

Mark Your Calendar

3.15
Child Dedication Sunday!
3.16
God's Gals 6pm
3.17
Ladies Tuesdays with Jesus Study 2pm
Refuge Game Night @ FBC – Grades 6-8th 6pm
3.18
Refuge Worship Night at YMCA 6pm
3.19
Refuge High School Firepit Night @FBC 6pm
3.21
Boomsisters March Madness Fun 10am
3.22
Baptism Sunday
3.24
Joy Circle 7pm
3.28
Baby Shower for Stephanie Canaday 1pm
Boomsisters Quilt Tying @ Faith Lutheran 9am
4.3
Good Friday - Church Office Closed
FBC Family Easter Event 10am
Youth Game Night 6pm
4.5
Happy Easter! He Is Risen!
Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am
Easter Breakfast 7am
Easter Worship Service 8am & 10:15am
4.18
Women's Iron Sharpens Iron 8:30am
4.19
Quarterly Business Meeting 11:40am

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

Child Dedications
*Jordan, Kamila, JJ &
Rosiana Rollins*

Announcements

Worship Set

Message

Closing Worship



March 15th, 2026
10:15am

Today's Message
Series - First Loved - Pt. 2
"Abiding Love"

1 John 4:13-16

Guest Speaker
Joe Ringle

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.

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.

Candy Collection-We're still in need of LOTS of candy for the egg hunt at our Family Easter Event. Please bring donations of small egg-size candy to the church office before Tuesday, March 24th. Thank you!

KidMin Prep Day-We could use your help to prep for the Family Easter Event! We have brochures to fold, bags to stuff, and eggs to fill. If you could spare a couple hours, please join us downstairs on Wednesday, March 25th from 1-3pm.

Family Easter Event-You're invited to a Family Easter Event on Good Friday, April 3rd at 10:00am here at First Baptist Church. Doors open at 9:40am. We'll have donuts and a short story time before going outside for an epic egg hunt. Bags will be provided. No need to sign up.

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 are studying the book of Ephesians. 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.

Spring Break Hat Trick-3 days of fun for all students on spring break! **Tues., March 17th** is game night for all 6th-8th-grade students at the FBC. **Wed., March 18th**, is worship night at the YMCA. **Thurs., March 19th** is firepit night for 9th-12th-grade students at FBC. All 3 days are 6-8 pm, and there's no need to sign up, just show up!

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

Boomsisters Quilt Tying- Saturday, March 28th, all 6th-12th-grade girls are headed on a mission to tie quilts with the ladies at Faith Lutheran church in Moline! We leave the church at 9 am and return at 3 pm.

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

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 at firstbaptistaledo.com by May 9th.

Adult Ministry News

Senior Pastor Update-We are excited to announce that Steven Stern has been called as the new Senior Pastor of FBC! After much prayer, we praise God for His guidance and thank our Pastor Search Committee for their faithful work. Pastor Steven will begin in mid-March, with Palm Sunday, March 29th as his first Sunday preaching. Pastor Steven's wife Chelsea will remain in Tennessee briefly while their children finish the school year, and we look forward to welcoming the whole Stern family soon. Please continue praying for them during this transition.

Wednesday Night Live Classes & Programs-WNL has concluded for the Winter/Spring Session. Stay tuned for details about WNL coming again this Fall!

J.O.Y. Circle Kicking Off For '26-All ladies are invited to the J.O.Y. Circle on Tues., March 24th at 7pm in the Enon Room. Join us for fun, fellowship and a devotion.

Baby Shower for Stephanie Canaday-It's a Boy! The ladies of the church are invited to join us as we celebrate Stephanie Canaday with a baby shower on Saturday, March 28th from 1-4pm at First Baptist in Fellowship Hall. Stephanie is registered at Walmart and Amazon. Please RSVP via text to 563-370-6358 by TODAY!

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. Through solid biblical teaching, powerful worship, honest conversations, great food, and 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 by tomorrow, March 16th is \$150** with the FBC Men's Ministry paying the balance. Sign up at 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 18 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! Please register at firstbaptistaledo.com by March 22nd. This Conference sells out quickly so the earlier you register, the better.

Good Friday-The church office will be closed on Good Friday, April 3rd. Please join us for the FBC Family Easter Event at 10am.

Celebrate Easter At FBC-Easter is more than a date on the calendar—it's a reminder that hope is alive through the resurrection of Christ. No matter what this past year has held, His victory assures us that light overcomes darkness and life triumphs over death. Join us for Easter worship on Sunday, April 5 at 8am or 10:15am at First Baptist. Come as you are, bring your family and a friend, and celebrate the good news that changes everything. Easter invite postcards can be found at the Welcome Desk.

Easter Sunday Breakfast-FBC Men's Ministry is cooking breakfast on Easter Morning following the Easter Sunrise Service (approximately 7am). The menu is scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, Danish, coffee, milk & juice. Please RSVP at Firstbaptistaledo.com by Sunday, March 22nd.

Easter Lily- Today is the sign-up deadline. If you would like to honor a loved one by placing an Easter Lily in the sanctuary, please sign up on today's Connect Card and leave it at the Welcome Desk or call the church office at 309-582-7812.

Quarterly Church Business Meeting & Church Council-The church business meeting is Sun., April 19th at 11:40am and the Council will meet Tues., 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 Aledo 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

You're Invited to 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. Ladies only and bring diapers to be part of the diaper raffle, winner gets a prize. Emily is registered at Target.

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

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: _____

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

Easter Lily - If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one with an Easter Lily, please complete the info below. Cost is \$11.

From _____ In Memory of _____