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.

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

Church e-mail: firstbaptistlima@gmail.com

Parsonage Phone: 567-712-6592 (for use during non-office hours)

Pastor Andrew Shields email: awshields1975@icloud.com

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:

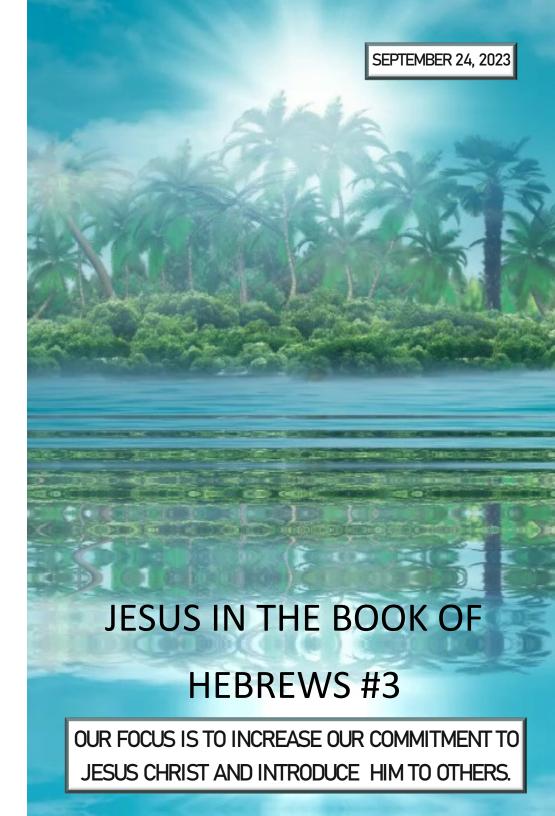
General Fund \$2880.00

Missions \$50.00

Attendance: 85 (September 17, 2023)







FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MORNING WORSHIP SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

*GATHERING SONG "We Have Come Into His House"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Don Alsept

GUEST PIANIST WELCOME Dameer Relford

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*GREETING TIME

*PRAISE SONGS "This is My Father's World"

"Glory to the King"

CHILDREN'S PARABLE Pastor Andrew Shields

Jesus was a Person Like Us (For a While)

Hebrews 2:9

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MORNING OFFERING

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES

MORNING PRAYER

MEDITATION SONG "Softly and Tenderly"

THE MESSAGE Pastor Andrew Shields

Jesus in the Book of Hebrews #3: Jesus the Man

Hebrews 2:1-10

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INVITATION AND PRAYER

*SENDING SONG "Blest Be the Ties that Bind"

*BLESSING

*Please stand if able



Meet this year's featured global servants.

WHO WE ARE Founded in 1814, International Ministries (IM) has been sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ holistically with both words and actions in cross-cultural Christian mission that addresses the needs and inequities present in the communities we serve. Also known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, we are the oldest international Baptist mission agency in North America. Our multicultural leadership team and 120+ global servants are led by the wisdom of our 250+ international partners. Together we respond to the call of Jesus Christ, serving incarnationally and with humility in 70 countries. Our home office is located in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

MISSION STATEMENT International Ministries, also known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, works cross-culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim, through both word and deed, God's reign of justice, peace and abundant life for all creation.

OUR THIRTEEN MINISTRY PRIORITY AREAS: • Evangelism • Discipleship • Theological Education • Immigrants and Refugees • Peace and Justice • Abolishing Trafficking in Persons and Global Slavery • Education • Economic and Community Development • Health and Wellness • Promotion of Mission from Everywhere to Everyone • Short-Term Mission Engagement • Youth and Young Adults • Training and Capacity Building.

RESCUE 117th Anniversary Banquet Friday, November 3, 2023, 6:30 P.M. | UNOH Event Center

About the Banquet

Our annual banquet provides an opportunity to thank our supporters, share ministry updates, and raise funds for continued support of our daily ministry. It is an excellent opportunity to introduce friends to the work of the Mission. General admission tickets are free; sponsored tables are available for \$300.

Event Location

This year's banquet will be held at UNOH Event Center, 1450 N. Cable Road, Lima. Free parking is available in the Event Center lot.

Table Sponsors

Tables are assigned as sponsorships are received, starting with the front and middle and working out from there. The sooner we hear from you, the more likely you are to receive a table toward the front. The cost of sponsorship has been raised for the first time since 2015 to help cover increased expenses. If you are hesitant to sponsor a table because of cost, some sponsors join with others to split the total between multiple families.

Important Dates

- The deadline to sponsor a table is October 20.
- The deadline to request general admission tickets is October 25.

Introducting LeFevre Quartet

Building on a rich family history in Gospel Music, the LeFevre Quartet was formed in 2005. The very next year, they were voted as Singing News Fan Awards Horizon Group of the Year. The LeFevre Quartet strives to reach others with a message of hope, grace, and salvation through Jesus Christ.



Request tickets online at limamission.org/banquet or call 419-224-6961



Tithing envelopes are now available in the Narthex. They are in alphabetical

order. If you do not have assigned tithing envelopes let Dana in the office know and she will get one assigned to you. Thank you all for your faithful giving.

September 2023 Teacher of the month:

Miss Chloe



Miss Chloe joined the First Baptist Daycare & Preschool team on May 22, 2022. She is also a niece of Miss Michelle. She graduated from Waynesfield-Goshen last spring. During her school career, she played volleyball, basketball, several track and field events, percussion in concert band, bass drum in marching and pep band, and a part of JNHS and NHS. She is currently attending OSU majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Miss Chloe has played many roles here, but is currently the Lead School-age Teacher in the afternoons. Miss Chloe is a

lot of fun, she's good at putting things together, and she's funny, too! Miss Chloe does not have any human children of her own, but she says it feels like it! She does have a fur baby; Dixie, who is 3 years old. She is a rescue that joined her family during COVID. In her free time, she enjoys working out, going on adventures, and playing sports and video games. A few fun facts about Miss Chloe are that her favorite colors are red, black, and blue, her favorite treats are freeze dried fruits and candies, and she also enjoys drinking Body Armor and Powerade.

If you would like to sponsors flowers in memory or honor of a loved one please call the church office at

419-224-4921 or Marlene Hefner.

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Christian Ed board will be having a Dessert Extravaganza directly after church services on Sunday, October 15th. Light lunch will be provided. If you are planning to attend you are asked to bring your favorite desserts to share. Their will be awards for various desserts. We look forward to a sweet time. Starting next Sunday there will be a place to sign up on the back of the connection slip.

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Our Church

Board of Christian Education

Our World

Pray for those affected by the natural disasters.

Our Mission Outreach

World Missions Offering

Shut-in of the Week

Margie Coffman - 530 Westerly Drive, Lima, Ohio 45805

FIRST BAPTIST WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 TH

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEET 11:45 AM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

BIBLE STUDY 6:15 PM EPIC YOUTH 6:15 PM

EPIC KIDS 6:15 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

PRIMETIMERS 1:00 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

RUTH WHITNEY CROCHET 10:00 AM