



### *Pastor Search Update*

We're grateful to share a positive update on our Senior Pastor search from Jeff Bachman with Vanderbloemen. Jeff let us know that the search is gaining strong momentum, with a healthy response from candidates. To date, they've engaged with more than 200 potential candidates who have expressed interest. The team is actively reviewing submissions—requesting additional information from some, screening out others who are not the right fit, and moving forward with initial screenings and interviews for qualified candidates.

This careful and thorough process is helping us discern God's leading for the next chapter at First Baptist Church. Jeff also shared his encouragement and hope for our search and for the future of First Baptist Church.

Thank you for your continued prayers, patience, and support as we move forward together.

Steve Struble  
FBC Pastor Search Committee



### **2026 Tithes & Offering - Year to date**

Giving Needed to Meet 2026 Budget - **\$50,100.00**

Current Expense Giving - **\$53,514.77**

Building Fund Designations - **\$ 3,894.00**

Deacon Fund Designations - **\$2,695.00**

Total Giving - **\$60,103.77**

# Join Us for Wednesday Night Live!

## Wednesday Night Live (WNL)

Feb. 4–Mar. 11 | Wednesdays | 6:30–8:00 pm

Wednesday Night Live is a welcoming midweek gathering for the whole family to grow in faith and build meaningful connections. Classes are free, open to the public, and you're welcome to join at any point.

### Adult Classes

#### **Men's Bible Study**

- Led by Troy Riddell, this men's study walks verse by verse through the Bible helping participants better understand who Jesus is and how His truth applies to everyday life. No prior knowledge needed—jump in anytime.

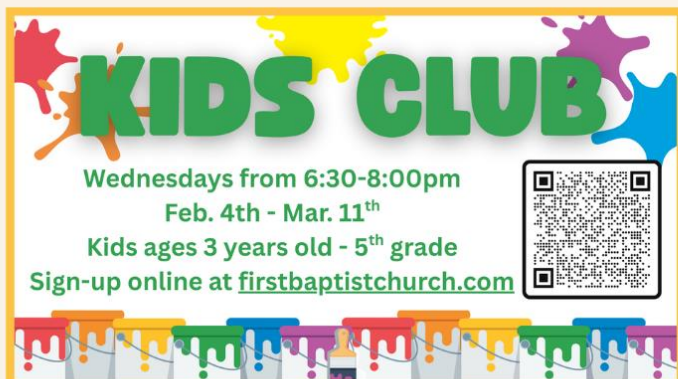
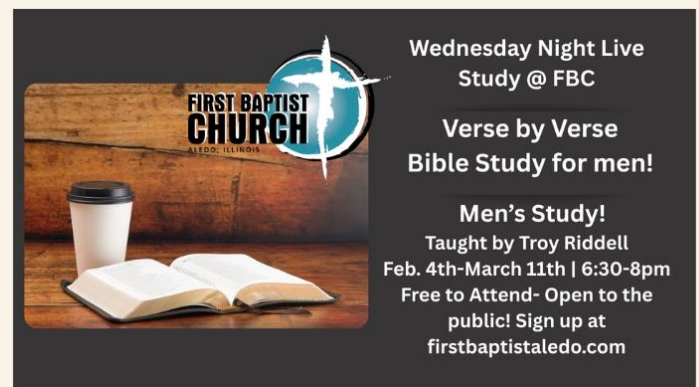
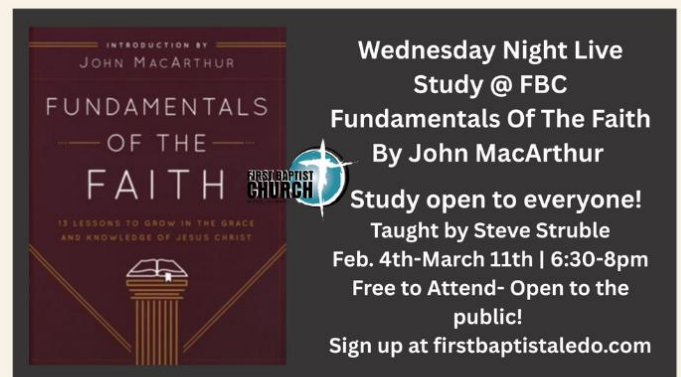
#### **Fundamentals of the Faith (Men & Women)**

