

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

REBUILDING

but not a nation...



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

August 30, 2026

First Baptist Church
Morning Worship
Sunday, August 30, 2026

***Gathering Song** **Everybody Ought to Know**

Welcome and **Karlyn Lauer**
Announcements

Opening Prayer and the LORD's Prayer

***Greeting Time**

***Praise Songs** **For the Beauty of the Earth**
You Are My All in All

Children's Parable **Pastor Andrew Shields**

New Temple Completed: Time to Celebrate
Ezra 6 (sm. 397, lg. 740)

Morning Offering

Prayer Concerns and Praises

Morning Prayer

Meditation Song **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

The Message **Pastor Andrew Shields**

Rebuilding, But Not a Nation #1: Rebuilding the Temple
Ezra 6 (sm. 397; lg. 740)

Invitation and Prayer

***Sending Song** **Hosanna, Praise is Rising**

***Blessing**

****Please stand if able***

PRAYER

Our Church

Church Treasurer

Our Daycare and Preschool

Ms. Allee

Our World

Storm victims and recovery efforts

Our Mission Outreach

Samaritan House

Our Shut-In of the Week

Marjorie Shaw, c/o Kevin Shaw

2116 Bentz Road, Lima, Ohio 45805



Whenever possible, we reuse bulletin inserts. You are encouraged to take your bulletin home and keep your prayer lists handy! But, if you are planning to toss out your bulletin, toss it on a table in the narthex instead!

Weekly Schedule

Tuesday, September 1st

5pm Diaconate

Wednesday, September 2nd

6:15pm Adult Bible Study and EPIC Youth and Kids

Thursday, September 3rd

1pm Primetimers

Friday, September 4th

10am Ruth Whitney Ministry

Sunday, September 6th

2pm Jerri Ansley's Celebration of Life

Our Prayer Requests and Praises

- Pastor Andrew Shields - Pray for strength and reduced pain for Stephanie. Praise that Emma's team had a good day.
- Pray for an anonymous family.
- Jeanice Whitaker - Praises and prayer requested for her and her family. Praise baby Simon was released home.
- Chuck Murray - Pray for headache relief for Renay.
- Pray for Dion, a young boy from Delphos who has had one surgery at Columbus Children's and requires more.
- Pray for strength and healing for Peggy Cockerell who is having health issues and required surgery.
- Dick Meredith - Pray for his cousin Tom Whitaker in AZ who has stage 4 bladder cancer and is undergoing treatment.
- Bridget Kennedy - Thank you for your prayers. Her procedure went well. Please pray for her upcoming dental appointment. Pray for her niece Heather who will have knee surgery.
- Marlene Hefner - Pray for her brother, Dan Gracely, who is being treated in Columbus for heart problems.
- Tom Honegger - Pray for the family and friends of Jerri Ansley, especially her husband Tom. Jerri died on 8/14/26 in Tennessee after a battle with Alzheimer's Dementia. Her Celebration of Life will be Sunday, September 6th at 2pm.
- Don Alsept - Pray for the Gideons and their work.
- Keith Bledsoe - Pray for Jane Ashenfelter. She is home on oxygen and feeling better. Pray for her treatments to work.
- Emily Kindle - Pray for those struggling in life.
- Kyle Kindle - Pray for the sick.
- Pray for Emily Kindle's unexplained abdominal pain.
- Kevin Shaw - Pray for his mother Marjorie who is in hospice care at the nursing home. Pray for Steve who has MS. Pray for Terry who has cancer and is in hospice care.

Our Prayer Requests and Praises

- Pray for Ms. Candy, an FBC daycare teacher.
- Anonymous (Online) - Pray they find a job.
- Tina Hittle - Praise for their anniversary! Pray for her brother who is trying to sell his house.
- Charles Murray - Praises to the Lord!
- Jeanice Whitaker - Pray for her daughter Sharon Stacey who is home, but still recovering from pneumonia. Pray for her granddaughter Kailynn Stacey and her seizures.
- Pray for Janice Woolridge who has dementia.
- Pray for those affected by earthquakes and extreme weather.
- Tim Willoughby - Praise that Norma Benanzer came through her heart surgery well, but continue to pray for her as she faces a complicated knee surgery. Pray for his sister Cindie to be able to sell her house quickly. Also continue to pray for his sister-in-law who is responding well to cancer treatment.
- Myron Sneary - Pray for Dianne who had a third heart attack and a stent placed. Pray for healing.
- Renay Andrews - Pray for 13 year old daughter Camila who has a large ovarian cyst and for her treatment. Pray for Christians around the world who are being persecuted, especially those in Nigeria.
- Chris Fetzner - Pray for former member Janet (Jackson) Bishop who is recovering from a broken leg and facial abrasions after an e-bike accident.
- Praise for Julia and Quentin Gleason's dedications.
- Marlene Hefner - Pray for son-in-law Don Smiley whose MS is out of remission.
- Ed Elchert - Pray for his son who is having issues with his spleen and has leukemia. Pray for his granddaughter Eden's high risk pregnancy.

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list with cancer and other ongoing concerns:

- Karol L., cancer
- Josh Vasquez, leukemia (Garcia)
- Stanley Sanders (Bridget)
- Kris (Warden)
- Liz Downey (Warden)
- Lynda Rice (Davenport)
- Mary in Phila (Gummel)
- Sheila Schindler (Honegger)
- Dick Kuzemchak (Hefner)
- Angel Music
- Sean Sanderfer (Benanzer)
- Marjorie Shaw
- Jim Miller (Hefner)
- Emily Hall (Tobi and Dara's teacher)
- Cathy (Bridget)
- Sarah Fish (Willoughby)
- Teresa (Hawkins)
- Nancy Von Almen
- Carolyn Willoughby
- Ricky (Renay Andrews)

Our mission this month is Lima's Samaritan House, an emergency shelter of women and children. Since 1987, they have been serving Lima and Allen county with a mission to restore personal dignity and independence to homeless women and their children by providing shelter, hope, and guidance. Two thirds of their necessary funds are attained through grants, private foundations, clubs, organizations, individuals, and *churches like ours*. To donate to the work of the Samaritan House, designate part of your offering for missions today! To learn more, check out their latest newsletter on the Missions bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall door or this month's Broadcaster. Thank you for supporting this important local ministry!

Don't you just love seeing all the kids come forward for the Children's Parable? On any given Sunday, we are blessed to have youth from the youngest of toddlers all the way up to a senior in high school in our sanctuary. As a congregation, we have agreed to support those kids and their parents as they learn about Jesus and grow in their journey of faith and today, you have the opportunity to get even more involved! The Christian Ed Board is looking for additional Sunday School teachers for all age levels of classes! If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Andrew, Jackee Neal, or a member of the CE Board. We cannot do it without you!

You and your family are invited to the Columbus Zoo! We will meet at the zoo on Saturday, September 19th for a fun day of First Baptist Fellowship! The zoo is open from 9am to 5pm. Everyone is responsible for their own transportation, tickets, and food, but we are hoping to have enough people go to get a group rate! More details are coming soon, but if you are interested in learning more or would like to sign up, please complete the bottom portion and put it in the offering!

We're ready for a roaring good time!

Name: _____

planning to attend: _____





AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF OHIO

200th ANNUAL GATHERING

We are excited to invite you to the 200th Annual Gathering of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio at the beautiful Cherry Valley Hotel, Newark, Ohio on October 6th and 7th.

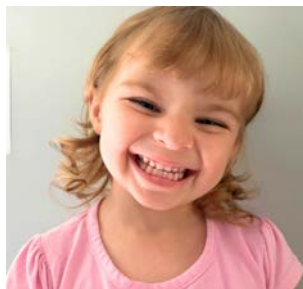
"Trusting God Who Knows the Future," based on Isaiah 46:9-10 will be the theme for this year's Gathering.

We are excited to have the Reverend Dr. Howard Washington, Senior Pastor of the historic Second Baptist Church of Columbus as our keynote speaker, Adult & Youth Choirs of the Emmanuel Chin Baptist Church of Columbus, Benjamin Payne & Praise Team, recognition of our Ohio Leadership Academy graduates for our Tuesday evening worship service. The Gathering will be an opportunity to celebrate our history, engage in dynamic worship, enjoy rich fellowship & networking, and provide opportunities to develop stronger ministries for the next generation. Several helpful workshops will be provided for local church ministries.

If you are interested in attending the Annual Gathering, please reach out to Pastor Andrew or the church office to find out more about getting registered. A letter with more information is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

The family of Jerri Ansley invite us to join them in honoring her memory at a Celebration of Life on Sunday, September 6th at 2pm. If you are able to contribute cookies or brownies for the visitation time following the service, please contact Sue Honegger or Karlyn Lauer.

FBC Spotlight: Allison Knott



Allison Knott is the nearly 3 year old daughter of Austin and Kristen Knott and twin sister of Aubree. Her favorite book is My First Letters and her favorite subject is Paw Patrol. Her parents shared that Allison has a caring nature and curious attitude. In the future, Allison cannot wait to start school and be a superstar! She hopes to be the youngest kid to pass the Power Wheels driving test!

Be sure to greet Allison and her family today!

On September 27th, our Pop-Up Choir will be joining the Praise Team to lead worship! Singers of all experience and talent levels are welcome. It's not too late to join in the fun! See Laura Hawkins to sign up.



Are you ready for Christmas? We need you!

Each year it takes a village of volunteers to get our church looking its best for Advent. This year we're starting early and asking for volunteers to help assess our current decorations and begin planning for new ones. If you love to decorate, have ideas, and/or are willing to help, please contact the church office or speak with Sue Siesel!

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. Thank you 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). Not every BLAST class is available every week. See an usher if you have questions.

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

Office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 10am - 2pm

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WEEKLY OFFERING

Total Expense Budget for 2026 is \$246,181

Weekly General Fund Offering Needed* is \$2,608

*adjusted for advanced giving and Daycare

Last week's offering received:

General Fund \$2,689

Missions \$155

Last week's attendance: 69

Our Website QR Code:

