



Mark Your Calendar

5.17
Prayer Meeting 5pm
**NO High School Bible Study
Women's Thrive Info Meeting 11:30am
5.18
God's Gals 6pm
5.19
Tuesday's With Jesus Women's Study 2pm
5.20
Refuge at the YMCA - 6pm
5.21
Women's Through the Word Study 3:30pm
5.24
FBC Graduation Recognition Sunday 10:15am
Baptism Sunday
5.26
Last Day of School Fun @ New Boston 9am
J.O.Y. Circle 7pm
5.27
Last Day of School Fun @ Aledo 2pm
5.30-6.4
CIY Move in Joplin, MO
5.31
NO 8am Service - One Combined Service at 10:15am
Baptism Sunday - 5th Sunday Potluck 11:30am
6.1
New Church Office Hours Begin
6.7
Promotion Sunday for Sunday School Classes 9am
6.7 & 6.14
Discover FBC Class 9am
6.22 - 6.26
Rainforest Falls VBS

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

May 17th, 2026
10:15am

Today's Message

"Seen, Known &
Forgiven"

Hebrews 4:12-13

Luke 18:1; 9

1 John 1:9

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 Administrative Assistant - Pam Ricke will be in the lobby at the Welcome Desk 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

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithfulness to the ministry of First Baptist Church.
Your giving helps support the work God is doing in and through our church.

We invite you to give your offering in one of these three ways:

- **GIVE ONLINE** - Visit our website firstbaptistaledo.com/give
- **OFFERING BOX** - You may leave your offering in the white offering box in the lobby or at the sanctuary door exits.
- **MAIL** - You may write a check and mail it to First Baptist Church - 800 NE 6th Ave. Aledo, IL 61231

Kids Ministry News

Families with children in 5th grade and younger-A nursery is available on the main level for children, infants-2 years old during the 9am Sunday School hour and the 10:15am worship service. Sunday School classes are available on the lower level for all children 3 years old-5th grade. Kids Worship is offered to kids 3 years old-5th grade during the 10:15am service. Pre-K-1st grade checks-in in the Fellowship Hall (down the main stairs and to your left) and go directly to Kids Worship. Kids in 2nd-5th grades will check-in in the Fellowship Hall and then worship upstairs with their parents until they are dismissed. All ages will be in the Fellowship Hall for pick-up immediately following the service. Parents: Please keep your security label and present to volunteers at pick-up. If you see your child's name appear in the bottom left corner on the screens in the Sanctuary, please make your way downstairs to the Kids Min area or to the Nursery where a leader will be waiting to assist you. We typically use this if a child becomes sick or needs help in the restroom.

Last Day of School Fun!-Be on the lookout for the First Baptist Church bus at the following locations for some last day of school fun! Tue., May 26th at 9am at the New Boston Ball Diamond. Wed., May 27th from 2-3pm at Northside Park in Aledo.

Aloha! Promotion Sunday-Say goodbye to your old class and hello to your new one! Pre-K - 5th grade Sunday School classes will have their promotion party in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 7th. Students going into Kindergarten, 2nd Grade, and 6th Grade will be moving up to new classes. Kids Worship kiddos going into 2nd grade will be promoted into the 2nd - 5th grade classroom with Mrs. Nancy. Our 5th grade graduates may continue to attend Kids Worship through Aug. 9th.

Rainforest Falls VBS-Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! Kids ages 3 years old through those going into 5th grade are invited to join us at Rainforest Falls where kids will explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. Please take time today to sign up your kiddos at firstbaptistaledo.com. VBS is the week of June 22nd-26th from 9:00-11:30am.

Refuge Student Ministry News

Refuge at the YMCA-All 6th-12th-grade students join us at the YMCA in Aledo for the Refuge Youth Group on Wednesday nights! Games, snacks, and more will be provided on Wednesdays from 6 pm (check-in) to 8 pm (pick-up). In June and July, we will be having Refuge at the Church for "Refuge in the Field."

High School Bible Study!-Not meeting tonight, 5/17, we will be back on 5/24. We are studying the book of Ephesians so that we can be strengthened and deeply rooted as we learn to fulfill the purpose and calling GOD has given. We meet every Sunday from 5-7 pm in the church basement. Dinner is provided.

God's Gals-Girls 6th-12th grades are invited to join us on Mondays from 6-7 pm in the Enon Room. Current Study: Jude-Contending for the Faith.

CIY MOVE-CIY MOVE is May 30th-June 4th at Ozark Christian College in Joplin, MO. MOVE is intended for students who will have completed grades 8th - 12th. The cost is \$250 per student. Sign-ups are closed, **mandatory meeting Sunday 24th, right after church downstairs in the refuge room.**

Jr. High Camp-At Spring Valley Camp in Muscatine for students going into 7th-8th grade on July 12th-17th. Pastor Austin will be joining the 7th-8th graders at camp! Spring Valley Camp is a smaller, local, traditional camp. *Parents are responsible for getting their camper to and from camp. To register, visit their website at www.springvalleycamp.org, pick a camp week, and register on the Church's website. *Please indicate that FBC will pay 50% of your child's camp fee. This discount can only be used for FBC families and regular FBC program attendees of Refuge. **Make sure to register on the church's website by July 1st.**

Youth Band-All 6th-12th-grade students welcome, practice every other Tuesday 4:30-6:00 pm @FBC Aledo, must sign up online, first practice is May 26th.

Refuge in the Field-All students 6th-12th grade, on Wednesdays: June 10th, 17th, July 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th, Refuge will be held at FBC Aledo (800 NE 6th Ave, Aledo) from 6-8:00 pm! We will be having games, a fire pit, devotions, and summer FUN.

Adult Ministry News

Women's Thrive Retreat-Join us for an informational meeting TODAY at 11:30am in the Enon Room #9 to learn more about Thrive, a women's retreat happening Oct. 2-4 at Life Action Camp in Buchanan, MI. Thrive is a weekend of encouragement, worship, fellowship, fun, and great food designed to help women grow closer to Jesus. If you're interested, plan to attend the meeting or see Karyn Smith with questions. Ready to sign up? Register online at firstbaptistaledo.com. Cost is \$150 and includes lodging, conference sessions, and meals. Deadline to register is August 1st.

Graduate Party Invites-The Church family is invited to the following Grad parties: Molly Dixon's High School Graduation Party is tonight from 5-8pm at the Mercer County Fair Grounds 848-170th St. Aledo. Noah Johnson's High School Graduation Party is Sunday, May 17th at 5pm at the Johnson's home 102 NW 8th Ave. Aledo.

Graduation Recognition Sunday at FBC-Graduation Recognition at FBC is May 24th during the 10:15am service. No cap or gown needed. Just come be recognized!

J.O.Y. Circle Gathering-All ladies are invited to the J.O.Y. Circle on Tues., May 26th at 7pm in the Enon Room #9. Join us for fun, fellowship and a devotion.

5th Sunday Potluck/ONE Combined Service-On May 31st, we'll have one combined service at 10:15am (no 8am), offering a meaningful opportunity for our church family to worship together and connect more personally as we share life together. After the service, join us for a potluck at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a favorite dish to share—main, side, or dessert. Drinks and table service will be provided. Stop by the Welcome Desk to sign up with Karyn Smith—we'd love to have you there!

New Church Office Hours-Beginning June 1st - Tuesdays-Thursdays 9am-4:30pm, Fridays 9am-Noon. Mondays by appointment.

Women's Tuesdays with Jesus Class-Join the Tuesdays with Jesus Women's Study beginning June 9th as we start a new study - *Becoming Like Jesus* by Matt Chandler. This encouraging study explores how spiritual transformation happens as we follow Christ daily and allow God to shape our hearts, minds, and lives to reflect Jesus more fully. The group meets Tuesdays at 2pm in the Enon Room #9 and is led by Rhonda McKinley.

Discover FBC Class-Only 4 spots left!- This is a two-week class designed to help you understand who we are and how you can connect at FBC Aledo. Whether you're new or still exploring, you'll learn about our mission, beliefs, ministries, and next steps for growing in your faith. Join Pastor Steven Stern Sun., June 7th & Sun., June 14th from 9:10-10AM in Lower Level Room #12, this class is a great step toward getting connected and finding your place in the life of our church.

FBC Rooted Men's Conference-Coming Sat., July 18th, 8am-2pm at FBC. Open to men ages 13 and up, this day is designed to help you grow deeper in Christ and His Word. Pastor Chris Rogers will be speaking, and the day will include worship, encouragement, and great fellowship—plus breakfast and lunch provided. It's free to attend, Sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com.

Baptism Sunday-One Sunday each month we offer Baptism Sunday. If you've made the all-important decision to follow Jesus and in a step of obedience want to be baptized, please fill out the Connect Card below and leave it at the Welcome Desk in the lobby, in an Offering Box, or call the church office at 309-582-7812.

Connect Card - We'd love to connect with you! Sign Up & Tear Off or Scan the QR Code!



If you'd like to stay connected with the FBC family, we encourage you to either scan the QR Code to the left and fill out electronically or complete the information below, then tear it off and drop it by the Welcome Desk in the lobby or in an Offering Box after today's service.

Our newsletter is now sent electronically, so please include your email address if possible.
Printed copies are also available in the lobby We are so glad you are here!

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
** E-mail Address: _____

____ Yes, I have made the decision to follow Jesus and would like to be baptized. Please contact me at the number above.