



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

**November 16, 2025**

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

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
MORNING WORSHIP  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025**

**\*GATHERING SONG** **BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** **DICK MEREDITH**

**OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*GREETING TIME**

**\*PRAISE SONGS** **REJOICE YE PURE IN HEART  
SPRING UP O WELL**

**CHILDREN'S PARABLE** **CHRIS FETZER**

**FINAL DESTINATION: HEAVEN**

**ISAIAH 33:17 (SM. 592; LG. 1099 NLT)**

**MORNING OFFERING**

**PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**MEDITATION SONG**

**COME LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN**

**THE MESSAGE**

**PASTOR ANDREW SHIELDS**

**CHRISTIAN HISTORY IN THE USA**

**JEREMIAH 32:37-41, MATTHEW 5:14-16**

**(SM. 657, 802; LG. 1220, 1483)**

**INVITATION AND PRAYER**

**\*SENDING SONG** **GO MAKE DISCIPLES**

**\*BLESSING**

***\*PLEASE STAND IF ABLE***

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**Our Church**

Diaconate Board

**Our World**

Caribbean Islands affected by  
Hurricane Melissa

**Our Mission Outreach**

Thanksgiving Gift Cards

**Our Shut-in of the Week**

Marlene Mullenhour  
736 South Adam Street  
Delphos, Ohio 45833

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH: TODAY!**

THANKSGIVING Dinner after Worship

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH**

Daycare Board 5:30 pm

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**

Official Board 5:30 pm

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH**

Bible Study (in Parlor) 6:15 pm

EPIC Youth and Kids 6:15 pm

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH**

Primetimers 1:00 pm

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST**

Ruth Whitney Ministry 10:00 am

## **Our Prayer Requests & Praises**

Herb Lauer - Pray for his brother, John Lauer. Pray for the Church Budget and for Bruce as he works on it.

Praise that Barb Stelzer is doing well. Continue to pray for healing for both Barb and Ralph.

Anonymous online request - Pray for healing to full health.

Bridget Kennedy - Pray that she has a better week this week and for the arthritis in her left ankle. Pray for her sister Shirley who has fallen three times. Pray for her staff and their families.

Tim Miller - Pray for his recovery from hip surgery on 11/11.

Olivia Shields - Pray for healing of the rash on her face that is causing her to feel uncomfortable at school. Pray for her friends Delaney and Addie.

Bruce Wells - Continue to pray for granddaughter Sonia who is 1/3 way through radiation. She is asking for prayer to stay strong and keep her spirits high. The family appreciates our prayers.

Don Alsept - Their daughter Tracy is doing well at a rehab center. Continue to pray for her to work the program and beat her addiction.

Keith Bledsoe - Continue to pray for his nephew Joseph who is recovering at home, but has limited lung function.

Pray for the friends and family of Marilyn Shankland who passed away November 4th. Her service was November 12th.

Mindy Alsept - Pray for her friend who is having a conflict. Pray along with the Gideons for their new meeting place to become apparent.

Crystal Vines (online request) - Pray for sound sleep and deliverance from food addiction.

## **Our Prayer Requests & Praises**

Praise for the work of the church committees and boards.

William Skasick (online request) - Pray for health concerns.

Kyle Kindle - Pray for his Uncle Tim.

Linda Neely - Praise that her cancer tests came back good and that her daughter-in-law Brandy is improving and on 90% disability from Ford. Many family and work praises and prayer requests.

Janet Hutchinson - Pray for the friends and family of her mother's brother, Barry Price, who passed away.

Jeanice Whitaker - Continue to pray for Kailynn Stacey.

Dianne Sneary - Pray for her friend Carolyn who is waiting for biopsy results. Pray for the people of Israel and the UK.

Roy Garcia - Pray for Elnora Horn who has shingles.

Ed Elchert - Continue to pray for his sister Nancy VonAlmen who is finally home after a knee replacement, but dealing with a bad cold.

Tim Miller - His friend Paul Lee has passed away. Pray for Paul's family and friends, especially the Spencerville Fire Department.

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### **Continued prayers for cancer and ongoing health concerns:**

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| • Karol L., cancer                            | • Sean Sanderfer (Norma Benanzer)      |
| • Josh Vasquez, leukemia (Garcia)             | • Jim Miller (Jim Hefner's friend)     |
| • Helena Winkler                              | • Emily Hall (Tobi and Dara's teacher) |
| • Stanley (Bridget's nephew)                  | • Tom and Beck Dickinson               |
| • Don Lohr (Marlene's bonus brother)          | • Cathy (Bridget's niece)              |
| • Kris and Lizzy Downey (Warden)              | • Sarah Fish (Tim Willoughby)          |
| • Lynda Rice (Nancy Davenport)                | • Pat Wilson (Tim Willoughby)          |
| • Mark Coy (Brent Jones)                      | • Dana Gambrel                         |
| • Mary in Phila (C&J Gummel)                  | • Teresa, cancer (L Hawkins)           |
| • Virginia Kirtland (Warden)                  | • Angel Music                          |
| • David Elwood (L. Hawkins)                   | • Brandi Neely                         |
| • Sheila and Ron Schindler, cancer (Honegger) | • Sonia, cancer (Wells)                |
| • Dick (Jim Hefner's friend)                  | • Adam Rentz (Daycare)                 |

**The Church United Pantry (CUP) focus for November is Shampoo and Conditioner.**

**CUP thanks you for your support!**

**Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Psalm 100:1**

On Christmas Eve, the First Baptist Christmas Choir will be singing Christmastime by Michael W. Smith and Joanna Carlson. Who is the Christmas Choir, you might be asking?

**YOU ARE!**

If you are interested in joining us as we make a “joyful noise” this Christmas, please contact Laura or Karlyn.

**Our first rehearsal is Thursday, November 20th at 6pm!**



## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**>November 25th: Daycare's Thanksgiving Dinner**

**>December 2nd at 6pm: Hanging of the Greens**

**>December 3rd at 6:30pm: First Baptist Daycare and Preschool Christmas Program**

**>December 3rd-7th: The Annual Christmas Tree Festival will take place at the Allen County Museum. Be on the look out for the Daycare's tree, one decorated by the Ruth Whitney Ministry, and our very own tree named "Wrapped in Prayer."**



## **FBC Spotlight: Tom Honegger**

Tom Honegger is a familiar, friendly face to anyone who visits our church. Among the many ways he shares his talents and gifts with us, he plays guitar in the praise team each week, helps with dinners at the Lima Rescue Mission and at church, shares Jesus with the Daycare kids and staff each month through Bible Study, painted the outdoor sign, worked on the Daycare buggies, and much more. He has also served on many boards and committees and as Official Board Chair in the past. Tom is known for his bright smile and jokes, but most importantly for his heart for Jesus.

We're blessed to have Tom Honegger as a member!

Our Mission spotlight this month is Thanksgiving Gift Cards. We hope to be able to help as many families as possible purchase their Thanksgiving Dinners with a \$50 gift card from our church. Our goal is twelve cards or \$600. You can help by praying the recipients and designating part of your missions offering for Thanksgiving gift cards. If you have questions, see Beth Sanders or Sue Siesel, or call the office.

The Daycare has started a Little Free Pantry for Daycare families. If you would like to contribute any nonperishable food and snacks, please bring them to the church office on Sunday morning or during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 10-1. Thank you for your support!

**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 2025 is \$251,402**

**Monthly Expense Budget for 2025 is \$20,950 /month**

**Weekly Offering Needed is \$3,719.00/week**

**Last week's offering received:**

**General Fund \$2,850**

**Missions \$265**

**Attendance: 54 (November 9, 2025)**