- Led by Steve Struble, this study by John MacArthur explores the core beliefs of Christianity in a clear, practical way. Topics include salvation, the character of God, Scripture, prayer, and spiritual growth. Whether you're new to faith, returning to church, or wanting to strengthen your foundation, this class is a great fit.

### For Kids & Students

- **Nursery** (Ages 0–2): Provided for parents attending or serving
- **Kids Club** (Ages 3–5th Grade): Check-in begins at 6:15 pm at the church
- **Refuge Student Ministry** (Grades 6–12): Meets at the Mercer County YMCA with worship, Bible teaching, games, and fun

Come as you are—there's a place for everyone at WNL! Details/Sign Up @ [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).





# KIDS CLUB

## Winter Session



Kids ages 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm starting February 4<sup>th</sup> through March 11<sup>th</sup>. We will continue our theme from the Fall: "We are God's Masterpiece," and learn more about the ministry of Paul and Jesus's return through the Gospel Project. We will have fun playing games, engaging in Bible activities, memorizing scripture, eating snacks, and making new friends.

### Mission Project

This session we are collecting non-perishable items to donate to the Churches of Mercer County Food Pantry and the FBC Blessing Box. Our goal this session is collect 1,350 items. We only have six weeks for collection, but you always amaze me at your generosity so I know we can do it!

### Fun Nights this Session

*February 18th "What I Want to Be Night":* Kids, can dress up as who they would like to be when they grow up. This is another way we can celebrate how God has made each of us unique and special.

*March 11th "Glow With Generosity Night":* We're throwing a Glow Party to celebrate your amazing support for our Mission Project! Kids are encouraged to wear white or neon colors that will pop under the blacklights.

### Bible Memory Challenges

Each time kids recite their verse, they will get a prize.

- Pre-K - 1st Grade: "Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever." Psalm 145:2 ESV
- 2nd - 5th Grade: "v1 I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. v2 Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. v3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable." Psalm 145:1-3 ESV



Registration is strongly encouraged. Even if you participated in the Fall, we ask that you please sign-up online by clicking the QR Code here.





# REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY

**Refuge at the Y!**-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).

**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.

**Boomsisters Special Event!**-All girls in 6th-12th grades are cordially invited to some Valentine fun Saturday, Feb. 14th, from 10-11:30 am. Questions? See Rhonda McKinley.

**High School Bible Study!**-New Location!-High schoolers, join us for a weekly Sunday night 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. Learn who GOD declares you to be and how you can be grounded in the knowledge of His accomplishment for humanity. We meet every Sunday (EXCEPT FEB. 8th) from 5-7pm in the church basement. Come spiritually and physically hungry. Dinner is provided.

**HS Super Bowl Party**-All 9th-12th graders join us Feb. 8th at 5:00 pm at the Shields house for the Super Bowl! Come on over to enjoy ping pong, pool, fellowship, food, and football! Students, bring your favorite finger food to share (buffalo dip, pinwheels, sliders, etc.), and dessert will be provided. No need to sign, just show up. The Shields' address is 204 NW 3rd Ave, Aledo.

**High School Winter Outing**-All 9th-12th graders join us on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> as we are going to a Quad Cities Storm Hockey game at the Vibrant Arena. Leaving the FBC Aledo at 5:30pm and getting back around 11:00pm. The cost is just paying for your own dinner at CFA; the ticket is covered! Sign up online by February 27th.

**Jr. High Winter Outing**-All 6th-8th graders join us Sat., Feb. 21st at Elevate Trampoline Park in Davenport, IA. We will leave the church at 9 am and get back around 2 pm. The cost is \$15, and it covers jump, socks, and food. Sign up online by February 18th!

**Youth Worship Night**-9th-12th graders join us Friday, Feb. 20th, for youth worship night at Wildwood Church in Moline! We will be leaving FBC Aledo at 5pm and coming back around 9:30pm. Dinner is not provided. Sign up online today!

# Women's Flourish Ministry



A Women's Equipping Conference from

## FOCAL POINT MINISTRIES

*Join Us!*

**Saturday, April 18, 2026**  
**8:30am-4:00pm**  
 Calvary Church • Moline, IL 61265

A one-day conference for women (13 years and older) featuring inspiring keynote speakers, breakout seminars uniquely designed for women, and Christ-centered worship.

**The FBC Women's Ministry will be taking a group! Sign Up Details Coming Soon!**

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

SHAUNTI FELDHAHN

MILLCENT SEDRA

*Iron Sharpens Iron*  
 Proverbs 27:17

*Women's Ministry*  
 First Baptist Church • Moline, IL

Save The Date!

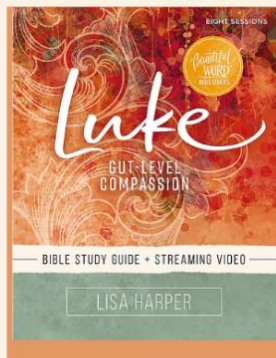
## 2026 Women's Through the Word Study



We are reading through the entire Bible using a unique plan.  
 Sunday - Epistle, Monday - The Law, Tuesday - History, Wednesday - Psalms, Thursday - Poetry, Friday - Prophecy, and Saturday - The Gospels.

When we meet, we will discuss connections, God's attributes, and ways God has been speaking to your heart to apply what you are learning. Taught by Britni Ewing.

We meet Thursdays (except Feb. 5th) from 3:30-5:30pm on the main level of the church in the room across from the Enon Room. Sign up at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)



*Tuesdays with Jesus*  
*Women's Study*  
**LUKE**  
 Gut-Level Compassion  
 2pm - Enon Room  
 Taught by Rhonda McKinley  
 Jump in anytime! More details at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)

Bible Study for women taught by Rhonda McKinley. We meet Tuesday afternoons at 2pm on the Upper Level in the Enon Room.  
 Current Study: "Luke: Gut-Level Compassion" by Lisa Harper

Many of us believe we aren't good enough to meet other people's expectations. Maybe you can't wrap words around why, but lurking beneath the surface of the carefully curated facade you present in public, it's there.

The great news woven throughout the Gospel according to Luke is that perfection is not a prerequisite for a deep and personal relationship with Jesus. In fact, this riveting account reveals that Jesus is especially fond of ragamuffins in need of a safe place to lean in and linger! Join Lisa Harper in this Bible study of a literary masterpiece that doesn't celebrate the elite, but embraces the outliers, outcasts, and overlooked! Jump in any time!



## LOVE IS BREWING

*Join us for coffee and pastries*

Please join us for a Wedding Shower honoring

**SIDNEY QUAM**

SATURDAY | MARCH 7TH | 10AM

First Baptist Church, Aledo IL

*Sidney and Dylan are registered at Amazon.com*

# FBC MEN'S MINISTRY

## MEN'S Euchre Night

Friday, Feb. 20th  
6-8pm  
@ FBC In Fellowship Hall  
Details to come!  
No RSVP needed



## FBC Men's Euchre Tournament

Guys, you're invited to a fun night of fellowship and friendly competition! Join us for a Men's Euchre Tournament on Friday, February 20th, from 6-8pm at the church. Whether you're a longtime Euchre player or just in it for the laughs, this will be a great chance to connect with other men from our church family. Bring a friend, enjoy some good conversation, and come hungry—pizza and sodas will be provided. Best of all, this is a free event. Come ready for cards, fellowship, and a great evening together!



