

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!



September 21, 2025

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

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**

***GATHERING SONG HALLELUJAH, YOUR LOVE IS AMAZING**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS DICK MEREDITH

MISSION SPOTLIGHT WORLD MISSION OFFERING VIDEO

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

***GREETING TIME**

***PRAISE SONGS HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION
BECAUSE HE LIVES**

CHILDREN'S PARABLE PASTOR ANDREW SHIELDS
"THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS PUP-POSED TO BE."
ACTS 21:26a, 27, 30a
(SM. 926, LG. 1716 NLT)

MORNING OFFERING

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES

MORNING PRAYER

MEDITATION SONG SANCTUARY

THE MESSAGE PASTOR ANDREW SHIELDS
PAUL ARRESTED
ACTS 21:26-36
(SM. 926, LG. 1716 NLT)

INVITATION AND PRAYER

***SENDING SONG TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE**

***BLESSING**

****PLEASE STAND IF ABLE***

P Our Church

Board of Trustees

R Our World

A International Ministries Global
Servants serving in Europe, the
Y Middle East, and Liberia.

Our Mission Outreach

F World Mission Offering for
International Ministries

O Our Shut-in of the Week

R Marjorie Shaw
2116 Bentz Rd, Lima OH 45805

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

Bible Study 6:15 pm

EPIC Youth and Kids 6:15 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

Primetimers 1:00 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

Ruth Whitney Ministry 10:00 am

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Pray for Chris Vaske's grandson, Mason, who was bitten by a dog.

Bruce Wells - Pray for granddaughter Sonia who is in cancer treatment.

Morgan Noble - Pray for her cousin Leroy who is in ICU after back surgery following a car accident.

Roy Garcia - Praise that Paul Michael is recovering.

Praise for the work of the Lima Rescue Mission and CUP.

Please pray for Nancy VonAlmen as she recovers from knee replacement on 9/16.

Bridget Kennedy - Praise she had a good week. Pray for her sisters Sue and Shirley and her great nephew Andrew who have health concerns.

Don and Mindy Alsept - Praise for the Ruth Whitney crochet ministry and the joy the lap blankets bring to those who receive them.

Addie Gbadegeshin - Praise that she doesn't need to have surgery!

Herb Lauer - Praise for all those who do work for the church including: Tom for the outdoor sign, Bruce for the yard work and cleaning of the outside of the church, and Brandon for saving the church \$1700.00 by replacing the fascia on the church that blew off in a storm.

Tim Willoughby - Praise that sister-in-law Carolyn is in total remission. Pray for Sarah Fish who has stage 4 cancer.

Please remember the victims of 9/11/2001 and pray for their families.

Herb Lauer - pray for his brother John.

Pray for Alice Hackett's health after a recent hospitalization.

Mindy Alsept - Praise that her nephew JJ is okay after being hit by a car and that her brother is stable after low blood sugar.

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Pray for the family of Charlie Kirk.

Pray for Sue Honegger's recovery from a dental procedure.

Jackee Neal - Pray for her knee consult with OIO.

Linda Neely - Praise that Brandi Neely is starting to see improvement. Continue to pray for her recovery and possible return to work.

Jim Hefner - Pray for Wayne Gullett and his family. He is 39 years old and was diagnosed with cancer in his back that has spread to his liver.

Marlene Hefner - Praise that her brother, Dan Gracely, is home from the hospital and the medication is working.

Jodi Gudakunst - Praise for Steve's 70th birthday. Pray that his surgery will be approved.

Beth Sanders - Pray for upcoming mohs procedure on her back.

Pray for Dan Colton who has a brain hemorrhage.

Continued prayers for cancer and ongoing health concerns:

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



LOOKING AHEAD:

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 or WTGN at 419-227-2525.

October 5th: Gomer Congregational Church (7350 Gomer Rd) will host their 108th Annual Gymanfa Ganu or Welsh Hymn Singing Festival at 7pm. The Welsh Museum will be open from 4-6. Call 419-642-2681 for more information.

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.

October 11th: FBC Daycare and Preschool invites the congregation to join them for fall fun at Suter's Produce in Pandora, Ohio at 1pm. Pick a pumpkin and try the apple cider!

October 12th: FBC Chili Dump after church! We'll mix together all of our chilis to create a unique dish. Sign ups to bring chili will be in the bulletin soon!

FBC SPOTLIGHT: BRANDON PATRICK

“We should ask Brandon” is a common refrain heard around our church. Brandon’s talents and skills, along with his cheerful attitude and willingness to help, mean that he is often one of the first people mentioned when something needs done. He has served as our church treasurer for over five years. He did the research and implemented the setup for streaming our church services and he runs the camera most weeks. He’s been known to crawl into some very tight spaces and climb the tallest ladder we own to do physical repairs around the church.

Thank you, Brandon, for all you do!

We recently started a new Bible Study titled “Paul’s Difficulties.” Pastor Andrew is leading us in a discussion of selected verses from Acts 21-23. We hope you’ll join us this Wednesday at 6:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

The Church United Pantry (C.U.P.) Item for September is Deodorant.

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

Map courtesy of biblemapper.com

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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 \$4,479

Missions \$315

Attendance: 73 (September 14, 2025)

