



August 2026

Our focus is to increase our commitment to Jesus Christ and introduce Him to others.

First Baptist Church

BROADCASTER



It's time for our Annual First Baptist Daycare and Church Swim Party! Saturday, August 8th from 6-8pm at the Wapak Waterpark! Everyone is welcome! Don't forget to bring a drink (no glass containers) and a snack to share. Let's make a splash together!

You are invited to the Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, August 16th, right after worship. Hotdogs, hamburgers, toppings, and beverages will be provided and you are asked to bring a dessert or side dish to share. There will be a kids activity, photo booth, and face painting, plus the opportunity for us to spend time together as a church family. RSVP on the back of your Get Connected slip by August 9th.



The CUP focus for August is deodorant.

August's Mission Spotlight:

Lima's Samaritan House

Since 1987, Samaritan House has provided a home as well as a hope for new beginnings to women in Northwest Ohio, serving approximately 200 homeless and/or abused women and their children every year. The building was formerly the St. Rose Catholic Church Convent and today is a thirty-eight-room emergency shelter with 17 bedrooms and 7 bathrooms. Women and their children are referred to Samaritan House by self-referral, churches, and private and public agencies. The shelter provides one-on-one case management, meals, bathing and laundry facilities, along with supportive programming that may include parenting, resume and job readiness, drug and alcohol education, budgeting, health and hygiene education, nutrition, and more. The crucial role of case management identifies and addresses the multiple challenges the women face, guiding them through choices and life changes to help them create a more stable, self-sufficient future. You can help by praying for the staff, women, and children of Lima's Samaritan House and by donating towards missions this month. To learn more and see their current wishlist, check out their latest newsletter on the Missions bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or go to their website: samaritanhouselima.org



“ALWAYS GO TO THE FUNERAL, DO IT FOR THE FAMILY”

I first heard the philosophy, “Always go to the funeral, do it for the family,” from radio essayist Deirdre Sullivan on NPR. Her father mentioned it to her when she was reluctant to go to a funeral for her teacher. Deirdre decided to apply this truth to more than just funerals. She made it a larger goal of choosing to do the right thing and showing up for others, even when it is an inconvenience.

There are occasional awkward moments when it would be easier if we did not interact with others, perhaps because we do not know what to say or perhaps after a disagreement. Remember though, there is something special about being together. Cards are okay, handwritten letters are good, phone calls are better, but being with someone is best. A follow-up visit, maybe a month later is equally important.

Clearly there are limits to each person’s time, but prioritizing others is a great way to show love. This can apply to formal things like funerals or weddings, or family gatherings, or birthdays, and many more. And there are the non-formal times to spend with each other as well. Like calling your mom on the phone or handing the kids a facetime call to interact with family and to grow relationships. Often, we need to take the initiative. Reading a story to people in person, or over video chat doesn’t really take much time. Listening to a story that someone wants to tell you, even if it is not the first time you have heard it, is beneficial. Buying someone an ice cream cone, or coffee, doesn’t really need to break your budget or schedule.

Sometimes it is easier than others. For example, seeing someone in the hospital while they are struggling is harder than sitting with a healthy person. Hearing a difficult story is different than hearing a funny moment. Interacting with a nearly deaf person is more complex than interacting with someone who hears you clearly the first time. It might be that you clearly disagree with something and the topics are hard. Maybe you have a complex history with someone. I heard a cliché once that we should not all be History Majors. History is important, but it is not always the right thing to focus on.

We can apply this information as a church in many ways. We can study how Jesus interacted with others. We can be motivated to give more of our time, or decide to grow our God given talents, or even be lifelong learners. The church has a seminar in a few days (Aug 8) with an outside speaker talking about being the church in an age of division. There are lots of positions in the church that can use your gifts, and there are also ministries to participate in with our time and talents. All in all, be there for people. This is a ministry inside the church and a ministry outside the church, a ministry in our families, and outside our families.

With Christ’s Love, Rev. Andrew Shields, Senior Pastor

In case you would like to hear it, the National Public Radio piece mentioned was by Deirdre Sullivan in 2005 as part of the This I Believe series, available online at <https://www.npr.org/2005/08/08/4785079/always-go-to-the-funeral>

FIRST BAPTIST DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

What's one thing you've learned this summer? This summer has been one I'll always look back on. The summer I got married. The summer my husband joined the military. Most importantly, this summer is the summer I've learned life happens fast. I've also learned not to take what you have in life for granted.

"Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes." James 4:14

As we head into August, I reflect on how much things have changed in the past couple of months. How much my son has learned, and how much my babies at work have grown. People always ask me how I manage working and taking care of a toddler with his dad being no contact. I usually say because I have no choice. But reflecting on myself, it's because I like my job and I like being a mom. And if I'm stressed or worried, I give it to God and throw it away.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philipians 4:6-7

In just a few months, I'll be the first of my family to move out of state. I've been soaking in the relationships I have with my family, friends, and still soaking in the fact I'm married, too. God has a plan for everyone. God knows what you're meant to do. Who you're meant to be. I'm still not fully where or who I want to be, but I'm getting there. With the guidance and trust I have for God.

-Ms. Alise (Assistant Wobbler Teacher)

August birthdays...

11th – Miss Bali – Assistant Toddler 1 Teacher

August Workversaries...

4th – Mr. Caleb – Afternoon Assistant Toddler Teacher – 12 years

21st – Miss Bali – Assitant Toddler 1 Teacher – 1 year

23rd – Miss Jackee – Lead Toddler 2 Teacher – 9 years

June Financial Update

Offerings were down a bit in June leaving income \$1,465 below budget through the first half of the year. Unfortunately, expenses were up a bit for the month and are running slightly over budget YTD. On both a budget and actual basis we're about \$4,000 negative for the first half.

	April	May	June	YTD
*Giving:	\$19,557	\$20,622	\$18,478	\$119,537
Budget:	\$20,167	\$20,167	\$20,167	\$100,835
Difference:	-\$ 610	\$ 455	-\$ 1,689	-\$ 1,465

*Giving includes Day Care reimbursements and is adjusted for prepaid offerings.

God is Good and continues to bless!