

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

REBUILDING

but not a nation...



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

September 6, 2026

First Baptist Church
Morning Worship
Sunday, September 6, 2026

***Gathering Song** **Goodness of God**

Welcome and Announcements **Don Alsept**

Opening Prayer and the LORD's Prayer

***Greeting Time**

***Praise Songs** **Cares Chorus**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Children's Parable **Jackee Neal**

One Plus One Equals Three

Matthew 18:20 (sm. 816, lg. 1510)

Morning Offering

Prayer Concerns and Praises

Morning Prayer

The Message **Pastor Andrew Shields**

Rebuilding, But Not a Nation #2: Rebuilding the Walls

Nehemiah 12 (sm. 413; lg. 770)

Invitation and Prayer

Communion Song **Nothing But the Blood**

**Celebration of the Lord's
Supper**

***Sending Song** **This is Amazing Grace**

***Blessing**

****Please stand if able***

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Our Church

Chair of the Budget/Finance Committee

Our Daycare and Preschool

Ms. Julie

Our World

International Ministries Global Servants and
Missions in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean

Our Mission Outreach

Our Fellowship Fund

Our Shut-In of the Week

Gene Gilbert

Wyngate Senior Living

1070 Gloria Ave Apt #125, Lima OH 45805

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday, September 6th: Today

2pm Jerri Ansley's Celebration of Life

Monday, September 7th

Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8th

6:15pm Christian Ed Board

Wednesday, September 9th

6:15pm Adult Bible Study and EPIC Youth and Kids

Thursday, September 10th

1pm Primetimers

6pm Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 4th

10am Ruth Whitney Ministry

Our Prayer Requests and Praises

- Laura Hawkins – Pray for my family. My mother's Aunt Mamie passed away this week.
- Pray for Kevin Shaw, whose mother Marjorie Shaw passed away on 9/2.
- Dick Meredith – Pray for the family and friends of his cousin Tom Whitaker who passed away.
- Pray for Rad Radford, husband of Pastor Ruby Radford, who is in ICU. He was admitted to the hospital for pneumonia and had a heart attack there, which required heart surgery.
- Continue to pray for the family and friends of Jerri Ansley, especially her husband Tom. Jerri died on 8/14/26 in Tennessee after a battle with Alzheimer's Dementia. Her Celebration of Life will be held here today at 2pm.
- Bridget Kennedy – Pray for Bridget who had a mastectomy on 9/4. Pray for her niece Heather who will have knee surgery and for her sister Shirley.
- Michelle Baumgardner – Pray for a a new job for her and that her upcoming interview goes well. Pray for healing of her kidneys which are only working at 50% currently.
- Chuck Murray – Pray the Lord provides His way.
- Pray for Peggy Cockerell as she discusses next steps with her doctors following a positive biopsy.
- Pastor Andrew Shields – Pray for strength and reduced pain for Stephanie.
- Jeanice Whitaker – Praises and prayer requested for her and her family. Praise baby Simon was discharged!

Our Prayer Requests and Praises

- Pray for an anonymous family.
- Chuck Murray – Pray for headache relief for Renay.
- Pray for Dion, a young boy from Delphos who has had one surgery at Columbus Children's and requires more.
- Marlene Hefner – Pray for her brother, Dan Gracely, who is being treated in Columbus for heart problems.
- Keith Bledsoe – Pray for Jane Ashenfelter. She is home on oxygen and feeling better. Pray for her treatments to work.
- Pray for Emily Kindle's unexplained abdominal pain.
- Pray for Ms. Candy, an FBC daycare teacher.
- Anonymous (Online) – Pray they find a job.
- Tina Hittle – Praise for their anniversary! Pray for her brother who is trying to sell his house.

