



“For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods. In His hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!”

~ Psalm 95:3-6

Last month we had over 100 men join us for a day of worship and teaching at our annual Rooted Conference. It was truly amazing to see all these men enjoying the day together. It has been our prayer, hope, and goal for many years to have 100 men attend Rooted. Tom Harmon brought two great messages on Being Wise that we hope will bear fruit for years to come. Events like this are essential to how FBC continues to accomplish the mission God has given us, to reach every heart in Mercer County (and beyond) for Christ; to love Christ, love others and think Biblically. We always want to get the word out to everyone we can about how great God is, and how much He loves us. Every worship service and every event we host, and every class we teach, and every program we organize is intended to be an opportunity to reach out to the world around us with that message.

Some events are more specifically created for outreach than others. In a few weeks, we will host Faith at the Fairgrounds. We have taken the Praise in the Park format and relocated it to the Mercer County Fairgrounds this year. The biggest reason being that the parking lot downtown may not be ready by the end of August. With more space and parking, we hope to reach even more people this year than ever before. But for that to happen, we need our whole church to invite friends, family and neighbors. It wasn't by chance that we reached over 100 men at Rooted. We had a few guys who made it their personal mission to invite and recruit everyone they could think of to attend. For Faith at the Fairgrounds, we hope you'll do the same. Make it your mission to get someone new to join you this year. Our great God is worthy to be praised, and He has invited us to make Him known.

In Christ,

Pastor Luke



Giving Needed To Meet 2024 Budget YTD

\$395,256.30

Current Expense Giving YTD

\$368,016.24

Building Fund Designations YTD

\$62,180.34

Deacon Fund Designations YTD

\$1,010.00

KIDS CLUB MINISTRY



Kids Club Fall '24



Find us on FB!
 "First Baptist Church of Aledo"
 "First Baptist Family Ministry: Aledo, IL"

Hi Kids & Parents!

All kids Ages 3-years-old through 5th grade are invited to join us every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm at First Baptist Church for fun, games, Bible, snacks, and special theme & party nights. We have so much fun!

The Kids Club Fall '24 session begins **Sept. 4th and ends Nov. 13th**. Registration is strongly encouraged for our planning and for easy check-in each night. Registration opens in August at www.firstbaptistaledo.com or contact Mollie Dunn (Kid's Pastor) at 309-371-6962 to sign-up. Come every week or come when you can! Also, check out our adult classes and Refuge Youth (6th-12th grade) during Kids Club. *Nursery is provided for volunteers and parents taking a class.

Also, make sure to join our "First Baptist Family Ministry: Aledo, IL" page on Facebook. We post updates, pics, events, and reminders. We also have an app called "Church Center." Put "First Baptist, Aledo" as your church and it's a super easy way to sign-up for events and programs.

Have a question? Contact Mollie at 309.371.6962. Text or call anytime. We hope to see you soon!

Mollie

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YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US ON SUNDAYS @ FBC
 8AM CHURCH SERVICE
 10:15AM CHURCH SERVICE

KIDS WORSHIP 10:15am Service

Kids 3-years-old through the 5th grade are invited to attend Kids Worship during the 10:15am service. All kids will check-in downstairs in the Fellowship Hall between 10:00-10:15am. Kids 1st grade & younger will go directly to Kids Worship adjacent to the Fellowship Hall while the 2nd-5th grade students will sit with parents in the sanctuary until they are dismissed at the end of the second song. *We ask that an older sibling/adult check-in with children so they can grab the security label to present at pick-up immediately following service.

JOIN EVERY SUNDAY OR WHEN YOU ARE ABLE! NO NEED TO SIGN-UP.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9-10am

Kids 3-years-old through 5th grade are invited to join us for Sunday School classes. Parents will check-in kiddos in the Fellowship Hall between 9-9:15am. After a time of singing, the kids will go to their classrooms. Teachers will take the younger classes directly to Kids Worship after Sunday School, while the 2nd-5th grade students will be dismissed to find their parents after class. *There are classes for all ages. Find the list in the lobby under the TV or ask Pam at the front desk.

DON'T FORGET

THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH

➔ **2ND-5TH GRADE:**
NO KIDS WORSHIP AT 10:15AM
(KIDS WILL WORSHIP WITH FAMILIES)

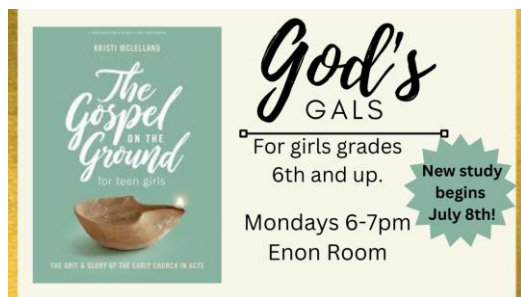
Refuge Student Ministry

Refuge Student Ministry News

REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY

Refuge Student Ministry-Refuge is for students grades 6th-12th, Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm! We make sure students have a safe place to come, have fun, laugh and be the person God has made them to be.

