



**HE IS RISEN!
HAPPY EASTER!**

Mark Your Calendar

- 4.5
Happy Easter! He is Risen!
Sunrise Service 6:30am
Easter Breakfast 7am
Easter Services & Communion 8 & 10:15am
No Prayer Meeting
- 4.6
NO God's Gals
- 4.7
Ladies Tuesdays with Jesus Study 2pm
- 4.8
Refuge at YMCA 6pm
Men's Bible Study at FBC 6:30pm
- 4.9
Women's Through the Word Study 3:30pm
Grief Share 6:30pm
- 4.14
Church Council Meeting 7pm
- 4.17-4.19
Men's Momentum @ Life Action Camp
- 4.18
Women's Iron Sharpens Iron 8:30am
- 4.19
Quarterly Business Meeting 11:40am
- 4.24
Bridal Shower Katelynn Loving 6pm
- 4.26
Baptism Sunday
Baby Shower for Emily Reed 1pm
- 4.28
J.O.Y. Circle - 7pm
- 5.2
Helping Hands Ministry 7:30am

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

Happy Easter! Order of Worship

- Worship Song
Prayer & Announcements
Worship Set
Message
Communion
Closing Worship



April 5th, 2026
10:15am

Today's Message

“Three Rules for Living
Life In the Dark”
John 20:1-18

Pastor Steven Stern

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, infant - 2 years old during the 9:00am 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 will check-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 service. Parents: Please keep your security label and present to volunteers at pick-up.

Kids Worship TODAY-For the 10:15am service, all kids ages 3 years old - 5th grade will check-in in the Fellowship Hall and go directly to Kids Worship. To provide more seats for adults, the 2nd-5th graders will not worship upstairs today.

Help Us Prepare for 2027-We are collecting empty plastic Easter eggs for our 2027 Family Easter Event. Donations can be placed in the collection bin in the KidMin Office (downstairs across from Fellowship Hall).

Rainforest Falls VBS-We're so excited to offer a free, 5-day Vacation Bible School the week of June 22nd-26th from 9:00-11:30am. 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 sign up online.

Refuge 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).

High School Bible Study!- We're not meeting tonight due to Easter, but will resume next Sunday, April 12th. 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 up online by May 9th.**

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.

Adult Ministry News

FREE Resource!-Looking for something meaningful to watch or study? RightNow Media is available to you—completely FREE through our church! With thousands of Bible-based videos for all ages, it's perfect for personal growth, family devotions, or small groups. From trusted teachers to kids' content, there's something for everyone. Sign up using your email on the Connect Card below and return it to the Welcome Desk in the lobby or drop it in the Offering Box.

Men's Momentum Retreat-April 17-19 in Buchanan, MI at Life Action Camp-Momentum is a weekend retreat designed to help men reset & reconnect with God. For those who registered, please be ready to leave the church Friday, April 17th at 9am. Questions see Barry Cooper or Troy Riddell.

Women's Iron Sharpens Iron Conference-All ladies are invited to attend the Iron Sharpens Iron Conference held at Calvary Church in Moline Saturday, April 18 from 8:30am-4pm. The cost to register is \$20 and the FBC Women's Ministry will cover the rest of this one-day event, which includes a boxed lunch. Join us for a great time of teaching, encouragement and fellowship with one another! This conference sells out every year so register ASAP at firstbaptistaledo.com. We are extending the deadline till April 5th but it could sell out before we get more ordered, so please register today if possible.

Quarterly Church Business Meeting & Church Council-The Quarterly Church Business meeting is Sunday, April 19th at 11:40am, all are welcome at the Business meeting. The Church Council will have its Quarterly meeting Tuesday, April 14th at 7pm.

You're Invited to a Bridal Shower for Katelynn!-The ladies of the church are invited to help us celebrate the Bride-To-Be Katelynn Loving at First Baptist on Friday, April 24th from 6-8pm. Join us for Italian sodas and desserts. Stop in anytime and stay as long as you like. Katelynn and Orion are registered at Amazon.

Baptism Sunday Is April 26!-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.

You're Invited to a Baby Shower For Emily!-Ladies, please join us in celebrating Emily (Bowns) Reed & Baby Reed on Sunday, April 26th at 1pm at First Baptist in Fellowship Hall. Bring diapers to be part of the diaper raffle, winner gets a prize. Emily is registered at Target.

J.O.Y. Circle Gathering-All ladies are invited to the J.O.Y. Circle on Tues., April 28th at 7pm in the Enon Room. Join us for fun, fellowship and a devotion.

Helping Hands Ministry Volunteers Needed-Join us as we serve our church family and community through a morning of simple household projects like yard work and minor repairs. Volunteers of all ages are needed—please bring a rake if you have one. The event will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, beginning at 7:30am at the church and ending around noon. Please register each participant at firstbaptistaledo.com by Tuesday, April 28th to help us organize crews and supplies. Nursery care will be available for children ages 3 and under.

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.

____ Yes, sign me up for RightNow Media. Send my invite to the e-mail address above.