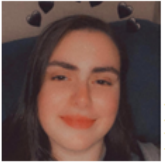


MAY 2025

MISSION SPOTLIGHT



May 2025 Teacher of the month:

Miss Julia

Miss Julia joined the First Baptist Daycare & Preschool team on February 20, 2025. She is currently the Infant Assistant Teacher. Miss Julia enjoys listening to audiobooks in her spare time. She does not have any children of her own, but she does have a fur baby; a dog names Rosco. He was a High School Graduation gift. A few fun facts about Miss Julia are that her favorite color is green, her favorite treat is Sweet Tarts Mini Chews, and she also enjoys drinking Sprite. She has also lived in 2 different states; 5 different cities; moving a total of seven times.

First Baptist Daycare is having a special Book Bash. The daycare chose the books for the children, our church boards are helping with the cost. If you would like to donate towards the costs designate "Book Bash" on your offering envelope. This is our Mission Spotlight for the Month of May!



FBDC BOOK BASH

Summer Bible Camp Scholarships
\$250.00 scholarships available for Bible Camp.
See Christian Ed for more information.

Mother's Day, May 11th

The best present for a mother is for her family to be in church. Come worship with us on this day and give thanks to the Lord for your mother. Even if she's gone her legacy lives on.



Graduate Recognition!

We need all of our this year graduating class to be here on May 11th. Please let us know asap if you are graduating this year, as we want to recognize your accomplishments!

There is also a scholarship that is available to graduating church members. There is an application process and the deadline is the applicant's graduation date. Please see a member of CE Board if interested.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WORK DAY

Come join us on Saturday, May 17th from 9am-12pm. Planting flowers and other clean up duties available.

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Scott McNett	May 3
John Wooldridge	May 6
Lucy Hawkins	May 8
Amiyah Collier	May 10
Jim Hefner	May 12
Kate Zimmerly	May 14
Alice Hackett	May 15
Ashlee Mathewson	May 20
Guy Messer	May 21
Johnny Elchert	May 23
Jody McNett	May 23
Adam Hawkins	May 24
Morgan Noble	May 24
Mike Bible	May 26
Laura Hawkins	May 31

Anniversaries

Andrew & Stephanie Shields	May 7
Dan & Jeanice Whitaker	May 22
John & Janice Wooldridge	May 27

If we did not list your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office so we may update our records.

First Baptist Church Lima Ohio

Vision Statement

"Our focus is to Increase our Commitment to Jesus Christ and introduce him to others."

God

We believe in one perfect, unchanging God, Creator of all, who loves everyone and draws us to new life.

Jesus

We believe that Jesus, God in human form, lived, died, and was resurrected to restore our relationship with God.

Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit lives within us, revealing God's will, and guiding and strengthening us in our journey.

The Bible

We believe the Bible, God's inspired Word, teaches and encourages us to know God and live joyfully for him.

The Church

We believe God's Church unites all Christians in love, worship, service, and spiritual growth.

Discipleship

We believe discipleship is pursuing and modeling a Christ-like life to become more like him.

Humanity

We believe God created all people in love to reflect him and to live in unity with him.

Outreach/Evangelism

We believe God sends us into the world to proclaim his love through our actions, attitudes and words.

Prayer

We believe faithful prayer connects us to God, and reveals God's power, guidance, and blessings.

Sin and Salvation

We believe sin separates us from God, but we are restored through faith in Jesus and his sacrifice.

Stewardship

We believe we are responsible to care for God's creation and use our personal resources to further God's kingdom.

Worship

We believe authentic worship honors and praises God for who he is and for his unfailing love.

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 am Adult Bible Review

10:30 am Morning Worship

10:30 am B.L.A.S.T.

(Cuddle Cove 0-2 (upstairs))

Age 2 thru 4 in The Big Room

Age 5-10 in Elem. Class Room # 12

Age 11-14 Youth Room

Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:15 PM

BIBLE READING PLAN

May 1.....I Chronicles 10-12

May 2.....I Chronicles 13-16

May 3.....I Chronicles 17-19

May 4.....I Chronicles 20-23

May 5.....I Chronicles 24-26

May 6.....I Chronicles 27-29

May 7.....II Chronicles 1-4

May 8.....II Chronicles 5-7

May 9.....II Chronicles 8-11

May 10.....II Chronicles 12-16

May 11.....II Chronicles 17-20

May 12.....II Chronicles 21-24

May 13.....II Chronicles 25-28

May 14.....II Chronicles 29-31

May 15.....II Chronicles 32-34

May 16.....II Chronicles 35-36

May 17.....Ezra 1-4

May 18.....Ezra 5-7

May 19.....Ezra 8-10

May 20.....Nehemiah 1-3

May 21.....Nehemiah 4-7

May 22.....Nehemiah 8-9

May 23.....Nehemiah 10-11

May 24.....Nehemiah 12-13

May 25.....Esther 1-3

May 26.....Esther 4-7

May 27.....Esther 8-10

May 28.....Job 1-4

May 29.....Job 5-8

May 30.....Job 9-12

May 31.....Job 13-16

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Broadcaster Article – MAY 2025

