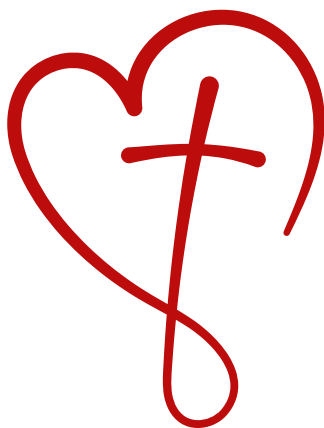


WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

**Oh, the overwhelming,
never-ending, reckless
love of God.**



**How measureless
and strong, it shall
forevermore endure!**

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

September 27, 2026

First Baptist Church
Morning Worship
Sunday, September 27, 2026

***Gathering Song** **Great is the Lord**

Welcome and Announcements **Laura Hawkins**

Opening Prayer and the LORD's Prayer

***Greeting Time**

***Praise Songs** **How Firm a Foundation**
Days of Elijah

Children's Parable **Pastor Andrew Shields**

The Big Big Hug
Isaiah 43:5 (sm. 600; lg. 1116)

Morning Offering

Special Music **He's Everything to Me**

Prayer Concerns and Praises

Morning Prayer

Meditation Song **Love of God**

The Message **Pastor Andrew Shields**

Reckless Love and Love of God
Isaiah 43:1-7 (sm. 600; lg. 1116)

Invitation and Prayer

***Sending Song** **Reckless Love**

***Blessing**

****Please stand if able***

P Our Church

Official Board Congregation Representative

R Our Daycare and Preschool

Ms. Taylor

A Our World

International Ministries Global Servants and Missions in East and South Asia.

F Our Mission Outreach

Guiding Light

O Our Shut-In of the Week

R Rowena Binkley c/o Shawnee Manor
2535 Ft Amanda Rd Room #20, Lima OH 45804

Whenever possible, we reuse bulletin inserts. You are encouraged to take your bulletin home and keep your prayer lists handy! But, if you are planning to toss out your bulletin, toss it on a table in the narthex instead!

Weekly Schedule

Tuesday, September 29th

5pm "Walking the Wards" meeting

Wednesday, September 30th

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

Thursday, October 1st

1pm Primetimers

Friday, October 2nd

10am Ruth Whitney Ministry

Our Prayer Requests and Praises

- Karla Wells – Pray for strength and healing for her sister Ronda.
- Renay Andrews – Pray for her daughter Camilla.
- Jeanice Whitaker – Pray for her testing before surgery and for her surgery and recovery to go well. Pray for her daughter Jenny who has shingles.
- Pray for strength and energy for Susan Pirtle.
- Praise that Bridget Kennedy was able to be in church!
- Jodi Gudakunst – Pray for Barb Gudakunst who had a severe fall and is in a lot of pain. She is recovering at The Springs.
- Pray for Emma's friend Amiah.
- Pray for Diane Sneary and her doctors as they adjust her medication to help her feel better.
- Bridget Kennedy – Praise God took care of her. Continue to pray for her upcoming medical and dental appointments. Pray for her niece Heather.
- Kate Zimmerly – Pray for Kay Moeller as she recovers from knee surgery at Lima Memorial in their rehab unit.
- Kevin Shaw – Thanks to the church for its faithfulness and kindness. Pray for his left hip and kidneys.
- Kyle Kindle – Pray for people to be helped.
- Praise for a good ministry outreach event at the UNOH Welcome Week. Thanks especially to our volunteers!
- Pray for the Daycare, especially for the right staffing and full enrollment.
- Chuck Murray – Praise to the Lord for putting him back together better than before! Pray for his brother Bill and Bill's family.

Our Prayer Requests and Praises

- Continue praying for Jane Ashenfelter and her health.
- Pray for several who are in recovery.
- Prayers for teachers and their students, especially third graders.
- Emma Shields - Pray for the sister of Emma's teacher, Mary, who has tumors in her brain and lungs. Emma's teacher asks that we pray for Mary to know Christ.
- Merediths - Pray for their granddaughter Sydney, for her pregnancy to continue, and for her baby to be healthy.
- Lauers - Pray for their son's friend Ted who has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure.
- Kevin Shaw - Pray for his friend Steve Fry who has Multiple Sclerosis.
- Praise for the continued relationship with the staff at West Middle School.
- Pastor Andrew Shields - Pray for his second cousin Fred who is in hospice care.
- Bridget Kennedy - Continue to pray for Bridget as she recovers from surgery.
- Linda Neely - Pray for her daughter-in-law Brandi Neely who is trying to return to work. Pray for Linda who had a low blood sugar episode and now has to carry a monitor.
- Pray for Rad Radford, husband of Pastor Ruby Radford, who is improving, but has a lot of healing still needed.
- Pastor Andrew Shields - Pray for strength and reduced pain for Stephanie. Pray for Emma's ankles to strengthen and cause her less pain.
- Pray for our church!

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

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

If you have any updates for this list, please share them during prayer time or contact Pastor Andrew or the office.

FBC SPOTLIGHT: XANDER NOBLE



Xander Noble is the 7 year old son of Tyler and Morgan Noble. He is in first grade at Shawnee Elmwood and his favorite subjects are music and gym. He likes playing Mario Cart with his mom. Something special about Xander is the way he interacts with people of all ages at church.

He is friendly and outgoing with everyone. Xander wants to be a police officer when he grow up. Be sure to say hello to Xander and his parents today!

LOOKING AHEAD

- September 29th @5pm: "Walking the Wards" - Mayor Sharetta Smith will hold a meeting for Lima residents living in the 7th ward.
- **October's Mission is Operation Christmas Child. Be on the lookout for more information and shoebox related supplies soon!**
- October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Be sure to let Pastor Andrew know how much we appreciate him and his work each and every day!
- October 4th @7pm: Gomer Congregational Church invites us to join an evening of singing at their annual Welsh Festival of Song. See the flyer in the narthex.
- October 10th @3pm: First Baptist Daycare and Church Meet Up at Suter's Produce in Pandora
- October 17th: Waynesfield Baptist Church invites us to a Gospel Worship Night. Doors open at 5pm with light refreshments available. Worship begins at 6pm. See the flyer in the narthex.
- October 29th @6pm: Trunk or Treat! Please bring in donations of candy and/or non-candy Halloween treats for us to pass out. Everyone is welcome!



The CUP focus for October will be single wrapped toothbrushes and toothpaste!



The Daycare is hosting a STEAM event for Daycare families on October 8th. If you would be willing to donate cookies or brownies for their meal, please contact Laura Hawkins or Morgan Noble!

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.

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

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 \$3,047

Missions \$255

Last week's attendance: 78

Our Website QR Code:

