning to see the art in Ourselves" by Erin Davis. Jump in any time!



**Back to School Bash!**-All students are invited to join us Friday, August 8th from 6pm-8pm, at Mike & Beth Bowns' home - 1687 100th Ave, Aledo for our back-to-school party! Bring a swimsuit and your game face, STUDENTS VS. ADULTS volleyball. Sign up online today at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com) and invite your family and friends!

**High School Bible Study**-This is a high school bible study that meets from 6-8pm at Nick & Justina Abbadusky's home-408 NE 12th St., Aledo. The study was on a break in July and will resume on August 16<sup>th</sup> and will continue to meet every other Saturday. In 1 Peter we learned what it looks like to be committed to Christ, the purpose of the trials we endure, and God's desire for us and others. Now, join us as we continue the journey and study 2 Peter. We will learn the importance of becoming mature in our faith so we can be strong, effective, and productive in our knowledge of Jesus Christ. We are continuing to grow in God's love and are deeply rooted in His word. Please be sure to bring your Bible. Dinner is provided and free to attend. Sign up at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).



**Bushels of Love Boomsisters** wants to thank our church family for supporting the summer Aledo Food Pantry drive. We know that many families will be blessed by your generosity. Again, thank you!

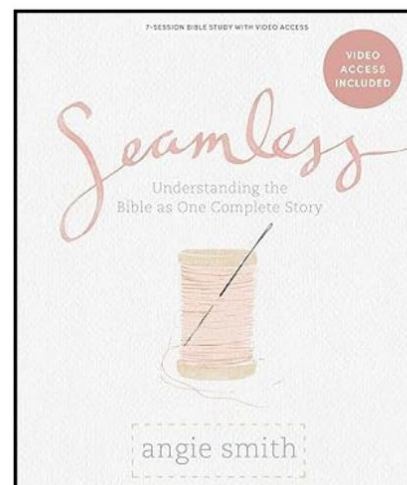
# Thank you





All ladies are invited to J.O.Y. Circle on Tuesday, August 26th at 7pm in the Enon Room. Come join us for fun, fellowship and a devotion.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE FALL WOMEN'S CLASS



Thinking ahead to the Fall and Wednesday Night Live Classes, we are happy to announce the Women's Study for WNL. Please join Karyn Smith as she teachers the study **"Seamless-Understanding The Bible As One Complete Story"** by Angie Smith. Sign up at [Firstbaptistaledo.com](http://Firstbaptistaledo.com). WNL runs from Sept. 10th-Nov. 12th on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm.

## FBC MEN'S MINISTRY

### Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday Night Live!**

Sept. 10th-Nov. 12th - 6:30-8pm @ FBC  
Classes & Programs for kids and adults!  
Free Registration at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)

Taught by Troy Riddell



**Men's Momentum Retreat**-Oct. 24th-26th in Buchanan, MI. Food, fellowship and spiritual recharging mark these men's time together. Be challenge in your Christian walk and encouraged to lead your family with deliberate action. Cost \$150/\$195. Sign up at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)



**Quest Father/Son Retreat**-Life Action Camp in Buchanan, MI - Sept. 26th-28th. These adventure weekends feature outdoor events jam packed with activities designed to help dads and sons reconnect. Cost is \$100 per dad and \$75 per son. Sign up at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)!



# Praise In The Park/Bushels of Love



## FBC Praise In The Park - Family Fest!

Mark your calendar, and invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us in Aledo's Central Park on Sunday, August 31st from 10am-2pm for a day of worship, lunch, live music and family fun! We'll have a Kids Fun Zone with Water & Bounce Inflatables (kids bring your swimsuits, towels and sunscreen), 9 Square In the Air & Basketball for the older students. Bring your lawn chair or a blanket. It's free to attend! No RSVP needed, just show up in Central Park! No Sunday School or 8am service this day. Invite Postcards can be found at the Welcome Desk.

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## Bushels of Love Is Helping Students!

Boomsisters will be collecting the following items to benefit the Eagle's Nest Closet located at Mercer County High School again this year. The Eagle's Nest Closet, coordinated by teacher Angie Owen, helps students in need by providing food, clothing, hygiene items, showers, laundry service, graduation clothes, clothes for school dances, shoes, and coats as needed throughout the school year. Donations can be placed in the Bushels of Love baskets, located in the church lobby from August 1-24.



If you would like to help Boomsisters with this mission of students helping students here is the list of needed items. New or clean, gently used sweatshirts or black leggings. Socks. Drawstring book bags. Hygiene items including bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, feminine products, comb, brush, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, lotion, chapstick. Tide pods for laundry. Easy foods including but not limited to individual applesauce, soup, mac & cheese, granola bars, Raman noodles, peanut butter, cereal, etc. Cash to buy underwear or shoes as needed. Please give all cash donations to Rhonda McKinley, Austin or Pam. Questions? Please text Rhonda at 309-235-5054 Boomsisters thanks you very much for your support!



# WNL Fall '25 Classes!



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ALEDO

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE**  
FALL '25 SESSION  
WEDNESDAYS FROM SEPT. 10TH-NOV. 12TH  
6:30-8PM

Classes & Programs for the whole family!

SIGN UP AT  
**FIRSTBAPTISTALED.COM**  
FREE to Attend! Open to the Public!



Join us at FBC Sept. 10th-Nov.12th each Wednesday from 6:30-8pm for Wednesday Night Live!

There are classes for the whole family designed to help grow your faith and deepen your fellowship with others! Adult Classes Include: **A Women's Study – Seamless-Understanding The Bible As One Complete Story**-Led by Karyn Smith & **A Men's Bible Study**-Taught by Troy Riddell. **Kids Club**: 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**-Students grades 6th-12th grade at the YMCA. It's free to attend and open to the public! Invite your friends!



**Communion Sunday Is  
Sunday, August 3rd**

On Communion Sunday we emphasize bringing non-perishable food items for the Mercer County Food Pantry & The FBC Blessing Box. Suggested items include: Canned or vacuum packages of chicken, tuna, peanut butter, protein bars, Beans: canned or dried. Soups: Any kind-canned, boxes or packaged. Box Dinners: Any Kind. Rice: Boxed or Bagged; flavored or Plain Oatmeal: All Flavors: Boxed. Vegetables: Canned. Fruits: Canned or Cups. Baby Items: Diapers, Baby Wipes. Health Items: Bar Soaps, Deodorants Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Toilet Paper and Feminine Products-all kinds.



**GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP**  
**THURSDAYS FROM 6-8PM - AUG. 21ST-NOV.13TH, '25**

Hosted at First Baptist Church Aledo  
Sign up online at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com) or  
Call the church office at 309-582-7812 to register



**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 Aug. 21st-Nov. 13th 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).



# Other Happenings!



in partnership with Mercer County Farm Bureau, the Churches of Mercer County Food Pantry and Community Bible Fellowship Church

**Thursday, August 28, 2025**

- Mercer County Food Pantry
- 1200 S. College Ave.  
Aledo, IL 61231

Registration begins  
at 9:15a.m.

Distribution begins  
at 10:00a.m.

*Thank you to all the volunteers who make this event possible!*

Food provided by:



#### COMING TO THE MOBILE PANTRY:

Please arrive no more than 30 minutes before distribution begins

- Distribution will be outdoors. In the event of inclement weather, distribution will be indoors.
- The distribution process can take up to an hour.
- Laundry baskets are great for the Mobile Food Pantry.

For a searchable map of all food pantries in your area, visit our website at:

[www.riverbendfoodbank.org](http://www.riverbendfoodbank.org)



## Riverbend Food Pantry Volunteers Needed at the MC Food Pantry

Thursday, August 28th the Mercer County Food Pantry is hosting the RiverBend Mobile Food Pantry. It takes many hands to help with this event. If you can assist, show up at the Mercer County Food Pantry-1200 S. College Ave. Aledo at 9am and they'll put you to work!

## Date Night Childcare

**Fri., Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> | 5-7pm  
at First Baptist Church Aledo**

Looking for a couple of quiet hours for just the two of you? Drop off your kids here at the church and we'll provide dinner and activities while you enjoy a well-deserved date night.

Please sign up online before Wednesday, September 3rd.



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**U.S. POSTAGE PAID**  
**PERMIT NO. 102**  
**ALEDO, IL 61231**

## **Stay Connected!**

·We offer worship at 8am & 10:15am. Sunday School for all ages is at 9am along with a nursery for 0-2 years old. We have Kids Worship at the 10:15am service as well as a nursery for babies 0-2 years.

·For all the details about our upcoming events and live streaming Visit [FirstBaptistAledo.com](http://FirstBaptistAledo.com).

·Listen to WRMJ 102.3 at 10:30am each Sunday.

·Download the "Church Center App" from the App Store or Google Play and choose "First Baptist Church, Aledo, IL" to easily sign up for church events, check our church calendar, give online, watch sermons and receive important church notifications.

·Find Us On Facebook.

·Call the Church Office at 309.582.7812.



**Love Christ. Love Others.**  
**Think Biblically.**

