

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!



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

September 7, 2025

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**

***GATHERING SONG THERE IS A NAME I LOVE TO HEAR**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS TOM HONEGGER

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

***GREETING TIME**

***PRAISE SONGS TELL IT WHEREVER I GO
 LORD BE GLORIFIED**

CHILDREN'S PARABLE JACKEE NEAL

MORNING OFFERING

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES

MORNING PRAYER

**THE MESSAGE PASTOR ANDREW SHIELDS
 BALAAM AND BALAK
 NUMBERS 23:1-26
 (SM. 133, LG. 254 NLT)**

INVITATION AND PRAYER

COMMUNION SONG LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***SENDING SONG I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY**

***BLESSING**

****PLEASE STAND IF ABLE***

PRAY
FOR

Our Church

Church Treasurer

Our World

International Ministries Global Servants serving in Ibero-America and the Caribbean.

Our Mission Outreach

Fellowship Fund

Our Shut-in of the Week

Bridget Kennedy
1583 Plainfield Dr, Lima OH 45805

FIRST BAPTIST WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH: TODAY!

Hymn Sing @ Faith Baptist 6:00 pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

Day Care 5:30 pm

Christian Ed 6:15 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

Bible Study 6:15 pm

EPIC Youth and Kids 6:15 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

Primetimers 1:00 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

Ruth Whitney Crochet Ministry 10:00 am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

Trustee Meeting 11:45 am

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Bridget Kennedy - She was not feeling well last week. Pray that she has a better week.

Marlene Hefner - Praise that her brother, Dan Gracely, is home from the hospital and the medication is working.

Mindy Alsept - Praise for the Ruth Whitney crochet ministry and the joy the lap blankets bring to those who receive them.

Jodi Gudakunst - Praise for Steve's 70th birthday. Pray that his surgery will be approved.

Bruce Wells - Pray for granddaughter Sonia who has advanced oral cancer and is doing well and has a great attitude after her surgery on 8/26. She begins treatment soon and recovery is expected to be prolonged and difficult. She has a 2 year old and 4 month old.

Beth Sanders - Pray for upcoming mole procedure on her back. Praise that Martha Warden has returned home. She wishes to thank you for your prayers and cards. Additional prayers are appreciated.

Stephanie Shields - Pray for her friend Sarah Beth who has a broken leg. She is a single mom and teacher.

Pray for Dan Colton who has a brain hemorrhage.

Pray for those with unspoken prayers.

Mindy Alsept - Pray for a friend with throat cancer.

Pray for Ann Schroeder who has a scratched cornea.

Linda Neely - Praise that Brandi Neely is improving. Pray for her recovery, especially her stamina.

Roy Garcia - Praise that Paul Michael's open heart surgery was successful.

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Eric Wilkerson (visitor) - Pray for salvation for his friends and family.

Kyle Kindle - Pray for people.

Jackee Neal - Pray for her Aunt Virginia Ackerman who is improving.

Tim Willoughby - Prayers for his sister Cindy and brother-in-law Jim who are selling their Philadelphia house and moving to Lima.

Pray for Jeanice Whitaker and her family. Jeanice's mother, Patricia Burkholder, passed away on 8/17 and her funeral was Thursday.

Dan Whitaker - Praise for his ability to sing and share Jesus.

Praise that Mary Wilkins is improving

Praise that over 600 Bibles were passed out at the Allen County Fair by the Children's Ministry and the Gideons.

Marlene Hefner - Pray for James Hilty (27) who is recovering from surgery following burns and broken bones after his box truck was struck by another vehicle.

Continued prayers for cancer and ongoing health concerns:

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| • Karol L., cancer | • Brian Hollar, cancer (Fenton) |
| • Josh Vasquez, leukemia (Garcia) | • Sean Sanderfer (Norma Benanzer) |
| • Kevin Clark (Mathewson) | • Dick (Jim Hefner's friend) |
| • Carolyn (Tim's sister-in-law) | • Jim Miller (Jim Hefner's friend) |
| • Helena Winkler | • Emily Hall (Tobi and Dara's teacher) |
| • Stanley (Bridget's nephew) | • Tom and Beck Dickinson |
| • Don Lohr (Marlene's bonus brother) | • Cathy (Bridget's niece) |
| • Kris and Lizzy Downey (Warden) | • Sarah Fish (Tim Willoughby) |
| • Lynda Rice (Nancy Davenport) | • Pat Wilson (Tim Willoughby) |
| • Mark Coy (Brent Jones) | • Dana Gambrel |
| • Mary in Phila (C&J Gummel) | • Teresa, cancer (L Hawkins) |
| • Virginia Kirtland (Warden) | • Angel Music |
| • David Elwood (L. Hawkins) | • Brandi Neely |
| • Sheila and Ron Schindler, cancer (Honegger) | • Sonia, cancer (Wells) |
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LOOKING AHEAD:

TONIGHT: At 6pm, Faith Baptist Church (4750 East Rd, Elida) will host a combined churches Sunday Night Sing!

September 27th: WTGN will host a live recording of the radio drama, *Unshackled!* at Lima Community Church at 7pm. This year marks 75 years of *Unshackled!* broadcasting true stories of people whose lives have been transformed by Jesus. For more information, contact the church office.

October 7th-8th: ABC Ohio Annual Gathering at The Cherry Valley Hotel in Newark, Ohio. See Pastor Andrew or call the office for more information.

October 11th: FBC Daycare and Preschool invites the congregation to join them for fall fun at Suter's Produce in Pandora, Ohio. More details soon!

This week, we will begin a new Bible Study. Pastor Andrew will lead us in a discussion of Paul's Difficulties, studying selected verses from Acts 21-23. We hope you'll join us this Wednesday at 6:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

On the first Sunday of the month, we emphasize the Fellowship Fund. This benevolent offering is for church and community member requests and needs as they arise. To contribute to this offering, write Fellowship Fund on your envelope or put cash in the offering plate on the first Sunday of the month.

FBC Spotlight: Marlene Hefner

Marlene has been a member of our church for over 60 years and has been involved in many ways throughout that time. Currently she oversees the beautiful floral displays and honorary bouquets seen in the sanctuary each Sunday. As a prayer warrior, she embraces the opportunity to lift up each of us in prayer in her role as a Prayer Chain leader. As a member of our past American Baptist Women's group, she oversaw our White Cross and Missions projects, touching lives throughout the world. Seeing and visiting with Marlene and Jim at church each week is a real joy... and don't miss a chance to taste and get the recipe for her fabulous Strawberry Angel Food Cake!

First Baptist Church is blessed to have Marlene as a member of our church family.

**The Church United Pantry (C.U.P.) Item for
September is Deodorant.**

C.U.P thanks you for your support!

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.

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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.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

Total Expense Budget for 2025 is \$251,402

Monthly Expense Budget for 2025 is \$20,950 /month

Weekly Offering Needed is \$3,719.00/week

Last week's offering received:

General Fund \$1956

Missions \$111

Attendance: 72 (August 31, 2025)

