

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!



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

August 16, 2026

First Baptist Church
Morning Worship
Sunday, August 16, 2026

***Gathering Song** **Canticle**

Welcome and Announcements **Bruce Wells**

Opening Prayer and the LORD's Prayer

Back to School Blessing

***Greeting Time**

***Praise Songs** **Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)**
Sweet Beulah Land

Children's Parable **Chris Fetzer**

The Big Picnic

Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:35-44, Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-14

Morning Offering

Prayer Concerns and Praises

Morning Prayer

Special Music **I Love You Lord**

The Message **Pastor Andrew Shields**

Christians Should Marry Christians — But Why?

2 Corinthians 6:14-16, Ephesians 5:21-33

(sm. 966, 980; lg. 1787, 1812)

Invitation and Prayer

***Sending Song** **I'll Fly Away**

***Blessing**

****Please stand if able***

PRAY

Our Church

Christian Education Board

Our Daycare and Preschool

Ms. Jackee

Our World

Storm victims and recovery efforts

Our Mission Outreach

Samaritan House

FOR

Our Shut-In of the Week

Bridget Kennedy

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Lima, Ohio 45805

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, August 16th: Today!

2pm School Supply Giveaway at Pangle Pavilion

Tuesday, August 18th

5:30pm Official Board

Wednesday, August 19th

4:30pm Rescue Mission Meal

6:15pm Adult Bible Study and EPIC Youth and Kids

Thursday, August 20th

1pm Primetimers

Friday, August 21st

10am Ruth Whitney Ministry

Sunday, August 23rd

11:45am Prayers at West Middle School

Board of Trustees

Our Prayer Requests and Praises

- Jeanice Whitaker - Pray for her daughter Sharon Stacey who is in the hospital with pneumonia.
- Kevin Shaw - Pray for his mother Marjorie who is in hospice care.
- Pray for Janice Woolridge who has dementia and moved into assisted living at Primrose.
- Pray for earthquake and extreme weather victims.
- Keith Bledsoe - Pray for strength and comfort for Jane Ashenfelter as she deals with health issues.
- Tim Willoughby - Praise that Norma Benanzer came through her heart surgery well, but continue to pray for her as she faces a complicated knee surgery. Pray for his sister Cindie to be able to sell her house quickly. Also continue to pray for his sister-in-law who is responding well to cancer treatment.
- Renay Andrews - Pray for 13 year old daughter Camila who has a large ovarian cyst and for her treatment. Pray for Christians around the world who are being persecuted, especially those in Nigeria.
- Myron Sneary - Pray for Dianne who had a third heart attack and a stent placed. Pray for healing.
- Olivia Shields - Pray for her friends Abby and Kailynn who each lost a grandparent recently and pray for Olivia as she tries to be supportive of them.
- Bridget Kennedy - Pray for niece Heather and sister Shirley. Pray for Bridget who will have surgery this week.
- Chris Fetzer - Pray for former member Janet (Jackson) Bishop who is recovering from a broken leg and facial abrasions after an e-bike accident.
- Kyle Kindle - Pray for his sister Emily.

Our Prayer Requests and Praises

- Charles Murray - Praise the Lord!
- Praise for Julia and Quentin Gleason's dedications.
- Marlene Hefner - Pray for son-in-law Don Smiley whose MS is out of remission.
- Mindy Alsept - Praise God for answered prayers!
- Ed Elchert - Pray for his son who is having issues with his spleen and has leukemia. Pray for his granddaughter Eden's high risk pregnancy.
- Pray for Zach in the nursing home.
- Crystal (Online) - Pray for deliverance from addiction
- Laura Hawkins - Pray for the family and friends of Erin Jones who passed away from cancer. Praise that baby Lincoln was released from NICU and was dedicated at his family's church.
- Austin Knott - Praise Kristen and the twins made it home safely from California.
- Brent Jones - Praise that his brother and his company left the Jordan airbase 12 hours before a bombing. Pray for those still stationed in Jordan.
- Marlene Hefner - Praise that she is recovering and was able to be in church. Please pray for Jim and the tests concerning a nodule on his lung.
- Kyle Kindle - Pray for his sister.
- Charles Murray - Pray for his family to look up!
- Praise for a great workshop on 8/8. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended.
- Pray for our church!
- Merediths - Pray for their granddaughter Sidney who is going through a difficult time.
- Pray for those dealing with chronic pain.

