

***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.**

**APRIL 19, 2026**



**P** Our Church  
Financial Secretary

**R** Our Daycare and Preschool  
Miss Karen

**A** Our World  
Those recovering from natural disasters  
and extreme weather.

**F** Our Mission Outreach  
CUP (Churches United Pantry)

**O** Our Shut-in of the Week  
Rowena Binkley

**R** Shawnee Manor Nursing Home  
2535 Ft Amanda Rd #20, Lima OH 45804

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST**

5:30pm Official Board Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND**

6:15pm Adult Bible Study

6:15pm EPIC Youth and Kids

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD**

1:00pm Primetimers

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH**

10:00am Ruth Whitney Ministry

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH**

2-3:30pm NW ABC Ohio Association  
Gathering at Lauer Historical Farm

## Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Susan Pirtle - Pray for her brother, Thomas Snyder, his wife Bonnie, and their family. Thomas has ALS and is struggling with Myelofibrosis. He is being taken care of by Bonnie, at home in Haymarket, VA.

John Music - Pray for his family following the death of his father.

Andrew Shields - Pray for Stephanie who is home, but still dealing with pain and poor breathing. Pray for her strength and for healing.

Addie Gbadegeshin - Praise and thanks for their church family that prayed for them in the recent loss of their niece.

Chuck Murray - Pray for healing and comfort for his brother's wife, Laurel Murray.

Renay Andrews - Pray for her uncle Mark Meadows who is in hospice care for a lung condition.

Emily Kindle - Pray for God to help her study and pass her test. Pray for people to get along with each other. Pray everyone finds Jesus.

Olivia Shields - Pray for her teacher's nephew to recover fully from a bad motorcycle accident.

Ed Elchert - Pray for his sister, Nancy VonAlmen, and her health. Pray for the Gideons who passed Bibles in Perry School.

Rob (Online) - Many prayer requests. God knows the details.

Marlene Hefner - Her brother-in-law Don Lohr has gone to be with the Lord. Pray for peace and comfort for his family. Pray for her son-in-law Don Smiley who had back surgery.

Bridget Kennedy - Continue to pray for Bridget, who had a good week. Pray for her staff and Bridget's relationships with them. Also pray for her nephew Stanley and sister Shirley. Pray for her family as her 23 year old great nephew died of a heart attack.

Anonymous (Online) - Pray for God to restore their eye health and strengthen their vision which is affected by glaucoma.

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Don Alsept - Praise for the Ruth Whitney ministry. Lapghans were delivered to Marjorie Shaw and to four people at Cridersville Nursing Home, including John Lauer and Lila.

Tina Hittle - Pray for Josh who has medical appointments. Pray for her brother who is struggling financially. Pray for her dad who is having back problems. Also pray for Cami, Kinsley, and Cami's dad.

Brent Jones - Praise his friend Mark Coy is now cancer free!

Bruce Wells - Praise that granddaughter Sonia is being monitored, but doing well and able to enjoy her life with her kids and her family.

Anonymous (Online) - Pray for God to hear their prayer.

Dianne Sneary - Pray for their great-grandkids to be healthy. Pray for Myron who needs a hip replacement.

Joyce Meredith - Pray for their granddaughter Sidney who had a miscarriage.

Herb Lauer - Continue to pray for his brother John. Pray for Pastor Andrew and all of us to keep a "heart" faith before "head" faith.

Jeanice Whitaker - Pray for her husband Dan who has reoccurring swelling of his tongue and throat, among other health issues.

Kyle Kindle - Pray for people who are sick, including his uncle Tim.

Laura Hawkins - Continue to pray for our family to feel better and her pain to lessen. Praise for the work of the trustees to clean up after storm damage!

Keith Bledsoe - Pray for the salvation of his nephew Joe, who has been told he has a short time left to live. Continue to pray for his ex-wife, Linda Meredith. Pray for his admin assistant, Sandy, who is recovering from open heart surgery. Pray for comfort and peace for Linda, Joe, and Sandy and their immediate families.

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

- Karol L., cancer
- Josh Vasquez, leukemia (Garcia)
- Stanley Sanders (Bridget)
- Kris and Lizzy Downey (Warden)
- Lynda Rice (Nancy Davenport)
- Mary in Phila (C&J Gummel)
- David Elwood (Hawkins)
- Sheila and Ron Schindler, cancer (Honegger)
- Dick Kuzemchak (Hefner)
- Sean Sanderfer (Norma Benanzer)
- Marjorie Shaw
- Jim Miller (J. Hefner)
- Emily Hall (Tobi and Dara's teacher)
- Tom and Beck Dickinson
- Cathy (Bridget's niece)
- Sarah Fish (Tim Willoughby)
- Pat Wilson (Tim Willoughby)
- Teresa, cancer (L Hawkins)
- Angel Music
- Nancy Von Almen
- Adam Rentz (Daycare)
- David Trost, cancer (Shields)
- Carolyn Willoughby, leukemia

BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday at 6:15pm

This week the Adult Bible Study will be led by Don Alsept in a study on Daniel's prophecy of a statue. On April 29th, Pastor Andrew will continue our study of the video "The God Who Speaks." It's not too late to join in! EPIC Youth and EPIC Kids will also be meeting to learn more about God still speaks to us through the Bible today. We hope everyone will join us this Wednesday at 6:15!



## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**>April 25th from 2pm - 3:30pm: Everyone is invited to the Northwestern Association of ABC Ohio Gathering. It will take place at the Lauer Historical Barn (800 Roush Rd, Lima OH 45801). The congregations of First Baptist Ada, First Baptist Lima, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist, and Waynesfield Baptist Churches are all invited to this time of fellowship.**

**>May 23rd from 9am - noon: Everyone is invited to the Church Spring Workday. We'll be sprucing up the church with planting, cleaning, mulching, painting, and more. Pray for good weather and plan to be there! Come at 8:30 for coffee and donuts!**

### **Mission Spotlight: Churches United Pantry**

Each month, CUP serves close to 2,000 hungry Lima residents. Our church chooses a focus for our donations each month (*April's suggested donations are shampoo and conditioner*), but CUP also partners with the West Ohio Food Bank, made possible by monetary donations from churches like ours and individuals like you! Thank you for supporting this important local ministry and keeping the clients and volunteers in your prayers.

**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). 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.

**THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE SANCTUARY TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN HONOR OF GENE GILBERT'S 98TH BIRTHDAY!**

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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**

**Last week's offering received:**

**General Fund \$3,275**

**Missions \$130**

**Last week's attendance: 80**

Our Website QR Code:

