First Baptist Church

November 2026 Broadcaster

Our focus is to increase our commitment to Jesus Christ and introduce Him to others.

You're invited to our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, right after worship on Sunday, November 15th. The turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, green beans, dinner rolls, and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share! Fill out the Get Connected slip at church or call the office to RSVP by Tuesday, the 10th.

Mission Spotlight: Thanksgiving Gift Cards



This month the Diaconate will purchase gift cards for local families in need, including families of our Daycare kids and students of West Middle School. The goal this year is to donate at least twelve $50 gift cards to help the families afford a Thanksgiving meal. You can help by praying for the recipients of the giftcards and by donating to missions this month and designating your donation toward the Thanksgiving gift cards.

The Churches United Pantry (CUP) focus for October is shampoo and conditioner.

DON'T FORGET!

The last Sunday to bring in Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes is November 15th!

Our first Pop-Up Choir rehearsal for our Christmas Eve Choir will be Thursday, November 19th at 5:45 pm. We will be helping to lead worship on Christmas Eve. Everyone is welcome to join the fun and help us make a "joyful noise." Call the church office or see Laura Hawkins to sign up or with any questions!

The Diaconate are still 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. We're hoping to start posting videos soon.

What Time Is It?

If someone near you were to yell at the top of their lungs, "What Time Is It?" there are a lot of ways in which you could respond.

- If you are getting hyped up in a basketball locker room, you might respond back, "IT'S GAME TIME."
- If you are someone who was 15 years old during the MTV Hip Hop dance era of 1990, you might yell back, "It's Hammer Time."
- If you are around Halloween, you might respond, "The End of Daylight Savings Time"
- If you are filming a classic promotion for Dunkin Donuts, you would answer, "Time to Make the Donuts"

If you were the Apostle Paul, writing to the church, from prison, around 61 AD, you may respond with the words of Colossians 4:5-6:

> *Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*
> *(ESV – English Standard Version)*

For Pastor Paul, it is always a good time to make a good relationship, a relationship that brings people closer to understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We should be wise, use our time well, be gracious and palatable, and speak with the hope of Jesus as you answer questions. How you speak, how you act, your attitude, and your knowledge matters in sharing the gospel. Scripture also says to be led by the Holy Spirit in these occasions, but all in all, be mindful of how important you are as messenger God uses.

LORD: Help us to know what people are asking, why, and how we can grow as faithful followers of You.(AMEN)

With LOVE, Rev. Andrew Shields, Senior Pastor

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!

FIRST BAPTIST DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

I have always been a believer and a follower of Jesus Christ. It wasn't until about 3.5 years ago that I started attending church again after a 7-year break. At that time, I was struggling with severe panic attacks and anxiety. I felt lost and didn't know where to turn. I wasn't sure how I was going to make it through each day.

So, I began attending church weekly and participating in different Bible studies during the week. Through this, I truly experienced God's faithfulness. He carried me through it all.

I know that I cannot get through this life without Him. During my hardest times, He has always been there. He helps give me the courage and strength I need. His love, grace and presence continue to sustain me. I am so thankful for all He has done in my life.

I also ask that you please keep my family in your prayers as my father is battling Vascular Dementia.

-Miss Candy, Assistant Director and Assistant Toddler 2 teacher

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November birthdays...
25th – Miss Londynn – PM Preschool Aide
29th – Miss Candy

Looking ahead...
24th – Thanksgiving Feast @ 11a (Volunteers welcome! 😉)
25th - 27th – CLOSED - Thanksgiving Break
December 2nd @ 6:30pm - Christmas Program

FBC Daycare & Preschool Teacher of the Month:

Miss Tia

Miss Tia joined the First Baptist Daycare & Preschool team on August 21st, 2026. She graduated from Perry High School. She is new to teaching and is also working towards her CDA (Child Development Associate) at Apollo. Miss Tia started as an infant/wobbler float. She has recently accepted a position as our lead infant teacher. She does not have any children of her own or any pets. In her free time, she enjoys reading and spending time with family. A few fun facts about Miss Tia are that her favorite color is blue, her favorite treats are anything gummy and/or sour, and she also enjoys drinking Mountain Dew. She loves watching Lifetime movies and she loves everyone!! Thank you, Miss Tia!



September Financial Update

September giving was strong and expenses were lower than normal. A nice combination! Through the third quarter, expenses exceed income by $1,389. We could still end the year in a break-even position.

	June	July	August	September	YTD
***Actual Giving:**	$18,478	$21,057	$22,200	$20,105	$182,898
Actual Expenses:	$21,663	$18,321	$24,614	$17,754	$184,287
Difference:	-$ 3,185	$ 2,736	-$ 2,414	$ 3,551	-$ 1,389

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

God is Good and continues to bless!