



WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

November 23, 2025

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

*GATHERING SONG

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DON ALSEPT

**Announcement: The Annual Meeting
will be December 14th after worship.**

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*GREETING TIME

*PRAISE SONGS

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

HOW GREAT MEDLEY

MISSION SPOTLIGHT VIDEO: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

CHILDREN'S PARABLE

PASTOR ANDREW SHIELDS

CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

EPHESIANS 3:10 (SM. 978; LG. 1809)

MORNING OFFERING

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES

MORNING PRAYER

MEDITATION SONG

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

THE MESSAGE

PASTOR ANDREW SHIELDS

WORLD CHURCH HISTORY BEFORE “BAPTISTS”

EPHESIANS 3:10-19 (SM. 978; LG. 1809)

INVITATION AND PRAYER

***SENDING SONG**

GIVE THANKS

***BLESSING**

****PLEASE STAND IF ABLE***

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Our Church

Board of Christian Education

Our World

Caribbean Islands affected by
Hurricane Melissa

Our Mission Outreach

Thanksgiving Gift Cards

Our Shut-in of the Week

Sally Goodwin
2253 Lake Circle Dr Apt B
Lima, Ohio 45801

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

Daycare Thanksgiving Lunch

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

No Bible Study

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

Thanksgiving Day

Office Closed

No Primetimers

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

No Ruth Whitney Ministry

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Praise that Barb Stelzer is doing better and can drive. Continue to pray for healing for both Barb and Ralph, who is weak.

Roy Garcia - Praise that there was enough food for the Rescue Mission Meal. It went well and was well received.

Don and Mindy Alsept - Pray for their daughter Tracy, who is at a treatment center, and the tests to determine why her legs are swelling.

Pray for the family of 4 year old Brooklynn Ramsey who recently passed away.

Praise that Kailynn Stacey was back at youth group last night. Her seizures are better, but please continue to pray for her.

Praise that Jeanice Whitaker is home and recovering. Pray for her upcoming doctor's appointment.

Kate Zimmerly - Pray for a diagnosis and treatment plan for Kay Moeller who was admitted to Memorial for hip and back pain on 11/15.

Bridget Kennedy - Praise that her arthritis has been better. Please keep praying. Pray for her sister Shirley who has been depressed and for her nephew Stanley Sanders, son of her brother Chuck, who has been hospitalized with cancer. Pray for her staff and their families.

Keith Bledsoe - Pray for Cleveland Browns legend Bernie Kosar who underwent a liver transplant on 11/17.

Laura Hawkins - Pray for Brian, a friend of her friend, who had a stroke. Pray for her friend Eva.

Brent Jones - Pray for his dad Mike Jones who has stage 3 kidney failure. Pray they find a treatment that helps.

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Morgan Noble - Praise that the Daycare's Spaghetti dinner raised \$700 for the Rentz Family.

Herb Lauer - Pray for his brother, John Lauer. Pray for the Church Budget and for Bruce as he works on it.

Anonymous online request - Pray for healing to full health.

Tim Miller - Pray for his recovery from hip surgery on 11/11.

Olivia Shields - Pray for healing of the rash on her face that is causing her to feel uncomfortable at school. Pray for her friends Delaney and Addie.

Bruce Wells - Continue to pray for granddaughter Sonia who is 1/3 way through radiation. She is asking for prayer to stay strong and keep her spirits high. The family appreciates our prayers.

Keith Bledsoe - Continue to pray for his nephew Joseph who is recovering at home, but has limited lung function.

Pray for the friends and family of Marilyn Shankland who passed away November 4th. Her service was November 12th.

Mindy Alsept - Pray for her friend who is having a conflict. Pray along with the Gideons for their new meeting place to become apparent.

Kyle Kindle - Pray for his Uncle Tim.

Linda Neely - Praise that her cancer tests came back good and that her daughter-in-law Brandy is improving and on 90% disability from Ford. Many family and work praises and prayer requests.

Janet Hutchinson - Pray for the friends and family of her mother's brother, Barry Price, who passed away.

Dianne Sneary - Pray for her friend Carolyn who is waiting for biopsy results. Pray for the people of Israel and the UK.

The Church United Pantry (CUP) focus for November is Shampoo and Conditioner.

CUP thanks you for your support!



LOOKING AHEAD:

>November 25th, 11am: Daycare's Thanksgiving Dinner with families

>December 2nd at 6pm: Join us for the Hanging of the Greens as we put up decorations for advent.

>December 3rd at 6:30pm: First Baptist Daycare and Preschool Christmas Program

>December 3rd-7th: The Annual Christmas Tree Festival will take place at the Allen County Museum. Be on the look out for trees decorated by the Daycare and the Ruth Whitney Ministry and our church's very own tree, "Wrapped in Prayer."

>December 14th: Directly after worship, plan to stay for the Annual Meeting of the Church Membership to adopt the budget and elect office holders for 2026.

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 next week!

FBC Spotlight: Tom Honegger

Tom Honegger is a familiar, friendly face to anyone who visits our church. Among the many ways he shares his talents and gifts with us, he plays guitar in the praise team each week, helps with dinners at the Lima Rescue Mission and at church, shares Jesus with the Daycare kids and staff each month through Bible Study, painted the outdoor sign, worked on the Daycare buggies, and much more. He has also served on many boards and committees and as Official Board Chair in the past. Tom is known for his bright smile and jokes, but most importantly for his heart for Jesus.

We're blessed to have Tom Honegger as a member!

Our Mission spotlight this month is Thanksgiving Gift Cards. We hope to be able to help as many families as possible purchase their Thanksgiving Dinners with a \$50 gift card from our church. Our goal is twelve cards or \$600. You can help by praying the recipients and designating part of your missions offering for Thanksgiving gift cards. If you have questions, see Beth Sanders or Sue Siesel, or call the office.

The Daycare has started a Little Free Pantry for Daycare families. If you would like to contribute any nonperishable food and snacks, please bring them to the church office on Sunday morning or during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 10-1. Thank you for your support!

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 - The flowers **adorning the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Kate Zimmerly in loving memory of Larry Zimmerly.**

If you would like to sponsor flowers for the sanctuary, please contact the church office.

Cover image courtesy of Laura Hawkins.

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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 \$3,293

Missions \$607

Attendance: 92 (November 16, 2025)

