

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!



Be STRONG THROUGH
THE GRACE THAT
God gives you
IN CHRIST JESUS
2 Timothy 2:1

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

July 26, 2026

First Baptist Church
Morning Worship
Sunday, July 26, 2026

***Gathering Song** **Here I Am to Worship**

Welcome and Announcements **Keith Bledsoe**

Opening Prayer and the LORD's Prayer

***Greeting Time**

***Praise Songs** **Open My Eyes That I May See**
Unclouded Day

Children's Parable **Pastor Andrew Shields**

Corrective Lenses
2 Timothy 4:8 (sm. 1003, lg. 1844)

Morning Offering

Prayer Concerns and Praises

Morning Prayer

Meditation Song **Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley**

The Message **Pastor Andrew Shields**

Clear Focus
2 Timothy 4:8-16 (sm. 1003, lg. 1844)

Invitation and Prayer

***Sending Song** **Forever**

***Blessing**

****Please stand if able***

Pray for... *Our Church*
Official Board Chair
Our Daycare and Preschool
Ms. Michelle

Our World
Earthquake victims in Venezuela

Our Mission Outreach
One Great Hour of Sharing

Our Shut-In of the Week
Marlene Mullenhour
736 S. Adam Street, Delphos OH 45833

Whenever possible, the office reuses bulletin inserts!

Please, 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. Thanks!



Weekly Schedule

Sunday, July 26th: Today!

11:45am Church Membership Seminar

Wednesday, July 29th

6:15pm Adult Bible Study
EPIC Youth and Kids - Water Day!

Thursday, July 30th

1pm Primetimers

Friday, July 31st

10am Ruth Whitney Ministry

Our Prayer Requests and Praises

- Merediths - Pray for their granddaughter Sidney who is going through a difficult time.
- Kevin Shaw - Pray for his mother Marjorie Shaw who is back in the nursing home.
- Pray for those dealing with chronic pain.
- Laura Hawkins - Pray for Erin Jones who was diagnosed with a very aggressive colon cancer.
- Bridget Kennedy - On the 28th she will see a doctor about her cancer diagnosis. In August she will have her teeth removed. Pray for Bridget and her family.
- Praise Marlene Hefner is recovering at home after a successful surgery.
- Don Alsept - Praise for the Gideon's work at the Lima Police Dept. Praise for the Ruth Whitney lapghans and the joy they bring to those they met in a retirement home.
- Charles Murray - Praising God for how his life has changed.
- Olivia Shields - Pray for those in the path of the wildfires.
- Austin Knott - Praise Kristen and the twins made it safely to California. Praise Austin's mom Jennifer's surgery was successful and she is recovering!
- Travel mercies for those on vacation.
- Kyle Kindle - Pray for those who need help.
- Honeggers - Pray for their daughter Melanie whose schoolmate died suddenly. Pray for their granddaughter Abby and her co-worker whose wife died from suicide.
- Praise for a good Rescue Mission dinner, the Youth Bake Sale and Car Wash, the parsonage black top being sealed, and the digital sign software working correctly.
- Praise for our visitors. Pray for our church!
- Roy Garcia - Praise his son Paul is home after surgery.

Our Prayer Requests and Praises

- Laura Hawkins - Praise baby Lincoln is able to breathe without support and they are done turning his spacers!
- Jeanice Whitaker - Pray for her and her neighbors who are being affected by the data center building.
- Brent Jones - Pray for his brother Chad and all his fellow service members stationed in Jordan. Praise Kyler got a scholarship to St Charles!
- Renay Andrews - Continue to pray for her brother Ricky who has ongoing mental health and addiction issues. Pray for God to guide him.
- Martha Warden - Pray for Liz Downey to be able to tolerate the medication recommended by her doctors.
- Tim Willoughby - Pray for Norma Benanzer who just had heart surgery and will have knee surgery.
- Chuck Murray - Thanking the congregation and praising Jesus!
- Frank (Online) - Pray for him, his wife, and her parents.
- Hepsiba (Online) - Pray for God is to guide and protect her and her husband.
- Pray for the family, friends, and employees of Rob Rigali who passed away 7/7.
- Pray for those having car problems.
- Pastor Andrew Shields - Pray for his aunt Nancy Miller who is having a kidney removed soon. Pray for his uncle Ray and Aunt Peggy and their health concerns.
- Tim Miller - Prayers requested for several family members who have cancer. Pray for the friends and family of a long time friend who passed away.
- Continue to pray for Jane Ashenfelter and her health.
- Pastor Andrew Shields - Pray for discernment as the whole church seeks God's will.

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
- Ricky (Renay Andrews)
- Sean Sanderfer (Benanzer)
- Marjorie Shaw
- Jim Miller (Hefner)
- Emily Hall (Tobi and Dara's teacher)
- Cathy (Bridget)
- Sarah Fish (Willoughby)
- Pat Wilson (Willoughby)
- Teresa (Hawkins)
- Nancy Von Almen
- Carolyn Willoughby

FBC Spotlight: Christian Patrick



Christian Patrick is the youngest child of Brandon and Heather Patrick. He is 16 and going into 11th grade at Temple Christian. He is kind and always tries to help around the house. He loves playing with his nephew. Christian is

interested in exploring the opportunities available to him at GROB through their apprentice program. A few of Christian's favorite things include: the Bible, the colors purple and hot pink, math, and soccer! Be sure to greet Christian and his family today!

You're invited to the Annual Church Picnic!

When: August 16, right after worship

Where: The Fellowship Hall

What to expect: Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided, as well as all the toppings and beverages. There will be a photo booth, face painting, and an activity for kids.

What to bring: A side dish or desert to share!
Come ready to spend time getting to know each other as a church family!

RSUP by August 9th on the back of your Get Connected slip or calling the church office!



GOD IS Good



LOOKING AHEAD

>August 8th 9:30am - 3pm: ABC Ohio “Church Leadership in a Time of Turmoil” Workshop: Our church will host this workshop, led by Dr. Kevin Dudley to equip pastors and lay leaders to effectively lead their congregations in ministering to their surrounding culture. Everyone interested is welcome to attend. Scholarships are available! To register or for more information, please call the church office or speak with Pastor Andrew.

>August 8th 6-8pm: Daycare and Church Swim Party: Everyone is invited to the Wapak pool for a great night of fellowship! Bring drinks and a snack to share!

>August 16th: Church Picnic after worship: Mark your calendars and gather your favorite potluck recipes!

**The Churches United Pantry (CUP)
focus for July is canned vegetables.**

**Volunteers
needed**

On August 8th, our church is hosting a workshop for pastors and lay leaders presented by ABC Ohio and the Ohio Leadership Academy. We need 4 to 5 different varieties of cookies & brownies (about 6 dozen total) dropped off on Friday, August 7th between 2 and 4pm. If you can help, please contact 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.

The flowers adorning the Sanctuary today are given in loving memory of
Wilhelmina "Willie" Willoughby by her children Linda, Cindie, Tim, and Jack.

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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 \$3,014

Missions \$1,436

Last week's attendance: 62

Our Website QR Code:

