



Mark Your Calendar

- 10.11**
Prayer Meeting 5pm
High School Bible Study 5pm
- 10.12**
God's Gals 6pm
- 10.13**
Women's Bible Study "Tuesdays with Jesus" 2pm
Church Council Meeting 7pm
- 10.14**
Wednesday Night Live 6:30-8pm
- 10.15**
Women's Bible Study "Through the Word" 3:30pm
- 10.17**
Boomsisters Quilt Tying 9am
- 10.18**
Baptism Sunday
Quarterly Business Meeting **11:30am
Bridal Shower for Cassidy Freeman 2pm
- 10.22**
FBC Winter Coat Giveaway 6-7:30pm
- 10.24**
FBC Winter Coat Giveaway 9-10am
- 10.23-10.25**
Men's Momentum
- 10.25**
Family Day on the Castor Farm 4-6pm
- 10.31**
Helping Hands Ministry 7:30am
- 11.7**
Women's Flourish Event 9am-12pm
- 11.12**
Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays Event 6:30pm

Order of Worship

- Welcome
- Prayer & Announcements
- Worship Set
- Sermon
- Invitation Song
- Closing Prayer



October 11, 2026
8am & 10:15am

Today's Message

"Family of the World"
Acts 2:41-47

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 Tithes & Offerings 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

Kids Ministry- Nursery (infants-2 years old): Available at 8AM, 9AM, & 10:15AM. Check in at the Nursery. Kids Worship (3 year olds-5th grade): Available at 8AM & 10:15AM. ALL KIDS ATTENDING WORSHIP NEED TO CHECK IN: 8AM check in at the Nursery for all ages and sit in Sanctuary until dismissed to the Fellowship Hall after worship. 10:15AM PreK-1st grade check in at the Fellowship Hall, 2nd-5th grade check in at the Fellowship Hall and sit in Sanctuary until dismissed to their classroom after worship. Sunday School (3 years old-5th grade): Available at 9AM. Check in at the Fellowship Hall. ALL KIDS ARE TO BE PICKED UP AT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL WITH SECURITY LABELS. A cry room is available at the end of the upstairs hallway (last door on the right).

Kids Club-Join us anytime for Kids Club between Sept. 16th and Nov. 4th each Wednesday from 6:30-8pm. Kids Club is for kids ages 3 years old through 5th grade. We are challenging the kids to memorize all the books in the Old Testament by learning hand motions along with a song.

Fall Mission Project-We are collecting items and cash donations to fill 100 Operation Christmas Shoeboxes. Kids club will be packing the donated items into shoeboxes and praying over each one.

Kids Ministry Volunteers-Please text 'volunteer' to 309-240-4706 to receive schedules, meeting dates, and important upcoming information. Also, we have new shirts in new colors, first come first serve for \$15 at the welcome desk.

Interested in serving!-Please text 'serve' to 309-447-7277 to partner with our Children and Youth Ministries by serving and sharing the love of Christ with the next generation.

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 in 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!

Boomsisters on Mission-Reminder to those who signed up, October 17th, quilt tying at Faith Lutheran Church, Moline. Bus leaves FBC at 9 am Returns 3 pm or earlier. Lunch will be served. Questions, call Rhonda at 309-235-5054.

ADULT MINISTRY NEWS

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!-We're so grateful for Pastor Steven & Chelsea, Pastor Seth & Denise, Pastor Austin & Brynn, and Kids Min Director Chelsea & Blake and their families. Their faithful service, love for the Lord, and care for our church bless us in so many ways. Let's take time to encourage them through prayer, kind words, and notes of appreciation. Cards may be left at the Welcome Desk through the end of October. Let's show them how loved & appreciated they are!

Wednesday Night Live-We meet Wednesdays through Nov. 4th, from 6:30-8 PM at FBC. Classes and programs are available for adults, kids, and students, with nursery care also provided. Come grow in your faith, connect with others, and be encouraged! It's not too late to join us—sign up at firstbaptistaledo.com.

Quarterly Business Meeting-Time Change-The FBC Quarterly Business Meeting is next Sunday, Oct. 18th at 11:30am. This will be the new time for all the Quarterly Business meetings. The Church Council will meet Tuesday, Oct. 13th at 7pm.

Operation Christmas Child Kicks Off Sunday, Oct. 18th!-OCC uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Beginning Sunday, Oct. 18th, you may pick up an empty OCC shoebox with instructions in the church lobby! Return your filled box by Sunday, Nov. 15th along with \$7 for shipping cost (check made payable to Samaritan's Purse). The FBC Women's Ministry pays the remainder of the shipping cost.

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. Cost is \$225, which includes lodging, meals, and the conference. Register online at firstbaptistaledo.com.

Volunteers Needed! 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 need many volunteers to help make this outreach a success! Sign up @ firstbaptistaledo.com. Thanks for blessing families in need.**

Family Day at the Farm-All ages are invited to this church-wide event on Sun., Oct. 25th at Castor's Farm (1536 135th Ave., Aledo) from 4-6pm. It's a wiener roast so please bring hotdogs & buns for your family, a dish to share, and your lawn chairs. Drinks and table service will be provided. No RSVP required, just show up!

Volunteers Needed for Helping Hands Ministry Oct. 31st!-We're looking for around 80 adult and youth volunteers to help with general household maintenance for members of our church family and community—from raking leaves to changing light bulbs. Please register each person participating at firstbaptistaledo.com by Tuesday, Oct. 27; volunteers should bring a labeled rake if they have one. Saturday, Oct. 31 | Meet at FBC at 7:30 AM for breakfast, prayer, and crew assignments before heading out to serve.

The FBC FLOURISH Women's Ministry Event-This FREE 1 day event will be held Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9am-Noon at FBC Aledo. Please join us for a time of growing together in God's Word and worship with guest musician Delayna Sneed and speaker Crystal Clark. A delicious brunch will be provided, but childcare will not be offered. Registrations is now open firstbaptistaledo.com through Oct. 25th.

FBC Women's Ministry Donation Drive-Help us bless One Eighty Women's Home in Davenport by donating feminine hygiene products, paper products, laundry supplies, body wash, shampoo, or conditioner. Drop donations in the marked lobby box by Nov. 1 or bring them to the Women's Flourish Event on Nov. 7. Thank you for helping meet needs and share Christ's love!

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.

OCC Collection Week at FBC-FBC Aledo is excited to be a Collection Site for the Samaritan's Purse project, Operation Christmas Child. We are honored to be a place where individuals, churches and organizations can bring all the shoeboxes that they have filled. **National Collection Week is November 16th - 23rd.** We are looking for volunteers from all area churches to help with various aspects of this event; set-up, tear-down, and collection of boxes. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up on our website or in the Church App.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner-Volunteers Needed!- FBC will serve a **free community Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 26.** Volunteers are needed for food prep on Nov. 23 & 24, serving, delivery, and cleanup on Nov. 26th. **Sign up by Monday, November 23** and watch for an email with your serving assignment and instructions. Prefer text updates? **Text “thanks” to (309) 447-7277.** Thank you for helping us serve our community!



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.