

**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](mailto:firstbaptistlima@gmail.com)

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

Pastor Andrew Shields email: [awshields1975@icloud.com](mailto:awshields1975@icloud.com)

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**WEEKLY OFFERING**

**Total Expense Budget for 2024 is \$268,205**

**Monthly Expense Budget for 2024 is \$22350 /month**

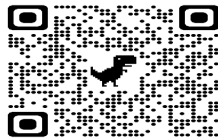
**Weekly Offering Needed is \$4224.00/week**

**Last week's offering received:**

**General Fund \$2651.00**

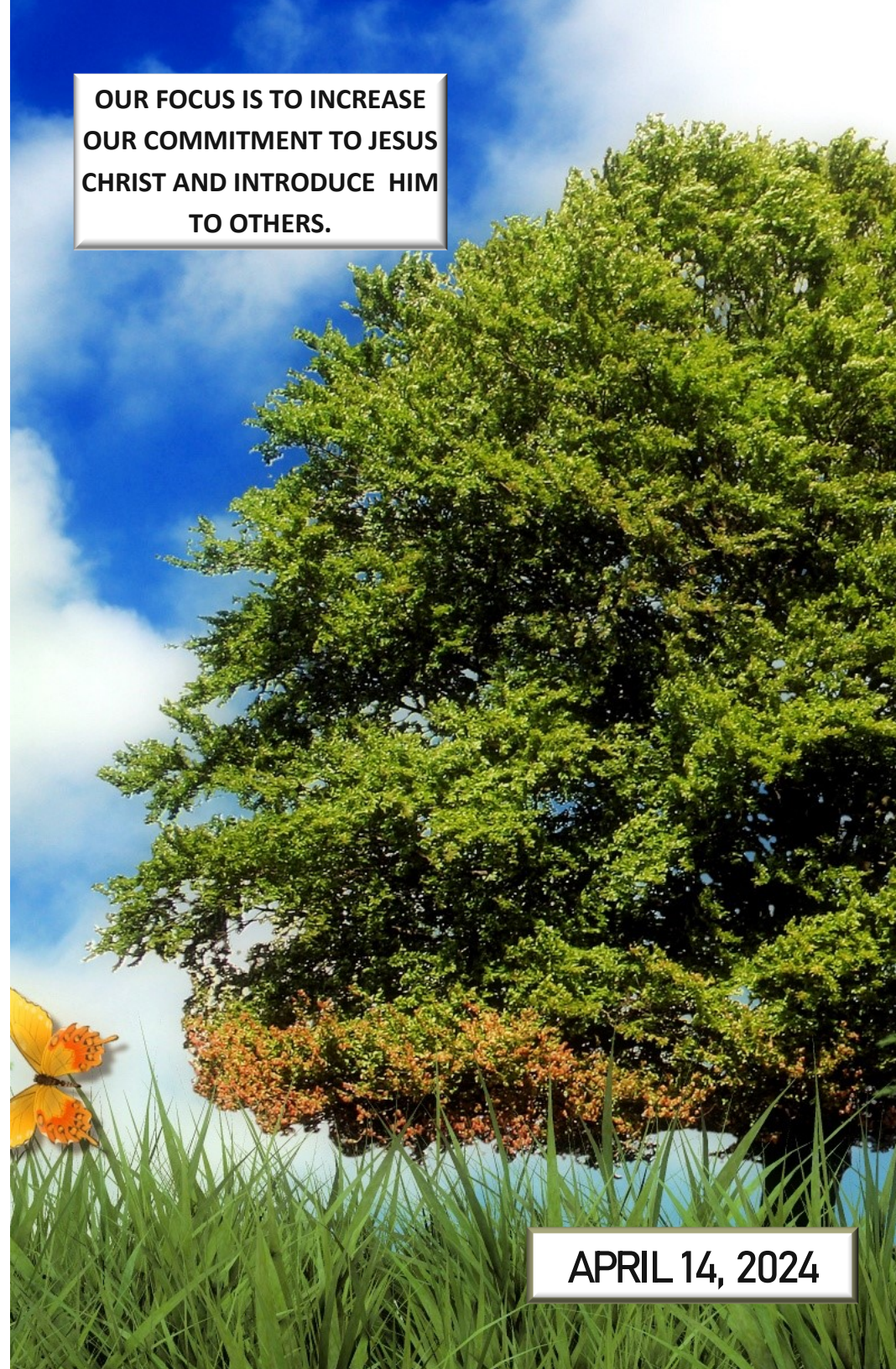
**Missions \$180.00**

**Attendance: 77 (March 31, 2024)**



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

**APRIL 14, 2024**



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
MORNING WORSHIP  
SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024**

**\*GATHERING SONG** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Don Alsept

**OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*GREETING TIME**

**\*PRAISE SONGS** "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"  
"He is Exalted"

**CHILDREN'S PARABLE** Pastor Andrew Shields  
Praying to Have Good Sense to do What is Right  
Psalms 119:73-74  
(sm.513, lg.958)NLT

**MORNING OFFERING**

**PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**MEDITATION** "Have Thine Own Way Lord"

**THE MESSAGE** Pastor Andrew Shields  
Our Planning God/Gives Good Laws (Part 2)  
Psalms 119:143-144, 159-160, 175-176  
(sm.513, lg.958)NLT

**INVITATION AND PRAYER**

**\*SENDING SONG** "Mighty to Save"

**\*BLESSING**

*\*Please stand if able*

**CE Board is accepting donations for the silent auction at the Spaghetti Dinner. Please contact Morgan or Jackee for more details if interested in helping.**

**If you would like to donate a cash amount and unable to attend please go to our website at [firstbaptistli-ma.org](http://firstbaptistli-ma.org) and click on the give button scroll down and click on Stephanie's fundraiser.**



**SATURDAY,  
APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2024  
SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**Fundraiser for Stephanie Shields and Family**  
Stephanie suddenly fell critically ill, and has been in intensive care for weeks. Thanks for the prayers as we are all praying for Stephanie to be healed. We would also like to show love and support in this unsettling season for the family. Our goal is to help them with possible high medical cost and long-term recovery. This event is being sponsored by CE Board.

5:00 p.m. to  
8:30 p.m.

There also will be music and silent donated auction.

Dinner menu is Spaghetti, Breadsticks, Meatball, Side salad, and a side dessert

Tickets for dinner  
Adults \$10

Children (10 & under) \$5

If unable make to the event and want to help, you can donate to ([firstbaptistli-ma.org](http://firstbaptistli-ma.org))

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
451 N. Cable Rd.  
Lima, Ohio 45805

Have any questions please contact  
Morgan Noble 567-371-5827  
Jackie Neal 419-979-8583

VBS will be Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> thru June 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM each evening. We are looking for volunteers at the moment. Please fill out the Volunteer for VBS flyer or contact the office at 419-224-4921 for more information.

We were blessed with an opportunity to "Increase our Commitment to Jesus Christ and introduce him to others."  
Lost Creek Care Center Sunday Ministry Volunteers. This is a wonderful way to serve and those interested please contact the office or reach out to Sue Siesel. Thank you and may God bless us all.

**Congratulations, First Baptist Day Care !**

Co-directors Kassi Bergdall and Michelle Baumgardner and all the staff on achieving a Four Star rating from Ohio **Step Up to Quality (SUTQ)**. It proves that our Day Care is among the best in the state at providing excellent care and education for our kids.

Step Up to Quality recognizes and promotes learning and development programs that meet quality program standards that exceed preschool licensing and school age child care licensing health and safety regulations. Step Up To Quality program standards are based on national research identifying standards which lead to improved outcomes for children. Thank you all for your achievements!

**Summer Bible Camp Scholarships**

\$250.00 scholarships available for Bible Camp.

For more information see our Christian Ed or call the Office.

**Teach Us to Pray**

New Bible Study starting April 17, 2024. During this series we will seek to find practical suggestions on our personal prayer life based on examples from the Bible and upon Jesus's teachings on prayer.

**Our Church**

Church Clerk

**Our World**

Pray for those suffering from hunger and gang violence in Haiti.

**Our Mission Outreach**

Kit Ripley

**Shut-in of the Week**

Marlene Mullenhour - 736 S, Adam Street, Delphos, Ohio 45833

Gene Gilberts 96<sup>th</sup> birthday is on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Please shower him with cards to:  
Wyngate Senior Living -  
1070 Gloria Avenue #125,  
Lima, Ohio 45805.

If you would like to sponsor flowers in memory or honor of a loved one please call the church office at 419-224-4921 or see Marlene Hefner.

**FIRST BAPTIST WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>**

TRUSTEE'S MEETING 11:45 AM (TODAY)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>**

OFFICIAL BOARD 7:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>**

LIMA RESCUE MEAL 5:00 PM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6:15 PM

EPIC YOUTH 6:15 PM

EPIC KIDS 6:15 PM

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>**

PRIMETIMERS 1:00 PM

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>**

RUTH WHITNEY CROCHET 10:00 AM

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>**

MEN'S BREAKFAST 9:00 AM

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER 5:00 PM-8:30 PM

April 2024 Teacher of the month:

**Miss MiyDre'a**



Miss MiyDre'a joined the First Baptist Daycare & Preschool team on February 12, 2024. She graduated from Lima Central Catholic. She is currently attending Apollo Adult Education working towards her Child Development Associate (CDA). Miss MiyDre'a is currently one of our afternoon preschool aides. The children have quickly come to love her and we are thankful to have her on our team. Miss MiyDre'a enjoys art, do-it-yourself projects, and making creative things in her spare time. She does not have any pets. She has an angel baby; Miylee Faye, that would be about 2-years-old. A few fun facts about Miss MiyDre'a are that her favorite color is purple, her favorite treat is chocolate, and she also enjoys drinking Zero Sugar Dr. Pepper. She is also a New Year's Baby (01.01.01), the oldest daughter, niece, and granddaughter in her family. Her lucky number is 1!