

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 14, 2025

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

***GATHERING SONG**

O LORD, OUR LORD, HOW MAJESTIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR ANDREW SHIELDS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

***GREETING TIME**

***PRAISE SONGS WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES
 YOU ARE MY KING (AMAZING LOVE)**

CHILDREN'S PARABLE

TIM WILLOUGHBY

MORNING OFFERING

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES

MORNING PRAYER

MEDITATION SONG

AS THE DEER

THE MESSAGE

**PASTOR ANDREW SHIELDS
BALAAM'S FINAL MESSAGES
NUMBERS 23:27 - 24:25
(SM. 134, LG. 255 NLT)**

INVITATION AND PRAYER

***SENDING SONG**

THERE IS SUNSHINE IN MY SOUL TODAY

***BLESSING**

****PLEASE STAND IF ABLE***

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Our Church

Chair of the Budget/Finance Committee

Our World

International Ministries Global Servants
serving in Africa.

Our Mission Outreach

World Mission Offering for International
Ministries

Our Shut-in of the Week

Ray Hayes
1309 Brice Ave, Lima OH 45805

FIRST BAPTIST WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH: TODAY

Trustee Meeting 11:45 am

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

Official Board 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

Rescue Mission Meal 4:30 pm

Bible Study 6:15 pm

EPIC Youth and Kids 6:15 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

Primetimers 1:00 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

Ruth Whitney Ministry 10:00 am

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Please remember the victims of 9/11/2001 and pray for their families.

Herb Lauer - pray for his brother John.

Pray for Alice Hackett who is at St Rita's after having shortness of breath and high blood pressure.

Pray for the family of Charlie Kirk.

Roy Garcia - Praise that Paul Michael is recovering.

Jackee Neal - Pray for her knee consult at OIO.

Pray for Sue Honegger's recovery from a dental procedure.

Mindy Alsept - Praise that her nephew JJ is okay after being hit by a car and that her brother is now stable after needing treatment for low blood sugar.

Bridget Kennedy - Praise she had a good week. Pray that sister Sue feels better and sister Shirley stops falling.

Linda Neely - Praise that Brandi Neely is starting to see improvement. Continue to pray for her recovery and possible return to work.

Jim Hefner - Pray for Wayne Gullett and his family. He is 39 years old and was diagnosed with cancer in his back that has spread to his liver.

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.

Bruce Wells - Pray for granddaughter Sonia who had surgery on 8/26 to remove advanced oral cancer and is recovering at home. She begins treatment soon and it is expected to be prolonged and difficult. She has a 2 year old and 4 month old.

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

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

Beth Sanders - Pray for upcoming mohs procedure on her back.

Praise that Martha Warden has returned home and able to come to church. 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.

Kyle Kindle - Pray for people.

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

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:

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 or WTGN at 419-227-2525.

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 at 1pm. Pick a pumpkin and try the apple cider!

October 12th: FBC Chili Dump after church! We'll mix together all of our chilis to create a unique dish. More details soon!

This past Wednesday, we began a new Bible Study titled "Paul's Difficulties." Pastor Andrew is leading us in a discussion of selected verses from Acts 21-23. We hope you'll join us this Wednesday at 6:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

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.

**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.

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.

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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 \$3,416

Missions \$200

Attendance: 88 (September 7, 2025)

