

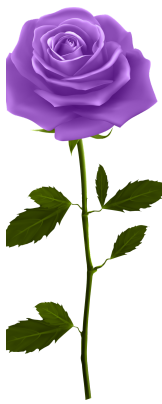


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First Baptist Church

September 2026
BROADCASTER

The family of Jerri Ansley invite you to join them in honoring her memory at a Celebration of Life on Sunday, September 6th at 2pm at our church.



Note: A new Adult Bible Study begins Wednesday, September 9th! We hope to see you there!



It's not too late to join the Pop-Up Choir! We'll join the Praise Team in leading worship on September 27th and will sing a new-to-us hymn. Contact Laura Hawkins if you are interested in joining the fun! And be on the look out for information about our Christmas Pop-Up Choir, coming soon. Come make a joyful noise with us!



Are you ready for Christmas?
We need you!

Each year it takes a village of volunteers to get our church looking its best for Advent. This year we're starting early and asking for volunteers to help assess our current decorations and begin planning for new ones. If you love to decorate, have ideas, and/or are willing to help out, please contact the church office or speak with Sue Siesel! Christmas is coming soon!



Don't you just love seeing all the kids come forward for the Children's Parable? On any given Sunday, we are blessed to have youth from the youngest of toddlers to a senior in high school in our sanctuary. As a congregation, we have agreed to support those kids and their parents as they learn about Jesus and grow in their journey of faith. Today, you have the opportunity to get even more involved! The Christian Ed Board is looking for additional Sunday School teachers for all age levels! If you are interested or have questions, please speak to Jackee Neal or a member of the CE Board. We cannot do it without you!

You and your family are invited to the Columbus Zoo! We will meet at the zoo on Saturday, September 19th for a fun day of First Baptist Fellowship! The zoo is open from 9am to 5pm. Everyone is responsible for their own transportation, tickets, and food, but we are hoping to have enough people go to get a group rate! More details are coming soon, but if you are interested in learning more or would like to sign up, call the church office or speak to a member of Christian Ed! We're ready for a roaring good time with you!



This month's Mission Spotlight is Guiding Light Ministries.

For over ten years, Guiding Light has been serving all women in need, with an emphasis on recovery, and The Resting Place has acted as a Life Coaching and Residential Center for women, providing shelter, clothing, and food as well as access to medical care, education, and transportation to necessary appointments and job interviews. Those staying in the Resting Place are able to participate in a Life Skills Program to learn to manage a home efficiently. The goal is for the women to become self sufficient, obtain employment and housing, and to repair relationships with their loved ones when possible. On October 16th, they will host a night of reflection and praise as people who have benefited from this ministry share their testimony. If you would like to participate or find out more information about their work, check out their website: guidinglighthome.org. You can also help their ministry to local women by designating a part of your missions offering this month to Guiding Light. Thank you for supporting Guiding Light Ministries and all the missions of our church.

The Churches United Pantry (CUP) focus for September is soap or body wash.

Let Your Light Shine, Not Your Temper Burn/Explode

Matthew 5:15-16 (NIV) says, *Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Light draws attention and once we have attention, what do we do with it? I pray that we act in a healthy and responsible way. I pray that we bring people to a better knowledge of Jesus and salvation through our deeds . I pray we teach that salvation is through the Love and Grace of Jesus and relationship with Him.

Light, in an unhealthy form, can rage and burn and cause destruction. It is quite a while before we let a child under our care hold control over fire. This is for a good reason. I cannot imagine a circumstance when I would give each member of a preschool class a torch with fire. Matthew 5:15-16 does not tell us to use light or heat or fire wrongly. It is not advocating for literal or figurative running around with fire. We know the risk of fire, both to people and to the environment. Some of the worst injuries are caused by fire, the hardest ones to restore.

A healthy and responsible response to the world and the needs around us is wiser, not an angry damaging response. Even if we are shown rage bait, we need to have measured and thoughtful response. If people can push your buttons easily, if they can provoke you too predicably, you are at risk in your witness. If you explode, whether in person, or in written form, there is going to be a lot of damage. So, let’s borrow a concept from systems psychology: let’s grow to become a non-anxious presence. Let’s be a predictable and healthy source of light, one that is admirable in its deeds, and points to Jesus.

