



First Baptist Church

# BROADCASTER

"Our focus at First Baptist Church is to increase our commitment to Jesus Christ and introduce him to others."

July 2025

## VBS Update:

Camp First Baptist was a great success! We welcomed campers for three nights of crafts, singing, snacks, games, and most importantly, learning to be more like Jesus! We learned to love, pray for, and serve one another just as Jesus taught us in the Bible. We also collected over 140 items for Church United Pantry. Thanks to Christian Ed and all of our volunteers!



LOVE  
LIKE  
JESUS



Thank you to the Allen County Museum for hosting our fellowship event on June 29th. Members of the daycare and congregation of all ages took part. We enjoyed the *From Fields to Facades: Ohio Landscapes* exhibit as well as the many permanent exhibitions. The kids really enjoyed the children's area, pretending to be pioneers, and kids of all ages appreciated the stories shared by the Lauers. Thank you to Karlyn and Herb Lauer and the Diaconate board for organizing the event.

### MISSION SPOTLIGHT



The Gideons  
International

TOILET PAPER



C.U.P. ITEM FOR JULY

### Birthdays

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Jerri Ansley        | July 2  |
| Joan Wagner         | July 3  |
| Karlynn Lauer       | July 5  |
| Mackenzie Gudakunst | July 6  |
| Preston Patrick     | July 7  |
| Casey Schroeder     | July 12 |
| Cherie Sheets       | July 13 |
| Aurora Alsept       | July 14 |
| Marlene Mullenhour  | July 17 |
| Gary Semple         | July 17 |
| Sandi Good          | July 18 |
| Tom Dickinson       | July 19 |
| Rick Good           | July 20 |
| Emma McNett         | July 22 |
| Evan Clark          | July 27 |
| Rebecca Dickinson   | July 31 |

### Anniversaries

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Michael & Michelle Shough | July 6  |
| Tom & Jerri Ansley        | July 7  |
| Gary & Karen Semple       | July 8  |
| Jim & Marlene Hefner      | July 18 |
| Dave & Shelly Fenton      | July 26 |
| Andrew & Brittany Gleason | July 31 |

If your special day isn't listed, please contact the church office to update us!

### Sunday Worship Schedule

**9:30 am Adult Bible Review**

**10:30 am Morning Worship**  
**Cuddle Cove 0-2 (upstairs)**

**After Children's Parable:**  
**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**

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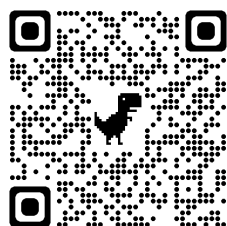
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**Office hours:**

**Monday - Thursday 10am-1pm**

### **BIBLE READING PLAN**

*July 1.....Proverbs 1-3*  
*July 2.....Proverbs 4-7*  
*July 3.....Proverbs 8-11*  
*July 4.....Proverbs 12-14*  
*July 5.....Proverbs 15-17*  
*July 6.....Proverbs 18-20*  
*July 7.....Proverbs 21-23*  
*July 8.....Proverbs 24-26*  
*July 9.....Proverbs 27-29*  
*July 10....Proverbs 30-31*  
*July 11....Ecclesiastes 1-4*  
*July 12....Ecclesiastes 5-8*  
*July 13....Ecclesiastes 9-12*  
*July 14....Song of Songs 1-4*  
*July 15....Song of Songs 5-8*  
*July 16....Isaiah 1-3*  
*July 17....Isaiah 4-8*  
*July 18....Isaiah 9-11*  
*July 19....Isaiah 12-14*  
*July 20....Isaiah 15-19*  
*July 21....Isaiah 20-24*  
*July 22....Isaiah 25-28*  
*July 23....Isaiah 29-31*  
*July 24....Isaiah 32-34*  
*July 25....Isaiah 35-37*  
*July 26....Isaiah 38-40*  
*July 27....Isaiah 41-43*  
*July 28....Isaiah 44-46*  
*July 29....Isaiah 47-49*  
*July 30....Isaiah 50-52*  
*July 31....Isaiah 53-56*



We now have tithing online. Scan this QR Code with your phone's camera or a QR scanner and it will take you to our website giving page.

