

# THERE IS A STRING

## MATTHEW 6:19-21



### Mark Your Calendar

- 4.26**  
Baptism Sunday!  
Baby Shower Emily Reed 1pm  
Prayer Meeting 5pm  
High School Bible Study 5pm
- 4.27**  
God's Gals 6pm
- 4.28**  
Tuesday's With Jesus Women's Study 2pm  
J.O.Y. Circle - 7pm
- 4.29**  
Refuge at the YMCA - 6pm
- 4.30**  
Riverbend Food Bank @ MC Food Panty 8:30am  
Women's Through the Word Study 3:30pm
- 5.2**  
Helping Hands Ministry 7:30am  
J.O.Y. Circle Pork Chop Fund Raiser @ Mer Mkt  
10:30am
- 5.6**  
Women's Better Together Gathering 6:30pm
- 5.16**  
Boomsisters "Run to Jesus" Event 10am
- 5.24**  
FBC Graduation Recognition Sunday 10:15am
- 5.30-6.4**  
CIY Move in Joplin, MO  
**6.22 - 6.26**  
Rainforest Falls VBS

### 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

#### Baptism

*Jeffery Rollins, Theresa Rollins,  
Addilyne Hammill &  
Jewlious Brown*

#### Announcements

#### Worship Set

#### Message

#### Closing Worship

April 26th, 2026  
10:15am

### Today's Message

"There Is A String"  
Matthew 6:19-21

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](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, infants-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 the service. Parents: Please keep your security label and present to volunteers at pick-up.

**Parent Assistance During Service-**The Kids Ministry utilizes a messaging system during the service to communicate with parents if their child needs assistance. If you see your child's name appear in the bottom left corner on the screens in the Sanctuary, please make your way downstairs to the Kids Ministry area where a leader will be waiting to assist you. We will typically use this if a child becomes sick or needs help in the restroom. The Nursery will also use this system if they run out of pagers.

**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 Student 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). In June and July, we will be having Refuge at the Church for "Refuge in the Field."

**High School Bible Study!** We're meeting tonight! 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 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$250 per student. **Sign up online by May 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**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](http://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.**

**Boomsisters-**All 6th-12th-grade girls are invited to the "Run to Jesus" event on Saturday, May 16th, from 10 am to 1 pm. Lunch will be provided. There will be a scripture-based hat contest! Please contact Rhonda McKinley for details and sign up online.

**Youth Band -**All 6th-12th, practice every other Tuesday 4:30-6:00pm @FBC Aledo, must sign up online, first practice is May 26th.

**Refuge in the Field-**All students 6th-12th grade, on Wednesdays: June 10th, 17th, July 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th, Refuge will be held at FBC Aledo (800 NE 6th Ave, Aledo) from 6-8:00 pm! We will be having games, a fire pit, devotions, and summer FUN.

## Adult Ministry News

**You're Invited to a Baby Shower For Emily!**-Ladies, please join us in celebrating Emily (Bowns) Reed & Baby Reed today 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.

**Baptism Sunday-**One Sunday each month we offer Baptism Sunday. 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.

**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. **We have 21 projects, so we need many more volunteers!** Please register at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com) by Tues., April 28<sup>th</sup>. Nursery care will be available for children ages 3 and under.

**Women's BETTER TOGETHER-**All ladies are invited to a simple evening of connection and encouragement on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30-8:30pm in the Refuge Room (downstairs). Hear from women sharing their faith journeys and enjoy time to connect with others. No sign-up needed. No snacks—just meaningful conversation. We can't wait to connect with you!

**Volunteers are needed-**Join us at 8:30am on Thursday, April 30th for the River Bend Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry at Mercer County Food Pantry (1200 S. College Ave., Aledo). No sign-up needed—just come ready to help unload the truck. Registration for food assistance begins at 9:15 AM, with distribution at 10:00 AM.

**Do you have a 2026 Graduate?-**If someone from your family is graduating from 8th Grade, High School or College, please complete today's Connect Card by Sunday, May 10th and leave it at the Welcome Desk so we can add them to the Grad Recognition list. Graduation Recognition at FBC is May 24th during the 10:15am service.

**J.O.Y. Circle Pork chop fund raiser-** J.O.Y. Circle will be selling pork chops Saturday, May 2nd from 10:30am-1pm at Mercer Market. Proceeds benefit local families in need.

**Discover FBC Class-**This is a two-week class designed to help you understand who we are and how you can connect at FBC Aledo. Whether you're new or still exploring, you'll learn about our mission, beliefs, ministries, and next steps for growing in your faith. Join us June 7 & 14 from 9:10-10AM in Lower Level Room #12. Led by Pastor Steven Stern, this class is a great step toward getting connected and finding your place in the life of our church.

**Passion 27 Conference-**FBC 1830 Ministry will attend the Passion 2027 Conference in Atlanta, GA, February 5-6. Estimated cost is \$900 (subject to change). A \$50 deposit is required to reserve your spot. Fundraiser participation is required. To be a part of this powerful conference, register by May 3rd at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com). Questions? See Lauryn Russell or text 309-316-7528.

**FBC Rooted Men's Conference-**Coming Sat., July 18, 8am-2pm at FBC. Open to men ages 13 and up, this day is designed to help you grow deeper in Christ and His Word. Pastor Chris Rogers will be speaking, and the day will include worship, encouragement, and great fellowship—plus breakfast and lunch provided. It's free to attend, Sign up at [firstbaptistaledo.com](http://firstbaptistaledo.com).

## 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.

### Graduates – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, High School & College

\_\_\_\_ Yes, we have a graduate - Name \_\_\_\_\_

School graduating from \_\_\_\_\_