Time to Meet the Family:

Do you regularly interact with Christians that are outside your biological family, or members of our church? If you do, then you are the minority, but if you do, then you are part of a long history of what it means to be Baptist. You see, when Baptists first started organizing in large numbers in the USA, we were in a missionary movement. Multiple churches needed to cooperate in order to send missionaries to distant locations. There was also cooperation that was done for local missions, but the major expense missionaries, were travelling far away.

Particularly in the last 30 years the American Baptist Churches have growingly forgotten the benefits of cooperation with other Baptist (and other) congregations. Our Region is quickly approaching 200 years old, and our church will be 190 in a few years. Back then, churches would sacrifice to help fellow churches, they would rely on them to help with doctrinal debate, pulpit supply, education, and much more. Our region is underfunded right now, because churches either are primarily focused on their own budgets, or they are isolating themselves because they know that not all Baptist churches agree with them culturally or theologically.

And as the adage goes, if you ignore something long enough, it goes away. What is going away is **fellowship, encouragement, evangelism, mission, education**, and more that happens when churches work together. Later this year we will have the chance to participate in a local get together with 2 or more American Baptist Churches nearby, and we will have the chance to go to training meetings and the annual statewide gathering at a new location. I hope you take advantage of this opportunity, so that you meet more fellow Baptists, and serve them, as they serve us.

In Acts and a few letters from Paul there is mention of great offerings and care between churches. For example, 1 Corinthians 16:1-4. *¹Now regarding your question about the money being collected for God’s people in Jerusalem. You should follow the same procedure I gave to the churches in Galatia. ² On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned. Don’t wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once. ³ When I come, I will write letters of recommendation for the messengers you choose to deliver your gift to Jerusalem. ⁴ And if it seems appropriate for me to go along, they can travel with me.*

What we have here, and for the rest of the chapter, is showing that in addition to this offering, the churches know about each other, and hospitality is being shown between them, visits are taking place, and news is being shared. I hope we can learn from this example.

In Christ’s love, Senior Pastor Andrew Shields.

FIRST BAPTIST DAYCARE

My name is Alec Crowe. I am the assistant teacher in the toddler 1 classroom. I have

been with First Baptist Daycare since October of 2024. It has been such a welcoming

environment. I really enjoy my job here. Some days are tough but, in the end, it is so

rewarding. Just to see the kids grow and reach new milestones every day. Philippians

4:13— *"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."*

May Birthdays...

23RD – Miss Breann - Floater

24TH – Miss Morgan – Cook

May Work Anniversaries...

6TH (5 years) – Miss Katrina – Pre-K Teacher

23RD – Miss Kyran – Lead Young Three's Teacher

23RD – Miss Chloe – Substitute / Lead School Age Teacher – Summer Session

24TH – Miss Morgan - Cook

28TH – Mr. Micah – Preschool Afternoon Assistant



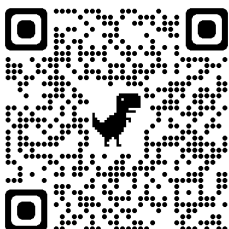
Trustee Project Updates

The furnace and air conditioning units in the parsonage were replaced in April at a cost of **\$9,433**. Another issue arose in April when our floor scrubber failed. At the Trustee's request, the Official Board approved the purchase of a new, smaller scrubber at a cost of **\$4,388**. Both items were outside of the General Fund operating budget and will be paid for with designated funds, undesignated Memorials, and donations. In April, we received donations totaling **\$4,910** to be used toward these two projects! Thank you for your generosity! *God continues to bless!*

General Fund Update

General Fund giving in April was short of the annualized expense budget and year to date (YTD) giving remains slightly below the annualized budget (giving is adjusted for prepaid offerings and includes Day Care reimbursements).

	April	YTD
Giving :	\$18,005	\$79,539
<u>Budget:</u>	<u>\$20,950</u>	<u>\$83,808</u>
Difference:	-\$ 2,945	-\$ 4,269



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