## RETREATS JUST FOR MOMENTUM

April 17-19  
**MEN'S MOMENTUM**  
@ Life Action Camp  
Buchanan, MI

EARLY BIRD SIGN UP  
BY MARCH 16!  
Cost \$150/\$225

## Men's Momentum Retreat-April 17th-19th

Buchanan, MI at Life Action Camp

What is Momentum? Food, fellowship, and spiritual recharging mark these men's times together. Be challenged in your Christian walk and encouraged to lead your family with deliberate action. This retreat is for men ages 16 and older. The cost is \$225 per person which includes the conference, accommodations, and meals at the retreat. Early Bird Registration before March 17th is \$150 with the FBC Men's Ministry paying the balance. When you register online by March 17th at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com) there will be two payment options \$150 and \$225, choose the best option for you.



## Men's Iron Sharpens Iron Conference

Saturday, March 14th 8:30am-4pm at Heritage Church-Rock Island. Equipping Seminars for men ages 13 and up. FBC is not coordinating a group this year, but it's a great conference and you may purchase your ticket at [focalpointministries.net](http://focalpointministries.net).

## Bible Collection for FCA Student Huddles

First Baptist is collecting new and gently used Bibles to support FCA student huddles. Our goal is to gather 1,000-2,000 Bibles to help place God's Word into the hands of students. If you have a Bible to donate, please bring it to the Welcome Desk by Sunday, Feb. 15th, thank you for partnering with us in sharing hope and truth with the next generation.



# Baptism | 1830 Ministry | Night In A Car



## Better Together for Mercer County NIGHT IN A CAR!

As a church, we regularly meet individuals and families who are struggling to make ends meet—especially when it comes to rent and housing stability. That's why we're grateful to partner with Mercer County Better Together and promote their Night in a Car '26 event.

This meaningful night helps raise awareness and resources so that everyone in Mercer County has a safe place to call home. We invite you to come alongside them—participate, support, or simply help spread the word. When our community comes together, real lives are impacted.

For more details visit:

<https://www.mcbettertogether.org/>

Thank you for being part of a county that truly cares.

# Grief & Share®

**GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP**  
**THURSDAYS FROM 6-8PM - JAN. 22ND-APRIL 16**

Hosted at First Baptist Church Aledo  
Sign up online at [firstbaptistaledo.com](https://firstbaptistaledo.com) or  
Call the church office at 309-582-7812 to register



## 1830 Ministry (Formerly College-Age Ministry)

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your generosity and support. Because of your donations, we are able to attend the Passion 2026 Conference, and it truly means more to us than you know. Your kindness has made it possible for us to be part of something that will leave a lasting impact spiritually and personally.

We are so grateful to be part of a church that invests in its people and believes in creating meaningful experiences that strengthen our walk with Christ. Thank you for being such a blessing and for supporting us in this journey.

Thank you,

1830 Ministry (College-Aged Group)

# WINTER JAM 2026



**1830 Ministry**  
**Winter Jam**  
**@ Peoria Civic Center**  
**Thursday, Feb. 12**  
**Cost \$15 at the door!**  
**Carpool from FBC**  
**Sign up at**  
**[firstbaptistaledo.com](https://firstbaptistaledo.com)**

**Event:** The 1830 Ministries will be attending the 2026 Winter Jam!

**Where:** Peoria, IL at the Peoria Civic Center

**Cost:** \$15 at the door; Entry is at 5pm

**Please sign-up on the church website**  
**[firstbaptistaledo.com](https://firstbaptistaledo.com)**, so we can arrange carpooling!

If there are any questions or if you need more information, please contact Lauryn Russell at 309-781-3136. This is an incredible opportunity for us to worship together. It will be a night filled with encouragement and a reminder of God's love and purpose for our lives.

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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](http://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.**

