



First Baptist Church

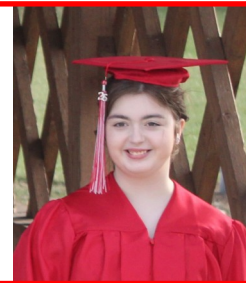
BROADCASTER

May 2026

"Our focus at First Baptist Church is to increase our commitment to Jesus Christ and introduce him to others."



The Shields family invite you to stay after church on Sunday, May 24th and help them celebrate Olivia who will graduate from Lima Senior on May 23rd!



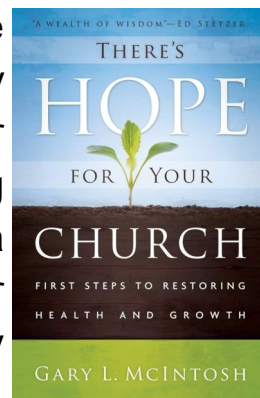
David Shepherd King

VBS IS COMING! Join us June 24th - 26th (Wednesday through Friday) from 6-8pm. We will be learning more about David through song, dance, Bible study, crafts, games, and as we enjoy a snack together. There is still time

to volunteer! Reach out to a member of the Christian Ed Board for more information!

Let's join together to read, reflect, respond, and revitalize God's direction for FBC!

On Monday, May 11th, from 7 to 8:15pm, Diaconate will kick off a three session book study on "There's Hope for Your Church" by Gary McIntosh. Recommended for us by Regional Minister Mark Eaton at our church retreat, this book can begin to spark the excitement of identifying a vision for our church's future. Please plan to participate by ordering a copy of the book or contacting the church office for availability. Skim or read chapters one through five. Sue Siesel will facilitate the book study on the 11th. If you have any questions, call the church office!



"Hope begins in our hearts and minds, affects our attitudes and actions... it can make our enthusiasm contagious for Christ and our church!"



The 2026 Church Spring Workday will be Saturday, May 23rd from 9am to noon! Be sure to get there early for donuts and coffee! The Trustees have a plan and there will be something for everyone to do, including cleaning, mulching, painting, washing, planting, and more. Pray for good weather! We hope to see you there!

May's Mission Focus: ABC Ohio's Buckeye Mission & Ministry Offering



supports the mission of our Region to "equip the People of God to impact the world for Christ." This ministry of equipping is accomplished through pastoral care & support, congregational leadership transitions, pastoral searches, conferences & workshops, next-generation support & training, ministry grants & educational scholarships, emergency financial assistance to pastors, and the Ohio Leadership Academy. As ABC Ohio celebrates 200 years of faithful ministry, the 2026 theme is "Trusting God Who Knows the Future," based on Isaiah 46:9-10. Your donation to the Buckeye Mission & Ministry Offering helps fuel this ministry and the gifted ministry team working together to provide care, support, and equipping our Region's pastors and congregations. Thank you for your support and for your prayers.

Pastor's Article: Listen Across the Dial

Some of us are born with a voice for radio, and some of us are born with a face for radio, but there is just something nostalgic about listening to the radio. In the era we live in, every single radio station has an app, so there are so many choices on what to listen to. Whichever your choice, I pray that the majority of what you listen to is edifying. Edifying is a bible word meaning "building up your faith." Again, not every minute has to be Bible preacher celebrities, or contemporary Christian music, but some of it should be. I get to listen to sermons on the radio, because I am the preacher, so sermons on Sunday morning are a different experience for me. I listen to a variety of Christian music, because I don't want to be the last person to hear a song, or for us to have a song sung in church I have never heard of.

I know from experience that if I listen to a majority of secular news or talk, sports, weather, or non-Christian music, I am missing out on time the Holy Spirit can speak to me. I feel worse; I feel agitated, or even discouraged, without a regular reminder of the gospel message.

Philippians 4:8 NLT *"And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise."*

Variety in radio or any other kind of media is important, but don't leave out the good stuff. Learn who Forrest Frank, Leanna Crawford, CeCe Winans, and Lauren Daigle are. Listen to David Jeremiah, Focus on the Family, Tony Perkins and E.W. Jackson. Listen to a Southern gospel song or a Christian Hip Hop Station, and support them. I volunteered to be the "Pastor of the morning on Morning Munch" all this week on YesFM in Toledo. Because we have brothers and sisters in Christ across the radio dial and online.

I Corinthians 9:22b-23 NLT says, *"Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. ²³ I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings."*

In love, Rev. Andrew Shields, Senior Pastor

FBC Daycare and Preschool Director Shout Out: Karen Matthews



I would like to take this space to recognize Miss Karen! She has been with First Baptist Daycare & Preschool since October 18, 2018. Not only is she stylish; but she's a "Karen of All Trades", too! She is reliable and dependable. If she's not early; she's late! Miss Karen is currently our Kitchen Help, Substitute, Cook, and sometimes even "Grandma"! Miss Karen enjoys spending time with all of the children and she loves her hugs! She is thoughtful and cares about her coworkers as well as the children and their families. She is also quick to volunteer her time and help at all daycare functions. She's great at taking the lead for prayers, too. Miss Karen is a big help to Miss Morgan in the kitchen as well and does a fantastic job filling in. And Miss Karen sure can keep up with an ever-changing wild and crazy schedule better than most of us! - Miss Kassi

First Baptist Daycare and Preschool

He is not here; he has risen! - Luke 24:6-7

Happy Easter everyone!! Jesus is alive and His Spirit was felt across the whole daycare as our little ones danced and sang for all our loved ones on stage. We loved practicing and being on stage with all our kiddos and seeing them spin around and hop around like Easter bunnies! We had picture day the following day and everyone was dressed like it was Easter Sunday! Can't wait to see all the photos!! May God bless you all.

-Bali Azoulay, Assistant Toddler 1 Teacher

May birthdays:

24th - Miss Morgan - Cook

May workversaries:

6th - Miss Katrina - Lead Pre-K 2 Teacher; 6 yrs

23rd - Miss Chloe - Substitute; 4 yrs

23rd - Miss Kyran - Lead 3-year-old Teacher; 4 yrs

24th - Miss Morgan - Cook; 3 yrs

28th - Mr. Micah - Assistant 3-year-old-Teacher; 2 yrs

Upcoming events:

May 7th - Book Bash 630p - 8p

May 8th - Muffins with Mom 630 - 830a

May 21st - Pre-K Graduation 630p

May 25th - Closed for Memorial Day

May 26th - Summer session begins!



March Financial Update

March was an abnormally light month for expenses while receipts were on target to budget. A good combination! After three months, we've received about \$2,884 more income than *actual* expenses.

	January	February	March	YTD
*Giving :	\$16,377	\$23,577	\$21,286	\$61,239
<u>Budget:</u>	<u>\$20,167</u>	<u>\$20,167</u>	<u>\$20,167</u>	<u>\$60,501</u>
Difference:	-\$ 3,790	\$ 3,410	\$ 1,119	\$ 738

*Giving includes Day Care reimbursements and is adjusted for prepaid offerings.

God is Good and continues to bless!

The wind storm damage to the storage building has been cleaned up to the point that we can start looking at repair options. So far, we've received gifts to cover most of the tree removal expense and have not yet used any Contingency Funds. Thank you to everyone who has participated in the clean up of the building and the damaged trees and to everyone who has contributed.



This is our church's QR Code. Use your QR reader in your phone's camera to scan it. The link will take you to our website where you'll find recordings of our services, the weekly bulletin, the opportunity to give to our Church and missions, and more.

If you've ever thought of joining our First Baptist Family, talk to Pastor Andrew Shields and he will be more than happy to answer your questions. We would love to have you as a member!