

# First Baptist Church St. Paris



Annual Report 2024

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ST. PARIS, OHIO  
OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBERS

2025

OFFICERS

Moderator	Larry Smith	2027
Vice-Moderator	Daniel George	2027
Church Clerk	Yvette Clutter	2025
Treasurer/Financial Secretary	Jeff McCulla	2025

BOARD OF DEACONS & DEACONESSES

Member	Clay Ruffner (Deacon)	2025	Member	Ron Massie (Deacon)	2026
Member	Open (Deacon)	2025	Member	Jeff McCulla (Deacon)	2027
Member	Sue Clutter (Deaconess)	2025	Member	Ken McDonald (Deacon)	2027
Member	Bonnie Bayham (Deaconess)	2026	Member	Open (Deaconess)	2027
Member	Larry Smith (Deacon)	2026			

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Member	Clay Ruffner	2025	Member	Shannon George	2026
Member	Kathy Smith	2025	Member	Rusty Strader	2027
Member	George Bayham	2026	Member	Calvin Clutter	2027

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Member	Joyce Oder	2025	Member	Yvonne Ruffner	2026
Member	Aleesha Spence	2025	Member	Leta McCulla	2027
Member	Sue Mitchell	2026	Member	Open	2027

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Member	Ron Dayton	2025	Member	Yvette Clutter	2026
Member	Sara Newman	2025	Member	Karyl Strader	2027
Member	Shannon George	2026	Member	Sukanya Dare	2027

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION (WBA)

Trustee	Open	2025
Trustee	Ken McDonald	2026

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Pastor	Deacon Chair/ Representative
Moderator	Trustee Chair/ Representative
Vice-Moderator	Christian Ed Chair/ Representative
Clerk	Missions Chair/ Representative
Treasurer-Financial Secretary	ABWM President/ Representative
Member at Large:	Terri Henson

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
COMMITTEES FOR 2025

(All committee assignments are for one year unless otherwise specified)

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Jeff McCulla  
Barb McDonald  
Shannon George

DECORATING COMMITTEE

Larry Smith  
Kathy Smith

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Dale Crutchfield  
Terri Henson  
Daniel George

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Joyce Bowlin  
Patty Hershberger  
Sara Newman

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Pastor Paul Mitchell	2025
Leta McCulla	2026
Karyl Strader	2026
Calvin Clutter	2027

FEDERATION OF CHURCHES REPRESENTATIVES

Joyce Bowlin  
Lisa Copes  
Emmaline Burnett

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Appointed in July

PASTORAL RELATIONS/PULPIT COMMITTEE

Deacon Chairman	
Dan George	2025
Shannon Monaghan	2025
Larry Smith	2026
Open	2026
Bonnie Bayham	2027

USHERS COMMITTEE

George Bayham, Chairman  
Arthur Bovey, Vice Chairman

## Pastor Jeremy's Annual Report 2024

Another year and another time to explore what God has done in His church known as First Baptist Church St. Paris. The purpose of the report you are reading is to make note of the happenings of the church each year in a way so we can celebrate the blessings and be reminded that God is always good, all the time! 2024 for FBC St. Paris has been a great year as we continue to seek the Lord and His vision for our church.

### A Brief Look Forward

Before we go back to see what has taken place in our church spare me a few moments to have us look forward. Each year I try to discern, alongside our boards and teams, how we can continue to be faithful to our Lord and the mission of the Church (big C because it is not just our local church mission but Christ's Church's mission). If we are not careful, we can become a church that fails to continue to adapt in ways which allows us to be effective for the Gospel of Jesus. We must never change the message but must be aware and allow the Spirit to change how we proclaim the message.

**We must be diligent at become disciples of Jesus so we can disciple others.** Our world does not need a gimmick Christian faith but one deeply rooted in who Christ is, what His Word states, and who He says we are. This sounds simple but it will require effort on all of us and our church to implement well. The foundation of the path towards being a disciple is the Word of God. We read the Bible not as an instruction manual or to find answer for life but to know the Creator of life and His heart. I want to challenge all of us, me included, to make Bible reading a priority in 2025. It does not have to be a lot each day but something so we can grow into who Christ wants us to be.

The journey of being a disciple though is not just about us individually seeking Christ; we must do so collectively and in community. Community helps us to grow and thrive in our faith. Where can we as FBC St. Paris help create and sustain groups where discipleship happens? The groups don't need to be weekly but must meet consistently so relationships and faith can be developed. New groups can form, and anyone can get a few other people together to explore the Bible and support one another. However, the groups must not be just a "social" gathering but spend time reading the Word and helping one another understand who God is.

We only give to others what we ourselves have. I have heard this over and over as well as spoken this a few times in my time of ministry. As our culture continues to become more and more self-centered and independent we as the disciples of Jesus must show them a better and different way. As we grow in Jesus, we will be able to give the living water Jesus provides to all who wants it.

This past Sunday I stated one of the primary ways I will determine my "success" in 2025 will be how well I did at developing disciples. How can I serve you and help you become the disciple Jesus is calling you to be? Who do you know who can join you on the journey of being a disciple of Christ?

## Ministry Highlights of 2024

In years past I would go down through the major areas of my work as a pastor to highlight what is done. This year I have decided to take a different path. I still do all the other “pastor” duties: preaching, teaching, pastoral counseling, leadership, hospital visitation, shut in visitation, volunteer recruitment and management, community funerals, and active in our Federation of Churches and ABC Ohio families.

### Next Generation Ministries

As I wrote in my 2023 annual report, we as a church needed to be intentional about developing and strengthening our **Next Generation** ministries. The church of tomorrow exist in the babies, kids, and teens of our present. The world they live in is different than the world of adults and we cannot lose sight of this as a church. 2024 was a wonderful year for us in the domain of next generation ministries.

For about a year the church has been praying and looking for an intern, or person, who would help lead our next generation ministries, especially our teen ministry. I was the one in charge and leading, but my time was already stretched thin, and I knew greater and more effective ministry could happen if we had someone else on board. Fortunately for us Jesus was already in the works preparing the person and us for what He was going to do. In April and May, the CE Board, along with the Budget & Finance Team, interviewed and felt strongly that Lisa Crutchfield was qualified and called to our church for this purpose. Now my role is more support and helping Lisa do the ministry Jesus is calling our church to do, be present with our teens and let them know “their pastor” cares not just for adults but for people of all ages.

She is already made a huge impact on our ministries and church. You can read more of what she has been doing in her report but having someone else to help do the ministry has allowed me to do what God is calling me to do better.

Starting in the Spring we saw, and your probably heard, the influx of those younger than 18 in our church. This created space for the Christian Education Board to start exploring how we were going to minister to these kids and their families. For most families who attend our church, getting here by 10am can be a struggle at times so we realized the best use of our volunteers was to make during worship time the primary disciple making space for children. With the number of kids, we have most weeks, and could have other weeks, our traditional model of two classrooms would not be sufficient. Therefore, in the Fall, we decided to create a three-class ministry: a true nursery for those younger than preschool, preschool through 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Curriculum from Standard Press, like what has been used in Sunday School in the past, has been purchased where our children will go through the Bible multiple times in a 3-year cycle. This investment is already paying off and the beauty of our curriculum is we will be able to re-use all the material again and again.

## Greater Ministry Engagement

For many years our church has experienced what many other organizations experience: the same people doing the majority of ministry. Another highlight from this past year is that we are seeing **greater ministry engagement** than previously. Though this can create tension because new people doing the ministry of the church may not always “do it the ‘right’ way” we must constantly be inviting and releasing new people to do the ministry of the church. I am excited that we have more people engaged in ministry now than when I first came. I pray this continues to be our practice.

One area that is exciting in engagement is how our teens are starting to get more involved in meaningful service. You will find any given week a teen or two helping with our children’s ministries, serving at youth group and youth sponsored ministry, and helping with our Food for the Soul Ministry. As much as our teens need to be poured into, we must never stifle their growth by failing to let them work out their salvation for our Lord.

## Food For The Soul

Speaking of **Food for the Soul** we have seen new faces starting to help consistently and this past year formed a strong partnership with Mrs. Vicki and our local Girl Scout Troup which meets in our building. They have started to volunteer their time once a month to help make sure this vital ministry in our community continues to thrive. This past year our Food For the Soul ministry continues to provide a place for relationship and community form while reaching out into our community lovingly providing a meal to all who come.

Yes, it is frustrating when each week we don’t know if we provide for 200 or 275 meals the team of people who do it genuinely enjoys the ministry. I still marvel at how we have those from 80+ serving alongside someone 8 years of age. We have those who put cookies in bags after Wednesday morning Bible Study, a team who prepares the meals, another team that serves the meals, and more importantly those who are praying for this vital ministry. I realize that it “costs a lot” to do what we do on a Wednesday. However, a church which does not reach out into our community is a church not fulfilling the calling of Jesus. Many of those who have started attending our church in the past year came because of this ministry.

## Baptisms and Sunday Attendance

While reaching out to our community and inviting others to join us as we follow Jesus is no guarantee a church will grow it does make it possible. Growth in numbers of people attending is not the goal of our church: we exist to proclaim who Jesus is and invite people to be His disciples. Yet, a church should have some numerical growth over time to continue in its mission. This past year we have seen this growth.

From what I can determine we started January 2024 with an average attendance around 70 people on a Sunday morning. As we closed out December 2025, we would averaging closer to 85 people and January 12, 2025, the Sunday before I wrote this report, we had 105-109

people worshipping with us. This is in addition to the 7-12 people who are “live” online each week. The Lord is allowing us to see what He is doing among us, through us, and for us.

During Lent and beyond, March and April, we baptized 7 individuals in our church. Some of these were our children which we have been discipling for years now making a public declaration of their faith. Others were adults who have come to faith recently. What a joy it was to baptize Sterling at age 90 reminding all of us it is never too late to come to Jesus. Also, this year Pastor Paul Mitchell baptized his son Chris and grandson Carson.

I hope that as you have looked around on a Sunday morning you are noticing what I have started to notice over the past couple years: our average age is decreasing. This has ramifications in many areas of life, but we should celebrate the change. May we continue to pray new people, regardless of age, would come to Jesus and attend His Church.

In a world where many churches will be closing their doors soon, our church is stable, active and growing. Some of this growth is new convert growth, others are transfer from one church to another; both are okay and needed. Though I never “enjoy” when someone changes churches and do my best to never “steal or recruit” from another church we must let Jesus be the guide and encourage all Christians to follow Him.

There is a third category of growth I am happy to see: people who stopped attending church coming “back”. As I wrote about in my 2023 report there is a good portion of our world who have stopped attending church, known as the “de-churched”. Anytime a follower of Jesus comes back into the community of Jesus we should celebrate. May we be a church which continues to bring new people to Jesus while calling those who have stopped being active in a community of faith back to Him who loves them and calls them to community.

### 150<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary

On August 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> we had the wonderful celebration of FBC St. Paris’ 150<sup>th</sup> Church Birthday Bash. There are many churches who do not make this milestone, and we are fortunate by the grace of God to be one who did. The committee of Jeff McCulla, Dan George, Linda Coleman, Karyl Strader, Sara Newman and I worked for over a year to help the weekend be spectacular, and that it was. Rev. Mark Click Executive Minister of ABC Ohio was our keynote speaker for both days and reminded us of our mission and calling. We had special music, words from previous pastors (3 were able to be with us), a wonderful meal, and a special video presentation.

In the lead up to the event Jeff updated the church history, and we worked hard to put together a pictorial directory. As a “thank you” to our church we also had special ornaments made so we could all take a home a piece of the weekend. We still have all three in my office if you need an extra copy or failed to pick one up. The work was behind the scenes but hopefully it will help us remember the faithfulness of God to our little church. We have also made notes

so that in 25 years when the 175<sup>th</sup> comes around it may be easier to plan. From our accounts we had close to 160 people at our special service on August 17.

### Other Highlights

I continue to really enjoy working with our church and the greater St. Paris community. The Federation of Churches continues to be strong and though the work as its President just adds to my calendar I benefit from it in many ways. This past year we started actively meeting as a Pastors of the Graham Community/Federation and when I can make it, I go away blessed and encouraged.

Just like Jesus has called us into community we are also part of a bigger community of churches known as American Baptist Churches of Ohio. 2024 saw me complete my 2-year cycle as President of the Region and I am amazed Jesus would allow me to have an opportunity to be a part of this ministry. I am enriched by the individuals who serve our region, and I know our church is better because of this relationship. It has not been an easy year as we had one of our beloved churches locally leave the Western Baptist Association and the region. But truly we are better than we are a part.

I am also happy to be able to move into the Past-President role with the region and take a more backseat approach to the ministry. The monthly, and sometimes more, meetings I have with the region has helped me to appreciate the way we as a church continue to move forward and the amount of health we experience. Many times, I am unaware of what God is doing until I can see the bigger picture and start to reflect on His goodness.

Within the association we continue to host the monthly Clergy gatherings as well as many other association meetings. I still serve as the Associate Regional Minister (ARM) alongside our Regional Minister, Dr. Kevin Hairston. We do our best to support our local pastors and provide a space where encouragement, prayer, good food, and information may be shared among those who attend. This past year many times I have left these gatherings challenged to think through the issues at hand while also knowing I am supported by those who have been present. Pastoring is hard work! Pastoring is filled with pain and heartache! These gatherings are a balm for those of us in ministry and remind us of the One who has called us.

Lastly, we have continued to serve our community with a food donation which started back in 2023 from Walmart. Every other Friday we get a van load, sometimes more, of food and general merchandise to be made available to our community. A lot of times we can use the food to help with our Wednesday meals and other ministries thus helping to lower cost to the church. Yes, it can take a couple hours and sometimes we must process rotten fruit, but we are reminding our community we love them with the love of Jesus. No, we don't have conversations with everyone who comes in but many times this act of kindness and effort reminds people the good our church stands for in this community. Life is hard and sometimes a kind gesture can go a long way.

## **Lowlights for 2024**

Every year we have the “normal”, the highs and unfortunately the lows. The life of the church is no different. Much of what we have experienced I would classify as normal, but we do need to see the valley moments to realize Jesus is with us at all times.

### Funerals

No one really enjoys funerals, not even a pastor. This past year I believe I hit a record by conducting 24 funerals or gravesides for our church and community. Though the majority were those not connected with our church; we did experience many deaths this past year. We had a few of our shut ins, Liz Bost and Martha Pence, pass away in February and March alongside Marie Bovey passing in March as well. During the same period we all were shocked when Sam Ronicker, our mayor and friend, passed away also in March. We hosted his funeral here at church to a capacity gathering and were supported by other churches in providing a meal. Sam and his family are good community people who work at Operation Rebirth one of our mission partners. We helped to provide hope and healing for our community during this critical time while also reminding Teresa, Shelley and family we care.

After taking a brief breather, we also had the funerals of Jim Lundquist and Moose “DJ” Brown to start the summer months. Both funerals were unexpected and tragic. Being a pastor it is never easy to be present when tough decisions must be made but I know the Spirit of Jesus helps to provide clarity and comfort during those times.

The fall continued our time of funerals when Barbara Steger and Joyce King passed away. Families need to be supported by those who will walk alongside them in these valley moments of life, and I am proud our church has done so well in this area.

### Community Conflict & Cultural Change

We live in a community which has had an abundance of conflict and disunity this past year. Though we have not been the cause this puts many on edge and requires us as followers of Jesus to be wise in how we act towards others. Our police department is functionally non-existent, and we are grappling with what it means to be light to those who need it. Please pray for wisdom.

As a nation and culture, we survived a presidential election which was very divisive in many ways. We understand our leaders are important, but we are also reminded our hope is not in any political leader but who our Lord is. There is coming a day when all will be made “new” and we will be led by the One who is the perfect leader. Yet, in the church there is always a dynamic of the political divide. We are all not the same and this is a good thing! We may not all vote the same and that is “okay”! What makes the church different is we unite around not an ideology but a person who is above all—Jesus Christ the Lord.

Our community will continue to change, and I am convinced there will be more conflict in 2025. We may be called to be peacemakers during this time. What I know to be true is we are to live out our faith in Jesus in such a way people see the good and praise God for it (Matthew 5.16).

### Critical Incident Stress Debriefings

Ever since the fall of 2016 I have been working with JSP Fire District as their volunteer chaplain. Paired with some specific training over the years for the first responder demographic and my counseling degree I can uniquely be able to serve our local first responders in this way. Unfortunately, when I am called to help on a scene or after a difficult emergency it typically means something traumatic, and a tragedy has taken place. Our area has been known for these and so it is not uncommon for me to complete a couple formal debriefings each year. 2024 was no exception.

Though the encounters are confidential my role is to help minimize the long-term effects of what our first responders deal with from a call. I help to “normalize” what no one should have to deal with and provide any necessary ongoing support so when a call for help is received our local men and women are ready to go. I consider it an honor and privilege to walk besides our first responders. I appreciate our church being willing to encourage this work and I want to continue to encourage you to pray for all first responders and their physical, mental, emotional, relational and spiritual needs.

### **Personal Thoughts**

Ministry is not a 9-5 job but I’m on call 24/7 and this means my family sometimes must be willing to sacrifice. They are gracious and understand the nature of late-night meetings, hospital visits, funerals and the host of other ministry responsibilities. That said, my family cannot be sacrificed on the altar of ministry because Jesus has called me to love them and lead them to be disciples of Him. I have a great wife with three great kids who love Jesus and are serving him right now. There is no greater joy than seeing my kids active in church not just because we make them but because they want to be there. This past year I had the joy of baptizing Elliana in March.

Daniel and Josiah continue to serve in on our tech team running the cameras for our livestream, presentation and sometimes even sound. Beyond serving they enjoy being in youth group and the fun which comes with playing games and the teen experience. Aleesha also serves in many ways and is a true help to me when I need it most. As a family I believe we make a good team for the Lord.

This past year both Aleesha and my mother have had some health issues. Jonita is still dealing with atrial fibrillation and has a stent in the hospital require Aleesha to drive up on a quick notice and be present with her. Aleesha also tries to be on the phone or in person at most of Jonita’s medical appointments to help keep track of what is going on. In April my mom had

extensive colon surgery which took much longer than we anticipated. Fortunately, she has recovered well but it is a reminder of the tasks we will have in the coming years—helping to care for our mothers.

The kids remain active in sports and seem to do well in them. All three played baseball/softball and soccer this year. The middle school team Daniel was on made it all the way to the championship game losing in shootouts but what a game and season it was. Josiah did well as did Elliana's team. Most weeks the boys can be found outside at times playing soccer regardless of the weather.

Baseball was good this year for the boys who played on the same team but unfortunately the record was difficult. Daniel played for the middle school team and baseball in March is cold. Elliana had another great season of softball and went far in the tournament before losing but had a blast playing.

Daniel is officially a "teenager" and was picked to be one of the four individuals to lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for the middle school trip to Washington D.C. He is an accomplished writer, and we are honored at what he does. All three kids excel at school while putting in the work needed to learn the information.

We still own our condo up north and try to get there as much as possible. For me, there is nothing more relaxing than having a cup of coffee on the back deck listening to the sounds of nature. We spent the day viewing the eclipse up there and are still in awe of the nature of God's creation. Also, this year I was able to go up there on a couple "work days" to get some things accomplished. I find I can get more done in less time when I am there because of the focus the environment provides. While up there we enjoy many of the surrounding sights and sounds and find it very beneficial to decompress together as a family.

Aleesha still continues to work with helping to get local cats spayed or neutered and making sure no animal suffers because of being "outdoors". She is a great sports mom while also continuing to work her health and wellness business. Again, this year she has been substitute teaching with the schools as she wants. This provides her with some influence and joy in seeing the kids outside of class. Unfortunately, due to the hurricane which hit the east coast her and Jonita were not able to go on their planned trip in the fall, but I am certain they will travel together in the near future.

I continue to work my counseling business, Bridges of Hope Counseling. This year has been a full year, but it is work I thoroughly enjoy. Many of my clients are completing session via telehealth/remote. As I complete 12 years of clinical experience, I sometimes get a first-hand look at how the world has changed and the struggles of our culture. The Gospel can help minimize some of the issues we face as people but regardless those of us called by Jesus can be light in the dark times. In 2024 my practice grew in many ways which helped fund ministry and allowed my family to enjoy some "extras" of life. My primary work is with anxiety, process

addictions, and teenagers. The need for mental health providers is great in our area and my clinical work informs my pastoral work.

As 2025 starts I am also aware of me starting my 10<sup>th</sup> year of ministry here, 25<sup>th</sup> year of ministry overall, and 22<sup>nd</sup> year of full-time ministry. I also realize the more I do for the Lord the more I am going to have to step back and rest. My goal as a pastor is to point people to the Chief Shepherd and reflect His heart. This is something I feel I do well but what the Lord has been impressing on me is how I need to rest better in the coming year. Jesus himself went alone to pray and spend time with God; so do I. The demands of ministry and life last year meant I only took 3 out of my 4 weeks of vacation and though I have started the year taking 1 I hope to use all 4. I also hope to get away and say “no” more to things others can do in order to truly rest.

Why would I do this? I hope to be an effective pastor in ministry for another 25-30 years and the pace of the past couple years is not sustainable. I want to continue to hear the word of God for our church and provide effective leadership for many more years to come and must put into practice now what it will take to do so—rest and solitude with Jesus. We have many more years of good ministry together and I am convinced Jesus is not done with FBC St. Paris, for His glory and gospel.

Be God’s,

Pastor Jeremy

**Director of Youth Ministries 2024**  
**Mrs. Lisa Crutchfield**

Starting the Director of Youth Ministry position in May of 2024 allowed me a month to get to know some of the routines and structure of the programs that were already in place for the children, youth, and families of the church. It also allowed me to understand which church committees did what. Pastor Jeremy continued to teach bible study during Youth Group for the month of May as well. I was thankful for this time to find my footing. As you can see by the schedule below the youth and I were very busy this year. We continue to bond as a group through Sunday night Youth Group, activities, and service projects. We started with around 7 youth and added to that number each week. As of December we had as many as 12. Youth Group was not stopped during the summer months this year as in years past. Pastor Jeremy and I both agreed that the youth needed to stay connected during these no school months. In June 2024 we sent several boys to youth camp. Aleesha Spence went as our adult chaperone. We also did the first of our community service projects. We cleaned out two sheds in preparation of tearing them down. In July 2024 we did our second community service project and completed the tear down of both of the sheds. Ron McKamy was invaluable in doing this project. He allowed the youth to use tools and equipment to get the work done. He also gave instruction on the process so the shed roofs did not fall on our heads! We enjoyed a bible study/pool party/fishing fun day at the Strader farm to end our month.

In August the youth scrubbed the nursery toys. Once the room was empty we were able to scrub the floors and furniture. This gave us the opportunity to sort the toys and divide some of them up to be used in the new prek-1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom starting in October. We enjoyed another bible study and pool party following the church picnic at Leta and Jeff McCull's house. We also did them the favor of cleaning up all the leftovers!

September 2024 found us overnight camping at Kiser Lake Campground over the Labor Day weekend. We had 11 youth. Shannon and Dan George, Ron McKamy and myself were chaperones. Leta McCulla and Dale Crutchfield help get some of our gear there and set up. We enjoyed a great time of fellowship and fun as we fished, swam, and canoed. Operation Rebirthed allowed us the use of their canoes and Emilio Valdez helped with the loading and unloading of them. Vance and Ava McCulla cooked a delicious breakfast for everyone. Many hands made this event run as smooth as it could. The nighttime temperature did get down into the low 40's. We hope to do this again in 2025. I know I will be packing an extra blanket.

October 2024, we began our Prek-1<sup>st</sup> grade children's church class. We made the decision to purchase a new curriculum to use with this class and the 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. Moving the older children into the new classroom from the nursery created a better learning environment for them and a safer one for the smaller infants and toddlers. I am very appreciative of all of the support and help that went into getting this new classroom up and running. We have had several new volunteers that have stepped up to teach and assist in all three classes.

November 2024, we hosted our first of many Widow and Widower luncheons. We had 11 youth working together to serve and fellowship with our guest. It was a true blessing to watch our young people serve our saints with such love. They then joined them for lunch and shared about themselves and learned about their table mates. We ended the month with a Christmas advent calendar kids craft day. We opened this activity up to the public and had 63 children and adults share in the beginning of the holiday season by making advent calendars that would not only give the kids a special treat each day, but share the story of Jesus. We had the help of 9 of our youth on that day.

December 2024 found us celebrating a Family Christmas Eve Party. We had a craft, trail mix, stories, and a snowball fight. The kids and adults decorated Christmas cookies to enjoy. This was a fun time for families from our church congregation and the community.

As we are looking forward to a new year, I want to thank everyone that has helped to make 2024 a great one for me. Your support, love, and prayers has helped Dale and me to feel at home here at First Baptist. Youth ministry is so much more than throwing things at each other and eating everything in sight. Although these things are very important. It is about relationship building. It takes a 24-hour commitment to creating the loving relationship with the young people and their families both inside and outside our church. It is a blessing on my life that God has given me the privilege to experience this. In the last part of 2024 I have watched all three of the children's church classes grow in attendance. Our youth have grown together as a group, and they have also begun to grow in numbers. More importantly is the growth in their knowledge of the Lord and His call to their lives.

The churches support through volunteering to help, and the extra financial support makes things easier as we reach out to the young people in our community. More important than both of these things though, are your prayers. I ask for your continued prayers as we look forward to the future and the growth that is coming. God has a great work for us in our community. Thank you again for the love and support.

Lisa Crutchfield  
Director of Youth Ministry

## Clerks Report 2024

The First Baptist Church of St. Paris Ohio celebrated their 150<sup>th</sup> year in existence in 2024. The service was one to remember as over one hundred people were singing together praising God for the faithfulness of this little church. Hearing all those people singing together gave me goose bumps and was a small glimpse of what heaven will be like when we will all be worshipping our Lord together.

