



Mark Your Calendar

12.22

Prayer Meeting 5pm

12.23

God's Gals 6pm

12.24

Church Office Closed

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7pm

12.25

Merry Christmas!

Church Office Closed

12.29

Testimonies & Donuts 9am

No Sunday School

12.31

Church Office Open 8:30am-Noon

1.1.2025

Happy New Year! Church Office Closed

1.2.2025

New Permanent Office Hours Begin 9am-4:30pm

1.16.25-4.10.25

Grief Share Class – Thursdays at 6pm

2.6.25-4.9.25

Wednesday Night Live Classes for all! 6:30pm

Order of Worship

Worship Song

Announcements

Worship Song

Kids Dismissal

Worship Song

Message

Invitation



December 22, 2024

10:15am Service

Today's Message

"The Second Advent"

Luke 12:32-40

Pastor Luke Dunn

Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday 8:30am-4pm.

Pastor Seth is available by appointment on

Mondays. Call 309-582-7812 to set up an

appointment. *New Office Hours Begin

Jan. 2nd - See bulletin for details.

Website: firstbaptistaledo.com

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 4 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
- **TEXT GIVING** - Text the amount of your donation to 84321. When you initiate your first Text2Give donation, you will need to tap the setup link to complete the one-time registration.
- **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 Winter/Spring '25: All kids ages 3 years old through the 5th grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm from Feb. 5th-April 9th. Kids will have lots of fun with special theme nights & parties, yummy snacks, Bible stories, Bible memory challenges, & games. More info will be available in January & registration can be found at www.firstbaptistaledo.com or contact Mollie at 309-371-6962. *If your child attended in the fall, no need to register again.

Kids Ministry News Welcome Families with Young Children-During the 10:15am Service-We offer a nursery for infant-2 years old and Kids Worship for kids ages 3 years old – 5th grade. Kids check-in downstairs with a parent. Three-year-olds through first grade go straight to Kids Worship while 2nd-5th grade worship upstairs then are dismissed during the worship set. Pick-up is in the Fellowship Hall area right after service. A cry room with the live service is available at the end of the upstairs hallway; last door on the right.

Refuge Ministry News

Refuge at the Y!- all 6th-12th grade students join us at the YMCA in Aledo for Refuge youth group! Games, small groups, snacks and more will be provided from 6:00pm (check-in) to 8:00pm (pick up). Refuge will be taking a break for the holidays and will back at the YMCA Wednesday, January 8th 2025.

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. Sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com.

BoomSisters Overnight-Girls in grades 6th-12th are invited to join us at FBC for a Boomsister Overnight! We will start at 6pm on Friday, January 17th and end at 10am on Saturday, January 18th. Dinner and breakfast will be served. Bring snacks to share. Please sign-up before January 10th.

FCA-Calling all students to join us for Fellowship of Christian Athletes huddles at Merco High School and Jr. High! High school will meet every Wednesday morning at 7:15am in room 210, Jr. High will meet every Friday at 7:30am in room 23. All students are free to join; breakfast provided!

FCA Meal Train-FCA is looking for families to help out with breakfast at the Jr. High and High School. If you can cook and want to serve these students, please sign up online using the QR code on the slide or go to the Refuge Facebook page. Questions, contact Andrew Hofer or Austin Shields.

Adult Ministry News

Sunday Prayer Meeting-Join us tonight at 5pm in the Enon Room for a time of prayer.

Help Us Prep For Christmas Eve Service-In an effort to be prepared for all the extra people coming to the Christmas Eve Service, we would love for people who are able to stay following the 10:15am service today to remove chairs from the adult Sunday School classrooms and bring them into the sanctuary so we can have plenty of seating on Christmas Eve. Thanks in advance for your help!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service-Celebrate Christmas at FBC this Tuesday, Dec. 24th at 7pm for our special Christmas Eve Candlelight service. This is always a beautiful and moving service and a great time of year to invite a friend, neighbor or family member to join you at church. Invite postcards can be found at the Welcome Desk in the lobby. **The nursery is not being staffed this night but, if the need arises, you are welcome to sit with your child in the Nursery or the Enon Room and watch the live stream. The Special Christmas Eve Offering is being designated for the Deacon Fund and can be left in the white offering boxes found at the sanctuary exit doors or in the lobby. This fund supports emergency needs for people in our community. Checks can be made payable to FBC.

Holiday Office Hours-The hours for the church office during the holidays are as follows: Christmas Eve & Christmas Day the office will be closed. New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st we will be open 8:30am-Noon & Closed on New Year's Day.

New Church Office Hours-Beginning Thursday, Jan. 2nd, 2025 the Church Office will have new permanent office hours which are as follows: Tuesdays-Fridays 9am-4:30pm. Mondays Pastor Seth is available by appointment by calling 309-582-7812.

Testimony & Donut Sunday-Grab a donut and join us Sunday, Dec. 29th at 9am in the Sanctuary for testimonies and donuts as we listen to how the Lord is working in the lives of our church family. There is no Sunday School on Sunday, December 29th.

FBC ANNUAL MEETING 2024-The FBC Church Council will meet Tuesday, Jan. 14th at 7pm. The FBC Annual Business Meeting is Sunday, Jan. 19th at 11:40am. All are welcome to attend the Business Meeting.

New Session of GriefShare-GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. This 13-week class is taught by Joe and Kathy Olson and held Thursdays from Jan. 16th-April 10th from 6-8pm at FBC in the Enon Room. This class is free and open to everyone. Sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com.

Wednesday Night Live Winter/Spring '25-The Winter/Spring Session of WNL is Feb. 5th-April 9th each Wednesday from 6:30-8pm. Classes will include **The Art of Marriage** taught by Pastor Seth & Denise, a **Men's Bible Study on 1st Corinthians** taught by Pastor Luke, a **Women's Class** taught by Kady Hofer, a **Study for everyone on Parables** taught by Steve Struble, **Men's Strength and Faith Class** (Devo & Weight Lifting) held at the YMCA and lead by Aaron Struble. **Kids Club:** For kids ages 3 years old through the 5th grade. **Nursery** for babies ages 0-2 for the parents taking classes or volunteering. **Refuge Student Ministry-**For Students grades 6th-12th grade at the YMCA. Details and sign up coming soon!

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.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

OR to receive our newsletter via e-mail leave your e-mail address: _____