God's Gals-Girls in 6th-12th grades are invited to join us Mondays from 6-7pm in the Enon Room. We just began "The Gospel on the Ground Study- The Grit & Glory of the Early Church in Acts." This study is open to all girls Middle School through High School. If you're new to this study, please sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com. Questions see Rhonda McKinley or Vickie Korns.



God's GALS
For girls grades 6th and up.
Mondays 6-7pm
Enon Room

New study begins July 8th!

The Gospel on the Ground
for 1000 girls
THE GRIT & GLORY OF THE EARLY CHURCH IN ACTS

FCA Disc Golf Camp - All Students are invited to join us August 9th 8:00am-4:00pm at Bridge Cities Church. FCA Disc Golf Camp is a time of "inspiration and perspiration" for aspiring young golfers who want to reach their potential through comprehensive athletic, spiritual and leadership training. FCA Disc Golf Camp offers a unique blend of instruction, Bible teaching and life application not usually found at a sports camp. We will be leaving from the church at 8:00am and will be back by 4:00pm. Lunch will be provided and afterwards we will play a tournament at the church! Sign up at 3riversfca.org/disc-golf-camp !



2024 FCA Disc Golf Camp
9 Aug

Bridge Cities Church 3487 Towne Pointe Dr, Bettendorf, IA 52722
Time: 9:00AM-3:00PM Cost: Free

• Lunch Provided
• Fun Tournament
• Prizes After Lunch

For More Information
309-574-0172
ahofer@fca.org

3riversfca.org/disc-golf-camp

High School Bible Study- Our next meeting will be August 24th @ 5pm and will be hosted at Shay and Lisa Litwiler's farm. We will be wrapping up our covenant study with discussing the Covenant of Marriage. Feel free to invite a couple of friends. Dinner is provided and free to attend.

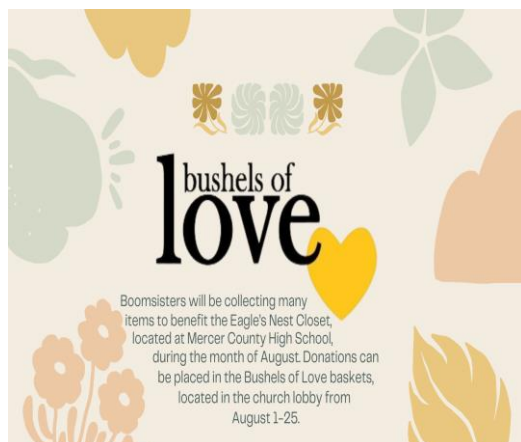


High School Bible Study
9th-12th Graders
Saturday, August 24th, 2024.
At the Litwilers farm 5-8pm
Dinner is provided.

Discipleship
The Covenant
1 Peter
2 Peter
Ephesians

SIGN UP

Bushels of Love-Boomsisters will be collecting toiletry, clothes and necessity items to benefit the Eagle's Nest Closet, located at Mercer County High School, during the month of August! The Eagle's Nest Closet 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. Ms. Owens has been helping around five high school students per day through the Eagle's Nest Closet. If you would like to help Boomsisters with this mission of students helping students you can find a list of needed item on the Welcome desk. If you have questions, please contact Rhonda McKinley or Pastor Austin. Donations can be placed in the Bushels of Love baskets, located in the church lobby from August 1st-25th.



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Flourish Women's Ministry

JOURNEY Mother/Daughter Retreat
 Sept. 13th-15th



Recommended for daughters age 7-13.
 Cost is \$100 per Mom
 \$50 per daughter

Deadline to register is Aug. 28th
firstbaptistaledo.com

Held at Life Action Camp
 Buchanan, MI

At Life Action Camp in Michigan - Sept. 13th-15th. This is a super-fun and impactful weekend to spend quality time learning from God's Word and growing together! This is recommended for daughters age 7-13. Sign Up Coming soon! Please register with the church, then housing and transportation will be coordinated. **Deadline for registration is Aug. 28th.** Cost is \$100 per Mom and \$50 per Daughter.



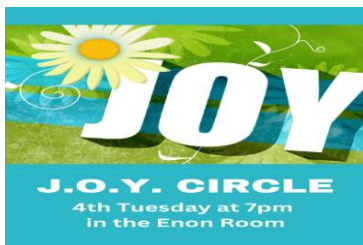
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 A RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Thrive Women's Retreat - Life Action Camp Buchanan, MI
 Oct. 25th-27th - Cost \$100 Per Person
 Deadline to Register is October 4th
 Register at firstbaptistaledo.com



FBC Flourish
 Women's Event

Saturday, Nov. 9th
 @First Baptist Aledo
 Registration Coming Soon!



