WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

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

MARCH 1, 2026

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

*Gathering Song — O Lord Our Lord How Majestic

Welcome and Announcements — Keith Bledsoe

Opening Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Greeting Time

*Praise Songs — Blessed Assurance
Heart of Worship

Children's Parable — Jackee Neal
Measuring God's Love
John 3:14-21 (sm. 883; lg. 1636)

Morning Offering

Prayer Concerns and Praises

Morning Prayer

The Message — Pastor Andrew Shields
Who Jesus Is! #1: The Life-Giving Shepherd
John 10:1-10 (sm. 891; lg. 1652)

Invitation and Prayer

Communion Song — One Bread, One Body

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Sending Song — Shout to the North

*Blessing

**Please stand if able*

PRAY FOR

Our Church

Church Staff Relations

Our Daycare and Preschool

Miss Jackee

Our World

Those persecuted for their faith.

Our Mission Outreach

Our Fellowship Fund

Our Shut-in of the Week

Charlene Fazel
2535 Sherwood Drive
Lima OH 45805

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 3rd

5:00pm Diaconate Board

Wednesday, March 4th

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

Thursday, March 5th

1:00pm Primetimers

Friday, March 6th

10:00am Ruth Whitney Ministry

Sunday, March 8th

11:45am Trustee Board

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Sue Honegger - Pray for healing, peace, and comfort for her Aunt Stephanie who was hospitalized with pneumonia and respiratory distress.

Praise for better weather.

Emily Ball - Pray for healing for her mom, Jean Gleason, who has been diagnosed with a fungal infection on her foot and had surgery to attach a wound vac.

Bridget Kennedy - Continue to pray for Bridget. Pray for her staff and Bridget's relationships with them. Pray for her sister Shirley, niece Heather, and nephew Stanley.

Keith Bledsoe - Pray for his ex-wife, Linda Meredith, who had a reoccurrence of cancer and has been sent home with hospice care. Pray for his nephew Joe Bledsoe who was also home with hospice care, but fell and was back in the hospital. Pray for his admin assistant, Sandy, who needs open heart surgery. Pray for comfort and peace for Linda, Joe, and Sandy and their immediate families.

Dick Meredith - Pray for neighbor and friend Mel Williams who fell and broke his pelvis in a couple places and damaged his sacrum.

Emily Kindle - Pray for everyone to treat each other well. Pray for her 10 year old son Andrew's cold.

Laura Hawkins - Praise her medical tests and procedures went well.

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.

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

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.

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Pray for those with unspoken health concerns.

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

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.

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.

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 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.

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

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 Church United Pantry (CUP) focus for March is dental hygiene (toothpaste and individually wrapped toothbrushes).

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

FBC Spotlight:
Brittany and Andrew Gleason

We are blessed that Julia (nearly 1 year old) and Quentin (3) share their parents, Brittany and Andrew, with us each week. Quentin and Julia both attend the First Baptist Daycare and Preschool. Brittany is a librarian with the Lima City Schools and Andrew works at Honda in Anna.

Andrew has attended First Baptist since he was a teen and remembers a lock in when he tried to hide in the baptistry during a game, not realizing it was full. Brittany has been coming to FBC for about 10 years and they were married in our church. Brittany serves as a valued member of the Daycare board and Andrew recently joined the Diaconate and is leading the membership subcommittee.

We are so thankful to have Andrew, Brittany, Quentin, and Julia as part of our First Baptist family.

LOOKING AHEAD:

>March 21st from 11am-2pm: You are invited to the "Implementing Our Vision" event. Information and the RSVP can be found on the insert.

>March 29th, Palm Sunday!: Kids wanting to participate in the service should arrive early, and plan to stay after church with their families for a treat! See the insert for details.

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 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 $2,680
Missions $95

Last week's attendance: 59