

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.**

MAY 17, 2026

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026**

***GATHERING SONG**

SPIRIT OF GOD IN THE CLEAR RUNNING WATER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS KEITH BLEDSOE

OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***GREETING TIME**

***PRAISE SONGS**

**MORE LOVE, MORE POWER
EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT**

CHILDREN'S PARABLE

ANDREW GLEASON

PARABLE OF THE FARMER SCATTERING SEEDS

MATTHEW 13:19-23 (SM. 811; LG. 1500)

MORNING OFFERING

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES

MORNING PRAYER

MEDITATION SONG

COME HOLY SPIRIT

THE MESSAGE

PASTOR ANDREW SHIELDS

ACCEPTING JESUS AND HIS COMMANDS

JOHN 14:15-24 (SM. 896; LG. 1661)

INVITATION AND PRAYER

***SENDING SONG**

MY LIFE IS IN YOU LORD

***BLESSING**

****PLEASE STAND IF ABLE***

**P
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A
Y**

Our Church

Board of Christian Education

Our Daycare and Preschool

Miss Billie

Our World

Brothers and sisters in Christ affected by war and conflict

**F
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Our Mission Outreach

Buckeye Mission and Ministry Offering

Our Shut-in of the Week

Sally Goodwin

Shawnee Manor

2535 Ft Amanda Rd #26

Lima OH 45804

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

11:45am Trustees

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH

5:30pm Official Board

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH

4:30pm Rescue Mission Meal

6:15pm Adult Bible Study

6:15pm EPIC Youth and Kids

THURSDAY, MAY 21ST

1:00pm Primetimers

6:30pm Daycare Preschool Graduation

FRIDAY, MAY 22ND

10:00am Ruth Whitney Ministry

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD

9:00am Church Spring Workday

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH

Stay after church for Olivia Shields' graduation party!

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Mindy and Don Alsept - Praise for their visit to the Springs and their conversations with Richard and Daniel. Travel mercies for Patti, Laura, and Julie.

Pray for all the graduates, especially Olivia and Brianna.

Bruce Wells - Praise that Sonia continues to recover.

Tobi and Dara Gbadegeshin - Pray for their teacher, Mr. Wayne, who has lung cancer.

Bridget Kennedy - Pray for the family of her friend whose mom died. Praise for her move went well. Pray for her family.

Herb and Karlyn Lauer - Thank you for all the prayers for Herb.

Keith Bledsoe - Pray for his friend who has bone marrow cancer.

Chuck Murray - Pray for wisdom, guidance, knowledge, and understanding of the Lord.

Emily Kindle - Pray for people who are struggling and for peace.

Heather Patrick - Pray for her sister's father-in-law, Randy Clark, who was diagnosed with an aggressive leukemia and given a life expectancy of 12-18 months. Pray for Randy and the family.

Laura Hawkins - Pray for Madi Harris.

Emily Kindle - Pray for her to find different housing.

Kristen Knott - Praise that her aunt does not have cancer.

Linda Neely - Pray for daughter-in-law Brandi who is back on medical leave. She has been diagnosed with fibromyalgia.

Pray for strength and healing for Sally Goodwin.

Pray for Candy who fell and hurt her knee. Pray for Teresa's leg.

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Pray for Mindy's back and for Josh Hittle who is having health concerns. Pray for Mindy's friend Rachel whose step-sister passed away.

Jeanice Whitaker - Pray for their family. Praise that baby Simon is up to 8 lbs and doing well in the NICU.

Pray for the friends and family of Shane, who was involved in a car accident and passed away.

Pastor Andrew Shields - Praise that David Trost is out of isolation. Pray for healing and pain relief for Stephanie.

Susan Pirtle - Pray for Susan and her family, especially her sister-in-law, Bonnie. Her brother Thomas Snyder passed away 4/25.

Pray for Rob Rigali who has lung cancer.

Mindy Alsept - Pray for Kathy, Josh Hittle's mom's recovery. Pray for Bella and Adam's dad's dad who had open heart surgery.

Keith Bledsoe - His nephew Joe and ex-wife Linda both passed away. Pray for Keith and his family, especially his daughter, Rita Taylor, and her family.

Robert Hutchinson - Pray for his brother Harold's breathing issues and for Harold's wife Tammy's parents' medical issues.

Dianne Sneary - Pray for her daughter and her grandson to find good housing solutions for their families.

Chuck Murray - Pray for his sister Jodi and her family. Pray for guidance and understanding. Pray for his brother's wife Laurel.

Ann Schroeder - Pray for Mike D., Deb Pitson, and Heather Stelzer who have medical concerns.

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

- Karol L., cancer
- Josh Vasquez, leukemia (Garcia)
- Stanley Sanders (Bridget)
- Kris and Lizzy Downey (Warden)
- Lynda Rice (Nancy Davenport)
- Mary in Phila (C&J Gummel)
- David Elwood (L. Hawkins)
- Sheila and Ron Schindler, cancer (Honegger)
- Dick Kuzemchak (J. Hefner)
- Sean Sanderfer (Norma Benanzer)
- Marjorie Shaw
- Jim Miller (J. Hefner)
- Emily Hall (Tobi and Dara's teacher)
- Tom and Beck Dickinson
- Cathy (Bridget's niece)
- Sarah Fish (Tim Willoughby)
- Pat Wilson (Tim Willoughby)
- Teresa, cancer (L Hawkins)
- Angel Music
- Nancy Von Almen
- David Trost, cancer (Shields) - out of isolation
- Carolyn Willoughby, leukemia

If you have any updates about anyone listed above, please write them on your Get Connected slip, contact Pastor Andrew, or contact the office.

PRAY

WITHOUT CEASING

1 Thessalonians 5:17

FBC Spotlight: Brianna Patrick



Brianna Patrick, daughter of Brandon and Heather, graduates from Temple Christian this month. She plans to attend Ohio Northern University to major in exercise science. She loves soccer and her favorite school subject is anatomy. She often runs

the video stream on Sunday mornings and passes the microphone during prayer time.

Bri tries hard and excels in everything she puts her mind to. One accomplishment that is truly amazing was completing a 50 mile race (that's not a typo)! Be sure to say hello and congratulations to Brianna today.



Whenever possible, the office reuses bulletin inserts. We encourage you to take your bulletin home and keep your prayer lists handy, but if you are planning to toss out your bulletin, please toss it on a table in the narthex instead!

BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday at 6:15pm

Do you know the basics of your faith? How well do you understand what you believe? Do you need a refresher or perhaps a little deeper understanding of the fundamentals of our faith? On May 20th, the Adult Bible Study will begin a new series titled "Basics of the Faith." Please come and share your knowledge and understanding. EPIC Youth and Kids will also meet.



LOOKING AHEAD:

>May 21st at 6:30pm: Daycare PreK Graduation

>May 23rd from 9am - noon: Everyone is invited to the Church Spring Workday. We'll be sprucing up the church by planting, cleaning, mulching, painting, and more. Pray for good weather and plan to be there! Come at 8:30 for coffee and donuts!

>May 24th: The Shields family invites you to stay after church and help celebrate Olivia who graduates from Lima Senior on May 23rd.

>May 26th: Summer Office Hours begin! Tuesday - Thursday, 10a - 2p

>May 30th: Dan and Jeanice Whitaker are celebrating their 50th anniversary with a vow renewal at 1:30pm and with food and fellowship to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Kindly contact Jeanice to RSVP. They request no gifts, please.

>June 24th - 26th: Vacation Bible School! Come have fun and learn about David and Goliath!

**The Churches United Pantry
(CUP) focus for May is lotion.**

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: Each Sunday at 9:30, the Adult Bible Review meets :
: in the Parlor to discuss the previous week's :
: sermon and scripture. It is another chance to :
: reflect on the Word of God and apply it to our lives. :
:.....

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). 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: Monday - Thursday 10am - 1pm

Church Office: 419-224-4921

Email: FirstBaptistLima@gmail.com

Website: FirstBaptistLima.org

Pastor Andrew Shields' email: awshields1975@icloud.com

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 \$912

Missions \$118

Last week's attendance: 98

Our Website QR Code:





FIRST BAPTIST VBS

JUNE 24TH, 25TH, & 26TH

TIME: 6PM TO 8 PM

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THREE NIGHTS OF GAMES, CRAFTS, BIBLE STORY, AND OF COURSE, **FUN** AS WE LEARN ABOUT KING DAVID!

SNACK IS PROVIDED!

AGES 4 TO 10 (OLDER KIDS CAN VOLUNTEER TO HELP!)

BRING **CAN GOODS, SOUPS, AND BOXED FOODS LIKE MACARONI AND CHEESE** TO DONATE FOR C.U.P.

NAME: _____

AGE: _____

RSVP BY JUNE 14TH, 2026



FIRST BAPTIST VBS

JUNE 24TH, 25TH, & 26TH

TIME: 6PM TO 8 PM

We need volunteers for VBS! Anyone 11 years old and up is eligible to join in the fun! Please complete this form and put it in the offering plate, then plan to attend the volunteer meeting on **Sunday, June 14th** in the Fellowship Hall right after church!

I AM WILLING TO VOLUNTEER FOR VBS:

Group leader

Music

Registration

crafts

Story

snacks

Games

As Needed

Other: _____

NAME: _____

2026 Buckeye Mission and Ministry Offering

200 Years

Celebrating

1826

2026

Isaiah 46:9-10

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Region Ministry Team: The ABC/Ohio staff are experienced and prepared ministry leaders who serve clergy and churches as coaches and consultants in a variety of ministries including congregational transformation, placement, and ministry resources.



Leadership Development: The Ohio Leadership Academy provides a three-year structured learning opportunity to increase and sharpen leadership and ministry skills for the local church.



Student-Youth Ministries: With determination to raise up new generations of disciples and church leaders. ABC Ohio provides and supports a variety of opportunities including youth events, summer camps, workshops, support for youth workers and Next Generation Ministry Grants to local churches and associations.



Congregational Development – Transformation: With a commitment to congregational health, ABC/Ohio provides a number of resources to transform churches into ministries that will impact the world for Christ.



Pastoral Placement: The ABC/Ohio staff uses proven and effective resources as they consult with church search committees to discern new ministry direction and call new pastors.



Ministry Gatherings: Several times each year, ABC/Ohio offers ministry gatherings that provide fellowship, inspiration, learning from nationally-known experts, and opportunities to increase ministry capacity.



Ministry Resources: ABC/Ohio manages and awards ministry grants and scholarships for new ministries and outdoor ministries. The staff connects churches with cutting-edge ministry resources.

ARMS: ABC/Ohio commissioned a team of highly qualified Associate Regional Ministers who have agreed to make monthly contacts with solo and senior pastors throughout the region, offering encouragement and providing prayer support. A Youth Ministry ARM is also working with staff to coordinate student ministries in the region. Additional ARMs will be added to the ABC/Ohio team as needed.

For these and other ministry services provided by ABC/Ohio call the Region office at 740.587.0804, or check the website at

www.abc-ohio.org