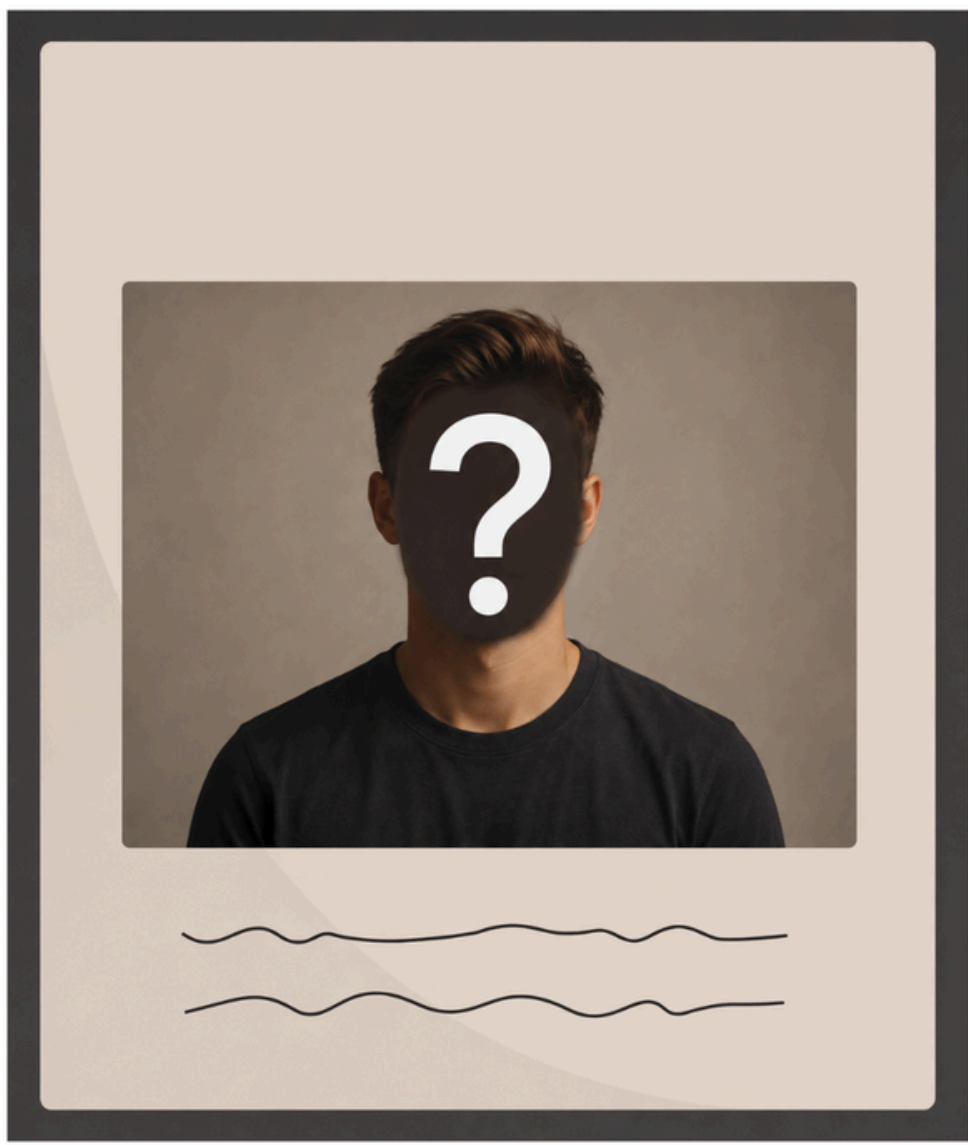




THE POSTER CHILD FOR FAILURE

Matthew 26:69-74
John 21



Mark Your Calendar

8.23

FBC Safety Team Meeting 11:30am

Prayer Meeting - Come to pray or be prayed for 5pm

High School Bible Study 5pm

8.24

God's Gals ***New Abide Study Begins!** 6pm

8.25

Tuesdays with Jesus Women's Study 2pm

J.O.Y. Circle 7pm

8.26

Pack Praise In The Park Goodie Bags 1pm

Refuge @YMCA 6pm

8.30

Praise In The Park Family Fest-Aledo Central Park 10am

No 8am Service or Sunday School this day

9.3

Women's Through the Word Study-John 3:30pm

9.16-11.4

Wednesday Night Live 6:30-8pm

10.2-10.4

Thrive Women's Retreat

10.23-10.25

Men's Momentum

10.22

Coat Giveaway 6pm-7:30pm

10.24

Coat Giveaway 9am-10am

Order of Worship

Welcome

Baby Dedications @ 10:15am

Titus Canaday & Otilia Whitenack

Prayer & Announcements

Worship Set

But God Moment

Sermon

Invitation Song

Closing Prayer

August 23rd, 2026

8am & 10:15am

Today's Message

"The Poster Child For
Failure"

Matthew 26:69-74

John 21

Pastor Steven Stern

Church Office Hours

Tuesdays through Thursdays 9am-4:30pm

Fridays 9am-Noon

Pastor Steven Stern & Pastor Seth Bowker are
available by appointment on Mondays.

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

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 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 Tithes and Offerings

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

Welcome, Families with Young Children!-8AM Kids Ministry has launched!-Nursery (infants-2 years old) is available at 8AM, 9AM, & 10:15AM. Kids Worship is available 8AM & 10:15AM. ALL KIDS ATTENDING KIDS WORSHIP NEED TO CHECK IN: 8AM check in at the Nursery, worship with families, and will be dismissed after the first song to the Fellowship Hall. 10:15AM PreK-1st grade check in at the Fellowship Hall and will be dismissed after service, 2nd-5th grade check in at the Fellowship Hall, worship with families, and will be dismissed after songs to their classroom. ALL kids are to be picked up in the Fellowship Hall; parents must have their security label. A cry room with a live video feed is available at the end of the upstairs hallway (last door on the right).

Kids Club Sign Up Now Open!-Kids Club registrations are now open. Wednesday Night Live and Kids Club begins Sept.16th and continues through Nov.4th each Wednesday from 6:30-8pm. Kids Club is for kids ages 3 years old through 5th grade. Kids Club provides a fun, safe, and engaging place where children learn about God's love through Bible stories, games, worship, and hands-on activities. Please register on the church app.

Kids Ministry Volunteers- Please text 'volunteer' to 309-240-4706 to receive schedules, meeting dates, and important upcoming information.

REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

Refuge at the YMCA is back!-All 6th-12th-grade students, join us back 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).

High School Bible Study-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 Sundays 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. A new study will begin on Aug. 24th - Abide by Jen Wilken.

Eagles Nest Donations-Boomsisters is collecting items to benefit the Eagle's Nest Closet, located at Mercer County High School, during the month of August. Today is the final day! Donations can be placed in the Bushels of Love baskets, located outside Austin's office from August 1st-23rd. There is a list of items that we accept for donation found near the Welcome Desk. If you have questions, please talk to Austin or Rhonda McKinley.

ADULT MINISTRY NEWS

FBC Safety Team Meeting-All Safety Team Volunteers are asked to attend a Safety Team Meeting TODAY following the 10:15am service in the Enon room. We will be talking about Praise In The Park safety details.

Prayer Nights-The FBC Prayer Team hosts prayer every Sunday night at 5pm in the Enon Room. Please come join us in prayer or be prayed over.

Bushels of Love Boomsisters-Today is the final day that we are collecting donations for the Eagle's Nest Closet at MCHS. Items can be placed in baskets outside Austin's office, with requested goods including gently used clothing, socks, Tide pods and easy foods. Cash donations for shoes and underwear can be given directly to Rhonda McKinley, Pastor Austin or Pam Ricke. Questions, text Rhonda at 309-235-5054.

J.O.Y. Circle Gathering-All ladies are invited to the J.O.Y. Circle on Tues., Aug. 25th at 7pm in the Enon Room #9. Join us for fun, fellowship and a devotion.

FBC Praise In The Park Family Fest!-Mark your calendar, and invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us in Aledo's Central Park on Sunday, August 30th from 10am-2pm for a day of worship, lunch, live music and family fun! We'll have a Kids Fun Zone-Water & Bounce Inflatables (kids bring your swimsuit, towel and sunscreen), 9 Square In The Air & Joust. Bring your lawn chair or a blanket. It's free to attend! No Sunday School or 8am service this day. Invite postcards can be found in our lobby at the Welcome desk.

Annual Coat Collection & Giveaway-Join us in sharing the love of Jesus by helping make sure our neighbors have the winter essentials they need. We are collecting new or gently used winter coats, scarves, mittens/gloves, hats, snow pants, and boots of all sizes. Donations may be placed in the collection tote outside the church through Oct 21st. Our Giveaway will be held at FBC Thursday, Oct. 22nd from 6-7:30 PM and Saturday, Oct. 24th from 9-10AM. We also need many volunteers to help make this outreach a success! Sign up @ firstbaptistaledo.com. Thanks for blessing families in need.

Women's Through the Word Bible Study-Women of all ages are invited to join Women's Through the Word Bible Study, a verse-by-verse study through the Gospel of John, led by Britni Ewing. The study begins Thursday, September 3, and meets from 3:30-5:30 PM in the Enon Room. Come grow in God's Word as we journey through John's Gospel together. All women are welcome!

Wednesday Night Live Classes & Programs!-Wednesday Night Live will be kicking off for the Fall Session on Sept. 16th and run through Nov. 4th, 2026. We'll meet each Wednesday from 6:30-8pm at FBC. Adult classes include a study called **Rooted-Connect With God, The Church, Your Purpose** for all adults is led by Pastor Steven, A Marriage Study called **No More Perfect Marriages by Mark and Jill Savage** & led by Pastor Seth & Denise, a Men's Study on the **Book of James** led by Troy Riddell, and a Women's Study on **Philippians called Fighting With Faith** led by Karyn Smith. We also have Kids Club for kids 3 years old through 5th grade & Refuge at the Aledo YMCA for student 6th-12th grade. A nurse is also provided for babies through 2 years old. Sign up today at firstbaptistaledo.com.

Men's Momentum-Men's Momentum Retreat | October 23-25. Men ages 16+ are invited to a weekend of biblical teaching, worship, fellowship, and encouragement at the Momentum Retreat. Come be refreshed, strengthened in your faith, and equipped to lead with Christ-centered purpose. Cost is \$225, which includes lodging, meals, and the conference. Register online at firstbaptistaledo.com **by September 20 for the Early Bird rate of \$150**, with the FBC Men's Ministry covering the remaining balance.

MerCo MomCo has moved!-Merco MomCo now now meets here at FBC. MomCo is a Christian community for moms in every season to connect, grow, and be known! Our first meeting is Thursday, August 27th, 9am-10:30am in the Refuge Room (basement). Check-in begins at 8:45am. Moms of all ages and stages of life are welcome. Any questions see Peggy Johnson and Kailyn McCutchen.



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 or stop 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, sign me up for the FREE Bible Video Resource - RightNow Media at the e-mail address listed above.

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