



*“My Father is always at work,
and I too must work.” ~ John 5:17*

Ready, set, go! September is GO time at FBC. We just enjoyed our first ever Faith at the Fairgrounds, which was in lieu of Praise in the Park, and that’s our unofficial kickoff for the fall session of Wednesday Night Live and a busy fall. It’s a good time to plug in and get others plugged in too. Jesus said that His Father was always at work, and He too must work. Henry Blackaby is famous for saying, find out where God is working and join Him. Since God is always at work, it should be a simple matter of paying attention. What does God do? What is it that He does that we can observe? We know God reveals truth, convicts people of sin, heals broken relationships, rescues from addiction, comforts, empowers, and encourages. We see God doing all these things in our church. Lives continue to be impacted by Christ in powerful ways. This is where we join God in His work. Many people, if not all people,

need help along the way. The church is a group of people who care for each other in the midst of God’s powerful activity. Some will have relapses even after they have experienced the powerful work of God in their lives. Even when God is clearly and evidently working it’s still a long journey of growth and maturity. But that journey will never happen if it doesn’t first begin. So, we invite and encourage new people to come and see what God’s doing. It may be as easy as inviting a young family to bring their kids to Kids Club or Refuge, or a friend to join you in Bible study, or to worship on Sunday Morning. As much as we see God working in our church, people won’t know unless we invite them to come and see for themselves. If this newsletter finds you, it’s an invitation. If you haven’t been in church in a while, come back. You’ll be welcomed back with open arms. If you’ve never been to church, come check it out. You won’t regret it. If you’re a regular attender, see where God is working and join Him. Looking forward to a great fall.

In Christ, Pastor Luke



Giving Needed To Meet 2024 Budget YTD
\$449,577.14

Current Expense Giving YTD
\$412,352.10

Building Fund Designations YTD
\$68,835.34

Deacon Fund Designations YTD
\$1,035.00

KIDS CLUB MINISTRY



KIDS CLUB

First Baptist Church, Aledo, IL
 Fall '24: Sept. 4th-Nov. 13th
 Winter/Spring '25: Feb. 5th-April 9th
 6:30-8:00pm Ages 3-5th Grade
 Register at firstbaptistaledo.com



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Wed., Oct. 30th
 5:30-Pizza
 6-8pm-Movie & Snacks

*No Kids Club, Refuge, or Adult Classes

SILLY FEET NIGHT

Kids Club Sept 18th




GROW THE FAITH OF KIDS & FAMILIES
CONNECT KIDS & FAMILIES TO ONE ANOTHER @ FBC
EQUIP PARENTS TO DISCIPLE KIDS AT HOME
REACH THE COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST

FBC KIDS MIN
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2024/2025



FAMILY MAX CHALLENGE '24/'25 EQUIPPING PARENTS TO DISCIPLE KIDS AT HOME

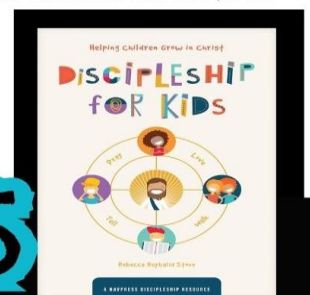
Hey Parents & Grandparents!
 We know how hard it is to juggle ALL the things AND keep Jesus at the center of your family!
 This school year we want to intentionally come alongside you & give you a great tool to disciple your kids!

Do we have your attention? Here's what it'll look like!

Sign-up at firstbaptistaledo.com to receive a copy of "Discipleship for Kids" for \$5. There are 30 very short sections, each focusing on **1 of six discipleship principles**: 1. Jesus at the Center, 2. Obey Jesus, 3. God's Word, 4. Pray, 5. Fellowship, & 6. Tell the World! If you read **at least 1 a week together as a family**, you'll be finished by the end of the school year. Go at your own pace & figure out what works for your family! *This book is geared toward grade-school kids but all ages can join you.
Pre-K Families: Check out the alternative devotion available for families with kids ages 5 and younger.

Here's the fun part! Finish the book & Mollie will deliver a free pizza to your door (or opt to get a pizza card)! Keep this tucked into your book & turn in with the parent initials or screenshot it to Mollie before June 1st, 2025. Mollie will work out the pizza details with the parent(s). We're root'n for you! Go team!

Are you in? If you are, hop on firstbaptistaledo.com to get your copy!
 Feel free to text/call Mollie Dunn (Kid's Pastor) with questions at 309.371.6962.
Grandparent/Family Member: Want to do this challenge with kiddos you love? We love it! Go for it!



Pizza

\$5

Refuge Student Ministry



Refuge Student Ministry News

Refuge at the Y! - September 4th - November 13th Refuge students will be meeting at the YMCA every Wednesday evening! Session will start at 6:00pm and pick up time will be 8:15pm. Drop off and pick up will be at the door to the left of the main entrance.

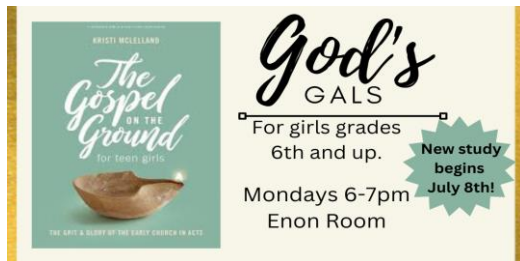
God's Gals-Girls in 6th-12th grades are invited to join us Mondays from 6-7pm in the Enon Room. We just began "The Gospel on the Ground Study- The Grit & Glory of the Early Church in Acts." This study is open to all girls Middle School through High School. If you're new to this study, please sign up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

Boom Sisters Event - All 6th-12th grade girls invited to join us Saturday, Sept. 21st from 9am-1pm as Angela Pauley joins us to teach candle making. Angela will also be sharing her testimony.

High School Bible Study- Attention high schoolers, our new study will begin on September 21st 6-8pm at the Abbadusky's and will be held every other Saturday night. Join us as we study 1 Peter and learn what it looks like to walk as a Christian in our current world. We are continuing to grow in GOD's love and be rooted in His word. Please be sure to bring your Bible. Dinner is provided and free to attend.

5th Quarter Party- September 6th Refuge students will be hosting the 5th quarter party after Mercer County Golden Eagles VS. Sherrard Tigers! Join us at FBC following the game for pizza, testimonies and games!

See You At the Pole - September 25th, students nationally will be gathering around their flag poles before school to join together in prayer! Join us to pray for the schools, students and more!



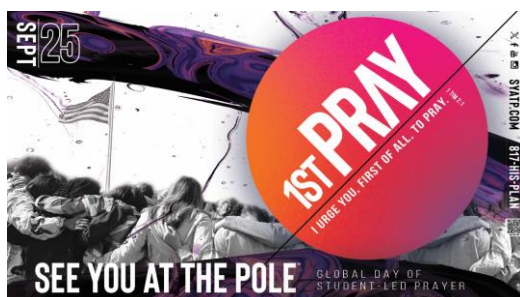
Dear Church Family,

We have spent the last several years learning about Sisters-in-Christ who have gone before us as well as some within our own church and how they used their gifts to serve others. This year Boomsisters is on mission for our local community with Bushels of Love.

We want to thank you so very much for your awesome support of The Eagles Nest Closet at Mercer County High School, our first mission. We collected so many clothes as well as food, hygiene products, cozy blankets, and money with your help.

Our prayer was for God to bless the student's needs as well as all of you for your generosity. Matthew 25:40

Again, thank you so much,
Boomsisters, Bushels of Love
(Absent from the pictures, Addy Lucas)



Flourish Women's Ministry



All ladies High School age and up are invited to an evening in the sunflower field at Dandee Flowers Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30pm! Cost is \$30 and includes making a sunflower bouquet to take home. Dandee Flowers is located at 1566 Route 17. Please register on the church website at firstbaptistaledo.com by September 4th.



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

Ladies, you are invited to join us at Life Action Camp in Buchanan, MI on October 25th-27th for Thrive Women's Retreat. Please register on the church website, then housing and transportation will be coordinated. Deadline for registration is October 4th. Cost is \$100 per woman. Sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com



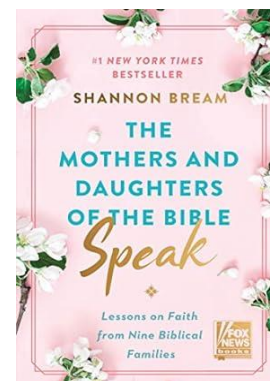
Joy Circle

All ladies are invited to J.O.Y. Circle on Tuesday, Sept. 24th at 7pm in the Enon Room. Come join us for fun, fellowship and a devotion.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE FALL WOMEN'S CLASSES

Wednesday Night Live Classes run from Sept. 4th-Nov. 13th on Wednesday's from 6:30-8pm. There will be 2 women's studies. Kady Hofer will lead the study "The Mothers And Daughters of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Bream. And, Britni Ewing will lead a study called "Being A Godly Woman In A Sinful World." Details & sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com.