In Christ’s Love, Rev. Andrew Shields, Senior Pastor



AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF OHIO

We are excited to invite you to the 200th Annual Gathering of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio in Newark, Ohio on October 6th and 7th.

“Trusting God Who Knows the Future,” based on Isaiah 46:9-10 will be the theme for this year’s Gathering.

The Gathering will be an opportunity to celebrate our history, engage in dynamic worship, enjoy rich fellowship & networking, and provide opportunities to develop stronger ministries for the next generation. Several helpful workshops will be provided for local church ministries. See Pastor Andrew or contact the church office for more information and to register.

July Financial Update

Offerings were up a bit in July leaving income \$1,576 below budget year to date (YTD). Actual Expenses are running very close to budget. On both an actual and budget basis, we’re about \$1,500 negative through July. August looks good for income; expenses may be up a bit with payment of second half of yearly taxes.

	May	June	July	YTD
*Giving:	\$20,622	\$18,478	\$21,057	\$140,593
Budget:	\$20,167	\$20,167	\$20,167	\$141,169
Difference:	\$ 455	-\$ 1,689	\$ 890	-\$ 1,576

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

God is Good and continues to bless!

The Diaconate are looking for volunteers willing to be recording on video sharing a prayer to help improve our digital outreach. The videos will be posted on our website and various social media sites. If you are willing to pray or read your favorite scripture on video, please reach out to the church office, Adam Hawkins, or any member of the Deacons. Thank you for your consideration!

FIRST BAPTIST DAYCARE AND PRESCHOOL

I feel as if I have spent the past few years finally getting to know ME! And it is true; God does work in mysterious ways! He doesn't answer our prayers in the way that we are explicitly asking. He answers them in his own way on his own timing. I've been praying and asking for guidance for specific things. Instead of answering my prayers in the way that I have specifically asked, he has led me to "wait." In the meantime, and through continued prayer, he has also led me to inner peace as the results have become clear. Because He is able to see the whole picture; His response came with a greater purpose and love.

If we were granted the answers to our prayers so easily, we would miss out on the important growth and learning that takes place throughout life and experiences. If we gave children all the things they wanted or did everything for them instead of encouraging them to be independent; they too would miss out on much important learning experiences and growth.

This has also been a great reminder to me to put my trust in Him. And I will continue to do so because He has yet to let me down!! When you find yourself feeling like He's not listening or answering; stop and question yourself, "What lesson is He trying to teach me? Could He just be saying "No"? Is He asking me to wait?" But continue to pray and pray honestly. Be careful what you ask for, too! You may receive it just not the way you've imagined.

**"For the revelation awaits an appointed time;
it speaks of the end and will not prove false.**

**Though it lingers, wait for it;
it will certainly come and will not delay."**

Habakkuk 2:3 NIV

-Kassi Bergdall, FBDCP Director

September workversaries...

15 th - Miss Bali - 1 year - Toddler 1 Assistant Teacher

Looking ahead...

7 th - CLOSED - Labor Day

8 th - First day of Fall session



Teacher of the Month: Miss Londynn



Miss Londynn joined the First Baptist Daycare & Preschool team on June 3rd, 2026. She attends high school at Apollo Career Center; majoring in Early childhood Education. Her Homeschool is Elida. She has about one year of experience in child care. She is currently our substitute teacher; making it possible for everyone to get much deserved summer vacations. Miss Londynn does not have any children of her own or any pets. In her free time, she enjoys reading and drawing. A few fun facts about Miss Londynn are that all of the colors are her favorite, her favorite treats are anything sour, and she also enjoys drinking sweet tea. She also taught herself to play the ukulele. The children enjoy her bringing it in to play for them and also let them have some hands-on experiences themselves.



If you or a loved one is looking for a wonderful Daycare and Preschool with a Christian focus, it is not too late to register for the fall session. First Baptist Daycare and Preschool still has a few spots open! Call today to find out more! 419-224-4189

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If you've ever considered joining our First Baptist family, but aren't sure what is involved, talk to Pastor Andrew. He'll be more than happy to answer your questions. We would love to have you as a member!



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