

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

we will serve

the Lord

because He is

our God

Joshua 24:18

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

September 20, 2026

First Baptist Church

Morning Worship

Sunday, September 20, 2026

*Gathering Song

Come Christians Join to Sing

Welcome and Announcements

Keith Bledsoe

Opening Prayer and the LORD's Prayer

*Greeting Time

Child Dedication and Right Hand of Fellowship

The Ball Family

*Praise Songs

Holy is the Lord

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Children's Parable

Tim Willoughby

Morning Offering

Prayer Concerns and Praises

Morning Prayer

Meditation Song

Amen, Because He Lives

The Message

Pastor Andrew Shields

A Covenant to Serve the Lord

Joshua 24:14-18 (sm. 200; lg. 378)

Invitation and Prayer

*Sending Song

Step By Step

*Blessing

**Please stand if able*

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Our Church

Daycare Board

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Our Daycare and Preschool

Ms. Nautia

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Our World

International Ministries Global Servants and
Missions in Europe, the Middle East, and North
Africa

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Our Mission Outreach

Guiding Light

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Our Shut-In of the Week

Ralph and Barb Stelzer

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4303 Trueman Blvd #201, Hilliard OH 43026

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, September 20th

11:45am Board of Trustees

Wednesday, September 23rd

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

Thursday, September 24th

1pm Primetimers

6pm Pop-Up Choir

Friday, September 25th

10am Ruth Whitney Ministry

Sunday, September 27th

Pop-Up Choir leads worship

Our Prayer Requests and Praises

- Praise for a good ministry outreach event at the UNOH Welcome Week. Thanks especially to our volunteers!
- Pray for the Daycare, especially for the right staffing and full enrollment.
- Pray for several who are in recovery.
- Chuck Murray – Praise to the Lord for putting him back together better than before! Pray for his brother Bill and Bill's family.
- Alsepts – Praise for answered prayers. Pray for Dee and her FaithWalk participation.
- Prayers for teachers and their students, especially third graders.
- Bridget Kennedy – Pray for Bridget who is home after being readmitted to the hospital because of seizures. Pray for her to heal and be able to return to church.
- Jodi Gudakunst – Pray for Barb Gudakunst who had a severe fall. She is recovering at home with family.
- Emma Shields – Pray for the sister of Emma's teacher, Mary, who has tumors in her brain and lungs. Emma's teacher asks that we pray for Mary to know Christ.
- Kyle Kindle – Pray for his sister Emily.
- Continue praying for Jane Ashenfelter and her health.
- Merediths – Pray for their granddaughter Sydney, for her pregnancy to continue, and for her baby to be healthy.
- Lauers – Pray for their son's friend Ted who has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure.
- Kevin Shaw – Pray for his friend Steve Fry who has Multiple Sclerosis.

Our Prayer Requests and Praises

- Praise for the continued relationship with the staff at West Middle School.
- Pastor Andrew Shields - Pray for his second cousin Fred who is in hospice care.
- Bridget Kennedy - Continue to pray for Bridget as she recovers from surgery.
- Linda Neely - Pray for her daughter-in-law Brandi Neely who is trying to return to work. Pray for Linda who had a low blood sugar episode and now has to carry a monitor.
- Pray for Rad Radford, husband of Pastor Ruby Radford, who is improving, but has a lot of healing still needed.
- Pastor Andrew Shields - Pray for strength and reduced pain for Stephanie. Pray for Emma's ankles to strenghten and cause her less pain.
- Kyle Kindle - Pray for the sick and those in need.
- Emily Kindle - Pray for people to be kind to each other.
- Pray for Kevin Shaw, whose mother Marjorie Shaw passed away on 9/2.
- Michelle Baumgardner - Pray for a a new job for her and that her upcoming interview goes well. Pray for healing of her kidneys which are only working at 50% currently.
- Dick Meredith - Pray for the family and friends of his cousin Tom Whitaker who passed away.

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)
- 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)
- Jane Ashenfelter

If you have any updates for this list, please share them during prayer time or contact Pastor Andrew or the office.

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!

LOOKING AHEAD

- September 29th @5pm: "Walking the Wards" - Lima Mayor Sharetta Smith will hold a meeting for Lima residents living in the 7th ward.
- October's Mission is Operation Christmas Child. Be on the lookout for more info soon!
- October 10th @3pm: First Baptist Daycare and Church Meet Up at Suter's Produce in Pandora
- October 29th @6pm: Trunk or Treat

FBC SPOTLIGHT: XANDER NOBLE



Xander Noble is the 7 year old son of Tyler and Morgan Noble. He is in first grade at Shawnee Elmwood and his favorite subjects are music and gym. He likes playing Mario Cart with his mom. Something special about Xander is the way he interacts with people of all ages at church. He is friendly and outgoing with everyone. Xander wants to be a police officer when he grow up. Be sure to say hello to Xander and his parents today!



The Daycare is hosting a STEAM event for Daycare families on October 8th. If you would be willing to donate cookies or brownies for their meal, please contact Laura Hawkins!



Congratulations to the staff of First Baptist Daycare and Preschool for making it into the top 5 in the Child Care category in The Lima News Best of the Region! You can help them make it to the top 3 by voting for them daily between today and 9/27 at this QR code link.



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 \$1,582

Missions \$100

Last week's attendance: 92

Our Website QR Code:

