



### Mark Your Calendar

- 2.22  
Prayer Night 5:00pm  
High School Bible Study 5pm
- 2.23  
God's Gals 6pm
- 2.24  
Tuesdays with Jesus Women's Study 2pm
- 2.25  
Wednesday Night Live Classes & Program 6:30-8pm  
Refuge @ YMCA 6pm
- 2.17-2.25  
FBC Mission Trip to El Salvador
- 2.26  
Grief Share @FBC 6-8pm  
Through the Word Women's Study 3:30pm
- 3.1  
No 8am Worship Service  
Pastor Steven Stern Preaching in view of a call 10:15am  
Special Business Meeting 11:40am
- 3.6  
High School Winter Outing Storm Hockey 5:30pm
- 3.7  
Bridal Shower for Sidney Quam 10am
- 3.15  
Baby Dedication Sunday
- 3.21  
Boomsisters March Madness Fun 10am

### 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](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)**

## Order of Worship

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



February 22nd, 2026  
10:15am

**Today's Message**  
"God's Gift To The  
Local Church"  
Ephesians 4:11-16

Guest Speaker  
Pastor Ed Hedding

**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 to answer questions or you can call the office any time during the week at 309-582-7812. More info at [www.firstbaptistaledo.com](http://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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Club**-Kids Club is back! Kiddos ages 3 years old - 5th grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm now through Mar. 11th. Even if you participated in the Fall, we ask that you please sign-up online at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com) under Kids Ministry.

**Glow with Generosity**-During Kids Club on Wed., March 11th, 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. (REMINDER...our Mission Project is collecting non-perishable items to donate to the Churches of Mercer County Food Pantry and the FBC Blessing Box.)

**Candy Collection**-Our Family Easter Event is scheduled for Friday, April 3rd and we're in need of LOTS of candy for our egg hunt. Please bring donations of small egg-size candy to the church office before Tuesday, March 24th. Thank you!

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## Refuge Ministry News

**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 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.

**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).

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

**Boomsisters Mission**-In March, Boomsisters will be collecting fabric and gently used flat sheets (all sizes) to bless the Faith Lutheran Church quilters that we partner with each spring and fall. Please leave your donations in the Bushels of Love baskets located outside of Austin's office. Questions? See Rhonda

**Boomsisters**-6th-12th-grade girls are invited on March 21st in the Enon room at 10am-12:30pm for some March Madness fun! No need to sign up, just show up!

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## Adult Ministry News

**Pastor Steven Stern Candidating-Sunday, March 1st-Followed by Special Business Meeting**-Pastor Steven Stern will be preaching *in view of a call* on Sun., March 1st. Please note that we will have **one combined worship service at 10:15am only** (there will not be an 8:00am service that day but we will have Sunday School at 9am). Children grades 2-5 will stay in the service. We will have childcare for nursery age through 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Following the service, a **Special Business Meeting** will be held at 11:40am for the purpose of voting on Pastor Stern as our next Senior Pastor. Church members ages 15 and older are eligible to vote and are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Please plan to join us at 10:15am as we gather for this significant day in the life of our church!

**El Salvador Mission Trip**-Please be in prayer for the FBC team as they are on mission in El Salvador from Feb. 18th-25th.

**Wednesday Night Live Classes & Programs**-Continues through March 11th! We meet each Wednesday from 6:30-8pm at FBC. We offer **Adult Classes, Kids Club** for kids 3 years old through 5th grade, **Refuge** at the Aledo YMCA for student 6th-12th grade & a **nursery** for babies-2 years old. Details at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

**GriefShare**-This 13-week class is held Thursdays from Jan. 22nd-April 16th from 6-8pm at FBC in the Enon Room. Free sign up at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

**Bridal Shower for Sidney Quam-Love Is Brewing!**-The ladies of the church are invited to a Bridal Shower for Sidney Quam on Saturday, March 7th at 10am @ FBC in Fellowship Hall. Sidney & Dylan are registered at Amazon.com. No RSVP needed.

**Mercer County Food Pantry Volunteers Needed**-FBC has the opportunity to provide volunteers for the MC Food Pantry in Aledo on Friday, March 13th from 8am-Noon. If you can volunteer (2 slots available each day), see Pam at the Welcome Desk or call the church office.

**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).

**Next Baby Dedication Sunday**-Sunday, March 15th will be baby dedication Sunday. If you would like to dedicate your child to the Lord, please complete the Connect card at the bottom of the bulletin and leave it at the Welcome Desk or call the church office at 309-582-7812.

**Baptism Sunday Is March 22nd**-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 or call the church office at 309-582-7812.

**Men's Momentum Retreat-April 17th-19th in Buchanan, MI at Life Action Camp**-Momentum is a weekend retreat designed to help men reset, reconnect with God, and strengthen Christ-centered leadership at home and in the community. Through solid biblical teaching, powerful worship, honest conversations, great food, and shared activities, you'll be encouraged and refueled for the road ahead. For men ages 16 and older. Cost is \$225 per person which includes the conference, accommodations, and meals at the retreat. **Early Bird Registration before March 16th is \$150** with the FBC Men's Ministry paying the balance. Sign up at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com)!

**Women's Iron Sharpens Iron Conference**- All ladies 13 years old and up are invited to attend the Iron Sharpens Iron Conference held at Calvary Church in Moline Saturday, April 18th from 8:30am-4pm. The cost to register is \$20 and First Baptist Women's Ministry will cover the rest of this one-day event, which includes a boxed lunch. Join us for a great time of Biblical teaching, encouragement and fellowship with one another! Registration runs from March 1st-22nd at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com). This

### Connect Card - Sign Up & Tear Off! We'd love to connect with you!

Please take a moment to complete this Connect Card, then tear it off and leave it at the Welcome Desk in the lobby after today's service.  
If you'd like to stay connected with the FBC family, be sure to fill out the information below.

The FBC newsletter is now electronic—please include your email address if possible. Printed copies are available in the lobby. We're glad you're here!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### BABY DEDICATION

\_\_\_\_ Yes, we want to dedicate our child to the Lord on March 15th. Add your name above and we'll be in contact with you.

### Baptism Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I have made the decision to follow Jesus and desire to be baptized. Please contact me with details.