

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE



WHO JESUS IS!

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

MARCH 8, 2026

P Our Church
Church Treasurer
R Our Daycare and Preschool
Miss Taylor
A Our World
Those persecuted for their faith.
Y Our Mission Outreach
F America for Christ Offering
O Our Shut-in of the Week
Bridget Kennedy
R 1583 Plainfield Dr
Lima OH 45805

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

11:45am Trustee Board

MONDAY, MARCH 9TH

5:30pm Daycare Board

TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH

11:45am Worship Arts Committee

6:15pm Christian Ed Board

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH

6:15pm Adult Bible Study

6:15pm EPIC Youth and Kids

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH

1:00pm Primetimers

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH

10:00am Ruth Whitney Ministry

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Shola and Addie Gbadegeshin - Their teenage niece, Seum, passed away after being shot in Cleveland. Please pray for their family.

Mindy Alsept - Pray for Lynn Ley who just had back surgery and Dee Jackson (a Gideon's wife) who has cancer. Also pray for her cousin Phyllis who has blood clots in her arms and has stents placed.

Jackee Neal - Pray for her tendonitis to heal and for pain relief.

Praise that Ralph and Barb Stelzer were able to join us in worship. They are grateful for our church family and all the prayers and friendships over the years. They will be moving to Hillard on 3/13.

Don Alsept - Praise that sister-in-law Sharon is home and recovering from a dog bite that led to two fingers being amputated.

Bridget Kennedy - Continue to pray for Bridget. Pray for her staff and Bridget's relationships with them. Pray for her sister Shirley, nieces Heather and Cassie, and nephew Stanley.

Pray for Brianna Patrick to feel better.

Linda Neely - Praises that Brandi is doing fine and is able to work a full shift and that Linda's bloodwork was all good.

Pray for those in the military and their families.

The Knotts - Praise that Austin starts a new job 3/16!

Emily Kindle - Pray for the sick to be well soon.

Ball/Gleason families - Continue to pray for Jean's foot to heal.

Sue Honegger - Pray for healing, peace, and comfort for her Aunt Stephanie who was hospitalized with lung and heart issues.

Dick Meredith - Pray for neighbor and friend Mel Williams who fell and broke his pelvis in a couple places and damaged his sacrum.

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Keith Bledsoe - Pray for his ex-wife, Linda Meredith, who had a reoccurrence of cancer and has been sent home with hospice care.

Pray for his nephew Joe Bledsoe who was also home with hospice care, but fell and was back in the hospital. Pray for his admin assistant, Sandy, who needs open heart surgery. Pray for comfort and peace for Linda, Joe, and Sandy and their immediate families.

Emily Kindle - Pray for everyone to treat each other well. Pray for her 10 year old son Andrew's cold.

Pastor Andrew - Praise for a good medical procedure, successful meetings, and for his birthday.

Mindy Alsept - Praise for Bella's unspoken prayer request.

Pray for those with unspoken health concerns.

Roy Garcia - Praise sister Mary Thorpe had a successful heart ablation.

Herb Lauer - Pray for his brother John who has cancer and is now in a nursing home. Thank you for your past prayers.

Olivia Shields - Pray for her cousin Cassie's hands to heal.

Tim Miller - Thanks for the prayers for Tim and Nancy. Please keep praying for them both.

Tim Willoughby - Pray for his sister-in-law who is receiving chemo. Pray for his grandson Nicholas who is a single father and job searching.

Jane Ashenfelter - Pray for her brother Tim who is in the final stages of Parkinson's disease and dementia. He is in the hospital in Florida. Pray for her son Jeremy, who has a hand injury and cannot use it or work.



LOOKING AHEAD:

>March 21st from 11am-2pm: You are invited to the “Implementing Our Vision” event. Information and RSVP can be found on the insert.

>March 29th, Palm Sunday: Kids wanting to wave palms during the service should arrive early, and plan to stay after church with their families for a treat! See the insert for details and RSVP.

>April 2nd at 5:30, Maundy Thursday: You are invited to a potluck dinner (with chicken provided by the Christian Ed Board). Bring a side dish or dessert to share! A service observing Good Friday will follow in the sanctuary. RSVP for the dinner on the Get Connected slip.

>April 5th, Easter: He is Risen! Easter breakfast will be provided by the Deacons beginning at 9am. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast casserole and wonderful fellowship. RSVP on the Get Connected slip.

The Daycare has started a Little Free Pantry for the Daycare families. If you would like to contribute any nonperishable food and snacks, please bring them to the church office on Sunday or during office hours.

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 next week!

FBC Spotlight:

Brittany and Andrew Gleason

We are blessed that Julia (nearly 1 year old) and Quentin (3) share their parents, Brittany and Andrew, with us each week. Quentin and Julia both attend the First Baptist Daycare and Preschool. Brittany is a librarian with the Lima City Schools and Andrew works at Honda in Anna.

Andrew has attended First Baptist since he was a teen and remembers a lock in when he tried to hide in the baptistry during a game, not realizing it was full. Brittany has been coming to FBC for about 10 years and they were married in our church. Brittany serves as a valued member of the Daycare board and Andrew recently joined the Diaconate and is leading the membership subcommittee.

We are so thankful to have Andrew, Brittany, Quentin, and Julia as part of our First Baptist family.

The Church United Pantry (CUP) focus for March is dental hygiene (toothpaste and individually wrapped toothbrushes).

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: This month the Adult Bible Study is continuing to :
: focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. :
: EPIC Youth (5th-12th grade) will be learning more :
: about Easter, while EPIC Kids (4th grade and younger) :
: are continuing to work through the stories of Genesis. :
: We hope everyone will join us this Wednesday at 6:15! :
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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.

The flowers adorning the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Kyle Kindle in remembrance of his grandparents Bill and Helen Hittle.

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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 \$2,855

Missions \$270

Last week's attendance: 71