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list with cancer and other ongoing concerns:

- Karol L., cancer
- Josh Vasquez, leukemia (Garcia)
- Stanley Sanders (Bridget)
- Kris (Warden)
- Liz Downey (Warden)
- Lynda Rice (Davenport)
- Mary in Phila (Gummel)
- Sheila Schindler (Honegger)
- Dick Kuzemchak (Hefner)
- Angel Music
- Sean Sanderfer (Benanzer)
- Marjorie Shaw
- Jim Miller (Hefner)
- Emily Hall (Tobi and Dara's teacher)
- Cathy (Bridget)
- Sarah Fish (Willoughby)
- Teresa (Hawkins)
- Nancy Von Almen
- Carolyn Willoughby
- Ricky (Renay Andrews)

**The Churches United Pantry (CUP)
focus for August is deodorant.**

Our mission this month is Lima's Samaritan House, an emergency shelter of women and children. Since 1987, they have been serving Lima and Allen county with a mission to restore personal dignity and independence to homeless women and their children by providing shelter, hope, and guidance. Two thirds of their necessary funds are attained through grants, private foundations, clubs, organizations, individuals, and *churches like ours*. To donate to the work of the Samaritan House, designate part of your offering for missions today! To learn more, check out their latest newsletter on the Missions bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall door or this month's Broadcaster.

Back to School Sunday

K-4

Preschool

Cece Ball	Kyler Jones, K, St Charles
Quentin Gleason	Dami Gbadegeshin, 1st, Heir Force
Kinsley Hittle	Enslee Mathewson, 1st, Elida
Keaton Jones	Xander Noble, 1st, Shawnee Elmwood
Rayleigh Thatcher	Kenzie Gudakunst, 2nd, Elida
Beckham Tuerck	Lucy Hawkins, 2nd, Liberty Arts Magnet
	Rhett Thatcher, 2nd, Temple Christian
	Johnnie Andrews, 4th, Shawnee
	Ardi Ayele, 4th, Shawnee
	Cami Hittle, 4th, Heritage

Middle School

Dara Gbadegeshin, 5th, Heir Force
Tobi Gbadegeshin, 5th, Heir Force
Andrew Johnson, 5th, High Road
Filsan Ayele, 6th, Shawnee
Evalyn Mathewson, 6th, Elida
Camilla Andrews, 7th, Shawnee
Bella Kindle-Wofford, 7th, High Road
Emma Shields, 8th, Temple Christian

**We pray
all our
First
Baptist
Youth
have a
wonderful
year!**

High School

Alexis Gudakunst, 9th, Elida
Adam Kindle-Wofford, 9th, High Road
Cody Neff, 10th, Lima Senior
Gianna Gudakunst, 11th, Elida
Christian Patrick, 11th, Temple Christian
Kailynn Stacey, 11th, Elida
Austin Gudakunst, 12th, Elida

Toddlers

Ketoran Ayele
Julia Gleason
Aubree Knott
Allison Knott

The Christian Ed Board is looking for additional Sunday School teachers for our toddler, preschool, and elementary classes! If you are interested or questions, please speak to Pastor Andrew, Jackee Neal, or a member of the CE Board. Our church family is blessed to have so much opportunity to impact the next generation, but we need your support to make it happen.

Volunteers
needed



The Lima Amphitheater will host the Annual Back 2 School Block Party TODAY from 2-4pm. Students will receive free school supplies and there will be food, activities, and entertainment for the whole family.

You and your family are invited to the Columbus Zoo!

We will meet at the zoo on Saturday, September 19th for a fun day of First Baptist Fellowship! The zoo is open from 9am to 5pm. Everyone is responsible for their own transportation, tickets, and food, but we are hoping to have enough people go to get a group rate! More details are coming soon, but if you are interested in learning more or would like to sign up, please complete the bottom portion and put it in the offering!

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We are ready for a roaring good time!

Name: _____

planning to attend: _____



FBC Spotlight: Quentin and Julia



Quentin (3.5 years old) and Julia (1 year old) are the children of Andrew and Brittany Gleason. They both attend First Baptist Daycare and Preschool.

Quentin's favorite book is *Corduroy* and he loves to play hide and seek. He likes to build things and wants to be a firefighting construction worker when he grows up!

Julia's favorite game is peek-a-boo and she is the happiest, giggly baby. Her plans for the future include getting all her teeth and keeping up with her big brother!

We are so grateful for the entire Gleason family! Be sure to say hello to them today!

On September 27th, our Pop-Up Choir will be joining the Praise Team to lead worship! Singers of all experience and talent levels are welcome to join! Thursday, August 27th at 5:45pm will be our first rehearsal and we hope to see you there! To sign up or for more information, contact Laura Hawkins.



Are you ready for Christmas? Each year it takes a village of volunteers to get our church looking its best for Advent. This year we're starting early and asking for volunteers to help assess our current decorations and begin planning for new ones. If you have ideas and are willing to help, please contact the church office!

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. Thank you 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). Not every BLAST class is available every week. See an usher if you have questions.

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.

Today's flowers were sponsored by Jerry and Sue Siesel in honor of all the students, teachers, and school staff returning for the 2026 school year.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

Total Expense Budget for 2026 is \$246,181

Weekly General Fund Offering Needed* is \$2,608

*adjusted for advanced giving and Daycare

August 2nd's offering received:

August 9th's offering received:

General Fund \$3766

General Fund \$1155

Missions \$315

Missions \$21

August 2nd's attendance: 74

August 9th's attendance: 78

Our Website QR Code:

