

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

REBUILDING

but not a nation...



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

September 13, 2026

First Baptist Church
Morning Worship
Sunday, September 13, 2026

***Gathering Song** **Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart**

Welcome and Announcements **Pastor Andrew Shields**

Opening Prayer and the LORD's Prayer

***Greeting Time**

***Praise Songs** **The Church's One Foundation**
Spring Up, O Well

Children's Parable **Pastor Andrew Shields**

The Offerings Did Not Go to the Right Place/People
Nehemiah 13:10-11 (sm. 415, lg. 774)

Morning Offering

Prayer Concerns and Praises

Morning Prayer

Meditation Song **What Wondrous Love is This**

The Message **Pastor Andrew Shields**

Rebuilding, But Not a Nation #3: Rebuilding Faithfulness
Nehemiah 13 (sm. 414; lg. 773)

Invitation and Prayer

***Sending Song** **Build Your Kingdom Here**

***Blessing**

****Please stand if able***

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Our Church

Board of Trustees

Our Daycare and Preschool

Ms. Candy

Our World

International Ministries Global Servants and
Missions in Africa

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Our Mission Outreach

Guiding Light

Our Shut-In of the Week

Ron Hawkins c/o Springview Manor

883 W Spring St #308 B, Lima OH 45805

Weekly Schedule

Monday, September 14th

5:30pm Daycare Board

Tuesday, September 15th

5:30pm Official Board

Wednesday, September 16th

4:30pm Lima Rescue Mission Meal

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

Thursday, September 17th

1pm Primetimers

Friday, September 18th

10am Ruth Whitney Ministry

Sunday, September 20th

11:45am Board of Trustees

Our Prayer Requests and Praises

- 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.
- 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.
- Anonymous – Pray for them to stay close to God.
- 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 off the ventilator and talking, 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 strengthen 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.
- Chuck Murray – Praise to the Lord for putting him back together better than before!
- Pray for Kevin Shaw, whose mother Marjorie Shaw passed away on 9/2.
- Michelle Baumgardner – Pray for 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.

Our Prayer Requests and Praises

- Dick Meredith – Pray for the family and friends of his cousin Tom Whitaker who passed away.
- Continue to pray for the family and friends of Jerri Ansley, who passed 8/14/26.
- Pray for Peggy Cockerell as she discusses next steps with her doctors following a positive biopsy.
- Jeanice Whitaker – Praises and prayer requested for her and her family. Praise baby Simon was discharged!
- Chuck Murray – Pray for headache relief for Renay.
- Pray for Dion, a young boy from Delphos who had surgery at Columbus Children's and requires more.
- Marlene Hefner – Pray for her brother, Dan Gracely, who is being treated in Columbus for heart problems.
- Keith Bledsoe – Pray for Jane Ashenfelter. She is home and feeling better. Pray her treatments work.

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list with cancer and other ongoing concerns:

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| • Karol L., cancer | • Sean Sanderfer (Benanzer) |
| • Josh Vasquez, leukemia (Garcia) | • Jim Miller (Hefner) |
| • Stanley Sanders (Bridget) | • Emily Hall (Tobi and Dara's teacher) |
| • Kris (Warden) | • Cathy (Bridget) |
| • Liz Downey (Warden) | • Sarah Fish (Willoughby) |
| • Lynda Rice (Davenport) | • Teresa (Hawkins) |
| • Mary in Phila (Gummel) | • Nancy Von Almen |
| • Sheila Schindler (Honegger) | • Carolyn Willoughby |
| • Dick Kuzemchak (Hefner) | • Ricky (Renay Andrews) |
| • Angel Music | |

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

Don't you just love seeing all the kids come forward for the Children's Parable? On any given Sunday, we are blessed to have youth from the youngest of toddlers all the way up to a senior in high school in our sanctuary. As a congregation, we have agreed to support those kids and their parents as they learn about Jesus and grow in their journey of faith and today, you have the opportunity to get even more involved! The Christian Ed Board is looking for additional Sunday School teachers for all age levels of classes! If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Andrew, Jackee Neal, or a member of the CE Board. We cannot do it without you!

You and your family are invited to the Columbus Zoo! We will meet at the zoo on Saturday, September 19th for a fun day of First Baptist Fellowship! The zoo is open from 9am to 5pm. Everyone is responsible for their own transportation, tickets, and food, but we are hoping to have enough people go to get a group rate! More details are coming soon, but if you are interested in learning more or would like to sign up, please complete the bottom portion and put it in the offering!

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We're ready for a roaring good time!

Name: _____

planning to attend: _____





AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF OHIO

200th ANNUAL GATHERING

We are excited to invite you to the 200th Annual Gathering of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio at the beautiful Cherry Valley Hotel, Newark, Ohio on October 6th and 7th.

“Trusting God Who Knows the Future,” based on Isaiah 46:9-10 will be the theme for this year’s Gathering.

We are blessed to have the Reverend Dr. Howard Washington, Senior Pastor of the historic Second Baptist Church of Columbus as our keynote speaker, Adult & Youth Choirs of the Emmanuel Chin Baptist Church of Columbus, Benjamin Payne & Praise Team, recognition of our Ohio Leadership Academy graduates for our Tuesday evening worship service. The Gathering will be an opportunity to celebrate our history, engage in dynamic worship, enjoy rich fellowship & networking, and provide opportunities to develop stronger ministries for the next generation. Several helpful workshops will be provided for local church ministries.

If you are interested in attending the Annual Gathering, please reach out to Pastor Andrew or the church office to find out more about getting registered. A letter with more information is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.



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.



The Daycare has a little free pantry for nonperishable snacks and meal items. If you would like to help support our Daycare families, please bring donations to the church office on Sunday or during office hours. Thank you for your help!

LOOKING AHEAD

- September 19th: Columbus Zoo Meet Up!
- October 10th @3pm: First Baptist Daycare and Church Meet Up at Suter's Produce in Pandora
- October 29th @6pm: Trunk or Treat

Last Wednesday, the Adult Bible Study began a new series: Focusing on Jesus, Lessons from 1, 2, and 3 John. It's not too late for you to join in the discussion! EPIC Youth and Kids will also be meeting to learn more about Jesus while having fun. All ages are welcome!

FBC Spotlight: Aubree Knott



Aubree Knott is the nearly 3 year old daughter of Austin and Kristen Knott and twin sister of Allison. Her favorite book is My First Letters and her favorite subject is Baby Shark. She loves to play hide and seek and tag.

Aubree is very creative and is always coming up with ideas. In the future, Aubree cannot wait to start school, but for now she's enjoying the end of summer in the pool and driving power wheels!

Be sure to greet Aubree and her family today!

Each Sunday, the Adult Bible Review meets in the parlor at 9:30am to discuss the previous Sunday's scripture and sermon. Everyone is welcome to join in the discussion. Come early for coffee and sweet treats!

Are you ready for Christmas? We need you!



Each year it takes a village of volunteers to get our church looking its best for Advent. This year we're starting early and asking for volunteers to help assess our current decorations and begin planning for new ones. If you love to decorate, have ideas, and/or are willing to help, please contact the church office or speak with 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 TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY ROY GARCIA IN MEMORY OF JOHN T. STELZER.

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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 \$3,617

Missions \$150

Last week's attendance: 92

Our Website QR Code:

