First Baptist Church

October 2026 Broadcaster

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

Waynesfield Baptist Church (512 N Westminster St, Waynesfield, Ohio) invites you to an evening of gospel music, worship, and fellowship on Saturday, October 17th. Doors will open at 5pm with light refreshments served in the Fellowship Hall. Worship will begin at 6pm.

Come, make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Trunk or Treat will be Thursday, October 29th at 6pm. We will line up along the drive in front of the church. You are invited to wear a costume and/or decorate your car or come as you are! We are collecting candy and other non-candy Halloween treats to pass out! Join the fun as we share the Lord and sweet treats!



October's mission is Operation Christmas Child!

The purpose of Operation Christmas Child (OCC) and their shoebox ministry is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through OCC, Samaritan's Purse partners with local churches like ours to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and to make disciples of the nations. Since 1993, more than 244 million children in more than 175 countries and territories have received an OCC shoebox! Since 2009, the shoebox of gifts also includes a 12-lesson program to teach the children how to follow Jesus and share Him with others, transforming communities into followers of Christ. You can help by praying for the children receiving the shoeboxes this year and praying for the volunteers who will help deliver them and their message of God's love. If you would like to pack your own shoebox, check the narthex for supplies, including a list of suggested items. You can also donate to help with the cost of shipping. The last day to bring in your packed shoebox is November 15th, when we will bless the boxes and pray for the recipients and volunteers. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

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.

The Churches United Pantry (CUP) focus for October are single wrapped toothbrushes and toothpaste.



Are you looking for a new way to share the love and joy found in the celebration of Jesus's birth this Christmas? The Diaconate invite you to participate as a representative of First Baptist Lima in the Allen County Museum Christmas Tree Festival by decorating our tree this year. The tree and lights will be provided, but you are welcome to use your creative spark to display your chosen First Baptist theme or message. All ideas related to aspects of the Christmas Story, our church's mission, God's love, or ways to engage the community are welcome! Make this opportunity the shining star in your Christmas season this year! Our tree needs to be put on display on November 30th and will need to be taken down on December 7th. Contact Sue Siesel or Karlyn Lauer if you are considering this project.

And be sure to visit the 54th Annual Christmas Tree Festival, Wednesday, December 2nd through Sunday, December 6th. More information can be found on the Allen County Museum's website: https://allencountymuseum.org/christmas-tree-festival/

August Financial Update

Our ***2026 budget*** anticipated a deficit (expenses to exceed income) of approximately **$4,200**. As we prepare for the 2027 budgeting process, looking at **actual numbers seems more relevant than budgeted numbers and *that is what is shown below for both Giving and Expenses.*** August giving was strong and, though August expenses appear to be high, they include the second half tax payment. If we stay on track, we could end the year in a break-even position.

	June	July	August	YTD
***Actual Giving:**	$18,478	$21,057	$22,200	$162,792
Actual Expenses:	$21,663	$18,321	$24,614	$166,534
Difference:	-$ 3,185	$ 2,736	-$ 2,414	-$ 3,742

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

God is Good and continues to bless!

Caring for the Caregiver

While it is not always obvious, a great goal of our church (and every church) is to support and give care to the caregivers. This is seen in our ministry to not only the children of West Middle School next door, but also to the teachers and staff there. This is seen in our ministry to our daycare and their families, but also the staff of the daycare. Caring for others can be exhausting, and it is often a reason why people do not sign up to be caregivers. Caregiving is also especially critical to those in our own families.

There is probably no work less glorified than the unpaid, undocumented, underappreciated care that is quietly shown inside families. Sometimes, this is grandparents who step up and help with their grandchildren when care is needed. Sometimes it is grandchildren/great grandchildren who have their first experience of caregiving (and it is their own elders they are caring for). Sometimes it is not physical family at all, it might be daughters in law or volunteer neighbors who check on those nearby.

Two verses come to mind:

1. 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (NLT) "Now may the Lord of Peace give you his peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all."
2. Galatians 6:9 (NIV) "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

I once was given a piece of advice: "Would you want Jesus to come again while you are doing the work you are doing?" In the case of caregiving, I would say absolutely, and if it is caring for the caregivers, I would say doubly so.

Our church has so many ways in which its members can care for caregivers. Whether it be making friends with daycare staff, or sending a "You Are My Hero" card to someone who is caring for a family member, or being a person who is willing to step in and be a respite helper. (That is one who gives a caregiver a break.) It can even be indirect, like painting a wall that needs painted. Our children's ministry needs helpers/supporters, our boards and committees need helpers/supporters, and if you can bless us or someone else this way, I think you just might be the one who feels surprisingly blessed.

Are you a caregiver in need of support? Contact the church or the National Family Caregiver Support: 1-866-243-5678.

With Love: Rev. Andrew Shields

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!