



The Art of Marriage Study

Join Pastor Seth and Denise on Sunday evenings at First Baptist Church Aledo starting July 6th through Aug. 10th from 4:00 - 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.

Coming In August!



Coming In August! 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, music and family fun!

2025 Giving

Giving Needed to Meet 2025 Budget YTD - **\$287,583.36**

Current Expense Giving YTD - **\$281,222.92**

Building Fund Designations YTD - **\$135,840.72**

Deacon Fund Designations YTD - **\$1,803.00**


Total YTD Giving - **\$418,866.64**






SCHOOL SUPPLY SHOP


FREE



Sat., July 26th
10:00am - 12:00pm



at First Baptist Church | 800 NE 6th Ave, Aledo
Pre-K - 12th Grades
Public & Homeschool Families are welcome.
No need to sign up.
First Come First Served.



School Supply Shop for TEACHERS: Teachers, We Appreciate You! We're so grateful for all that you do for our students, and we want to support you as you prepare your classrooms. You're invited to come shop at the School Supply Shop on Sat., July 26th from 12:00-1:00 PM. Let us help you stock up for a great school year!

School Supply Shop Donations: The VBS Crews did an amazing job of raising funds to purchase the supplies for the School Supply Shop. We will continue to accept monetary donations and donations of new or gently used large/full-size backpacks until July 20th. Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope marked "School Supplies" and dropped in the offering boxes. Backpack donations can be left in the KidMin office. Thank you for your generous support of this important community outreach!

School Supply Shop Volunteers: Adult volunteers are needed on July 26th from 9:45am-1:30pm to help greet guests, assist them as personal shoppers, and clean up after the event. Please sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com before July 23rd.

SAVE-THE-DATE EVENTS



PRAISE IN THE PARK


Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 31st!
Join us for our annual Praise in the Park event
at Central Park in Aledo.

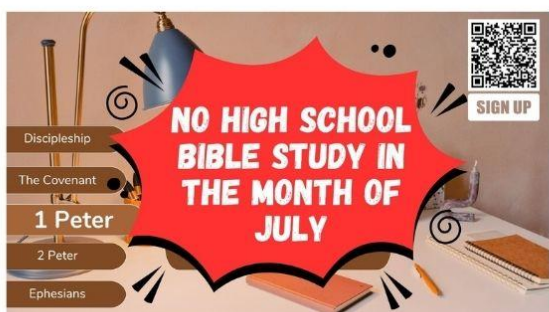
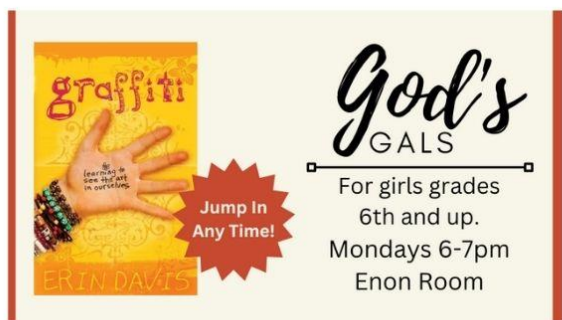
Enjoy a joyful afternoon filled with worship,
live music, delicious food, and inflatable fun
for the kids. It's a great time for fellowship and
celebration — we hope to see you there!



KIDS CLUB

All kids ages 3 years old - 5th grade are
invited to join us for Kids Club on
Wednesdays this fall from 6:30-8:00pm
starting September 10th - November 12th.
Registration will open in August.





REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY

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.

God's Gals Study-Girls in 6th-12th grades are invited to join us on Mondays from 6-7 pm in the Enon Room.

High School Bible Study- Attention High schoolers, our Bible study that takes place at Nick & Justina Abbadusky's home will be taking a break in the month of July. We'll resume our study of 1st Peter in August. Bring your bible. Dinner is provided and free to attend. This study meets at the Abbadusky's home-408 NE 12th St., Aledo. See you in August! Stay tuned for dates.

