

October 2025

Fellowship is an important part of what makes First Baptist special. When we gather each week for worship and Bible study, but also meals, missions, and special events, the fellowship of Christian believers draws us closer together as a church family and as children of God. October has many opportunities for us to gather and have fun with our First Baptist family.

- ⇒ 10/11: First Baptist Daycare & Preschool invites you to join them at Suter's Produce in Pandora at 1pm for fall fun! The fresh apple cider donuts are worth the drive.
- ⇒ 10/12: Bring a pot of your favorite chili to add to our Chili Dinner after church. See the bulletin for more information and to RSVP!
- ⇒ 10/15: Be sure to check the bulletin board in the narthex to sign up to donate your time or food for the Rescue Mission Meal. It'll soon be time to sign up to coordinate meals next year!
- ⇒ 10/30: Trunk or Treat 2025! We will pass out candy in front of the church from 6-7:30. Even if you cannot pass out candy, you can participate by donating candy this month! Look for the decorated collection box in the narthex.



Be sure to check the church calendar for all the scheduled events and meetings this month!



This is our church's QR Code. Use your QR reader in your phone's camera to scan this. The link will take you to our website where you'll find recordings of our services, the weekly bulletin, the opportunity to give to our Church and missions, and more.

MISSION SPOTLIGHT:

Christmas is coming!

Autumn may have taken its time arriving, but members of Worship Arts Committee are already meeting to plan Advent and the Mission Committee would like to remind you it will soon be time to fill a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has provided a shoebox gift to more than 220 million children in over 170 countries and territories. They partner with local ministries to pass out the gifts and introduce Jesus to the children, their families, and their neighbors through accompanying Bible lessons. If you



But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." —Matthew 19:14

would like to participate, you can pray for the shoebox recipients, pick up a preprinted shoebox from church to fill, donate toward the shipping and handling costs, or for \$36 you can have Samaritan's Purse pack a shoebox for you! Call the office or ask Beth Sanders or Sue Siesel for more information.

Church United Pantry (C.U.P.) Item: Single wrapped Toothbrush and Toothpaste

Pastor's Article

Is it really "The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown"?

There is a truth in the "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" 1966 animated classic. That truth is that not everyone knows what they are talking about. For those who do not know the story, I encourage you to watch it. You Tube would be a great place to start watching clips, but it is currently owned by Apple TV+. You see, the character Linus, the friend of Charlie Brown, is a thoughtful, and often spiritually wise fellow. Particularly in the comics, you see him making mature and insightful comments. So, Sally (who has a crush on Linus) believes him when Linus tells her that a mythical pumpkin will come to pumpkin patches, so they skip all other Halloween festivities, and they go to a pumpkin patch and wait. Meanwhile Charlie has a difficult early evening trick or treating, before going to a party at Violet's house (Charlie has a crush on Violet). Eventually something does arrive at the pumpkin patch, Linus faints, but Sally sees it is only the dog Snoopy, and leaves.

You see, if we, Christians, are known to be relatively wise in the spiritual department and tell people insights or what we believe is biblical truth, people might just believe us. But, if that information is inaccurate, mixed-up, or just wrong, it can leave our friends and admirers with less trust in what we say in the future. So, to give truthful and fully accurate spiritual advice, we need to: 1) Learn the material. Read the bible, so you know the truths in it correctly. 2) Grow in your relationship with God, so you know Him better. Allow God's wisdom that you share to be proven right, which will help you continue to teach and allow those you talk with to be amazed by God more. 3) Talk about God more, but when you talk about God, it is good to know what you are talking about. All truth is God's truth, and the more of it we accurately share, the better.

Philippians 4:8 says *"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things."* (NIV)

Sincerely, Rev. Andrew Shields (Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Lima)

**LIMA
RESCUE
MISSION**

The Lima Rescue Mission will hold their 119th Anniversary Banquet featuring Greater Vision on Friday, October 31, 2025 at the UNOH Event Center. If you are interested in attending, contact Pastor Andrew to register for an individual ticket.

First Baptist Daycare & Preschool Teacher of the Month: Mr. Malachi



Mr. Malachi joined the First Baptist Daycare & Preschool team on August 18, 2025. He attended Lima Senior High School. Mr. Malachi is the Afternoon Assistant in the Infant and Wobbler classrooms. He is great at asking important questions and helps to keep the Infant and Wobbler classrooms squeaky clean! He enjoys running in his free time. Fun facts about Mr. Malachi: his favorite color is orange, his favorite treats are Snickers, and he enjoys drinking Pepsi.

First Baptist Daycare and Preschool

Psalm 88:9-10 "The Lord will indeed give what is good, and will yield its harvest."

As the air turns crisp and the vibrant hues of autumn paint the world around us with an abundance of Fall Foliage, we can't help but marvel at the majesty of God's creation. In the daycare, we have started our Fall session as of September. We have had an excellent start. The children are looking forward to the festivities during our "ber" months. They are already talking about their Trick-Or-Treat costumes. - Miss Karen, Floater

October birthdays
»5th - Miss Billie - Lead 4-Year-Old Teacher
»25th - Miss Odessy - Substitute



October workversaries...
»1st - Miss Ebony - Assistant Wobbler Teacher - 11 years
»5th - Miss Billie - Lead 4-Year-Old Teacher - 7 years
»18th - Miss Karen - Floater - 7 years
»31st - Miss Kaitlynn - Lead Early Preschool Teacher - 8 years

Upcoming events...
»9th from 6:30-8pm: Parent Education Workshop - STEAM Activities
»11th at 1pm: Suter's Trip - The Congregation is invited!
»20th-24th: Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest! Please vote for your favorites on Facebook.
»24th: Fall Fest Party and Trick-or-Treat



Note from the office: If you have digital images of the church or the grounds and would be willing to let them be used in our publications and website, please email Laura at the church office: firstbaptistlima@gmail.com. We cannot promise to use all the images we receive, but when possible, we like to use images of our church by people from our church. Thank you!

General Fund Update

August's actual expenses were down and offerings were up from July. Year to date, expenses continue to run close to the budget and offerings are about 6.5% less than the budget resulting in the shortfall shown below. Using the carryover balance (as planned for 2025), we can cover about half of the shortfall. A continuance of the positive trends for the rest of the year will move us closer to "break even" and reduce the amount that we might have to move into the General Fund from Memorial Funds at year end.

Still, God continues to bless!



	July	August	YTD
*Giving:	\$18,777	\$22,277	\$157,237
<u>Budget:</u>	<u>\$20,950</u>	<u>\$20,950</u>	<u>\$167,600</u>
Difference:	-\$ 2,173	\$ 1,327	-\$ 10,363

*Giving includes Day Care reimbursements and is adjusted for prepaid offerings.

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Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday 10am - 1pm

- Sunday Worship Schedule**
- ◆ **9:30 am Adult Bible Review**
 - ◆ **10:30 am Morning Worship**
 - ◆ **After Children’s Parable: B.L.A.S.T.**
(Not every class meets every week.)
 - Age 0-2 In Cuddle Cove**
 - Age 2-4 in The Big Room**
 - Age 5-10 in Class Room # 12**
 - Age 11-14 in Youth Room**
- Wednesday Bible Study 6:15 pm**
- ◆ **Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall**
 - ◆ **Youth and Kids meet in the Youth Room**

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Please take this opportunity to let Pastor Andrew know how much we appreciate him and his work each and every day!

Birthdays

Jacob Ball	October 2
Phil Tamayo	October 2
Quentin Gleason	October 4
Kyler Jones	October 7
Joanie Tharp	October 15
Charlene Recker	October 17
Joyce Meredith	October 18
Heath Clark	October 20
Alex Patrick	October 23
Jeff Thomas	October 25
Nancy Bible	October 26
Judy Fenton	October 27
Dara Gbadegeshin	October 29
Tobi Gbadegeshin	October 29

Anniversaries

Adam & Laura Hawkins	October 9
Keith & Gina Gudakunst	October 22
Myron & Dianne Sneary	October 23

If your special day is not listed, please let the church office know.

Bible Reading Plan

<i>1 - Malachi 1-4</i>	<i>12 - Matthew 27-28</i>	<i>23 - Luke 5-6</i>
<i>2 - Matthew 1-4</i>	<i>13 - Mark 1-3</i>	<i>24 - Luke 7-8</i>
<i>3 - Matthew 5-6</i>	<i>14 - Mark 4-5</i>	<i>25 - Luke 9-10</i>
<i>4 - Matthew 7-9</i>	<i>15 - Mark 6-7</i>	<i>26 - Luke 11-12</i>
<i>5 - Matthew 10-11</i>	<i>16 - Mark 8-9</i>	<i>27 - Luke 13-15</i>
<i>6 - Matthew 12-13</i>	<i>17 - Mark 10-11</i>	<i>28 - Luke 16-18</i>
<i>7 - Matthew 14-17</i>	<i>18 - Mark 12-13</i>	<i>29 - Luke 19-20</i>
<i>8 - Matthew 18-20</i>	<i>19 - Mark 14</i>	<i>30 - Luke 21-22</i>
<i>9 - Matthew 21-22</i>	<i>20 - Mark 15-16</i>	<i>31 - Luke 23-24</i>
<i>10 - Matthew 23-24</i>	<i>21 - Luke 1-2</i>	
<i>11 - Matthew 25-26</i>	<i>22 - Luke 3-4</i>	

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105 NLT

First Baptist Church Lima				Oct 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1 6:15pm - Bible Study 6:15pm - EPIC Kids Group 6:15pm - EPIC Youth	2 1pm - Primetimers	3 10am - Crochet Ministry	4 1pm - FH Rental
5 Communion Sunday 9:45am - Adult Bible 10:30am - B.L.A.S.T	6	7 5pm - Diaconate	8 6:15pm - Bible Study 6:15pm - EPIC Kids Group 6:15pm - EPIC Youth	9 1pm - Primetimers	10 10am - Crochet Ministry	11 1pm - Daycare Suter's
12 Pastor Appreciation Day 9:45am - Adult Bible 10:30am - B.L.A.S.T 11:30am - Chili Dump 11:45am - Trustees	13	14 5:30pm - DayCare 6:15pm - CE Board	15 4:30pm - Lima Rescue 6:15pm - Bible Study 6:15pm - EPIC Kids Group 6:15pm - EPIC Youth	16 12pm - Worship Arts 1pm - Primetimers	17 10am - Crochet Ministry	18
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- Dates to note:
- October 5th: Communion Sunday
 - October 7th: Diaconate Meeting @ 5pm
 - October 11th: Daycare and Congregation at Suter’s Produce @ 1pm
 - October 12th: Pastor Appreciation Day
Trustees Meeting after worship
Chili Dinner after worship, hosted by Christian Ed
 - October 14th: Daycare Board Meeting @ 5:30pm
Christian Ed Meeting @6:15pm
 - October 15th: Lima Rescue Mission Meal
 - October 16th: Worship Arts Committee Meeting @12:15pm
 - October 21st: Official Board Meeting @ 5:30pm
 - October 30th: Trunk or Treat from 6-7:30pm

“Our focus at First Baptist Church is to increase our commitment to Jesus Christ and introduce Him to others.”

If you’ve ever thought of joining our First Baptist Family, but aren’t sure what is involved, talk to Pastor Andrew Shields and he will be more than happy to answer your questions.

We would love to have you as a member!