

# GRACE & TRUTH



## Mark Your Calendar

10.5

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Communion/Food Pantry Sunday

Prayer Night – 5pm

9.7-10.22

Coat donations accepted in tote under carport

10.6

God's Gals 6pm

10.7

Tuesday's with Jesus Women's Study 2pm

9.10-11.12

Wednesday Night Live 6:30pm

10.9

Women's Roman Study @ FBC 3:30pm

8.21-11.13

Grief Share Thursdays 6pm

10.11

Refuge Fall Retreat @ Camp Summit 7am

10.12

High School Bible Study 6pm

10.14

Church Council Meeting 7pm

10.18

Baby Shower For Brynn Shields 1pm

10.19

Operation Christmas Child Kicks Off

Quarterly Business Meeting 11:40am

10.23-6-7:30pm & 10.25 - 9-10am

Coat Giveaway

10.24-10.26

Men's Momentum Buchanan. MI

### 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

Communion

Closing Worship

October 5th, 2025

10:15am

Today's Message

“Grace & Truth”

John 1:1-18

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](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

**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](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)

**Kids Club Favorite Color Night** - Kids are invited to come dressed in their favorite color from head to toe on Wednesday, October 8th! 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!

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## 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. Our current study is *Jude-Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture* by Jackie Hill Perry. Jump in any time! Questions, see Rhonda McKinley or Vickie Kornes.

**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!

**Fall Retreat**-All students are welcome to join us this Saturday, Oct. 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! 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](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)! Also, printed copies of the Camp Summit Health form can be found at Information station. Return completed form to the church office.

**FCA**-We are challenging all students to join us for Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddles at MC High School and Jr. High. The high school will meet every Thursday at 7:15-7:50am in room 210, and the Jr. High will meet every Friday at 7:30-7:55 am in room 23. All students are welcome; breakfast provided!

**High School Bible Study**-We meet from 6-8 pm at Nick & Justina Abbadusky's home. Our next meeting is on Sunday, October 12th & 26th, and will back to every other Sat. on Nov 1st. 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](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

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## Adult Ministry News

**Communion Sunday/Bushels of Love Food Pantry Collection**-Today is Communion Sunday, this is the Sunday we emphasize bringing food for the Mercer County Food Pantry. Boomsisters is on mission to collect nonperishable food items. Leave items in the bushel baskets or totes in the lobby. Thank You!

**Pastor Appreciation Month**- We are so thankful for Pastor Seth & Denise and Pastor Austin & Brynn! Their love for the Lord and care for our church family bless us in countless ways. This month, let's encourage them with our prayers, kind words, and notes of thanks. Cards may be left at the Welcome Desk through the end of October. Let's surround them with love and gratitude!

**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. 22nd. The giveaway will take place at FBC on October 23rd from 6-7:30pm & Oct. 25th from 9-10am. We are also in need of many volunteers for the Coat Giveaway please sign up at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

**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! Free & open to everyone. See class & program details and sign up [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)!

**You're Invited to a Baby Shower for Brynn**-Sat., Oct. 18th at 1:00pm at First Baptist Church. Here comes the son! Ladies, join us as we celebrate **Brynn Shields** and shower her with love before Baby Boy Shields makes his big debut! Brynn is registered at **Target** and **Amazon**. Please RSVP to **Denise Bowker** at 309-270-1883 by Oct. 16th. We can't wait to celebrate this exciting new chapter with Brynn!

**Operation Christmas Child Kicks Off Sunday, Oct. 19th!**-OCC uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Beginning Sunday, Oct. 19th, you may pick up an empty OCC shoebox with instructions in the church lobby! Return your filled box by Sunday, Nov. 23rd along with \$7 for shipping cost (check made payable to Samaritan's Purse). The FBC Women's Ministry pays the remainder of the shipping cost.

**Men's Momentum @ Life Action Camp Buchanan, MI**-Oct. 24th-26th. For men 16 & older. Speaker Jeremiah Canfield will bring the Word, and we'll enjoy great meals, solid teaching, and plenty of guy time. 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](http://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. No RSVP required, just show up!

**Helping Hands**-We are excited to lend a helping hand to members of our church family & community on Sat., Nov. 1st from 7:30am-12:00pm. We are in need of adult and youth volunteers to do various tasks from raking leaves to changing light bulbs. Please sign up online at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com) before Tues., Oct. 28th.

**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](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

**Starting Jan. 2026, the FBC newsletter goes electronic!** -Already got it by email? You're set. Want added? Email [fbcaledo2@frontiernet.net](mailto:fbcaledo2@frontiernet.net) by Dec. 31. No email? Printed copies will still be at the Welcome Desk.

## 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.*