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 7th-8th graders! This is a smaller, local, traditional camp. *Parents are responsible for getting their camper to and from camp. Register at 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 6th-12th grade 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.



Revive Our Hearts - True Woman '25

Buy Your Ticket & Reserve Your room for the True Woman '25! The True Woman Conference hosted by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth will be held Oct. 2nd-4th, 2025 in Indianapolis, IN. If interested in attending, please purchase your conference ticket yourself at <http://www.reviveourhearts.com>. Tickets are \$209. After you purchase your ticket, sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com for lodging so we know to hold a shared hotel room for you. The Women's Ministry covers your hotel cost. You are responsible for food and transportation costs. Questions, see Crystal Clark or e-mail her at crystal_clear_ann@yahoo.com.



FBC Rooted Men's Conference

Saturday, July 12 | 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM | First Baptist Church Aledo

Men (ages 13 and up), you're invited to the **FBC Rooted Men's Conference**—a day designed to strengthen your faith and deepen your roots in Christ and His Word.

We'll kick things off and wrap up with powerful worship, with plenty of time in between for teaching, fellowship, and food. Our featured speaker is Andrew Hofer! The day is going to be a day that feeds both body and soul.

What's Included:

- ✓ Worship sessions
- ✓ Encouraging teaching
- ✓ **FREE breakfast and Joe Olson is cooking ribeye steak sandwiches for lunch**
- ✓ Time to connect with other men of faith
- ✓ **Cost: FREE**

Sign-Up: Please register at firstbaptistaledo.com so we can plan meals accordingly.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow stronger in your walk with Christ alongside other men in our community.

Other Happenings!

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 up to 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 on Wed., July 2nd or Wed., July 9th. If you have questions, please see Steve Struble or you can email him at svstruble@gmail.com.

A graphic for the FBC Pastor Search Focus Group. It features a magnifying glass over a person icon, with the text 'FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH' and 'PASTOR SEARCH' nearby. The main title 'FBC PASTOR SEARCH FOCUS GROUP' is in large, bold letters. Below it, a call to action says 'Join 1 Focus Group Today! All encouraged to attend 1 Meeting!'. Meeting details are listed: 'Meetings are at FBC at 6pm Enon or Lower Enon' and 'June 11th, June 16th, June 18th, June 30th, July 2nd & July 9th'. A sign-up instruction follows: 'Sign up at the Welcome Desk or by calling the Church Office'.

ATTENTION: Yard sale, Goodwill, Rummage/Thrift sale shoppers!

FBC needs your help! Anywhere you are able to find a gently used coat, please start the collection for our October "Free Coat Giveaway!"

Our beloved "Coat Lady" was called up to Heaven. We will have a big gap in this ministry as she would "hunt down" coats from yard sales all around our region all summer long! Her donation at one time was 143 coats for "Free Coat Giveaway" at FBC!

She made this her passion from God to keep kids, youth, and adults warm all winter. We will miss you, "Coat Lady!"

A graphic for church meetings. It features a black briefcase with the text 'CHURCH BUSINESS meeting' and 'MARK YOUR CALENDAR'. To the right, the details for two meetings are listed: 'Quarterly FBC Business Meeting July 20th at 11:40am' and 'Church Council Meeting July 15th at 7pm'.

Thank you 

God is good all the time. All the time God is good. We appreciate all of you for your time and effort in presenting such heartfelt loving prayers. Your prayers are a powerful force and we are thankful for your commitment. It has been a long 3 months. Update - Our daughter Kim is in rehab outpatient for strength (body). Her doctors won the battle over the insurance company to pay their share in her immune globulin infusions.

Thank you so much for your prayers for our family.
Dennis, Kathy & Rhonda Carlson & Kimberly Brunch

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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.

·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.



In observance of the 4th of July,
the FBC office will be closed on
Friday, July 4th.