Members 351

Active 102

In Active 248

We had 5 members pass into eternal rest this year

Elisabeth "Liz" Bost on Sunday February 4, 2024

Marie Bovey on Friday February 23, 2024

Martha Pence Monday March 11, 2024

Jim Lundquist Wednesday May 29, 2024

Barbara Steger Thursday September 5, 2024

We had 1 In Active member also pass into eternal rest

Jerry Leasure Sunday November 10, 2024

We had 7 individuals become members of the church through baptism.

Sterling Young

Shane Croker

Anthony Thomas

Lelah Clutter

Elliana Spence

Mackenzie Riffle

Logan Bayham

We had 4 individuals become members through letter of transfer.

Alex and Emmaline Burnett

Dale and Lisa Crutchfield

May God continue to bless this church and this community for years to come.

Respectfully submitted

Yvette Clutter, Church Clerk

## Board of Deacons and Deaconess Annual Report 2024

We have completed another year and what a year it has been! One of the highlights of the year was celebrating the church's 150th anniversary.

Reaching individuals outside the church walls continues with the weekly online services. There are several families watching our service every week online. Our average in person attendance has seen an increase over the year.

The Food for the Soul ministry continues to see an average of 225 meals every week. We have been blessed by the financial support of each of you so that we can maintain our mission of reaching out to the community.

There were several baptisms during the past year, as noted in the clerk's report.

Financially, we have been able to donate to the ABC/Ohio Pastor emergency fund, provide new undergarments to the elementary school in the event of mishaps, providing to the "Brown Bag" program thru the Federation of Churches for elementary students in our district as well as the Life Wise program allowing our Elementary students with the opportunity to receive faith-based learning during school days. Several in our community needed assistance in various forms which we were able to help.

Larry Smith has coordinated transportation to doctor visits for our shut-ins and members who needed a ride. Communion is observed monthly and is taken to our shut-ins by members of the board.

Flower arrangements were provided to our shut-ins in December. We once again had two options for Christmas Eve. A Family friendly service led by Lisa Crutchfield, Director of Youth was held at 4pm and our normal evening communion service at 7pm.

We want to thank the members of the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration committee for their time and energy in making the occasion successful: Karyl Strader, Sara Newman, Dan George, Linda Coleman, Pastor Jeremy and Jeff McCulla. But we also had prayers and the help of everyone which was appreciated.

We pray that God will continue to bless each one of you and our church as we look forward to serving the Lord into 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffery L. McCulla, Chairman

## BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPORT – 2024

Here is a list of the major projects completed in 2024:

- AED Purchase
- Carpet removal in the Sunday school classroom
- Folding chair rack purchase
- Carpet Cleaning for our 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration
- Exterior window frame painting and caulking
- Met with electrical contractors on electrical panel upgrades. Work is planned for this spring with Kizer electric, and the cost will be approximately 10K.

Besides the electrical work, no other large projects are planned. We will likely spend quite a bit of time in 2025 working on stained glass window caulking.

## Christian Education 2024

Our year started with Yvette Clutter teaching our 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders during the worship service, "What's in the Bible". We decided to change the curriculum for younger children to "Discover".

Looking into church camp this year will cost \$320 a child. Kirkwood and our Association offers scholarships to help as well as our church. We had 13 youth, and 3 adults that attended.

We've been discussing hiring a Director of Youth person to help Pastor Jeremy with all he is doing. Lisa Crutchfield applied, we were satisfied with her application and offered her the position.

Promotion Sunday was moved to June 2<sup>nd</sup>, with the idea of separating the Jr. Church into three classes. Nursery would be infant to 3 years old, Primary is Pre-K thru 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and the Intermediate class is 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. The curriculum, Lisa chose, will go through the Bible six times a year. The new program will start on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday school picnic will be on August 25<sup>th</sup> at the McCulla's house. There will be an auction to help pay for the shipping of the Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse ministry. There will be swimming, eating, and fellowship. A total of \$1464 was raised in the auction.

Our Church will be celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August. Some past Pastors will be present. There will also be a catered meal, and community involvement. Lisa Crutchfield will put together activity bags for the children and if needed three of us from the board will volunteer in the nursery.

There was a youth campout on September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Kiser Lake State Park.

The youth served a meal for the Widows and Widowers in our community on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

There was a Children's Christmas Program on December 22<sup>nd</sup> during the worship service followed by the children playing the bells.

Please pray for the volunteers who are teaching and helping during the worship service and be listening if God is leading you to volunteer too.

Lisa Copes, Chairman

Lisa Crutchfield, Director of Youth Ministries

Sue Mitchell

Leta McCulla, Secretary

Joyce Oder

Yvonne Ruffner

Aleesha Spence

## Mission Board Report 2024

We as a church and a mission board believe strongly that God calls us all to be on mission, and continually give generously to support mission work locally, across the US and the world.

For every dollar given to the church, not specified, ten cents goes to missions. The mission board helps to discern, with the church, how this money is to be spent. This year, our mission money supported the following global servants with our denomination mission agency, International Ministries (IM); Sarah McCurdy, and their 3 children, serving in Mexico City at the request of the Baptist Theological Seminary and Aaron and Valerie Osterbrock, and their six children for the first part of the year. Aaron and Valerie had a ministry in theological education in partnership with Sabah Theological Seminary, a historic International Ministries partner, in Kota Kinabalu, East Malaysia. During the summer, they moved to Kentucky where Aaron began working on his PhD. We continued to support Tim and Stacy Reese who arrived in the Dominican Republic in January 2024 and have served all year in discipleship and community development among IM partners working within the Haitian sugarcane Bateyes. They are both passionate about discipleship through artistic expression. Stacy serves alongside women cooperatives in building relationships, retail management, mentoring and education. Tim has a background in marketing and has collaborated with church and local business leaders to help maximize their potential by encouraging innovation, business development and fellowship.

Other missions based in the U.S. we supported in 2024 included Bill and Julia Otterness who serve the Youth With A Mission (YWAM) GX International mission team, the Dayton Christian Center, and ECHO Farms, based in Florida and providing agricultural aid throughout the world.

In February of 2024, the Mission Board met with representatives from LifeWise Academy, which provides religious education weekly to Graham students, and decided to provide a \$50 monthly donation to this cause for the remainder of 2024 and revisit this in 2025. In addition, the Mission Board decided to support the Backpack Program through the Federation of Churches with a donation of \$150 monthly. This program provides weekend meals for Graham students who are experiencing food insecurity.

Locally we continued to support the Caring Kitchen in Urbana by providing and serving meals quarterly. We not only provided the meals but were able to serve as well. This provided the opportunity for us to talk and pray with those whom we were serving. We had anywhere from 5 - 7 church members serving each quarter and are thankful for the generosity of our church members who have donated food and money to purchase food for this mission. We supported

two other organizations we believe are making a significant impact in our community; Operation Rebirth, providing education and support to teen boys from our area, and the Sycamore House, which offers compassionate support and education in the areas of prenatal needs, child-rearing skills, and even relationship information for mothers and fathers. Several church members also attended the Sycamore House's Annual Dinner and Fundraiser in March of this year and heard firsthand about their continued good work in our community. The Sycamore House is always looking for volunteers to serve as mentors and to work in their store.

We also continued to support our state denomination, ABC Ohio, from whom we receive much support including mentorship, training, and resourcing for our Pastor and our American Baptist's Retired Ministers and Missionaries.

The Mission Board is always open to hearing from our church members about other opportunities to serve and support locally and beyond and encourages all church members to be on mission for God.



The Osterbrocks

The Reeses

Sarah McCurdy

**AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**  
**ANNUAL REPORT—2024**  
**2023-2025 THEME: *Be Strong, Be Courageous***

We are attempting to be strong and courageous as Joshua 1:9 says, even though we were unable to hold regular monthly meetings. However, we continue to work in our church and with our state and association ABW Ministries.

We fulfilled our White Cross Requests and delivered them to Dayton Christian Center. In February 13 "Love Boxes" were sent to college and military people, and 20 Valentines were sent to shut-ins and senior adults. Postage cost was \$167.

In May we held a Ladies Tea for our church women and their guests with a variety of sandwiches, fruit and cookies. Our speaker Christa Everett told *The Story of the Tea Cup* and explained how a potter works with clay referring to Jeremiah 18. We were entertained by the Whitehead Irish Dancers. Debi Boyd provided teacups for everyone to use from her collection, and she crocheted a tiny teacup and saucer as a favor for each person.

A few women attended Women's Conference June 8<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist Church, Newark.

We hosted the Western Association Women's Rally on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker was Greg Smith, our State Scholarship Student and Pastor of Fredonia Baptist Church.

We give toward our State Project which is Deborah's House in Tijuana, MX to help provide an educational program for children staying there.

Our church gave \$263.33 to the "Red Stocking" collection in December that provides scholarships for men and women going into full-time Christian service. Applications for this are due in March.

Again, we thank Karyl Strader for cooking our chicken and noodles for the Pony Wagon Meal and the November Bazaar. Thank you to all who baked and help serve and clean up. The September meal made \$715 which was given to Matthew 25 for hurricane relief in North Carolina. Thank you to all who donated, helped make, and bought ham loaves, pumpkin rolls, buckeyes, and fudge for our "Goodie Sale." The money made enables us to donate to various things like the following: Food for the Soul, Pony Wagon Committee, State and National ABW Officers Training, National AB Women and Girls Fund, \$100 Christmas gift to the Reeses (our church missionary family), and \$90 to Missionary Sarah Chetti for her Prison Ministry in Lebanon.

We appreciate the help and support of our Pastor and Aleesha and our church family.

Barb McDonald--President

Joyce Bowlin--Treasurer

### **Sesquicentennial Committee: 1874-2024**

The year 2024 was a milestone year for the First Baptist Church as we celebrated our 150<sup>th</sup> year. A committee was formed in 2023 to plan for a celebration to recognize the church's birth in 1874. Jeff McCulla volunteered to organize this group so the plans could be put into motion. The committee consisted of Dan George, Sara Newman, Karyl Strader, Linda Coleman, Pastor Jeremy Spence, and Jeff McCulla. Each member had an important part in this celebration.

Our first meeting was in October 2023. Many ideas were discussed, including updated church history, a pictorial directory, catered meal, and the recognition of special dignitaries and past pastors of the church. Of course, none of this could have been accomplished without the prayers and tremendous support of our congregation. The decision was made to celebrate on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, the dates closest to the actual date of organization, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1874.

Sara worked closely with Pastor Jeremy in creating a pictorial directory of the church members/attendees, including photos of our shut-ins. Once this was completed, the file was forwarded to Boldman printing for completion. Karyl compiled a digital slideshow of various photographs of the church and members throughout the years accompanied with music. She also arranged for the nuts and punch which was served on Sunday after our service. Dan contacted Hometown Tent and Awning for the tent, table, and chairs for the catered meal on Saturday. He also worked with Pastor Jeremy in ordering Christmas ornaments as a gift for the members and attendees. Jeff worked on updating the church history and along with coordinating with Vic's Country Cookin' for a catered meal on Saturday afternoon at 5pm. The updated history was submitted to Boldman Printing for the booklets to be made. Pastor Jeremy's mother, Ginger Spence, volunteered to make several cakes for the celebration after our Sunday morning worship. Linda was very helpful along with all committee members in serving the cake, punch and nuts.

We were honored to have Dr. Kevin Hairston and his wife along with Rev. Mark Click and his wife representing ABC Ohio and their participation in our services. Pastor Jeremy sent out invitations to all the past pastors which we could obtain addresses. Rev. Lynn Roberson, pastor at the church from 1978-1980 was able to attend as well as Rev. Paul & Susanne Mitchell, pastor from 1981-1990. Special proclamations were received from the Village of St. Paris, State of Ohio and ABC Ohio.

There was so much involvement with everyone from the church that I'm sure someone or something was missing, and I apologize for the omission. But it was a great time of coming together to celebrate 150 years of history and praising God for the opportunity we had to be a part of this church's history. Thank you to everyone for your help, support, and prayers.

## Federation of Churches Yearly Report-2024

The Federation of Churches has been busy doing several outreach ministry projects over the past year. It is such a blessing that we can work together as a combined body of believers to serve others and spread the gospel in our community. Area Churches meet quarterly to plan our activities. Here are some of the highlights of things we have accomplished over the past year of 2024.

### Ongoing Ministries:

**Food Pantry:** The Federation of Churches sponsors the community Food Pantry all year round. The Food Pantry is available to those in need of food. Pick-up times are Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:30-10:00 am each week. We have served several families each month. The Mobile Pantry also comes to our community on the third Monday of each month from 1:00- 2:00 pm.

**Blood Drive-** We support the local blood drive, that comes to the Purk/Evans building several times a year. Treats and volunteers are always welcomed.

**Brown Bag Lunches-** This is a new outreach ministry program where help provide school age children microwaveable meals for the weekends during the school year.

**Life Wise-** This is also a new outreach program where grades 2-5 can get a Christian based learning time during the school day. They started with 11 students in January of 2024 and now they are up to approx. 125 students. We provide financial support for this important ministry.

**Financial Assistance-** The Federation of Churches is available to help those that may need financial help with rent, medications, electricity, gas, etc. This must be approved by 2 Pastor's for help to be given.