Weekly On Going Women's Studies

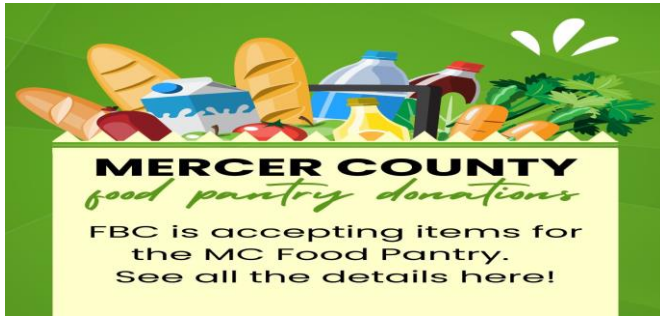
Sheri Olson hosts a study of the book of Matthew. The class takes place on Tuesdays from 10-11:30am at her home (720 SW 2nd Ave Aledo). This is an ongoing study, so jump in at any time.

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.

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 at FBC in the Enon Room. Jump in any time!

Upcoming Events!



On October 6th and December 1, 2024, Boomsisters, Bushels of Love will be on mission collecting the following items for the Mercer County Food Pantry.

This pantry offers temporary/emergency food assistance to residents of Mercer County.

We will place our Bushels of Love baskets near the welcome desk for your convenience.

Items needed include canned corn, green beans, tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, chili beans, peas, pork-n-beans, peaches, fruit cocktail, tuna, soups, as well as spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, cake mix, brownie mix. Bars of bath soap, toilet paper, shampoo, and toothpaste are also welcome. We thank you for your support! Any questions see Rhonda McKinley or Britni Ewing.



Celebrating Operation Christmas Child

On Sunday, September 22nd during both the 8am and 10:15am services, we will have the privilege of hearing briefly from Dioany Yosuno, an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox recipient. When Dioany received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift, she felt seen by God, who delights in His children. We will hear how a shoebox gift showed Dioany how God saw the desires of her heart. During both services, FBC will also be presented with an award for our 5th year of being an OCC Shoebox drop-off location.



FBC Family! We have an anonymous sponsor who has rented the VIP Moline 14 Theater (formally Regal Theater) 4101 38th St in Moline, IL to watch "The Forge". You are invited to join us for "The Forge" movie Sunday, September 15th. Please arrive at the theater at 2pm. Movie starts at 2:30pm. We have 150 FREE tickets available for anyone 6th grade and up. Sign up online at firstbaptistaledo.com to reserve your tickets.



FBC Men's Ministry

What's Coming Up?

The Men's Ministry is planning a trip to Buchanan, MI in November, we will be heading to Life Action Camp for 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-3rd. We will leave the FBC 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 at firstbaptistaledo.com.

Tom Harmon is the speaker and spaces will fill up quickly. Please note: This retreat is designed for men ages 16 and older.



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.

Hey Guys! Mark your calendars!
2 Man Best Ball Coming Sept. 22nd!



Wednesday Night Live Men's Studies!

Wednesdays - Sept. 4th-Nov. 13th – 6:30-8pm
Sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com

Men's Bible Study-The Book of James-Lead By Pastor Luke Dunn- The Monday Night Men's Group has moved to Wednesday. We will be studying the book of James. Come join us at FBC as we read and discuss the book of James each week. This study is open to all men and taught by Pastor Luke.

Men's Strength & Faith Class-Join Aaron Struble at the Mercer County YMCA for a devotion and guided weight lifting. We'll gather in the lobby of the Y for a devotion and then proceed to the weight room to do a guided weight lifting. The cost for Non Y members is \$5 per person per night, if you are a member of the Y there is no cost for this class.

The Chosen Series-Season 4- Lead By Kevin Ricke at FBC-Open to Everyone- The Chosen is a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus Christ, seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Israel, the seven-season show shares an authentic and intimate look at Jesus' revolutionary life and teachings. Clashing kingdoms. Rival rulers. The enemies of Jesus close in while His followers struggle to keep up, leaving Him to carry the burden alone.

Quest Father Son Retreat @ Life Action Camp

Quest Father/Son Retreat is happening at Life Action Camp however, FBC is not coordinating or sponsoring this event this year however, we encourage you, if you're interested, to call Life Action directly to make your reservation at 269.695.2191 or you can register online at www.lifeactioncamp.com.

These father-and-son adventure weekends feature outdoor events jam-packed with activities designed to help dads and sons reconnect. You will make memories that last a lifetime. Spiritual principles are embedded into activities and athletic events to equip fathers and sons for the journey ahead. *Note: We recommend that sons be at least six years old for this event.*

WNL Line Up



Join us Sept. 4th-Nov.13th, 2024 Wednesdays 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! These classes are free to attend and open to the public!

Adult Class Descriptions

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The Mothers & Daughters Of The Bible Speak By Shannon Bream-Women's Study-Lead By Kady Hofer-'Have faith' is a phrase we hear all the time. But what does it actually look like to live it out? In *The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak*, Shannon Bream examines the lives of biblical women to see how God's plans can turn our worlds upside down. She tells the story of Jochebed, a mother who took enormous risks to protect her son, Moses, from Pharaoh. Could Jochebed have imagined that God's actual design for her son involved flight into exile and danger? And yet this was all part of the master plan to deliver Israel from slavery. Another biblical mother, Rebekah, made terrible choices to ensure her son's place in history. And a daughter, Michal, struggled to keep her faithless father, Saul, from sin, while battling pride in herself. Through these stories, Shannon explains the intimate connection between faith and family--and how God's unexpected agenda can redefine the way we think about family. Through the lens of their imperfections, we can see how God used their stories to bring about His divine plans.

Being A Godly Woman in a Sinful World-Lead by Britni Ewing-During this class, we will search the scriptures to see what God's Word says about fear of the Lord, being born again, being a new creation, dwelling at His feet, prayer, and being on mission for God. We will wrap up the class with ways to study your Bible! Please bring your Bible (if you do not have one, we will get you one!) and handouts will be provided. Please let Britni Ewing know if you have any questions! Hope to see you there!

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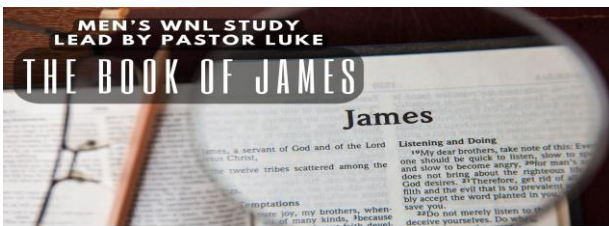
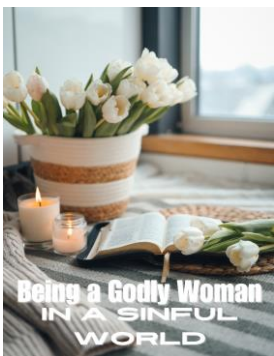
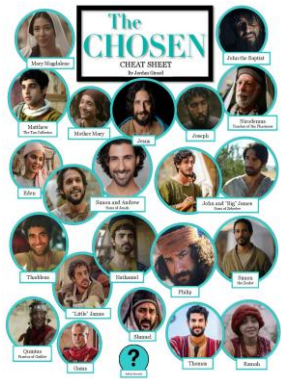
**Nursery for babies 0-2 years old is provided for adults who are attending a study or who are serving. Register your nursery kiddos on the Kids Club link below.*

Refuge Student Ministry:

- Students grades 6th-12th grade are invited to join us at the Mercer County YMCA for Refuge Youth Group on Wednesdays. Doors open at 6pm and pick up is 8-8:15pm during WNL. No registration required. Check-in & pick-up through the exterior community room door at the y (to the left of the main entrance).

Kids Club:

- Kids ages 3 through the 5th grade are invited to join us at First Baptist Church on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm. Check-in starts at 6:15pm in the lobby and pick-up is in the lobby from 8-8:10pm. Register on the Kids Club registration 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.
- Call the Church Office at 309.582.7812.



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

Join us on Wednesdays!

