

***WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE***



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

APRIL 5, 2026

P Our Church
Official Board - Congregational
Representative

R Our Daycare and Preschool

A Mr Caleb

Y Our World
Those recovering from natural disasters
and extreme weather.

F Our Mission Outreach
Our Fellowship Fund

O Our Shut-in of the Week
Ralph and Barb Stelzer
4303 Trueman Blvd #201
Hilliard OH 43026

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH

5:00pm Deacons Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH

6:30pm Daycare Spring Program
(No Bible Study)

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH

1:00pm Primetimers

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH

10:00am Ruth Whitney Ministry

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH

11:45am Trustees Meeting

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Marlene Hefner - Pray for her brother-in-law Don Lohr who had surgery to repair a brain bleed. He is still recovering from the surgery and being sedated, but does know his wife Sharon. Pray for her son-in-law Don Smiley who is scheduled for back surgery next week.

Dianne Sneary - Pray for her great-grandkids to be healthy. Pray for Myron who needs a hip replacement.

Joyce Meredith - Pray for their granddaughter Sidney who had a miscarriage.

Herb Lauer - Pray for his brother John. Pray for Pastor Andrew and all of us to keep a "heart" faith before "head" faith.

Jeanice Whitaker - Pray for her husband Dan who has reoccurring swelling of his tongue and throat, among other health issues.

Chuck Murray - Praying for his kids to be filled with God's love.

Emily Kindle - Pray for God to help her study and pass her test. Pray for people to get along with each other.

Kyle Kindle - Pray for people who are sick, including his uncle Tim.

Laura Hawkins - Continue to pray for our family to feel better. Praise for the work of the trustees to clean up after storm damage!

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

Keith Bledsoe - Pray for the salvation of his nephew Joe, who has been told he has a short time left to live. Continue to pray for his ex-wife, Linda Meredith. Pray for his admin assistant, Sandy, who is scheduling open heart surgery. Pray for comfort and peace for Linda, Joe, and Sandy and their immediate families.

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Jackee Neal - Praise that the baby of the Daycare family we were praying for is home and doing well.

Shola and Addie Gbadegeshin - Continue to pray for their family and the friends and family of their teenage niece Seun, whose funeral was on 3/21 in Cleveland.

Jim Hefner - Pray for his friend Dick Kuzemchak who is in the hospital after he fell in the nursing home and broke his hip. He is struggling mentally and it's been difficult for everyone involved in his care.

Anonymous (Online) - Pray for Dennis and Annie and their salvation.

Shields - Praise that Olivia and Emma's plays went well.

Bruce Wells - Praise that granddaughter Sonia is able to enjoy her life with her kids and her family.

Jeanice Whitaker - Continue to pray for baby Simon who was born very premature, but is making great progress.

Ann Schroeder - Pray for her friend Joyce whose husband died.

Merediths - Pray for Barb and Ralph Stelzer who moved to Hilliard. Ralph has blood clots in his legs and lungs. Pray for the friends and family of their friend Mel Williams who passed 3/16.

Tim Willoughby - Pray for all who are financially strapped in the current economy, including his daughter Catherine and family in WA.

Sue Honegger - Pray for Roseanne's surgery.

Alsepts - Pray for Mindy's brother Billy who is having toe issues. Pray for those affected by the closing of New Creation Church.

Jane Ashenfelter - Pray for their family and difficult family dynamics as they celebrate the life of her brother who passed away. Pray for her son Jeremy who is slowly recovering from his hand injury.



LOOKING AHEAD:

>April 8th at 6:30: Daycare Spring Program! Please bring cookies to share at the gathering in the Fellowship Hall after the program.

>April 18th from 8:30am - 4pm: The women of the church are invited to a retreat at Diamond Hills Baptist Church in Mansfield, Ohio. The cost is \$30, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. For more information, check the bulletin board in the narthex or call the church office.

>April 25th from 2pm - 3:30pm: Everyone is invited to the Northwestern Association of ABC Ohio Gathering. It will take place at the Lauer Historical Barn (800 Roush Rd, Lima OH 45801). The congregations of First Baptist Ada, First Baptist Lima, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist, and Waynesfield Baptist Churches are all invited to this time of fellowship.

>May 23rd from 9am - noon: Everyone is invited to the Church Spring Workday. We'll be sprucing up the church with planting, cleaning, mulching, painting, and more. Pray for good weather and plan to be there!

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: Ed Elchert

Each week we are blessed by the talent of Ed Elchert, keeping the praise band on time. His steady presence is also felt in the Adult Bible Review. Ed's retirement job keeps him busier than ever. He enjoys spending time with his family and playing with EZ & Company.

We're thankful he shares his gifts and strong faith with us! Thank you, Ed!

The Church United Pantry (CUP) focus for April is shampoo and conditioner.

The Daycare has started a Little Free Pantry for the Daycare families. If you would like to contribute nonperishable food and snacks, please bring them to the church office on Sunday or during office hours.

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). 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.

FLOWERS - If you would like to sponsor flowers for the sanctuary, please contact the church office.

Office hours: Monday - Thursday 10am - 1pm

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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 \$1,631

Missions \$125

Last week's attendance: 80

