

***WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE***



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

MARCH 22, 2026

P Our Church
R Board of Trustees
A Our Daycare and Preschool
Y Miss Candy
Our World
Those persecuted for their faith.
Our Mission Outreach
F America for Christ Offering
O Our Shut-in of the Week
R Marjorie Shaw
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH

6:15pm Adult Bible Study

6:15pm EPIC Youth and Kids

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

1:00pm Primetimers

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH

10:00am Ruth Whitney Ministry

SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH: PALM SUNDAY

10:20am Kids arrive early to church
to participate in palm waving

11:45am Palm Sunday Sundaes

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Merediths - Pray for their granddaughter Sidney who is having a difficult pregnancy. Pray for Barb and Ralph Stelzer who moved to Hilliard. Pray for the friends and family of their friend Mel Williams who passed 3/16. Pray for Kendall and Phillip's health issues.

Honeggers - Pray for Roseanne's surgery. Sue's Aunt Stephanie is doing well and is in rehab.

Alsepts - Pray for Mindy's brother Billy who is having toe issues. Pray for those affected by the closing of New Creation Church.

Laura Hawkins - Pray for friend Eva's healing.

Pastor Andrew - Pray for his leg pain and arthritis. Also pray for those recovering from wind damage.

Shola and Addie Gbadegeshin - Their teenage niece, Seun, passed away after being shot in Cleveland. Please pray for their family.

Bridget Kennedy - Continue to pray for Bridget, who had a bad week. Pray for her staff and Bridget's relationships with them.

Jane Ashenfelter - Her brother passed and a celebration of life will be held in Florida this month. Pray for their family and difficult family dynamics. Also continue to pray for her son Jeremy who is slowly recovering from his hand injury.

Keith Bledsoe - Pray for his nephew Joe Bledsoe who was also home with hospice care, but doing better. Continue to pray for his ex-wife, Linda Meredith. Pray for his admin assistant, Sandy, who is scheduling open heart surgery. Pray for comfort and peace for Linda, Joe, and Sandy and their immediate families.

Don Alsept - Praise their power came back on quickly and they were able to repair the roof of their rental house.

Kyle Kindle - Pray for those who are sick.

Judy Fenton - Pray for her son Doug Holten who had a stint placed.

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Emily Kindle - Pray for those who need prayer and that everyone would get along because the future isn't promised.

Susan Pirtle - Praise for and congratulations to Tobi Gbadegeshin, who took third place after making it through five rounds of the Regional Spelling Bee!

Ann Schroeder - Pray for Mike Diglia who is recovering from a kidney transplant.

Alsepts - Pray for Mike who had thyroid removal surgery at OSU.

Ball/Gleason families - Continue to pray for Jean's foot to heal. She is slowly getting better.

Pastor Andrew Shields - Pray for the coming Vision Planning Meeting. Praise for Olivia's friend Justin and his brother Kodi who were baptized at his family's church.

Brent Jones - Pray for the military, especially those in the Middle East, including his brother Chad who is stationed in Jordan.

Anonymous (Online) - Pray for their job search.

Mindy Alsept - Pray for Lynn Ley who just had back surgery and Dee Jackson (a Gideon's wife) who has cancer. Also pray for her cousin Phyllis who has blood clots in her arms and has stents placed.

Jackee Neal - Pray for her tendonitis to heal and for pain relief.

Praise that Ralph and Barb Stelzer were able to join us in worship 3/1/26. They are grateful for our church family and all the prayers and friendships over the years. They moved to Hilliard on 3/13.

Don Alsept - Praise that sister-in-law Sharon is home and recovering from a dog bite that led to two fingers being amputated.

Pray for Brianna Patrick to feel better.

Linda Neely - Praises that Brandi is doing fine and is able to work a full shift and that Linda's bloodwork was all good. The Knotts - Praise that Austin started a new job 3/16!



LOOKING AHEAD:

>March 29th, Palm Sunday: Kids wanting to wave palms during the service should arrive early, and plan to stay after church with their families for a treat! See the insert for details and to RSVP.

>April 2nd at 5:30, Maundy Thursday: You are invited to a potluck dinner (with chicken provided by the Christian Ed Board). Bring a side dish or dessert to share! A service observing Good Friday will follow in the sanctuary. RSVP for the dinner on the back of the Get Connected slip.

>April 5th, Easter: He is Risen! Easter breakfast will be provided by the Deacons beginning at 9am. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast casserole and wonderful fellowship. RSVP on the back of the Get Connected slip.

>April 8th at 6:30: Daycare Spring Program! Please bring cookies to share at the gathering after.

>April 25th: Everyone is invited to the Northwest Association of ABC Ohio Picnic. Details to follow, but mark your calendars!

Each Sunday at 9:30, the Adult Bible Review meets in the Parlor to discuss the previous week's sermon and scripture. It is another chance to reflect on the Word of God and apply it to our lives.

We hope you will join us next week!

If you would like more information about the America for Christ Offering 2026 or the American Baptist Home Missions Societies, check out this month's Broadcaster or visit their website at www.abhms.org/afc.

FBC Spotlight: Herb Lauer

Herb Lauer currently serves as chair of the Board of Trustees and has previously volunteered for many committees, including leading the Daycare Board and the Deacons. A retired teacher, Herb has a love for learning that shows in his contributions to Bible Study and also in his volunteer work with the Allen County Museum. He and Karlyn enjoy traveling, but you will mostly find him in his shop, working on his latest project. Whatever Herb is doing, he always leads with his heart for Jesus.

Thank you, Herb, for sharing your many gifts with our church family!

The Church United Pantry (CUP) focus for March is dental hygiene (toothpaste and individually wrapped toothbrushes).

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. The Cuddle Cove is available to infants and toddlers. **B.L.A.S.T.:** Ages 2-4 are in **The Big Room**. Ages 5-10 are in **Class Room #12**. Ages 11-14 are in the **Youth Room**. (They are taken to those locations after the Children's Parable) . Please see dry erase board to see who is teaching and what student is helping for that Sunday. Not every BLAST class is available every week.

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.

FLOWERS - If you would like to sponsor flowers for the sanctuary, please contact the church office.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

Total Expense Budget for 2026 is \$246,181

Weekly General Fund Offering Needed* is \$2,608

***adjusted for advanced giving and Daycare**

Last week's offering received:

General Fund \$1,663

Missions \$352

Last week's attendance: 70



Join us for a



Sunday Sundae!

The Christian Education Board invites the children of the church and their families to an ice cream party after worship on Palm Sunday, March 29th. Sign up to attend by filling out the bottom of this form and putting it in the offering plate. If you are able to donate toppings to make our treats even sweeter, sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex!

Name _____

Number attending _____