WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

*Gathering Song — Come Now is the Time to Worship

Welcome and Announcements — Dick Meredith

Opening Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Greeting Time

*Praise Songs — I Come to the garden
Jesus, Rock of Ages

Children's Parable — Pastor Andrew Shields
Questions From Those Who are Unsure
Mark 6:2-3a (sm. 834; lg. 1544)

Morning Offering

Prayer Concerns and Praises

Morning Prayer

The Message — Pastor Andrew Shields
Jesus Receives Mixed Reviews:
Easily Offended Hometown
Mark 6:1-6 (sm. 834; lg. 1544)

Invitation and Prayer

Communion Song — Break Now the Bread of Life

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Sending Song — I'll Fly Away

*Blessing

**Please stand if able*

PRAY FOR

Our Church

Congregational Representative of the Official Board

Our World

For all to know peace and hope of Christ.

Our Mission Outreach

Our Fellowship Fund

Our Shut-in of the Week

Gene Gilbert
Wyngate Senior Living
1070 Gloria Ave Apt #125
Lima, Ohio 45805

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 6th

5:00pm	Diaconate Board

Wednesday, January 7th

5:30pm	Prayer Time
6:15pm	Adult Bible Study
6:15pm	EPIC Youth and Kids

Thursday, January 8th

1:00pm	Primetimers

Friday, January 9th

10:00am	Ruth Whitney Ministry

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Kristen Knott - Pray for her aunt who is in the hospital with multiple health concerns.

Pray for Nancy and Tim Miller who are both recovering from surgery. Tim had a hip replacement and Nancy had a tumor removed from her spine.

Dianne Sneary - Pray for her grandson Justin who was in a car accident over a month ago and is being referred to a neurologist.

Bridget Kennedy - Praise she had a better week. Pray for her staff and her relationships with them. Pray for her sister Shirley who has shoulder problems, sister Sue, and niece Kayleigh.

Dameer Relford (guest pianist) - Praise that his son Kendrick who was born in April with a congenital heart defect is growing like a typical, happy little boy. Thank you for all your prayers.

Bruce Wells - Thank you for praying for their granddaughter Sonia who was diagnosed with cancer and has had extensive surgery. She finished radiation, but may have to have chemo and has a lot of recovery ahead of her, so please keep praying.

Kate Zimmerly - Pray for Kay Moeller who had surgery in Columbus on 12/30. Please pray for her recovery and any further treatment that may be required.

Susan Pirtle - Pray for Tom Reynolds, the husband of her college roommate. He is recovering from surgery to repair a broken hip.

Don Alsept - Praise his daughter Tracy is back in Lima and getting the help she needs. Pray for their extended family who are sick.

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Mindy Alsept - Pray for her nephew Daniel Osborn who had shoulder surgery scheduled this week.

Praise for the support of the Youth Bake Sale!

Seth M (Online) - Pray for the Lord to direct his path.

Ruben (Online) - Pray for the Lord's guidance and protection.

Honeggers - Pray for their family member Rory who has cancer.

Herb Lauer - Pray for his brother John.

Hawkins - Pray for Joyce Owens, the wife of Ida's cousin Don, who fell and broke her hip. Praise that she came through surgery well, but continue to pray as she transitions to rehab.

Pray for Martha Warden and Barb and Ralph Stelzer.

Praise that Gene Gilbert was able to come to church.

Jodi Gudakunst - Pray for Steve as he recovers from back surgery, which went well, on 12/10. He's in pain, but in good spirits.

Praise for progress in Jerry Siesel's cardiac rehabilitation.

Roy Garcia - Pray for his sister, Mary Thorpe, who has heart issues.

Mindy Alsept - Pray for her niece's husband who had a possible heart attack or stroke at a family party.

Marlene Hefner - Continue to pray for Don Lohr. He's still on chemo and doing less well than he was in the fall.

Stephanie Shields - Pray for her family, especially her cousin Philip Wagner in Wisconsin and Uncle Mike in West Virginia.

On the first Sunday of each month, we emphasize the Fellowship Fund. This offering is for the needs of church and community member as they arise. To contribute to this offering, designate an amount for the Fellowship Fund on your envelope or put cash in the offering plate on the first Sunday of each month.

Would you like to join the church prayer chain?

You can receive prayer requests through text, email, or a phone call from another member of the church. Make a note on your Get Connected slip if you would like to be added and how you would like to be contacted.

We'll put out an updated prayer chain list soon.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

LOOKING AHEAD:

>January 7th at 5:30pm: All are welcome as we meet to pray over the requests received from our "Wrapping Things Up in Prayer" Christmas Tree Festival tree. Stay for Bible Study as we continue to study the book of Luke. There will be cookies and coffee!

>January 31st: Kit Ripley will offer a free mission immersion workshop and share about using the creative arts with survivors of trauma in northern Thailand as an International Ministries Global Servant. More information soon.

FBC Spotlight: Karlyn Lauer

Karlyn Lauer is great at getting people to volunteer, mainly because she is an excellent volunteer herself. She is always thinking of some new thing we could do and always willing to put in the work to make the idea happen or help however she can. She is a joy to work with.

At church she has served in many ways, including as a driving force of the Worship Arts Committee and a valuable member of the Diaconate. She leads our Bible Study, providing an excellent example of the importance of studying the Bible, how to study it, and sometimes that it is okay to just admit we do not have all the answers. She has crocheted numerous blankets for the Ruth Whitney Ministry. She heads our funeral dinner committee and has cooked countless dishes for Pastors' Association dinners, Rescue Mission Meals, International Dinners, and more. She also volunteers in the community and is a familiar, friendly face at the Allen County Museum.

Karlyn's faith shines through everything she does and we are blessed to have her as a member of our congregation.

Thank you so much, Karlyn!

The Daycare has started a Little Free Pantry for the Daycare families. If you would like to contribute any nonperishable food and snacks, please bring them to the church office on Sunday or during office hours.

The Church United Pantry (CUP) focus for January is Body Soap.

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.

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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.

Cover picture courtesy of Laura Hawkins.

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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 $2091.05

Missions $1141

Attendance: 62 (December 28, 2025)