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

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| • Karol L., cancer | • Angel Music |
| • Josh Vasquez, leukemia (Garcia) | • Sean Sanderfer (Benanzer) |
| • Stanley Sanders (Bridget) | • Jim Miller (Hefner) |
| • Kris (Warden) | • Emily Hall (Tobi and Dara's teacher) |
| • Liz Downey (Warden) | • Cathy (Bridget) |
| • Lynda Rice (Davenport) | • Sarah Fish (Willoughby) |
| • Mary in Phila (Gummel) | • Teresa (Hawkins) |
| • Sheila Schindler | • Nancy Von Almen |
| • (Honegger) | • Carolyn Willoughby |
| • Dick Kuzemchak (Hefner) | • Ricky (Renay Andrews) |

Don't you just love seeing all the kids come forward for the Children's Parable? On any given Sunday, we are blessed to have youth from the youngest of toddlers all the way up to a senior in high school in our sanctuary. As a congregation, we have agreed to support those kids and their parents as they learn about Jesus and grow in their journey of faith and today, you have the opportunity to get even more involved! The Christian Ed Board is looking for additional Sunday School teachers for all age levels of classes! If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Andrew, Jackee Neal, or a member of the CE Board. We cannot do it without you!

You and your family are invited to the Columbus Zoo! We will meet at the zoo on Saturday, September 19th for a fun day of First Baptist Fellowship! The zoo is open from 9am to 5pm. Everyone is responsible for their own transportation, tickets, and food, but we are hoping to have enough people go to get a group rate! More details are coming soon, but if you are interested in learning more or would like to sign up, please complete the bottom portion and put it in the offering!

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We're ready for a roaring good time!

Name: _____

planning to attend: _____





AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF OHIO

200th ANNUAL GATHERING

We are excited to invite you to the 200th Annual Gathering of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio at the beautiful Cherry Valley Hotel, Newark, Ohio on October 6th and 7th.

“Trusting God Who Knows the Future,” based on Isaiah 46:9-10 will be the theme for this year’s Gathering.

We are blessed to have the Reverend Dr. Howard Washington, Senior Pastor of the historic Second Baptist Church of Columbus as our keynote speaker, Adult & Youth Choirs of the Emmanuel Chin Baptist Church of Columbus, Benjamin Payne & Praise Team, recognition of our Ohio Leadership Academy graduates for our Tuesday evening worship service. The Gathering will be an opportunity to celebrate our history, engage in dynamic worship, enjoy rich fellowship & networking, and provide opportunities to develop stronger ministries for the next generation. Several helpful workshops will be provided for local church ministries.

If you are interested in attending the Annual Gathering, please reach out to Pastor Andrew or the church office to find out more about getting registered. A letter with more information is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.



The family of Jerri Ansley invite you to join them in honoring her memory at a Celebration of Life today at 2pm at our church.

On the first Sunday of each month, we emphasize our Fellowship Fund. This offering is for the needs of church and community members as they arise. To contribute to this offering, designate any amount for the Fellowship Fund on your envelope or put cash in the offering plate on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you for supporting our fellow members, friends, and neighbors.

On Wednesday, September 9th, the Adult Bible Study will begin a new Bible study: Focusing on Jesus, Lessons from 1, 2, and 3 John. EPIC Youth and Kids will also be meeting to learn more about Jesus, while having fun. Everyone is welcome to attend and join the discussion! See you there.

It's not too late to join the Pop-Up Choir! We'll rehearse this Thursday at 6pm and help lead worship on 9/27. See Laura Hawkins for more info!



FBC Spotlight: Aubree Knott



Aubree Knott is the nearly 3 year old daughter of Austin and Kristen Knott and twin sister of Allison. Her favorite book is My First Letters and her favorite subject is Baby Shark. She loves to play hide and seek and tag.

Aubree is very creative and is always coming up with ideas. In the future, Aubree cannot wait to start school, but for now she's enjoying the end of summer in the pool and driving power wheels!

Be sure to greet Aubree and her family today!



The Daycare has a little free pantry for nonperishable snacks and meal items. If you would like to help support our Daycare families, please bring donations to the church office on Sunday or during office hours.

Are you ready for Christmas? We need you!



Each year it takes a village of volunteers to get our church looking its best for Advent. This year we're starting early and asking for volunteers to help assess our current decorations and begin planning for new ones. If you love to decorate, have ideas, and/or are willing to help, please contact the church office or speak with Sue Siesel!

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. Thank you 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 LOVING MEMORY OF JERRI ANSLEY.

Office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 10am - 2pm

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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 \$672

Missions \$75

Last week's attendance: 66

Our Website QR Code:

