



Mark Your Calendar

- 6.28**
Prayer Meeting - Come to pray or be prayed for 5pm
High School Bible Study Resumes 5pm
- 6.29**
God's Gals 6pm
- 6.30**
Tuesdays with Jesus Women's Study 2pm
- 7.1**
Refuge in the Field – 6pm
Women's Better Together 6:30pm
Wednesday Night Men's Bible Study 6:30pm
- 7.2**
Ultimate Frisbee 2pm
Women's Through the Word Study 3:30pm
- 7.3**
Gospel Concert Aledo's Central Park 4pm
- 7.5**
Kids Worship/Nursery Launch at 8am Service
- 7.9**
Refuge Night Of Destruction @ MC Fair 7pm
7.12-7.17
Jr. High Summer Camp @Spring Valley
- 7.18**
Men's Rooted Conference @FBC 8am
7.19 & 7.26
Discover FBC Class 9:10am
- 8.1**
School Supply Shop @FBC 10am

Order of Worship

Welcome to VBS Sunday!

Praise Band Worship Song

Prayer & Announcements

Little's Sing VBS Songs

VBS Recap Video

Big Kids Sing VBS Songs

Message

Praise Band Closing Worship



June 28th, 2026
10:15am

Today's Message
"Cracking the Riddle"
Titus 2:1-8

Pastor Steven Stern

**New 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 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, infants-2 years old during the 9am 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 checks-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. 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 Min area or to the Nursery where a leader will be waiting to assist you. We typically use this if a child becomes sick or needs help in the restroom.

Free School Supply Shop – August 1st-Mark your calendars for our **Free School Supply Shop on Aug. 1st from 10am-11:30am!** This community event is open to everyone and is a wonderful opportunity for families to receive school supplies as they prepare for the upcoming school year. We look forward to serving our community and helping students start the year ready to learn.

Refuge Student Ministry News

Refuge at the YMCA HAS MOVED!- In June and July, we are having Refuge at the Church for "Refuge in the Field."

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

High School Bible Study On Summer Break!-Took a quick break and will resume tonight (Sun., June 28th)! 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.

Ultimate Frisbee (Rescheduled Date is July 2nd)-All students 6th-12th grades and adults are invited to join us here at FBC to play ultimate frisbee Thursday, July 2nd from 2-4 pm. No need to sign up just show up.

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.

Jr. High Camp at Spring Valley Camp-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.**

Youth Band-All 6th-12th-grade students welcome, practice every other Tuesday, 4:30-5:30 pm @FBC Aledo, must sign up online. Next practice is this Tuesday, July 7th.

Night of Destruction-All 6th-12th graders are invited to meet up and sit with Refuge at the Night of Destruction at the Mercer County Fair on July 9th, starting at 7:00 pm. This is a must-sign-up online event, so that we can get a headcount for seats! Tickets and food are not provided

Adult Ministry News

8AM Kids Ministry Launches July 5!- Beginning Sunday, July 5, Nursery and Kids Worship will be available during our 8AM service. Children ages 3 years through 5th grade will check in in our Nursery and begin worship with their families in the sanctuary. They will then be dismissed out the back of the sanctuary after the first song. Nursery care is available for babies through age 2. Thank you to all our volunteers who are making this ministry possible!

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.

Women's Better Together Gathering-All ladies are invited to a simple evening of connection and encouragement on Wednesday, July 1st at FBC from 6:30-8:30pm in the Refuge Room #25 (downstairs). This month, hear from special guests from the One Eighty Women's home in Davenport sharing stories of victory over addiction and how to help partner with them. No sign-up needed. No snacks—just meaningful conversation. We can't wait to connect with you!

Gospel Concert Central Park Bandshell-Friday, July 3rd at 4pm featuring Jack Carey and Sponsored by the Mercer County Minister's Association. Selling Pork Chop Sandwiches with proceeds benefitting Mercer County Minister's Association Emergency Assistance Fund.

FBC Rooted Men's Conference-Coming Saturday, July 18th, 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, with worship, encouragement, and great fellowship—plus breakfast and lunch (Joe Olson is grilling ribeyes) provided. The conference is **free to attend**, but a **\$15 t-shirt option is available if ordered by July 1st**. Registration for the conference remains open through July 12th at firstbaptistaledo.com.

Discover FBC Class-If you're new to FBC or wanting to learn more about who we are, this two-week class is a great next step. Join Pastor Steven Stern on Sundays July 19 & 26 from 9:10-10am as we explore our mission, beliefs, ministries, and ways to get connected and grow in your faith. We'll meet in the lower level Classroom #12. Sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com.

Quarterly Business Meeting-Everyone is welcome to attend the Quarterly Church Business Meeting Sunday, July 19th. The Church Council will meet Tuesday, July 14th at 7pm

You are Invited!-Laryssa Russell's family invites you to join them in celebrating Laryssa's High School Graduation on Sunday July, 26th from 2-4pm in the sanctuary overflow at FBC!

FBC Praise In The Park Family Fest Coming in August!-Mark your calendar, and invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us in Aledo's Central Park on Sunday, August 30th from 10am-2pm for a day of worship, lunch, live music and family fun! We'll have a Kids Fun Zone-Water & Bounce Inflatables (kids bring your swimsuit, towel and sunscreen), 9 Square In The Air & Joust. Bring your lawn chair or a blanket. It's free to attend! No Sunday School or 8am service this day.

Women's Thrive Retreat-Thrive, a women's retreat happening Oct. 2-4 at Life Action Camp in Buchanan, MI. Thrive is a weekend of encouragement, worship, fellowship, fun, and great food designed to help women grow closer to Jesus. If you're interested, register online at firstbaptistaledo.com. Cost is \$150 and includes lodging, conference sessions, and meals. Spots are limited, deadline to register is August 1st. Questions, see Karyn Smith or Crystal Clark.

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.

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.

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 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, sign me up for the FREE 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.