

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE



WHO JESUS IS!

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

MARCH 15, 2026

P Our Church
Chair of Budget/Finance Committee

R Our Daycare and Preschool

A Miss Allee

Y Our World
Those persecuted for their faith.

F Our Mission Outreach
America for Christ Offering

O Our Shut-in of the Week

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH

5:30pm Official Board

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH

4:30pm Rescue Mission Meal

6:15pm Adult Bible Study

6:15pm EPIC Youth and Kids

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH

1:00pm Primetimers

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH

10:00am Ruth Whitney Ministry

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

11:00am Implementing Our Vision Event

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Susan Pirtle - Praise for and congratulations to Tobi Gbadegeshin, who took third place after making it through five rounds of the Regional Spelling Bee!

Judy Fenton - Pray for her son Doug Holten who had a stint placed.

Merediths - Pray for their granddaughter Sidney who is having a difficult pregnancy. Continue to pray for their neighbor and friend Mel Williams who had fallen and broken bones. He is now on hospice.

Ann Schroeder - Pray for Mike Diglia who is recovering from a kidney transplant.

Alsepts - Pray for Mike who is recovering from thyroid removal surgery at OSU.

Ball/Gleason families - Continue to pray for Jean's foot to heal. She is slowly getting better.

Pastor Andrew Shields - Pray for the coming Vision Planning Meeting. Praise for Olivia's friend Justin and his brother who were baptized at his family's church.

Brent Jones - Pray for the military, especially those in the Middle East, including his brother Chad who is stationed in Jordan.

Bridget Kennedy - Continue to pray for Bridget, who had a bad week. Pray for her staff and Bridget's relationships with them. Pray for her staff member who had teeth extracted. Pray for her friend whose mother-in-law is in the hospital. Pray for her sister Shirley, niece Heather, and nephew Stanley.

Anonymous (Online) - Pray for their job search.

Sola and Addie Gbadegeshin - Their teenage niece, Seun, passed away after being shot in Cleveland. Please pray for their family.

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Mindy Alsept - Pray for Lynn Ley who just had back surgery and Dee Jackson (a Gideon's wife) who has cancer. Also pray for her cousin Phyllis who has blood clots in her arms and has stents placed.

Jackee Neal - Pray for her tendonitis to heal and for pain relief.

Praise that Ralph and Barb Stelzer were able to join us in worship 3/1/26. They are grateful for our church family and all the prayers and friendships over the years. They moved to Hillard on 3/13.

Don Alsept - Praise that sister-in-law Sharon is home and recovering from a dog bite that led to two fingers being amputated.

Pray for Brianna Patrick to feel better.

Linda Neely - Praises that Brandi is doing fine and is able to work a full shift and that Linda's bloodwork was all good.

Pray for those in the military and their families.

The Knotts - Praise that Austin starts a new job 3/16!

Emily Kindle - Pray for the sick to be well soon.

Sue Honegger - Pray for healing, peace, and comfort for her Aunt Stephanie who was hospitalized with lung and heart issues.

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.

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



LOOKING AHEAD:

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

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

>April 2nd at 5:30, Maundy Thursday: You are invited to a potluck dinner (with chicken provided by the Christian Ed Board). Bring a side dish or dessert to share! A service observing Good Friday will follow in the sanctuary. RSVP for the dinner on the back of the Get Connected slip.

>April 5th, Easter: He is Risen! Easter breakfast will be provided by the Deacons beginning at 9am. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast casserole and wonderful fellowship. RSVP on the back of the Get Connected slip.

>April 8th at 6:30: Daycare Spring Program! Please bring cookies to share at the party after.

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.

FBC Spotlight: Herb Lauer

Herb Lauer currently serves as chair of the Board of Trustees and has previously volunteered for many committees, including leading the Daycare Board and the Deacons. A retired teacher, Herb has a love for learning that shows in his contributions to Bible Study and also in his volunteer work with the Allen County Museum. He and Karlyn enjoy traveling, but you will mostly find him in his shop, working on his latest project. Whatever Herb is doing, he always leads with his heart for Jesus.

Thank you, Herb, for sharing your many gifts with our church family!

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

BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday at 6:15pm

This month the Adult Bible Study is continuing to focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. EPIC Youth (5th-12th grade) are studying more about Easter, while EPIC Kids (4th grade and younger) are continuing to work through the stories of Genesis. We hope everyone will join us this Wednesday at 6:15!

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 \$3,358

Missions \$235

Last week's attendance: 79

