

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

Do not conform to the
pattern of this world,
but be transformed
by the renewing of
your mind.

Romans 12:2



November 2, 2025

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

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025**

***GATHERING SONG SING UNTO THE LORD A NEW SONG**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS KEITH BLEDSOE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

***GREETING TIME**

***PRAISE SONGS TO GOD BE THE GLORY
DOXOLOGY (GOD BE PRAISED)**

**CHILDREN'S PARABLE PASTOR ANDREW SHIELDS
YOU AND I, AND YOU AND YOU,
CAN BE ONE, THROUGH JESUS
JOHN 17:20-21 (SM. 898, LG. 1666 NLT)**

MORNING OFFERING

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES

MORNING PRAYER

**THE MESSAGE PASTOR ANDREW SHIELDS
CULTURE WAR JESUS #2**

**COMMUNION OF BELIEVERS OR POLITICAL PARTY?
JOHN 17:13-26 (SM. 898, LG. 1666)**

INVITATION AND PRAYER

COMMUNION SONG NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***SENDING SONG PASS IT ON**

***BLESSING**

****PLEASE STAND IF ABLE***

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Our Church

Nominating Committee

Our World

Caribbean Islands affected by Hurricane
Melissa

Our Mission Outreach

Fellowship Fund

Our Shut-in of the Week

Janice Wooldridge

Primrose

3500 W Elm St Apt #134

Lima, Ohio 45807

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

Election Day

Diaconate

5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

Bible Study

6:15 pm

EPIC Youth and Kids

6:15 pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

Primetimers

1:00 pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

Ruth Whitney Ministry

10:00 am

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

Daycare Spaghetti Dinner

5:30 pm

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Pray for the work of the nominating committee and the trustees who are seeking a new insurer for the church.

Praise that Stephanie Shields is home and is stronger.

Laura Hawkins - Praise that Ida Sensel-Hawkins is home and doing much better.

Jeanice Whitaker - Continue to pray for Kailynn Stacey. She has medical tests in Columbus this month.

Bridget Kennedy - Pray that the arthritis in her ankle would ease so she can be more active this week. Pray for her sisters Sue and Shirley and for her nephew Jeremy.

Bruce Wells - Pray for granddaughter Sonia who started radiation. She will receive this treatment five times a week for six weeks. She is asking for prayer to stay strong and keep her spirits high.

Ed Elchert - Continue to pray for his sister Nancy VonAlmen who is finally home after a knee replacement, but dealing with a bad cold.

Keith Bledsoe - Pray for comfort for his nephew Joseph who has broken bones and breathing issues after a fall.

Tim Miller - His friend Paul Lee has passed away. Pray for Paul's family and friends, especially the Spencerville Fire Department who will miss his leadership.

Our Prayer Requests & Praises

Karlyn Lauer - Pray for Herb's brother John.

Judy Fenton - Pray for her friend Deb Neely who fell and fractured her hip.

Mindy Alsept - Pray for her nephew Josh's diabetes tests and that the insurance approves her brother Tim's doctor's orders. Praise that their daughter Tracy is home and please continue to pray for her.

Pray for the family and friends of John Wooldridge who passed away on 10/17. Pray especially for his wife Janice.

Pray for the friends and family of Wayne Gullett who passed away from cancer at the age of 39.

Anonymous Online Request: Pray for God to restore vision and give their eyes new life and perfect sight after glaucoma.

Continued prayers for cancer and ongoing health concerns:

- Karol L., cancer
- Josh Vasquez, leukemia (Garcia)
- Helena Winkler
- Stanley (Bridget's nephew)
- Don Lohr (Marlene's bonus brother)
- Kris and Lizzy Downey (Warden)
- Lynda Rice (Nancy Davenport)
- Mark Coy (Brent Jones)
- Mary in Phila (C&J Gummel)
- Virginia Kirtland (Warden)
- David Elwood (L. Hawkins)
- Sheila and Ron Schindler, cancer (Honegger)
- Dick (Jim Hefner's friend)
- Sean Sanderfer (Norma Benanzer)
- Jim Miller (Jim Hefner's friend)
- Emily Hall (Tobi and Dara's teacher)
- Tom and Beck Dickinson
- Cathy (Bridget's niece)
- Sarah Fish (Tim Willoughby)
- Pat Wilson (Tim Willoughby)
- Dana Gambrel
- Teresa, cancer (L Hawkins)
- Angel Music
- Brandi Neely
- Sonia, cancer (Wells)
- Adam Rentz (Daycare)

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Psalm 100:1

On Christmas Eve, the First Baptist Christmas Choir will be singing Christmastime by Michael W. Smith and Joanna Carlson.

Who is the Christmas Choir, you might be asking? **YOU ARE!**

The melody is a blend of a catchy new song and a classic carol that will be easy to pick up. We will be singing with a recording that you will be able to practice with on your own, in between the two rehearsals we will be scheduling soon. If you are interested in joining us as we make a “joyful noise” this Christmas, please contact Laura or Karlyn.

We cannot wait to hear from you!



LOOKING AHEAD:

>November 8th: The Daycare will host a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser to benefit the family of Adam Rentz, a daycare dad who was in a near fatal accident in September. Tickets are \$10. See Morgan or Kassi in the Daycare for tickets and more information.

>November 16th: First Baptist Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner after worship. RSVP today!

>November 25th: Daycare's Thanksgiving Dinner

>December 2nd at 6pm: Hanging of the Greens

>December 3rd at 6:30pm: First Baptist Daycare and Preschool Christmas Program

FBC Spotlight: Jackee Neal

Jackee has been attending First Baptist Church since she was two weeks old. As a life long member, she has been involved in many ways over the years and currently serves as Director of Christian Education. Jackee works with our youth of all ages and they all love her. This vocation to work with youth has also led her to being a beloved teacher in the First Baptist Day Care and a coach and judge for area youth boxing.

Jackee brings fun and spontaneity to everything she does. We're lucky to have her a member of our congregation.

Thanks, Jackee, for all you do!

Our Mission spotlight this month is Thanksgiving Gift Cards. We hope to be able to help as many families as possible purchase their Thanksgiving Dinners with a \$50 gift card from our church. Our goal is twelve cards or \$600. You can help by praying the recipients and designating part of your missions offering for Thanksgiving gift cards. If you have questions, see Beth Sanders or Sue Siesel, or call the office.

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

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 - The flowers adorning the Sanctuary today are given in the glory of God by **Elnora Horn and Beth Peters in loving memory of Grady Horn**.
If you would like to sponsor flowers for the sanctuary, please contact the church office.

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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 \$6,483

Missions \$75

Attendance: 62 (October 26, 2025)