**Happy**  
**4<sup>th</sup> of July**



| Sun  |  |  | Mon |  | Tue                                   |  | Wed  |  | Thu               |  | Fri                 |  | Sat |  |
|--|--|--|-----|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|-------------------|--|---------------------|--|-----|--|
| 29   |  |  | 30  |  | 1                                     |  | 2  |  | 3                 |  | 4                   |  | 5   |  |
|  |  |  |     |  | 5pm - Diaconate Bd. Mtg               |  | 6:15pm - Bible Study<br>6:15pm - EPIC Kids Group<br>6:15pm - EPIC Youth                      |  | 1pm - Primetimers |  | HAPPY 4TH!          |  |     |  |
| 6  |  |  | 7   |  | 8                                     |  | 9  |  | 10                |  | 11                  |  | 12  |  |
| Communion Sunday<br>9:45am - Adult Bible<br>10:30am - B.L.A.S.T  |  |  |     |  | 5:30pm - DayCare<br>6:15pm - CE Board |  | 6:15pm - Bible Study<br>6:15pm - EPIC Kids Group<br>6:15pm - EPIC Youth                      |  | 1pm - Primetimers |  | 10am - RUTH WHITNEY |  |     |  |
| 13   |  |  | 14  |  | 15                                    |  | 16   |  | 17                |  | 18                  |  | 19  |  |
| 9:45am - Adult Bible<br>10:30am - B.L.A.S.T<br>11:45am - Trustee |  |  |     |  | 5:30pm - Official Board               |  | 5pm - Lima Rescue<br>6:15pm - Bible Study<br>6:15pm - EPIC Kids Group<br>6:15pm - EPIC Youth |  | 1pm - Primetimers |  | 10am - RUTH WHITNEY |  |     |  |
| 20   |  |  | 21  |  | 22                                    |  | 23   |  | 24                |  | 25                  |  | 26  |  |
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Pastor’s Broadcaster Article – July 2025

REST: What is your ideal location to rest? Is it a shaded woods, a fluffy bean bag, a tropical beach, or under a down blanket? Is it alone, or with a special someone/s?

As you picture this place of rest, I want you to see how a place of rest is described in 2 bible verses. There are more mentions of rest, but here are two.

Matthew 11:28-30 (New Living Translation) <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

Notice how the condition of this verse shows us carrying a heavy burden. But, instead of no burden, the burden that Jesus suggests is a new burden, a new task, a new leadership. Trust in Jesus is a form of rest, because we can be confident in Jesus’ leadership, and not required to do our tasks and weights alone.

Psalms 91:1-3 (New Living Translation) <sup>1</sup> Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. <sup>2</sup> This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. <sup>3</sup> For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease.

See how the location of rest is with God, and it is the best rest? There is no mention of danger elsewhere, but safety with God. This should not surprise us, a condition of rest requires safety. If it is a dangerous place, or a wild place, it would not be as restful. Rest in God and trust in God while we sleep or work is found when we are with God. So, do not look for rest elsewhere, trust in the rest that is described in these few verses.

Rev. Andrew Shields



### First Baptist Daycare and Preschool

As we head into the second month of the summer sessions, there are many things to look forward to. When teaching school-age children, we get to do fun projects, such as having our garden. The kids enjoy taking turns watering the plants and watching the plants grow over time. They look forward to every morning and even ask if it is time to water them. We get to appreciate all the hard work that we put in over the whole summer to enjoy the fruits of our labor. Jeremiah 29:5 "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce."

Miss Chloe, Lead School-Age Teacher

Coming up:  
Closed July 4th!



July birthdays

28th - Miss Julia - Assistant Infant Teacher

July workversaries

1st - Mr. Caleb - Pm Assistant Teacher - 11 years!

### **Teacher of the month: Miss Alivia**

Miss Alivia joined our team on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025. She attended Shawnee High School and OSU. Miss Alivia is spending her summer with us and then will return to West Middle School where she is an Intervention Specialist and has been teaching for one year. She has been an amazing sub already! She prefers the older children, but is able to step in any classroom with any age group and do her thing! Miss Alivia enjoys reading and watching TV as she cuddles her boyfriend and puppy while binge watching Grey's Anatomy in her spare time. She has a Leopard Gecko named Alfredo and a puppy named Ellis. A few fun facts about Miss Alivia are that her favorite color is green, her favorite treats are Reese Sticks and Peanut M & M's, and she also enjoys drinking Code red Mountain Dew.



### General Fund Update

April and May General Fund offerings were both short of the annualized expense budget and the year to date (YTD) giving is about 6.4% below the annualized expense budget.

**Still, God continues to bless!**

|             | April           | May             | YTD              |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| *Giving :   | \$18,005        | \$18,268        | \$ 98,001        |
| Budget:     | <u>\$20,950</u> | <u>\$20,950</u> | <u>\$104,750</u> |
| Difference: | -\$ 2,945       | -\$ 2,682       | -\$ 6,749        |

\*Giving includes Day Care reimbursements and is adjusted for pre-paid offerings.