

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST - If you are a first-time visitor, we especially welcome you: we've been expecting you! When you see the offering plate in the middle of the service, we do not expect you to contribute; the financial support of the church is a responsibility we've taken on as a congregation. However, we do expect everyone (members, friends, and visitors) to place a Get Connected slip in the offering plate. Thanks for doing so!

CHILDREN AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Children are important to us. They are welcome to stay with their parents. The Cuddle Cove is available to infants and toddlers. **B.L.A.S.T.:** 2-4 year old's in the "The Big Room." Elementary is in **Class Room #12.** (They are taken to those locations after the Children's Parable) . Please see dry erase board to see who is teaching and what student is helping for that Sunday. Not every BLAST class is available every week.

AN INVITATION TO PRAYER AND COMMITMENT - When the Holy Spirit stirs within you, we encourage you to listen and respond! If you have been moved spiritually and want to talk to the pastor or deacons, please let us know and we would be delighted to talk with you after the service.

DISCLAIMER - Services at First Baptist Church may be recorded or live streamed online. By entering these services or events you consent to the possibility of being recorded or live streamed.

MISSIONS OFFERING - If you would like to give to missions, please designate it on your envelope. This is the only way we receive funds for our missions budget.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

Total Expense Budget for 2025 is \$251,402

Monthly Expense Budget for 2025 is \$20,950 / month

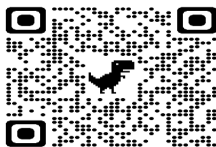
Weekly Offering Needed is \$3,719.00/week

Last week's offering received:

General Fund \$1404

Missions \$170

Attendance: 73 (July 20, 2025)



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WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Faith
shows the reality of
what we hope for; it is
the evidence of things
we cannot see.

Hebrews 11:1

**OUR FOCUS IS TO INCREASE OUR COMMITMENT TO
JESUS CHRIST AND INTRODUCE HIM TO OTHERS.**

July 27, 2025

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025**

*GATHERING SONG	HOLY IS THE LORD
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	LAURA HAWKINS
OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER	
*GREETING TIME	
*PRAISE SONGS	COME THOU FOUNT CANTICLE
CHILDREN'S PARABLE	MINDY ALSEPT FAITH IN GOD HEBREWS 11:6 (SM. 1016, LG. 1864 NLT)
MORNING OFFERING	BRUCE WELLS
PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES	
MORNING PRAYER	DON ALSEPT
SPECIAL MUSIC	EZ & COMPANY
SCRIPTURE READING	JORDAN TUERCK HEBREWS 11:1-3,6 AND 12:1-2 (SM. 1016, LG. 1864 NLT)
MEDITATION SONG	AMAZING GRACE (CHAINS)
DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS	JOYCE MEREDITH FAITH IN MY LIFE
PRAYER	
*SENDING SONG	MOUNTAINS TREMBLE
*BLESSING	

**Please stand if able*

FBC SPOTLIGHT: Bridget Kennedy

Bridget Kennedy is an important member of our congregation. She is one of the first to contribute prayers, praises, and her testimony each week. She places the offering plates and makes sure the praise team has bulletins before each service. She also provides candy for the welcome center and breakfast. We love to see her smiling face and hear her singing her favorite hymns. We are blessed to have Bridget as a member of First Baptist.

Music In The Park

Today, Westminster, Ohio hosts Music In The Park from 11am - 4pm. Their purpose is to praise God in song and worship in an outdoor setting. This year they are welcoming The Chitans and Sidewalk Prophets. There will be a car show and inflatable fun for kids. Free food and water will be provided and they suggest you bring your own lawn chair or blanket.

For more information, check out their website:
MusicInThePark.info.

*Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His
salvation day after day. Psalm 96:2*

Each Sunday at 9:30, the Adult Bible Review meets in the Parlor to discuss the previous week's sermon and scripture. It's another chance to reflect on the Word of God and apply it to our lives. We hope you'll join us.

LOOKING AHEAD:

August 10th: After worship, we'll meet at West Middle School to pray for their school year. Lima City Schools start August 13th!

August 14th: Daycare will host a swim party at Wapakoneta Waterpark at 6pm. Be sure to bring drinks and a snack to share!

August 17th: Back to School Celebration and Church Picnic. More details soon!

October 7th-8th: ABC Ohio Annual Gathering at The Cherry Valley Hotel in Newark, Ohio. See Pastor Andrew or call the office for more information.

First Baptist Daycare and Preschool

Teacher of the month: Miss Alivia

Miss Alivia joined the First Baptist Daycare & Preschool team on May 27th, 2025. She attended Shawnee High School. She is also a graduate of Ohio State University. Miss Alivia is spending her summer with us and then will return to Lima West Middle School where she is an Intervention Specialist and has been teaching for one year. She has been an amazing sub already! She prefers the older children, but is able to step in any classroom with any age group and do her thing! Miss Alivia enjoys reading and watching TV as she cuddles her boyfriend and puppy while binge watching Grey's Anatomy in her spare time. She does not have any children of her own, but she does have a Leopard Gecko named Alfredo. He is about a year and a half old. She also has a puppy named Ellis. A few fun facts about Miss Alivia are that her favorite color is green, her favorite treats are Reese Sticks and Peanut M & M's, and she also enjoys drinking Code red Mountain Dew.



Our Church

Church Clerk

Our World

Pray for the families impacted by the flooding.

Our Mission Outreach

The Gideons International

Shut-in of the Week

Rowena Binkley
Shawnee Manor
2535 Ft. Amanda Rd, Room #20
Lima OH 45804

FIRST BAPTIST WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30TH

Bible Study 6:15 pm

EPIC Youth and Kids 6:15 pm

THURSDAY, JULY 31ST

Primetimers 1:00 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST

Ruth Whitney Ministry 10:00 am

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Jim and Marlene Hefner - Pray for their friend's cousin, Phillip Wagner, who is in critical condition. He is one of three police officers who were shot in Lorain OH this week.

Pray for the families of Steve Klaus and of Tommy Lucas.

Pray for travel mercies for many.

Prayers for Emily Kindle.

Dick Wahl - Praise for our church's support of the Gideons.

Nicholas Lombardo - Pray for Helena Winkler (his grandmother) to be well enough to return to church.

Dianne Sneary - Pray for the Sneary family. Pray for her brother who has late stage kidney failure. Also her sister Maryann who is living with Dianne and has dementia.

Pray for family caregivers.

Alex Pikos - (requested on website) Pray for protection, safety, and guidance for Alex; their children Alexander, Benjamin, and Mycah; and their brother Pete.

Bridget Kennedy - Pray for her as she had another bad week. She has been very upset. Her sister Shirley is having trouble with her legs and dementia. Her sister Sue is having shoulder and back issues.

Bob Laman - Praise that everything was clear and he doesn't require further treatment.

Jim Hefner - Pray for Gary Miller who has been falling and had a cancer spot removed from his leg this week. Updates from our continued prayers list: His friend Jim Miller has been on hospice for almost a year and is failing some. His friend Dick is despondent and not doing well in his nursing home. Jim calls them everyday and sends cards and encouraged us to do the same.

Keith Bledsoe - Praise for the support and love of the congregation during his recovery from surgery.

Jeanice Whitaker - Pray for her mother, Pat, who is having heart issues.

Mallory (Campbell) Andrews - Pray for her and her family after the loss of her sister, Tonya Bearden.

Susan Pirtle - Pray for her as she deals with mobility limitations and falling.

Luke Wyrick - Pray for his roommate, Jack Morgan, and Jack's father who is recovering after being injured in a bike accident.

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Olivia Shields - Pray for her to feel at peace this summer.

Mindy Alsept - Praise that she's healing and praise that God is always in control and good all the time.

Tom Honegger - Pray for his cousin's baby who was born at 2 lbs.

Pray for Leslie, a friend from the Gideon's, who is dealing with severe depression and anxiety.

Pray for many people to join us at church.

Pray for Teresa who lost her mom.

Pray for those affected by flooding in Texas and New Mexico.

Herb Lauer - Pray for his brother, John, who is on a new treatment for cancer.

Bruce Wells - Pray for Mary Wilkins who is having surgery.

John Music - John's wife's step-father recently passed away; please pray for their family.

Linda Neely - Many family and work related prayer requests and praises. Please keep her daughter-in-law, Brandi Neely, in prayer as she goes to Cleveland Clinic on August 14th to see a specialist in Functional Neurological Disorder for a second opinion. Praise that Linda's cancer screenings have been negative.

Continued prayers for cancer and ongoing health concerns:

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| • Karol L., cancer | • Brian Hollar, cancer (Fenton) |
| • Josh Vasquez, leukemia (Garcia) | • Sean Sanderfer (Norma Benanzer) |
| • Kevin Clark (Mathewson) | • Dick (Jim Hefner's friend) |
| • Carolyn (Tim's sister-in-law) | • Jim Miller, liver cancer and hospice (Jim Hefner's friend) |
| • Helena Winkler | • Emily Hall (Tobi and Dara's teacher) |
| • Stanley (Bridget's nephew) | • Tom and Beck Dickinson |
| • Don Lohr (Marlene's bonus brother) | • Cathy (Bridget's niece) |
| • Kris and Lizzy Downey (Warden) | • Sarah Fish (Tim Willoughby) |
| • Lynda Rice (Nancy Davenport) | • Pat Wilson (Tim Willoughby) |
| • Mark Coy (Brent Jones) | • Dana Gambrel |
| • Mary in Phila (C&J Gummel) | • Teresa (L Hawkins) |
| • Virginia Kirtland (Warden) | |