

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!



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

August 24, 2025

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

*GATHERING SONG

HE IS EXALTED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRUCE WELLS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*GREETING TIME

*PRAISE SONGS

MORE LOVE, MORE POWER

LEAVE IT THERE

CHILDREN'S PARABLE

PASTOR ANDREW SHIELDS

BALAAM LISTENS TO GOD (MOSTLY)

NUMBERS 22:12-13

(SM. 132, LG. 251 NLT)

MORNING OFFERING

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES

MORNING PRAYER

MEDITATION SONG

O HOW HE LOVES YOU AND ME

THE MESSAGE

PASTOR ANDREW SHIELDS

BALAAM TALKS TO GOD

NUMBERS 22:1-20

(SM. 132, LG. 251 NLT)

INVITATION AND PRAYER

*SENDING SONG

SHINE JESUS SHINE

***BLESSING**

***PLEASE STAND IF ABLE**

Our Church

Board of Christian Education

Our World

Pray for those starting a new school year, including the seminary students of missionary Mercy Gonzalez-Barnes.

Our Mission Outreach

Lima Rescue Mission and Camp Roberts

Shut-in of the Week

Sally Goodwin

2253 Lake Circle Dr Apt B, Lima OH 45801

FIRST BAPTIST WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27TH

Bible Study	6:15 pm
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EPIC Youth and Kids	6:15 pm
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 28TH

Primetimers	1:00 pm
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 29TH

Ruth Whitney Ministry	10:00 am
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Each Sunday at 9:30, the Adult Bible Review meets in the Parlor to discuss the previous week's sermon and scripture. It is another chance to reflect on the Word of God and apply it to our lives. We hope you will join us.

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Pray for Jeanice Whitaker and her family. Jeanice's mother, Patricia Burkholder, passed away on 8/17 and her funeral was Thursday.

Mindy Alsept - Pray for her brother Billie.

Praise that Mary Wilkins is improving.

Praise that over 600 Bibles have been passed out at the Allen County Fair between the Children's Ministry and the Gideons.

Kyle Kindle - Pray for people who need help.

Jackee Neal - Pray for her Aunt Virginia Ackerman who has health concerns.

Marlene Hefner - Pray for James Hilty (27) who is recovering from surgery following burns and broken bones after his box truck was struck by another vehicle.

Bridget Kennedy - Pray for her to have a better week and for her housing trial this week. Pray for her sisters: Shirley fell, Sue has been having health issues, and Letha also fell.

Praise that Daycare wobbler is better and back at daycare.

Pray for Pastor Andrew's family following the death of his grandmother, Grace Watt.

Roy Garcia - Pray for his son Paul Michael who had carotid artery surgery on 8/18. Pray for Roy's back pain after a fall.

Martha Warden - Please pray for her recovery and rehab stay after total knee revision surgery. Pray that her pain eases.

Marlene Hefner - Pray for her brother Dan Gracely at Wexner in Columbus with heart issues, but doing well after an ablation.

Pray for all the students and staff starting a new school year.

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Karlyn and Herb Lauer - Praise the Allen County Museum evaluation was successful.

Praise that there was a well attended funeral service for Nancy Timmerman's grandson, Jonathan Hooks, on 8/9.

Sue Honegger - Pray for Sheila and Ron Schindler who are dealing with cancer and other health issues.

Joanie Tharp - Please pray for her son Ben and their family. Ben's wife died from suicide.

Mindy Alsept - Pray for her friend Patti who is in the hospital.

Bruce Wells - Pray for granddaughter Sonia who has advanced oral cancer and is scheduled for surgery this month. She has a 2 year old and 4 month old.

Emma Shields - Pray that no one gets hurt during her volleyball season.

Dianne Sneary - Praise for the prayers for her family, especially for her brother who is now home. Pray for him and his salvation.

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 (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, cancer (L Hawkins) |
| • Virginia Kirtland (Warden) | • Angel Music |
| • David Elwood (L. Hawkins) | • Brandi Neely |
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LOOKING AHEAD:

September 7th: At 6pm, Faith Baptist Church (4750 East Rd, Elida) will host a combined churches Sunday Night Sing!

September 27th: WTGN will host a live recording of the radio drama, *Unshackled!* at Lima Community Church at 7pm. This year marks 75 years of *Unshackled!* broadcasting true stories of people whose lives have been transformed by Jesus. For more information, contact the church office.

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.

FBC Spotlight: Susan Pirtle

Susan Pirtle loves our church and church history in general. She is well read, well educated, and is often willing to share her knowledge. She is in gracious attendance at many church family funerals and association events. A long time resident of Lima, she fondly remembers her late husband, Reverend George Pirtle, and his ministry at our church and elsewhere. First Baptist is blessed to have Susan as a member.

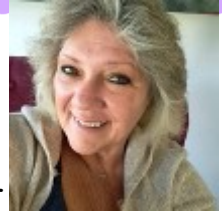
**We recently began a new Bible Study entitled
“Words of the Faith,” examining five words that
are frequent in Christian terminology.**

Interested? It's not too late!

Join us Wednesday at 6:15 to learn more.

First Baptist Daycare and Preschool

Teacher of the month: Miss Brenda



Miss Brenda joined the First Baptist Daycare & Preschool team on May 22nd, 2025. She attended Allen East High School. She has also been a member of Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church since third grade. Miss Brenda is the Afternoon Assistant in the Infant and Wobbler classrooms. She enjoys cooking in her free time. Miss Brenda is a mother to three biological sons as well an adopted son and 2 daughters. She also has three dogs; Theo (16-year-old Pomeranian), Baron (5-year-old Bernese Mountain dog) and Molly (Cocker Spaniel puppy). She is also a grandmother to seven grandchildren and has one great grandchild. A few fun facts about Miss Brenda are that her favorite color is every color of the rainbow, her favorite treats are Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, and she also enjoys drinking lemon water and coffee.

**Church United Pantry (C.U.P.) Item for August:
Toiletries**

***(Toothbrush and paste, dental floss, bar soap,
deodorant, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, hand
sanitizer, etc)***

C.U.P thanks you for your support!

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.:** Ages 2-4 are in **The Big Room**. Ages 5-10 are in **Class Room #12**. Ages 11-14 are in the **Youth Room**. (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.

FLOWERS - The flowers adorning the sanctuary are given by Judy Fenton and family in loving memory of Darrell Fenton, Jane Fenton, Kaleb Woeber, and Bernice Boyd.

If you would like to sponsor flowers for the sanctuary, please contact the church office.

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Office hours: Monday - Thursday 10am - 1pm

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 \$2,857
Missions \$103
Attendance: 68 (August 17, 2025)

