

Mark Your Calendar

9.14

Bernice Kelly's 90th Birthday Celebration @FBC 2pm

Prayer Night – 5pm

Women's Taco & S'mores Bar @ Kim's 5:30pm

9.7-10.23

Coat donations accepted in tote under carport

9.15

God's Gals 6pm

9.16

Tuesday's with Jesus Women's Study 2pm

9.10-11.12

Wednesday Night Live Kicks Off 6:30pm

9.17

Women's Roman Study @ FBC 3:30pm

8.21-11.13

Grief Share Thursdays 6pm

9.19-9.21

Father Son Quest @ Life Action Camp

9.23

Joy Circle 7pm

9.25

Walking In Mercer County Homecoming Parade 6pm

9.27

Churchwide Cleanup 8am

9.28

Baptism Sunday

10.2-10.4

True Woman Conference Indy

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

Order of Worship

Worship Song

Prayer & Announcements

Worship Set

Message

Closing Worship



September 14th, 2025
10:15am

Today's Message
"In Christ"
Ephesians 3:20-21

Pastor Seth Bowker

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.

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
- **MAIL** - You may write a check and mail it to First Baptist Church – 800 NE 6th Ave. Aledo, IL 61231

Kids Ministry News

Kids Club-Kids Club is on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm Sept. 10th - Nov. 12th. All kids 3 years old - 5th grade are invited to join us. Sign-up online at firstbaptistaledo.com

See You at the Pole-On Wednesday, September 24th at 7:45am, students are encouraged to meet us at the flagpole at New Boston Elementary or Apollo Elementary to pray for our friends, families, communities, and nation.

Refuge Ministry News

God's Gals-Girls 6th-12th grades are invited to join us on Mondays from 6-7 pm in the Enon Room. The current study is *Erin Davis' Graffiti-Learning to see the art in ourselves*. Beginning Sept. 29th, our new study is *Jude-Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture* by Jackie Hill Perry. Jump in any time.

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!

See You At The Pole-All students will meet at their school's flag poles on September 24th at 7:45am for prayer! We want to encourage homeschool students to come as well! This is a nationwide event that is student-led and allows them to pray over their schools, teachers, and administration.

High School Bible Study-We meet from 6-8 pm at Nick & Justina Abbadusky's home-408 NE 12th St., Aledo. Our next meeting is on September 27th and will continue to meet **every other** Saturday. 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. Please bring your Bible. Dinner is provided and free to attend. Sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com.

Boomsisters-October 4th Boomsisters will be on mission to Faith Lutheran Church, Moline to tie quilts for missions. We will leave the church at 8:30 am and return to the church at 3 pm. Lunch will be provided. Please text Rhonda or Britni to let us know if you will be joining the fun.

Fall Retreat-All students are welcome to join us on October 11th for an all-day event at Camp Summit! Check-in and breakfast will be at the church at 7am. Jr.High will be riding the bus back to the church at 9pm, High schoolers will be staying at the camp until 10pm. Registration cost is \$30 (T-shirt included!). We will be having worship, Camp Fire, Archery Tag, Zip Line, Board Games, GAGA Ball, Basketball, and 9-Square In the Air! Sign up online today at firstbaptistaledo.com!

Adult Ministry News

Celebrate Bernice Kelly!-Bernice Kelly's family invites you to a 90th Birthday Celebration in her honor! Join them at FBC in Fellowship Hall today from 2-4pm in honor of Bernice's birthday! Happiest of birthdays to you Bernice!

Ladies Taco & S'mores Bar-For the Ladies that RSVP'd to this event it is tonight at Kim Fullerton's home 1881-70th Ave. Aledo from 5:30-8pm.

J.O.Y. Circle-All ladies are invited to the J.O.Y. Circle on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd at 7pm in the Enon Room. Join us for fun, fellowship and a devotion.

Wednesday Night Live!-Sept. 10th-Nov. 12th Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm. We offer classes designed to help you grow in your faith and deepen your fellowship with others. There's something for everyone! **Adult Classes Include: A Couple's Study**-"A Lifelong Love" Taught by Steven & Felicia Bonyng, **A Women's Study**-Seamless-Understanding The Bible As One Complete Story-Taught by Karyn Smith, **A Men's Study**-Books of the Bible-Taught by Troy Riddell. **Kids Club**: Kids ages 3 years-5th grade. **Nursery** for babies. **Refuge Student Ministry**-Students grades 6th-12th grade @YMCA. Free & open to everyone. Sign up firstbaptistaledo.com!

Annual Coat Collection/Giveaway-We are currently collecting NEW or like new condition winter coats, scarves, mittens/gloves, hats, snow pants, and boots. Leave donations in the collection tote outside the church through Oct. 23rd. The giveaway will take place at FBC on October 23rd & 25th. Times to be determined. We are also in need of many volunteers for the Coat Giveaway, the volunteer sign up is coming soon.

MERCO Homecoming-The 2025 Mercer County Homecoming Parade is Thursday, September 25th. FBC will have an entry with our church bus and we're looking for walkers to distribute candy. Walkers with strollers are welcome! See details and sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com.

Church Wide Clean Up Day-The FBC Trustees are setting aside Sat., Sept. 27th from 8am-noon as a church-wide cleanup day. They could use volunteers to help. There will be light projects as well as bigger projects. Sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com! See Mario Pauley with questions.

Men's Momentum @ Life Action Camp Buchanan, MI-Oct. 24th-26th-Food, fellowship, and spiritual recharging mark this retreat. For men 16 & older. The cost is \$195 per person which includes the conference, accommodations, and meals at the retreat. We are asking each participant to pay \$150 with the FBC Men's Ministry paying the balance. When you register online there will be 2 payment options \$150 & \$195, choose the best option for you. Sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com.

Family Day at the Farm-All ages are invited to this church-wide event on Sun., Oct. 26th at Castor's Farm (1536 135th Ave., Aledo) from 4-6pm. It's a wiener roast so please bring hotdogs & buns for your family, a dish to share, and your lawn chairs. Drinks will be provided.

Surviving The Holidays Grief Share-Grieving a loss? Know someone who is? Please join us for a Grief Share- Surviving the Holidays 1 Night Seminar. You'll find encouragement, support and valuable tools to navigate the challenges of the season. This 1-night seminar will take place at FBC in the Enon Room on Thursday, Nov. 20th from 6-8pm. This class will be led by Joe & Kathy Olson and is free to attend and open to the public. Register at firstbaptistaledo.com.

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 _____

** E-mail address: _____

*** Beginning in January 2026 the FBC newsletter will only be electronic so please provide your e-mail address. If you do not have an e-mail address, there will be some printed copies of the FBC monthly newsletter at the Welcome Desk.*