

**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. B.L.A.S.T. 2-4 year old's in the **"The Big Room"**. Cuddle Cove is available to infants and toddlers. Elementary is in **"The Class Room #12"** and Jr High Classes is in the **"Youth Room"**. (They are taken to those locations after children's moment) . **Please see dry erase board to see who is teaching and what student is helping for that Sunday.**

**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.

#### Church Staff Info

Dana Smith Administrative Assistant Church Office: 419-224-4921

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#### WEEKLY OFFERING

Total Expense Budget for 2023 is \$270,778

Monthly Expense Budget for 2023 is \$22565 /month

Weekly Offering Needed is \$5207.00/week

Last week's offering received:

General Fund \$3245.00

Missions = \$120.00

Attendance: 87 (April 9, 2023)



**Scan this to pay tithes online**



**April 16, 2023**

**GOD CAUSES  
ALL THINGS  
TO WORK  
TOGETHER  
for the good  
OF THOSE WHO  
love Him**

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
MORNING WORSHIP  
SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

*GATHERING SONG	"Christ Arose"
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Keith Bledsoe
OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER	
*GREETING TIME	
 *PRAISE SONGS	 " Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
 CHILDREN'S PARABLE	 Heather Patrick Hebrews 12:1-2 (sm. 1017, lg. 1866)
 MORNING OFFERING	
PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES	
MORNING PRAYER	
MEDITATION SONG	"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"
 THE MESSAGE	 Pastor Andrew Shields Seeing Is Believing John 20:24-31 (sm. 902 lg. 1672 NLT)
 INVITATION AND PRAYER	
*SENDING SONG	"He Lives"
*BLESSING	

*\*Please stand if able*

# FLOWER SPONSORS

**If you would like to sponsor flowers in memory or honor of a loved one please call the church office at 419-224-4921 or Marlene Hefner**

**We have openings throughout the year.**



## **April 2023 Teacher of the month : Miss Lauren**

Miss Lauren joined the First Baptist Daycare & Preschool team on September 6th, 2022. She will graduate from Bath High School/ Apollo Career Center, majoring in Early Childhood Education later this spring. Miss Lauren started her adventure with us as an Afternoon Preschool Aide. She plans to babysit and work part-time in the summer. She is looking forward to a full-time position beginning our fall session! Miss Lauren is funny, punctual, and creative! Miss Lauren does not have any human children of her own, but she does have some animal babies; Buddy, a 7-year-old Yorkie Poo, Petals, a 7-year-old Shih Poo, Milo, a 2-year-old cat, and 18 chickens! When she's not working, babysitting, or feeding all of her chickens, she enjoys reading. A few fun facts about Miss Lauren are that her favorite color is pink, her favorite treats are Sour Straws, and she also enjoys drinking Mountain Dew!



## Summer Bible Camp Scholarships

**\$250.00 scholarships available  
for Bible Camp. See Christian Ed  
for more information.**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR VBS THIS YEAR? VBS RUNS FROM JUNE 19-22 (MON-THURS) IN THE EVENINGS. ANYONE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THESE YOUNGSTERS LIVES SHOULD CONTACT JACKEE NEAL OR WATCH FOR THE SIGN UP SHEET COMING SOON.

ANYONE GRADUATING THIS YEAR FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE THIS YEAR. PLEASE CONTACT JACKEE NO LATER THAN MAY 7TH. RECOGNITION DAY WILL BE ON MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATES.

## MISSION SPOTLIGHT

SARAH MCCURDY OUR SPEAKER FOR MISSION OF THE MONTH WILL BE HERE ON APRIL 30, 2023. Come listen to her speak and enjoy food and fellowship afterwards. We decided to go with a meat tray.

We ask that you RSVP, no later than Sunday, April 23, 2023. We request that you bring in a salad or dessert.

You will find a place to register on the back of our get connected sheet. Simply fill this out and on the back answer the questions and drop it in with the tithes and offering.

### Our Church

Official Board Chair

### Our World

Pray for Israel

### Our Mission Outreach

Sarah McCurdy

### Shut-in of the Week

Charlene Fazel- 2535 Sherwood Drive, Lima, Ohio 45805

### FIRST BAPTIST WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>

OFFICIAL BOARD 7:00 PM

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>

BIBLE STUDY 6:15 PM

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY 6:15 PM

KIDS BIBLE STUDY 6:15 PM

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>

PRIMETIMERS 1:00 PM

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>

RUTH WHITNEY CROCHET 10:00 AM

**We would like to wish the following a Happy Birthday this week:**

**Ann Schroeder 4-18**

**Montaous Waltin 4-18**

**Gene Gilbert 4-19**

**Alexandra Schroeder 4-20**

**John Music 4-22**



**Happy Anniversary to:**

**Todd & Deb Miller**

