

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!



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

August 31, 2025

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025**

***GATHERING SONG** **MAJESTY**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **KEITH BLEDSOE**

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

***GREETING TIME**

***PRAISE SONGS** **COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS
CHANGE MY HEART O GOD**

CHILDREN'S PARABLE **PASTOR ANDREW SHIELDS**
DON'T BE MORE STUBBORN THAN A DONKEY
NUMBERS 22:28, 31-32
(SM. 133, LG. 253 NLT)

MORNING OFFERING

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES

MORNING PRAYER

MEDITATION SONG **OPEN OUR EYES LORD**
THE MESSAGE **PASTOR ANDREW SHIELDS**
BALAAM'S DONKEY
NUMBERS 22:21-41
(SM. 133, LG. 252 NLT)

INVITATION AND PRAYER

***SENDING SONG** **HEAR OUR PRAISES**

***BLESSING**

****PLEASE STAND IF ABLE***

Our Church

Church/Staff Relations

Our World

Pray for those starting a new school year, including the seminary students of missionary Mercy Gonzalez-Barnes.

Our Mission Outreach

Lima Rescue Mission and Camp Roberts

Shut-in of the Week

Charlene Fazel
2535 Sherwood Dr, Lima OH 45805

FIRST BAPTIST WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

Office Closed for Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

Diaconate 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

Bible Study 6:15 pm

EPIC Youth and Kids 6:15 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

Primetimers 1:00 pm

“Meet Andre” @ West 3:00 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

Ruth Whitney Ministry 10:00 am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

Hymn Sing @ Faith Baptist 6:00 pm

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Mindy Alsept - Pray for a friend with throat cancer.

Pray for Ann Schroeder who has a scratched cornea.

Bruce Wells - Pray for granddaughter Sonia who has advanced oral cancer and had surgery 8/26. She begins treatment soon. She has a 2 year old and 4 month old.

Linda Neely - Praise that Brandi Neely is improving. Pray for her recovery, especially her stamina.

Eric Wilkerson (visitor) - Pray for salvation for his friends and family.

Roy Garcia - Pray for his son, Paul Michael, who will have open heart surgery soon. Roy is recovering.

Kyle Kindle - Pray for people who need help.

Jackee Neal - Pray for her Aunt Virginia Ackerman who is improving.

Bridget Kennedy - Pray for her as she decides whether to move. Pray for her sisters: Shirley is having speech issues and Sue requested prayer. Praise that God is helping her.

Marlene Hefner - Pray for her brother Dan Gracely who is back at the Wexner in Columbus for heart issues. Pray the medication continues to work. Tim Willoughby - Prayers for his sister Cindy and brother-in-law Jim who are selling their Philadelphia house and moving to Lima.

Pray for Jeanice Whitaker and her family. Jeanice's mother, Patricia Burkholder, passed away on 8/17 and her funeral was Thursday.

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Dan Whitaker - Praise for his ability to sing and share Jesus.

Praise that Mary Wilkins is improving

Praise that over 600 Bibles were passed out at the Allen County Fair by the Children's Ministry and the Gideons.

Marlene Hefner - Pray for James Hilty (27) who is recovering from surgery following burns and broken bones after his box truck was struck by another vehicle.

Praise that Daycare wobbler is better and back at daycare.

Martha Warden - Please pray for her recovery and rehab stay after total knee revision surgery. Pray that her pain eases.

Pray for all the students and staff starting a new school year.

Karlyn and Herb Lauer - Praise the Allen County Museum evaluation was successful.

Sue Honegger - Pray for Sheila and Ron Schindler who are dealing with cancer and other health issues.

Continued prayers for cancer and ongoing health concerns:

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| • Karol L., cancer | • Brian Hollar, cancer (Fenton) |
| • Josh Vasquez, leukemia (Garcia) | • Sean Sanderfer (Norma Benanzer) |
| • Kevin Clark (Mathewson) | • Dick (Jim Hefner's friend) |
| • Carolyn (Tim's sister-in-law) | • 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 |
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LOOKING AHEAD:

September 7th: At 6pm, Faith Baptist Church (4750 East Rd, Elida) will host a combined churches Sunday Night Sing!

September 27th: WTGN will host a live recording of the radio drama, *Unshackled!* at Lima Community Church at 7pm. This year marks 75 years of *Unshackled!* broadcasting true stories of people whose lives have been transformed by Jesus. For more information, contact the church office.

October 7th-8th: ABC Ohio Annual Gathering at The Cherry Valley Hotel in Newark, Ohio. See Pastor Andrew or call the office for more information.

FBC Spotlight: Susan Pirtle

Susan Pirtle loves our church and church history in general. She is well read, well educated, and is often willing to share her knowledge. She is in gracious attendance at many church family funerals and association events. A long time resident of Lima, she adores her late husband, Reverend George Pirtle, and fondly remembers his ministry at our church and elsewhere. First Baptist is blessed to have Susan as a member.

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.

You're Invited

On Thursday, September 4th at 3pm, West Middle School will host a "Meet Andre" event to introduce the new Lima Schools Superintendent, Andre Rudolph. West Principal T.J. Winkler has invited our church members to attend the event to introduce Mr. Rudolph to us and tell him about the relationship between West and our church.

First Baptist Daycare and Preschool

Teacher of the month: Miss Brenda

Miss Brenda joined the First Baptist Daycare & Preschool team on May 22nd, 2025. She attended Allen East High School. She has also been a member of Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church since third grade. Miss Brenda is the Afternoon Assistant in the Infant and Wobbler classrooms. She enjoys cooking in her free time. Miss Brenda is a mother to three biological sons as well an adopted son and 2 daughters. She also has three dogs; Theo (16-year-old Pomeranian), Baron (5-year-old Bernese Mountain dog) and Molly (Cocker Spaniel puppy). She is also a grandmother to seven grandchildren and has one great grandchild. A few fun facts about Miss Brenda are that her favorite color is every color of the rainbow, her favorite treats are Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, and she also enjoys drinking lemon water and coffee.



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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Office hours: Monday - Thursday 10am - 1pm

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 \$841

Missions \$85

Attendance: 77 (August 24, 2025)

