

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



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

MARCH 29, 2026

P Our Church
Daycare Board

R Our Daycare and Preschool
Miss Nautia

A Our World
Those persecuted for their faith.

Y Our Mission Outreach

F America for Christ Offering
Our Shut-in of the Week

O Gene Gilbert
Wyngate Senior Living

R 1070 Gloria Ave, Apt 125
Lima, Ohio 45805

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST

No Bible Study

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND: MAUNDY THURSDAY

1:00pm Primetimers

5:30pm Maundy Thursday potluck
dinner followed by a worship
service observing Good Friday

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD: GOOD FRIDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH: EASTER SUNDAY

9am Easter Breakfast

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Shola and Addie Gbadegesin - Continue to pray for their family and the friends and family of their teenage niece Seun, whose funeral was on 3/21 in Cleveland.

Bridget Kennedy - Continue to pray for Bridget, who had a better week. Pray for her staff and Bridget's relationships with them. Also pray for her niece Heather and sister Shirley.

Keith Bledsoe - Pray for the salvation of his nephew Joe, who has been told he has a short time left to live. Continue to pray for his ex-wife, Linda Meredith. Pray for his admin assistant, Sandy, who is scheduling open heart surgery. Pray for comfort and peace for Linda, Joe, and Sandy and their immediate families.

Laura Hawkins - Praise that Adam is feeling better. Pray that Adam's dad, Ron Hawkins' leg and foot would heal well. Pray for Ida Sensel-Hawkins, Adam's mom.

Jim Hefner - Pray for his friend Dick Kuzemchak who is in the hospital after he fell in the nursing home and broke his hip. He is struggling mentally and it's been difficult for everyone involved in his care.

Chuck Murray - Praying for all the congregation. He asks for prayers for guidance, understanding, and comfort.

Kyle Kindle - Pray for people who are sick, including his uncle Tim.

Emily Kindle - Pray for those who need prayer and that everyone would get along and be good to each other.

Anonymous (Online) - Pray for Dennis and Annie and their salvation.

Shields - Praise that Olivia's play went well. Pray for Emma's this week.

Bruce Wells - Praise that granddaughter Sonia is able to enjoy her life with her kids and her family.

Jeanice Whitaker - Continue to pray for baby Simon who was born very premature, but is making great progress.

Ann Schroeder - Pray for her friend Joyce whose husband died after a fall.

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Merediths - Pray for their granddaughter Sidney who is having a difficult pregnancy. Pray for Barb and Ralph Stelzer who moved to Hilliard. Ralph has blood clots in his legs and lungs. Pray for the friends and family of their friend Mel Williams who passed 3/16.

Tim Willoughby - Pray for all who are financially strapped in the current economy, including his daughter Catherine and her family in WA.

Honeggers - Pray for Roseanne's surgery. Sue's Aunt Stephanie is doing well.

Alsepts - Pray for Mindy's brother Billy who is having toe issues. Pray for those affected by the closing of New Creation Church.

Pastor Andrew - Pray for his leg pain and arthritis. Also pray for those recovering from wind damage. Pray for Kendall and Phillip's health issues.

Jane Ashenfelter - Her brother passed and a celebration of life will be held in Florida this month. Pray for their family and difficult family dynamics. Also continue to pray for her son Jeremy who is slowly recovering from his hand injury.

Don Alsept - Praise their power came back on quickly and they were able to repair the roof of their rental house.

Judy Fenton - Pray for her son Doug Holten who had a stint placed.

Susan Pirtle - Praise for and congratulations to Tobi Gbadegeshin, who took third place after making it through five rounds of the Regional Spelling Bee!

Ann Schroeder - Pray for Mike Diglia who is recovering from a kidney transplant.

Alsepts - Pray for Mike who had thyroid removal surgery at OSU.

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

Pastor Andrew Shields - Praise for the Vision Planning Meeting and the momentum to continue. Praise for Olivia's friend Justin and his brother Kodi who were baptized at his family's church.

Brent Jones - Pray for the military, especially those in the Middle East, including his brother Chad who is stationed in Jordan.



LOOKING AHEAD:

>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 back of 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 back of the Get Connected slip.

>April 8th at 6:30: Daycare Spring Program! Please bring cookies to share at the gathering after.

>April 18th from 8:30am - 4pm: The women of the church are invited to a retreat at Diamond Hills Baptist Church in Mansfield, Ohio. The cost is \$30, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. For more information, check the bulletin board in the narthex or call the church office.

>April 25th from 2pm - 3:30pm: Everyone is invited to the Northwestern Association of ABC Ohio Gathering. It will take place at the Lauer Historical Barn (800 Roush Rd, Lima OH 45801). The congregations of First Baptist, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist, and Waynesfield Baptist Churches are all invited to this time of fellowship.

FBC Spotlight: Ed Elchert

Each week we are blessed by the talent of Ed Elchert, keeping the praise band on time. His steady presence is also felt in the Adult Bible Review. Ed's retirement job keeps him busier than ever. He enjoys spending time with his family and playing with EZ & Company.

We're thankful he shares his gifts and strong faith with us! Thank you, Ed!

The Church United Pantry (CUP) focus for April is shampoo and conditioner. Thank you for supporting this important local ministry!

If you would like more information about the American Baptist Home Missions Societies (ABHMS) or the America for Christ Offering "The Wisdom and Power of Storytelling", check out this month's Broadcaster or visit the ABHMS website at www.abhms.org/afc.

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

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). 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: Monday - Thursday 10am - 1pm

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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 \$1,463

Missions \$287

Last week's attendance: 64

