



“A SERIES OF FIRSTS”

ACTS 1:12-26

Mark Your Calendar

9.13

Prayer Meeting - Come to pray or be prayed for 5pm
High School Bible Study 5pm

9.14

God's Gals 6pm

9.15

Tuesdays with Jesus Women's Study 2pm
Church Council Meeting 7pm

9.16-11.4

Wednesday Night Live 6:30-8pm

9.17

Women's Through the Word Study-John 3:30pm

9.19

Prayer Event for our Nation & Middle East 8am

9.20

Thrive Meeting 11:30am

9.22

J.O.Y. Circle 7pm

9.23

See You At The Pole

10.2-10.4

Thrive Women's Retreat

10.4

Communion/Food Pantry Sunday

10.23-10.25

Men's Momentum

10.22 & 10.24

FBC Winter Coat Giveaway

Order of Worship

Welcome

Prayer & Announcements

Worship Set

But God Video

Sermon

Invitation Song

Closing Prayer



September 13, 2026

8am & 10:15am

Today's Message

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Acts 1:12-26

Pastor Steven Stern

Church Office Hours

Tuesdays through Thursdays 9am-4:30pm

Fridays 9am-Noon

Pastor Steven Stern & Pastor Seth Bowker are
available by appointment on Mondays.

Call 309-582-7812 to set up an appointment.

Website: firstbaptistaledo.com

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 Tithes and Offerings

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

Welcome, Families with Young Children!-8AM Kids Ministry has launched!-Nursery (infants-2 years old) is available at 8AM, 9AM, & 10:15AM. Kids Worship is available 8AM & 10:15AM. ALL KIDS ATTENDING KIDS WORSHIP NEED TO CHECK IN: 8AM check in at the Nursery, worship with families, and will be dismissed after the first song to the Fellowship Hall. 10:15AM PreK-1st grade check in at the Fellowship Hall and will be dismissed after service, 2nd-5th grade check in at the Fellowship Hall, worship with families, and will be dismissed after songs to their classroom. ALL kids are to be picked up in the Fellowship Hall; parents must have their security label. A cry room with a live video feed is available at the end of the upstairs hallway (last door on the right).

Kids Club Sign Up Now Open!-Kids Club registrations are now open. Wednesday Night Live and Kids Club begins Sept.16th and continues through Nov.4th each Wednesday from 6:30-8pm. Kids Club is for kids ages 3 years old through 5th grade. Kids Club provides a fun, safe, and engaging place where children learn about God's love through Bible stories, games, worship, and hands-on activities. Please register on the church app.

Kids Ministry Volunteers-Please text 'volunteer' to 309-240-4706 to receive schedules, meeting dates, and important upcoming information.

See You at the Pole-Parents and Students are invited to pray with us at the flagpole on Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:45am. Apollo Elementary (meet at the flagpole in front of the school, Pastor Steven is leading prayer). New Boston Elementary (meet at the large tree on Jefferson St. side of the building, Chelsea is leading prayer)

REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

Refuge at the YMCA is back!-All 6th-12th-grade students, join us back 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 so that we can be strengthened and deeply rooted as we learn to fulfill the purpose and calling GOD has given. We meet Sundays 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. The current study is Abide by Jen Wilken. Jump in anytime!

See You at the Pole-All students will meet at their school's flag poles on September 23rd at 7:30am for prayer! We want to encourage homeschool students to come as well! This is a nationwide event that is student-led and allows them to pray over their schools, teachers, and administration.

Fall Retreat-All students are welcome to join us on October 10th at Spring Valley Camp in Muscatine for an all-day event! Check-in and breakfast will be at the church at 6:45 am. Jr. High will be back to the church at 9:00 pm. High schoolers will be home around 10:00 pm. Early Bird cost is \$25 before September 13th; normal registration cost after September 13th will be \$35 (T-shirt included!). We will be having Worship, Archery Tag, Zip Line, Board Games, Kayaks, Disc golf, carpet ball, tether ball, fishing, GAGA Ball, Basketball, and 9-Square In the Air! Sign up online today!

ADULT MINISTRY NEWS

Prayer Nights-The FBC Prayer Team hosts prayer every Sunday night at 5pm in the Enon Room. Please come join us in prayer or be prayed over.

Tuesdays with Jesus-Women's study meets each Tuesday at 2pm. The current study is "Becoming Like Jesus" by Matt Chandler. Jump in anytime.

Church Council Meeting-Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7pm in the Enon Room.

Women's Through the Word Bible Study-Women of all ages are invited to join Women's Through the Word Bible Study, a verse-by-verse study through the Gospel of John, led by Britni Ewing. We meet each Thursday from 3:30-5:30 PM in the Enon Room. Jump in any time!

FBC T-Shirts-We are currently taking orders for FBC t-shirts. We have 2 styles and the cost is \$20 for either style. Stop by the Welcome Desk to order and pay for your shirt. Order deadline is Sunday, Sept., 20th.

Wednesday Night Live Classes & Programs!-Wednesday Night Live kicks off for the Fall Session on September 16 and runs through November 4 meeting each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 PM at FBC. Adult classes include **Rooted – Connect With God, The Church, Your Purpose**, which due to the strong response and size of the class will be offered in two groups, with Pastor Steven and Steve Johnson each leading a group-Rooted Class is NOW FULL; **No More Perfect Marriages by Mark & Jill Savage**, led by Pastor Seth & Denise Bowker; a **Men's Study on the Book of James**, led by Troy Riddell; and a **Women's Study on Philippians, Fighting With Faith**, led by Karyn Smith. **Kids Club** is available for children ages 3 through 5th grade, **Refuge Student Ministry** meets at the Aledo YMCA for students in 6th-12th grade, and **nursery** is provided for babies through 2 years old. Sign up today at firstbaptistaledo.com.

Prayer for our Nation and the Middle East-Saturday, September 19 | 8:00 AM-Noon | Sanctuary-The FBC Prayer Team invites you to come and pray for our nation, specifically the conflict in the Middle East. The church will be open for prayer from 8 AM to noon, with prayer prompts on the screen. This is not a program—come and go as your schedule allows. While we can pray anywhere, there is something powerful about gathering together in prayer. We hope you'll join us!

Meeting for Thrive!-Ladies signed up for Thrive at Life Action Camp, please join Karyn Smith on Sunday, September 20, immediately following the 10:15AM service in the Enon Room. We'll connect, review weekend details, and prepare our hearts for all God has in store!

J.O.Y. Circle Gathering-All ladies are invited to the J.O.Y. Circle on Tues., Sept. 22nd at 7pm in the Enon Room #9. Join us for fun, fellowship and a devotion.

Communion/Food Pantry Sunday-Sunday, Oct. 4th is the Sunday Boomsisters emphasizes bringing nonperishable food items for the Mercer County Food Pantry and/or the FBC Blessing Box. Items can be left any time in the wooden crates in the church lobby. Thank you for blessing those in need in our community.

Ladies Are Invited-Please join us for a Bridal Shower honoring Cassidy Freeman Sunday, October 18th at 2pm at FBC. Please RSVP to Jeanne Barber (309-337-9515) or Marsha Loving (309-221-3966). Registered at: The Knot | Search for Cassidy Freeman November 2026.

Men's Momentum-Men's Momentum Retreat | Oct. 23-25. Men ages 16+ are invited to a weekend of biblical teaching, worship, fellowship, and encouragement at the Momentum Retreat. Come be refreshed, strengthened in your faith, and equipped to lead with Christ-centered purpose. Cost is \$225, which includes lodging, meals, and the conference. Register online at firstbaptistaledo.com **by Sept. 20 for the Early Bird rate of \$150**, with the FBC Men's Ministry covering the remaining balance.

Annual Coat Collection & Giveaway-Join us in sharing the love of Jesus by helping make sure our neighbors have the winter essentials they need. We are collecting new or gently used winter coats, scarves, mittens/gloves, hats, snow pants, and boots of all sizes. Donations may be placed in the collection tote outside the church through Oct 21st. Our Coat Giveaway will be held at FBC Thursday, Oct. 22nd from 6-7:30 PM and Saturday, Oct. 24th from 9-10AM. We also need many volunteers to help make this outreach a success! Sign up @ firstbaptistaledo.com. Thanks for blessing families in need.

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays—If you're grieving the loss of a loved one, join us Thursday, November 12, at 6:30 PM at FBC in the Enon Room for this special one-night GriefShare event led by Joe & Kathy Olson. Find comfort, hope, and practical help for navigating the holidays. Free and open to the public. Sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com.



Connect Card - We'd love to connect with you!

Sign Up, Tear Off & Return the Connect Card to the Welcome Desk or Scan the QR Code!

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, sign me up for the FREE Bible Video Resource - RightNow Media at the e-mail address listed above.

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