JOY
 J.O.Y. CIRCLE
 4th Tuesday at 7pm
 in the Enon Room

Joy Circle
 All ladies are invited to J.O.Y. Circle on Tuesday, August 27th at 7pm in the Enon Room. Come join us for fun, fellowship and a devotion.

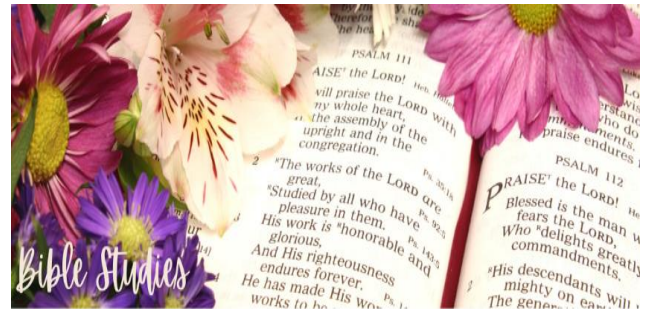


Women's Tuesdays with Jesus Study
JESUS & WOMEN

**This NEW Study Begins July 23rd
 Tuesdays at 2pm
 Led by Rhonda McKinley
 Enon Room
 Sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com

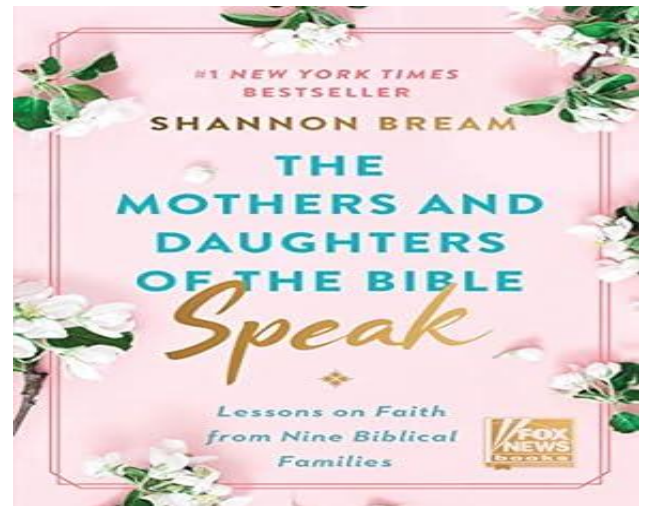
Tuesdays With Jesus Women's Study

We're are currently going through Kristi McLelland's "Jesus and Women" study. Imagine walking the dusty roads of Galilee with Jesus of Nazareth-braving jostling crowds just to touch the edge of His cloak and hear Him say, "Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you." Those words, once meant to comfort a hurting woman's soul thousands of years ago, were also meant for you. This class is led by Rhonda McKinley and meets on Tuesdays at 2pm in the Enon Room. Jump in any time!



Sheri Olson hosts a study of the book of Matthew. The class takes place on Tuesdays from 10-11:30am at her home (720 SW 2nd Ave Aledo). This is an ongoing study, so jump in at any time.

Sheri Olson also hosts study on the book of Daniel. The class takes place on Tuesdays from 12-1:30pm at her home (720 SW 2nd Ave Aledo). This is an ongoing study so jump in at any time.



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 Kady Hofer as she leads the study "The Mothers And Daughters of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Bream. More details about this study and online sign up will be coming soon! WNL runs from Sept. 4th-Nov. 13th on Wednesday's from 6:30-8pm.

Gift Card Shower/Town Hall Meeting



People continue to ask us how they can help the Bowker family during this time as Pastor Seth and Jadon recover from their accident. FBC is hosting a Gift Card Shower for the Bowker family. There will likely be trips back and forth to University of Iowa Hospital for follow up appointments. So, if you would like to donate gas cards, restaurant gift cards either here in Aledo or for restaurants in Iowa City, or any other kind of gift card that you think might be a blessing to the Bowkers, we'd be happy to collect it for you and pass it on to the Bowkers. Gift Cards can mailed to First Baptist Church or left in the church office. First Baptist is located at 800 NE 6th Ave. Aledo, IL 61231. Our office hours are Tuesdays through Fridays from 8:30am-4pm. Thanks in advance for blessing the Bowkers!

Town Hall Meeting

The FBC Building Committee is working on gathering details from the architects about options for our proposed building project. When the information is gathered, we will call for a Town Hall meeting to discuss the results.



Join Us for Couples Game Day!

