

**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.:** 2-4 year old's in the "The Big Room." Elementary is in **Class Room #12.** (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.

**The flowers adorning the sanctuary today are given by the Willoughby children in loving memory of their mother, Wilhelmina "Willie" Willoughby.**

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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 \$4,883**

**Missions \$130**

**Attendance: 65 (July 13, 2025)**



***WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH***

***WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!***

# Acts 10

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

**July 20, 2025**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
MORNING WORSHIP  
SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025**

**\*GATHERING SONG** GREAT IS THE LORD  
**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** DICK MEREDITH  
**MISSION SPOTLIGHT** RICHARD WAHL, THE GIDEONS  
**OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**  
**\*GREETING TIME**  
**\*PRAISE SONGS** HE TOUCHED ME  
GLORIOUS DAY (LIVING HE LOVED ME)  
**CHILDREN'S PARABLE** PASTOR ANDREW SHIELDS  
GOD SAID, THESE STRANGERS ARE SAFE.  
ACTS 10:19B-20  
(SM. 914, LG. 1693 NLT)  
**MORNING OFFERING**  
**PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES**  
**MORNING PRAYER**  
**MEDITATION SONG** ARE YE ABLE  
**THE MESSAGE** PASTOR ANDREW SHIELDS  
CORNELIUS' MEN FIND PETER  
ACTS 10:17-23  
(SM. 914, LG. 1693 NLT)  
**INVITATION AND PRAYER**  
**\*SENDING SONG** DAYS OF ELIJAH  
**\*BLESSING**

*\*Please stand if able*

**FBC SPOTLIGHT: RALPH STELZER**

Our congregation is blessed by the membership of Ralph Stelzer. He is a fount of knowledge about our church history and also of its building and design. You will usually find him checking the doors are locked and lights are out after the worship service each week. We're grateful for all of his service over the years and the countless ways he has helped the church.  
**Be sure to greet Ralph today!**

**Music In The Park**

On Sunday, July 27th, Westminster, Ohio will host Music In The Park from 11am - 4pm. Their purpose is to praise God in song and worship in an outdoor setting. This year they are welcoming The Chitans and Sidewalk Prophets. There will be a car show and inflatable fun for kids. Free food and water will be provided and they suggest you bring your own lawn chair or blanket. For more information, see the flyer on the board in the narthex or check out their website:

MusicInThePark.info.

*Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His  
salvation day after day. Psalm 96:2*

**Don't forget to join us for Bible Study each  
Wednesday at 6:15 in the Fellowship Hall.  
This month we're discussing faith, using  
Hebrews 11 as our guide. See you there!**

## LOOKING AHEAD:

**August 10th: After worship, we'll meet at West Middle School to pray for their school year. Lima City Schools start August 13th!**

**August 14th: Daycare will host a swim party at Wapakoneta Waterpark at 6pm. Be sure to bring drinks and a snack to share!**

**August 17th: Back to School Celebration and Church Picnic. More details soon!**

**October 7th-8th: ABC Ohio Annual Gathering at The Cherry Valley Hotel in Newark, Ohio. See Pastor Andrew or call the office for more information.**

### First Baptist Daycare and Preschool

Teacher of the month: Miss Alivia

Miss Alivia joined the First Baptist Daycare & Preschool team on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025. She attended Shawnee High School. She is also a graduate of Ohio State University. Miss Alivia is spending her summer with us and then will return to Lima West Middle School where she is an Intervention Specialist and has been teaching for one year. She has been an amazing sub already! She prefers the older children, but is able to step in any classroom with any age group and do her thing! Miss Alivia enjoys reading and watching TV as she cuddles her boyfriend and puppy while binge watching Grey's Anatomy in her spare time. She does not have any children of her own, but she does have a Leopard Gecko named Alfredo. He is about a year and a half old. She also has a puppy named Ellis. A few fun facts about Miss Alivia are that her favorite color is green, her favorite treats are Reese Sticks and Peanut M & M's, and she also enjoys drinking Code red Mountain Dew.



### Our Church

Official Board - Member at Large

### Our World

Pray for the families impacted by the flooding and fires.

### Our Mission Outreach

The Gideons International

### Shut-in of the Week

Ron Hawkins

883 W. Spring St. Apt. #308B, Lima OH 45805

### FIRST BAPTIST WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23rd

Bible Study 6:15 pm

EPIC Youth and Kids 6:15 pm

#### THURSDAY, JULY 24th

Primetimers 1:00 pm

#### FRIDAY, JULY 25th

Ruth Whitney Ministry 10:00 am

#### SUNDAY, JULY 27th

Special music by EZ & Company during the worship service

### Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Mallory (Campbell) Andrews - Pray for her and her family after the loss of her sister, Tonya Bearden.

Susan Pirtle - Pray for her as she deals with mobility limitations and falling.

Bridget Kennedy - Pray for her as she did not have a good week and she is having trouble with the staff at her home. Her sister Shirley is having trouble with her legs and her sister Sue is having shoulder and back issues.

Luke Wyrick - Pray for his roommate, Jack Morgan, and Jack's father who is recovering after being injured in a bike accident.

Olivia Shields - Pray for her to feel at peace this summer.

Mindy Alsept - Praise that she's healing and praise that God is always in control and good all the time.

Jeanice Whitaker - Pray for her mother, Pat, who is having heart issues.

Tom Honegger - Pray for his cousin's baby who was born at 2 lbs.

Pray for Leslie, a friend from the Gideon's, who is dealing with severe depression and anxiety.

Pray for many people to join us at church.

Pray for Teresa who lost her mom.

Andrew Shields - Praise that Stephanie is home and feeling better after a quick admission to the hospital.

Roy Garcia - Praise that he got a good report from the doctor.

Pray for those affected by flooding in Texas and New Mexico.

Pray for travel mercies for many.

Alice - Praise that she got her new fridge.

Herb Lauer - Pray for his brother, John, who is starting a new treatment for cancer.

Bruce Wells - Pray for Mary Wilkins who is having surgery.

John Music - Pray for his sister, Angel Music, who has cancer. John's wife's step-father recently passed away; please pray for their family.

Keith Bledsoe - Recovering from hernia surgery.

### Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Linda Neely - Many family and work related prayer requests and praises. Please keep her daughter-in-law, Brandi Neely, in prayer as she goes to Cleveland Clinic on August 14th to see a specialist in Functional Neurological Disorder for a second opinion. Praise that Linda's cancer screenings have been negative.

Don Alsept - Praise for vacation. Pray for Mindy's knee to heal.

Maddie, Emily, and Kyle Kindle - Prays for Mindy to get well.

Barb Stelzer - Pray for Patty Reed, friend of the church and neighbor of the Shields, who had a stroke. Praises that she is home now, but continue to pray for her recovery.

Pray for the Sneary family.

Pray for Tom and Jerri Ansley.

Pray that everyone is able to stay cool in the weather and has a safe summer.

#### **Continued prayers for cancer and ongoing health concerns:**

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| • Karol L., cancer                   | • Sean Sanderfer (Norma Benanzer)      |
| • Josh Vasquez, leukemia (Garcia)    | • Dick (Jim Hefner's friend)           |
| • Kevin Clark (Mathewson)            | • Jim Miller (Jim Hefner's friend)     |
| • Carolyn (Tim's sister-in-law)      | • Emily Hall (Tobi and Dara's teacher) |
| • Helena Winkler                     | • Tom and Beck Dickinson               |
| • Stanley (Bridget's nephew)         | • Cathy (Bridget's niece)              |
| • Don Lohr (Marlene's bonus brother) | • Sarah Fish (Tim Willoughby)          |
| • Kris and Lizzy Downey (Warden)     | • Pat Wilson (Tim Willoughby)          |
| • Lynda Rice (Nancy Davenport)       | • Dana Gambrel                         |
| • Mark Coy (Brent Jones)             | • Teresa (L Hawkins)                   |
| • Mary in Phila (C&J Gummel)         | • Angel Music                          |
| • Virginia Kirtland (Warden)         | • David Elwood (L. Hawkins)            |
| • Brian Hollar, cancer (Fenton)      |  |