

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. B.L.A.S.T. 2-4 year old's in the **"The Big Room"**. Cuddle Cove is available to infants and toddlers. Elementary is in **"The Class Room #12"** and Jr High Classes is in the **"Youth Room"**. (They are taken to those locations after children's moment) . **Please see dry erase board to see who is teaching and what student is helping for that Sunday.**

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 in the glory of God by Roy Garcia, in loving memory of John T. Stelzer.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

Total Expense Budget for 2023 is \$270,778

Monthly Expense Budget for 2023 is \$22565 /month

Weekly Offering Needed is \$5207.00/week

Last week's offering received:

General Fund \$7100.00

Missions \$90.00

Attendance: 73 (August 27, 2023)



*The gift
of God
is eternal life
through
Jesus Christ
our Lord*

Romans 6:23

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

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

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**

***GATHERING SONG**

"To God Be the Glory"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karlyn Lauer

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

***GREETING TIME**

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES

MORNING PRAYER

***PRAISE SONGS**

**"Blessed Assurance"
"I Sing Praises"**

CHILDREN'S PARABLE

Pastor Andrew Shields

**"Share Good Fruit Equally"
Galatians 5: 25
(sm. 975, Lg. 1804) NLT**

MORNING OFFERING

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Andrew Shields

Nine Fruits of the Spirit #3: Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control

Galatians 5: 22-26

(sm. 975, Lg. 1804) NLT

INVITATION AND PRAYER

COMMUNION SONG

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

CELEBRATIONS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***SENDING SONG**

"Great is the Lord"

***BLESSING**

**Please stand if able*



WHO WE ARE Founded in 1814, International Ministries (IM) has been sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ holistically with both words and actions in cross-cultural Christian mission that addresses the needs and inequities present in the communities we serve. Also known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, we are the oldest international Baptist mission agency in North America. Our multicultural leadership team and 120+ global servants are led by the wisdom of our 250+ international partners. Together we respond to the call of Jesus Christ, serving incarnationally and with humility in 70 countries. Our home office is located in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

MISSION STATEMENT International Ministries, also known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, works cross-culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim, through both word and deed, God's reign of justice, peace and abundant life for all creation.

OUR THIRTEEN MINISTRY PRIORITY AREAS: • Evangelism • Discipleship • Theological Education • Immigrants and Refugees • Peace and Justice • Abolishing Trafficking in Persons and Global Slavery • Education • Economic and Community Development • Health and Wellness • Promotion of Mission from Everywhere to Everyone • Short-Term Mission Engagement • Youth and Young Adults • Training and Capacity Building.

WHAT IS THE WORLD MISSION OFFERING (WMO)?

Each year through International Ministries' World Mission Offering, thousands of churches and individuals come together to promote and support ministries that God is using to transform the world. We want you to join in, too!

Many of our partner churches will dedicate time in September and October to use our free World Mission Offering promotional resources (available in print and through www.worldmissionoffering.org) to make it easy to share stories of God at work through global mission. Build excitement for mission in your congregation! Some churches will take a one-time offering for world mission during this time, and many others make monthly recurring gifts to the WMO.

As one pastor described his church's involvement in the WMO, "God allows us to participate in what he is doing, which blesses our church and inspires us to get involved in our own mission activities where we live and beyond."

Join with us, as we work cross-culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim, through both word and deed, God's reign of justice, peace, and abundant life for all creation.

HOW ARE WMO GIFTS USED?

WMO gifts are used for mission program support (global servant, international partner, and other ministry support), for administrative support, and for development costs.

WHAT ABOUT MY GIFTS TO SPECIFIC GLOBAL SERVANTS?

All personalized global servant support is targeted for the global servants and keeps them in their ministries.

WHAT ELSE WILL MY WMO GIFTS DO?

As the body of Christ, we respond together to the needs around the world—when everyone contributes, no one group carries the full burden of expense. IM does not ask global servants to raise all of the funds they need but comes alongside them in financial support as well as in ministry. When personalized funding falls short, WMO gifts fill the gap and keep global servants in their country of service. WMO gifts support global servants with training and pastoral care, enable us to address crises when they arise, and so much more. Giving to the WMO is the best way to make sure that you support all of IM's ministries.

Questions? Email wmo@internationalministries.org or call 610-768-2311 to speak with someone on our development team.



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September 2023 Teacher of the month:

Miss Chloe



Miss Chloe joined the First Baptist Daycare & Preschool team on May 22, 2022. She is also a niece of Miss Michelle. She graduated from Waynesfield-Goshen last spring. During her school career, she played volleyball, basketball, several track and field events, percussion in concert band, bass drum in marching and pep band, and a part of JNHS and NHS. She is currently attending OSU majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Miss Chloe has played many roles here, but is currently the Lead School-age Teacher in the afternoons. Miss Chloe is a lot of

fun, she's good at putting things together, and she's funny, too! Miss Chloe does not have any human children of her own, but she says it feels like it! She does have a fur baby; Dixie, who is 3 years old. She is a rescue that joined her family during COVID. In her free time, she enjoys working out, going on adventures, and playing sports and video games. A few fun facts about Miss Chloe are that her favorite colors are red, black, and blue, her favorite treats are freeze dried fruits and candies, and she also enjoys drinking Body Armor and Powerade.

Thank you to all that sponsor flowers. A special thanks to those who also donate the flowers to our elderly or sick who are shut in and have limited mobility. Sponsoring flowers is such a special way to remember those we love. If you would like to sponsor flowers in memory or honor of a loved one please call the church office at 419-224-4921 or Marlene Hefner.



SPECIAL PACKAGE PRICING

A group purchase of
10 or more tickets will be 30% discount so that's
General Admission \$17.50
VIP \$35.00
VIP PLUS \$52.50

A group purchase of
15 or more tickets will be 50% discount so that's
General Admission \$12.50
VIP \$25.00
VIP PLUS \$37.50

Our Church

Financial Secretary

Our World

Pray for those affected by the natural disasters around the world.

Our Mission Outreach

World Missions Offering

Shut-in of the Week

Clyde Ditto - 6915 Poling Road, Elida, Ohio 45807

FIRST BAPTIST WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

HAPPY LABOR DAY!



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

DIACONATE

5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

BIBLE STUDY

6:15 PM

EPIC YOUTH

6:15 PM

EPIC KIDS

6:15 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

PRIMETIMERS

1:00 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

RUTH WHITNEY CROCHET

10:00 AM