Couples are invited to join us Sat., Aug. 24th from 1-5pm in the Fellowship Hall for a fun afternoon of playing games. Please bring your favorite card/board game and an appetizer to share. There is no need to sign up, just show up ready to have a great time of fellowship.

FBC Men's Ministry

What's Coming Up?

The Men's Ministry is planning a night at the ballpark in August. It is Faith and Fellowship night on August 9th beginning at 6:30pm with the Quad City River Bandits hosting the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers complete with a post game fireworks show! The sponsored tickets are now **SOLD OUT** but you may be able to purchase tickets directly from the River Bandits box office

It's time to get ready for Quest this fall! On September 27th-29th, FBC will coordinate a trip to Father/Son Quest at Life Action Camp in Buchanan, Michigan. This weekend retreat is designed for fathers and sons to spend quality time together through fun activities, practical biblical teaching, and lots of great food. Life Action's father-and-son adventure weekends feature a variety of activities which include rocket building (and launching!), laser tag, carpet ball and gaga ball, thrilling challenges, and practical teaching for sons of all ages. The cost of this event is \$100 per adult and \$50 per son.

Then in November, we will be heading to Life Action Camp for Men's Momentum. Food, fellowship, and spiritual recharging mark this men's time together. Men are challenged and encouraged to lead their families with deliberate action, resisting the role of passive onlooker. Please join us on November 1st - November 3rd. We will leave the church Friday morning and return Sunday evening. The cost of this event is \$100 per person, the true cost is \$170, both options will be available online soon. Tom Harmon is the speaker and spaces will fill up quickly. Please note: This retreat is designed for men ages 16 and older.

Also, please remember that we host a Men's Breakfast every Sunday morning beginning at 7am. We have breakfast then follow up with questions on the previous week's sermon. We do dismiss in time for 8am services. It's a great time for fellowship and accountability. Men 13 years and older are welcome.



Take Me Out To The Ball Park!

The FBC Men's Ministry is sponsoring A Night at the Ball Park during the QC River Bandits Faith & Family Event.

Date: Friday, August 9th at 6:30pm

Tickets Sponsored by FBC are now **SOLD OUT!**

If you want to attend and don't have tickets, contact the River Bandits directly.

If you purchased tickets from FBC and haven't picked them up, they are in the church office.



Volunteer Opportunity Coming Up on August 17th!

What: Get your Hands and Hammers Ready!

Repair/replace/rebuild front porch, steps, porch roofs, and hand rails for house between Joy and New Boston. (Kaisha House)

When: Saturday, August 17th

Where: Meet at the church @7am and we will travel to the house together.

Time: 7am to whenever. This is a 1 day event and lunch will be provided.

Contact: Jason Snyder with questions at snyderjason00@gmail.com

Faith At The Fairgrounds/WNL Line Up



Same fun event with a new name and location!

Due to construction in the Aledo Central Park parking lot, we're moving our annual Praise in the Park event to the Mercer County Fairgrounds and so we have a new name and location for this fun event!

Faith at the Fairgrounds will be Sunday, August. 25th from 10am-2pm. Mark your calendar, grab an invite postcard at the Welcome Desk and invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us at Faith at the Fairgrounds. We'll kickoff the day with worship, then enjoy a catered lunch from Mercer Market, live music featuring The Terrill Sister and family fun! We'll have a Kids Fun Zone-Water & Bounce Inflatables, games for teens and snow cones by Snazzy's Lemonade! Kids bring your swim suit, sunscreen and towel. Adults bring your lawn chairs. It's all FREE to attend! No Sunday School or 8am service this day.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ALEDO, ILLINOIS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ALEDO

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE FALL '24

Classes for the whole family!

DETAILS AND REGISTRATION COMING SOON @ firstbaptistaledo.com

SEPT. 4-NOV. 13 WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM-8PM

- KIDS CLUB
- REFUGE JR HIGH & High School
- NURSERY
- ADULT CLASSES
 - The Chosen Series
 - Women's Study-The Mothers & Daughters Of The Bible Speak

Join us Sept. 4th-Nov.13th each Wednesday from 6:30-8pm for WNL!

There are classes for the whole family designed to help grow your faith and deepen your fellowship with others!

Adult Classes Include: **The Chosen Series**-Taught by Kevin Ricke & a **Women's Study-The Mothers & Daughters Of The Bible Speak**-Taught by Kady Hofer.

Refuge Student Ministry for student grades 6th-12th.

Kids Club for kids ages 3 years old thru 5th grade.

Nursery for babies 0-2 years old. Details and sign up coming soon at firstbaptistaledo.com.

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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.
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Have you seen our billboard in town?
Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to this fun event! Faith At The Fairgrounds, Sunday, Aug. 25th!