WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

"Do you still not understand?"

Mark 8:21

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

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

*Gathering Song — We Have Come into His House

Welcome and Announcements — Bruce Wells

Mission Spotlight Video — Mercy González-Barnes

Opening Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Greeting Time

*Praise Songs — This is My Father's World
His Name is Wonderful

Children's Parable — Pastor Andrew Shields
What can you see?
Mark 8:24-25 (sm. 837 lg. 1550)

Morning Offering

Prayer Concerns and Praises

Morning Prayer

Meditation Song — They'll Know We Are Christians

The Message — Pastor Andrew Shields
Wanting and Seeing #3: Blind Man and Jesus
Mark 8:22-26 (sm. 837; lg. 1550)

Invitation and Prayer

*Sending Song — My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

*Blessing

**Please stand if able*

PRAY FOR

Our Church

Board of Christian Education

Our Daycare and Preschool

Miss Alise

Our World

Wisdom for World Leaders

Our Mission Outreach

Our International Ministries Global Servants

Our Shut-in of the Week

Sally Goodwin
2253 Lake Circle Dr Apt B
Lima, Ohio 45801

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 25th

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

Thursday, February 26th

1:00pm	Primetimers

Friday, February 27th

10:00am	Ruth Whitney Ministry

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Barb and Ralph Stelzer will be permanently moving to Columbus in March to an assisted living facility there to be closer to family. Pray for them both and especially for Ralph who is very weak.

Pray for those with unspoken health concerns.

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

Mindy Alsept - Pray for sister-in-law Sharon, wife of brother Timmy, who had one surgery on hand and may require another. Praise for Bella's unspoken prayer request.

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

Rick Gleason - Pray for his wife Jean who is back in the hospital.

Laura Hawkins - Pray for medical tests on 2/25.

Bridget Kennedy - Continue to pray for Bridget. Pray for her staff and Bridget's relationships with them. Pray for her sister Shirley who fell, niece Heather who needs a diagnosis, niece Cathy who also fell, and Cathy's husband who needs a diagnosis and treatment plan.

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.

Keith Bledsoe - Pray for his ex-wife, Linda Meredith, who has a recurring cancer diagnosis possible. Pray for her guidance and comfort. Pray for his nephew Joe Bledsoe who is in the hospital with multiple infections. Pray for his admin assistant, Sandy, who needs open heart surgery.

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.

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

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

Mindy Alsept - Pray for her brother Billy who has been having health issues and may move to a nursing home. Also pray for Mindy who is advocating for him and his care. Pray for Erin who had a rough delivery and for her new baby. Pray for her niece Helen who has water around her heart and lungs. Praise daughter Tracy is doing well and sticking to her recovery.

Bruce Wells - Praise that Sonia is doing well though she has more treatments ahead. She is thankful for our prayers.

Jeanice Whitaker - Praise that baby Simon is continuing to do well and grow quickly.

Pastor Andrew Shields - Pray for those needing more maneuverability and flexibility. Pray for jailed Christians in India, wrongly accused of forced conversions.

Praise for and thanks to Don and Mindy Alsept for their continued care of Mindy's brother, Billy.

Kyle Kindle - Pray for people who are sick and need help praying.

Emily Kindle - Pray for Emily's husband to find a good job here soon.

Marlene Hefner - Pray for Jim who had a procedure Tuesday to deaden a nerve in his back to help manage pain.

Don Alsept - Praise for the Ruth Whitney Ministry and the lapghans distributed to Kindred at St Rita's this month. Please pray for one patient, Adam, who is in a poor health situation.

Luke Wyrick - Pray for the friends and family of Andrew Walters who lost his battle with cancer. He was a role model, teacher, and friend.

Emma Shields - Pray for her friend's dad who was in a car accident.

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

- Karol L., cancer
- Josh Vasquez, leukemia (Garcia)
- Stanley Sanders (Bridget)
- Don Lohr (Marlene Hefner)
- Kris and Lizzy Downey (Warden)
- Lynda Rice (Nancy Davenport)
- Mark Coy (Brent Jones)
- Mary in Phila (C&J Gummel)
- David Elwood (L. Hawkins)
- Sheila and Ron Schindler, cancer (Honegger)
- Dick (Jim Hefner's friend)
- Sean Sanderfer (Norma Benanzer)
- Marjorie Shaw
- Jim Miller (Jim Hefner)
- Emily Hall (Tobi and Dara's teacher)
- Tom and Beck Dickinson
- Cathy (Bridget's niece)
- Sarah Fish (Tim Willoughby)
- Pat Wilson (Tim Willoughby)
- Teresa, cancer (L Hawkins)
- Angel Music
- Brandi Neely
- Sonia, cancer (Wells)
- Nancy Von Almen
- Adam Rentz (Daycare)
- David Trost, cancer (Shields)
- Carolyn Willoughby, leukemia

If you have any updates about anyone listed above, please write them on your Get Connected slip, contact Pastor Andrew, or call the office.

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:
Michelle and Johnny Elchert

Johnny and Michelle Elchert have been members of our First Baptist family for many years. Johnny has served as a trustee and security team member as well as in other roles. Michelle is currently our assistant financial secretary.

Michelle is retired from working as an aide to individuals with disabilities at Marimor and Johnny is semi-retired from the Lima Police Department. Family is important to both Michelle and Johnny and they love spending time with their grandkids and kids.

Thank you Johnny and Michelle for sharing
your time and talents with your First Baptist family!

LOOKING AHEAD:

>March 21st from 11am-2pm: You are invited to the "Implementing Our Vision" event with Rev. Mark Eaton, ABC Ohio Regional Minister for Southeast Ohio. Everyone is encouraged to attend this time of discussion and discovery as we consider what direction God is leading First Baptist in the future. Please plan to attend. A light lunch and childcare will be provided.

>March 29th: The children of the church and their families are invited to stay after worship for a Palm Sunday Sundae! More details soon. Be sure to get to church early if your kids want to participate in Palm Sunday!

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 IN LOVING MEMORY OF AIDEN MICHAEL KINDLE-WOFFORD BY HIS MOM MADDIE KINDLE, BROTHER ADAM, AND SISTER BELLA.

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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 $3,523
Missions $435

Last week's attendance: 71