### Additional Ministries

#### January- March/April-

#### Easter Activities:

**Community Services-** We meet on a rotating basis at area churches for Good Friday and Sunrise Services at Easter. We also host a community Easter Egg Hunt for the children in our community. We had approx. 60 children attend this fun event in 2024.

**May- June-** In May, meet to celebrate the **National Day of Prayer**. Also provided a plaque and hosted the **Baccalaureate** service and meal for the Graham High School Graduating seniors.

**July -September-** During the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, we financially purchase bracelets for the children to use during this event hosted by the Fire Department. Also in July, we host our

**Community VBS** hosted by the Catholic Church, The Temple Church, and the Lutheran Churches. Our 2024 theme was Jungle Journey. We had 60-70 children attend per day. We also do 2 missions projects during the week of VBS. The children bring in food items for the Food Pantry and we donated over \$ 600.00 to Habitat for Humanities.

**New School Year-** As the new school year approaches, members of the various churches get together at each building site at Graham schools to pray for a safe and successful school year. We provide breakfast for the teachers and staff on their opening staff meeting date, and various churches give out school supplies during this time.

**October- December-** Several churches host **Halloween/Trunk or Treat** activities in October. We also remember our Pastors during **Pastor Appreciation Month** in October. In November we host a **Thanksgiving service** and a **Thanksgiving Day Dinner** for the community. We distribute Christmas Food Baskets and Gifts to Children during the holiday season. In 2024, 85 families (290 individuals) received food baskets and approx. 65 families received Christmas gifts. This year, a special “Blue Christmas” service was hosted by 2 of our Churches to remember loved ones who have passed away or those that were feeling “blue” (sad) during the holiday season.

**Additional Outreach Ministries**

**Tornado Victims-** The Federation of Churches sent canned foods to tornado victims early in the year.

**Hurricane Victims-** Various people made up Christmas shoeboxes at Thanksgiving time of various items for the children that were impacted from the hurricane in North Carolina.

**Thank you-** We want to thank everyone who has assisted the Federation of Churches Ministry activities through their prayers, time, and financial assistance.

First Baptist Church Quarterly Treasurer Report

1/2/25

		2024 Budget	Income	1st Quarter Expenses	2nd Quarter Expenses	3rd Quarter Expenses	4th Quarter Expenses	Year to Date Expenses	Balance	Actual / Budget
#101	Fuel - Church	3,500.00		1,157.97	420.02	155.55	483.18	2,216.72	1,283.28	63.3%
#102	Fuel - Parsonage	1,350.00		344.66	160.11	136.13	207.50	848.40	501.60	62.8%
#103	Electricity - Church	4,000.00		680.89	643.41	1,061.66	699.25	3,085.21	914.79	77.1%
#104	Electricity - Parsonage	3,200.00		679.48	562.58	749.72	601.74	2,593.52	606.48	81.0%
#105	Telephone	700.00		151.47	159.97	157.47	800.22	1,269.13	(569.13)	181.3%
#106	Internet/Electronic	1,800.00		449.45	454.97	457.47	457.47	1,819.36	(19.36)	101.1%
#107	Water & Sewer	1,300.00		309.00	370.80	370.80	417.15	1,467.75	(167.75)	112.9%
#108	Secretary Salary	9,940.00		2,708.65	2,688.77	2,410.45	2,430.33	10,238.20	(298.20)	103.0%
#109	Custodian Salary	8,780.00		2,194.98	2,194.98	2,194.98	2,195.06	8,780.00	0.00	100.0%
#109-A	Less: Accrued Withholding Taxes			(494.74)	(249.20)	(182.11)	926.05	0.00	0.00	
#110	Social Security	1,450.00			375.15	526.60	1,165.17	2,066.92	(616.92)	142.5%
#111	Real Estate Taxes	2,450.00		2,270.96				2,270.96	179.04	92.7%
#112	Property Insurance	7,500.00			4,092.00		4,092.00	8,184.00	(684.00)	109.1%
#113	Maintenance & Repairs	6,000.00			817.75	1,214.95	957.83	2,990.53	3,009.47	49.8%
#114	Custodian Supplies	500.00		63.29		230.65	108.82	402.76	97.24	80.6%
#115	Garbage Service	325.00		72.00	72.00	72.00	72.75	288.75	36.25	88.8%
	<b>Total</b>	52,795.00	0.00	10,588.06	12,763.31	9,556.32	15,614.52	48,522.21	4,272.79	
#201	Sunday School Supplies	300.00						0.00	300.00	0.0%
#202	Camp	600.00			1,100.00			1,100.00	(500.00)	183.3%
#203	Leadership Training & Spiritual Adv.	500.00	84.00		94.99	204.98		299.97	284.03	51.4%
#204	American Baptist Youth	800.00	125.00	325.00				325.00	600.00	35.1%
#205	Food for the Souls	7,000.00	8,242.00	2,653.02	4,761.53	4,753.00	2,300.00	14,467.55	774.45	94.9%
#206	Children's Ministry	250.00	289.21			292.11	434.16	726.27	(187.06)	134.7%
#207	Youth Pastor	12,000.00			2,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	8,000.00	4,000.00	66.7%
#208	Sesquicentennial Celebration	5,000.00	700.00	0.00	400.00	6,503.85		6,903.85	(1,203.85)	121.1%
	<b>Total</b>	26,450.00	9,440.21	2,978.02	8,356.52	14,753.94	5,734.16	31,822.64	4,067.57	
#301	Office Supplies	1,000.00		293.29				293.29	706.71	29.3%
#302	Christian Periodicals	300.00			48.75		105.00	153.75	146.25	51.3%
#303	Worship Service	300.00		54.85		202.25	89.58	346.68	(46.68)	115.6%
#304	Music Supplies	200.00					332.00	332.00	(132.00)	166.0%
#305	Postage	700.00		109.85	204.00	141.00	73.00	527.85	172.15	75.4%
#306	Website/Digital	2,400.00		2,399.90				2,399.90	0.10	100.0%
	<b>Total</b>	4,900.00	0.00	2,857.89	252.75	343.25	599.58	4,053.47	846.53	
#401	Pastors Cash Salary	45,500.00		11,375.06	11,374.98	11,374.98	11,374.98	45,500.00	0.00	100.0%
#402	Auto Reimbursement	3,000.00		649.11	624.88	444.21	759.11	2,477.31	522.69	82.6%

First Baptist Church Quarterly Treasurer Report

1/2/25

		2024 Budget	Income	1st Quarter Expenses	2nd Quarter Expenses	3rd Quarter Expenses	4th Quarter Expenses	Year to Date Expenses	Balance	
#403	M & M Retirement	11,700.00		2,925.00	2,925.00	2,925.00	2,925.00	11,700.00	0.00	100.0%
#404	Social Security Offset	4,220.00		1,054.98	1,054.98	1,054.98	1,055.06	4,220.00	0.00	100.0%
#405	Books and Periodicals	150.00						0.00	150.00	0.0%
#406	Convention/Seminars/Conferences	750.00					140.00	140.00	610.00	18.7%
#407	Pulpit Supply	900.00			300.00		150.00	450.00	450.00	50.0%
#408										
#409	Qualified Small Employer Health	11,050.00		2,231.46	2,230.38	2,267.00	2,231.46	8,960.30	2,089.70	81.1%
#410	QSEHRA Administration Fee	480.00		552.00				552.00	(72.00)	115.0%
	<b>Total</b>	77,750.00	0.00	18,787.61	18,510.22	18,066.17	18,635.61	73,999.61	3,750.39	

#501	Western Association Dues	150.00						0.00	150.00	0.0%
#502	Hospitality Committee	1,500.00	627.00	337.99	304.94	395.09	590.84	1,628.86	498.14	76.6%
#503	Mission Promotion	150.00						0.00	150.00	0.0%
	<b>Total</b>	1,800.00	627.00	337.99	304.94	395.09	590.84	1,628.86	798.14	

#601	Other		158,536.93	2,912.20	1,962.24	1,203.00	1,682.00	7,759.44		
#602	Mission Related		291.30	6,718.30	4,074.67	1,944.97	2,205.54	14,943.48		
	<b>Total</b>	163,695.00	168,895.44	45,180.07	46,224.65	46,262.74	45,062.25	182,729.71		

Income	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total
General	39,213.58	28,700.00	26,767.46	29,331.45	124,012.49
General (Digital)	5,564.28	5,769.99	6,122.66	7,163.68	24,620.61
Childrens Offering	119.10	118.20	116.26	103.35	456.91
Other	6,252.00	5,679.91	2,832.01	4,750.21	19,514.13
Digital Mission Giving			145.65	145.65	291.30
<b>Total</b>	51,148.96	40,268.10	35,984.04	41,494.34	168,895.44

Account Balances	General Fund	Missions	Savings	Certificates	Memorial Fd	Total
Balance as of January 1, 2024	19,341.56	1.00	17,659.78	43,896.69	3,957.23	84,856.26
Debits (-)	(182,729.71)	(13,648.52)				
Credits (+)	168,895.44	13,648.52	90.71	982.66	1,212.64	
Balance as of December 31, 2024	5,507.29	1.00	17,750.49	44,879.35	5,169.87	73,308.00

Certificate of Deposit #131090	3,899.36	Matures 12/3/25	18 months	3.20%
Certificate of Deposit #130941	34,426.65	Matures 10/12/25	24 months	2.25%
Certificate of Deposit #131055	6,553.34	Matures 9/25/25	24 months	2.25%

	Credit	10%	ABC/Ohio	McCurdy	Osterbrock	Reese	World Mis.	Am. Christ	OGHS	RMMO	Other	Total	
January	1,229.18	869.18	60.00	100.00	100.00	100.00						1,229.18	
February	1,821.40	1,481.40	40.00	100.00	100.00	100.00						1,821.40	
March	1,031.72	521.72	110.00	100.00	100.00	100.00					100.00	1,031.72	
<b>1st Qtr</b>	<b>4,082.30</b>	<b>2,872.30</b>	<b>210.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4,082.30</b>	
April	1,987.01	349.52	108.55	100.00	200.00	100.00					1,128.94	1,987.01	
May	699.47	350.92	48.55	100.00	100.00	100.00						699.47	
June	934.23	525.68	108.55	100.00	100.00	100.00						934.23	
<b>2nd Qtr</b>	<b>3,620.71</b>	<b>1,226.12</b>	<b>265.65</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,128.94</b>	<b>3,620.71</b>	
July	636.40	207.85	128.55	100.00	100.00	100.00						636.40	
August	612.14	283.59	128.55		100.00	100.00						612.14	
September	936.43	207.88	128.55			100.00				500.00		936.43	
<b>3rd Qtr</b>	<b>2,184.97</b>	<b>699.32</b>	<b>385.65</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,184.97</b>	
October	874.74	266.19	48.55			100.00	210.00			250.00		874.74	
November	1,734.94	441.39	128.55			100.00	350.00				715.00	1,734.94	
December	1,150.86	802.31	248.55			100.00						1,150.86	
<b>4th Qtr</b>	<b>3,760.54</b>	<b>1,509.89</b>	<b>425.65</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>560.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>715.00</b>	<b>3,760.54</b>
<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>13,648.52</b>	<b>6,307.63</b>	<b>1,286.95</b>	<b>700.00</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>560.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>1,943.94</b>	<b>13,648.52</b>

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Dayton Christian Ctr.	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	48.00
Echo Farms	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Sycamore House	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Compassion Int.	38.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00
Bill & Julla Otterness	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
Operation Reblrth (\$300)				300.00								
Comp. Int'l (Bd/Chris)												30.00
RMMO (\$750)									500.00	250.00		
Fed. of Churches (Brown Bag)	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>313.00</b>	<b>318.00</b>	<b>318.00</b>	<b>618.00</b>	<b>368.00</b>	<b>368.00</b>	<b>368.00</b>	<b>368.00</b>	<b>868.00</b>	<b>618.00</b>	<b>368.00</b>	<b>406.00</b>

**Financial Secretary Report  
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**General Fund Receipts**

General .....	\$ 124,012.49
General (Digital) .....	24,620.61
Childrens Offering .....	456.91
Tues A.M. Bible Study .....	84.00
Memory of Liz Bost .....	210.00
Food for the Souls .....	8,242.00
Memory of Marie Bovey .....	760.00
Garage Sale .....	441.10
Memory of Martha Pence .....	220.00
Poinsettas .....	120.00
Dessert Auction (Shoebox) .....	1,629.00
Harold Shank Trust .....	3,386.81
Misposting of check #23476 .....	0.01
Easter Flowers .....	157.00
Anonymous Gift (Car) .....	2,700.00
Sessquintennial Donation .....	700.00
Transfer from ABY Savings .....	289.21
ABY .....	125.00
Memory of Barbara Steger .....	50.00
Memory of Joyce King .....	50.00
Hospitality .....	350.00
Digital Mission Giving .....	291.30
<b>Total General Fund Receipts</b> .....	<b>\$ 168,895.44</b>

**Mission Giving**

Monthly 10% .....	\$ 6,307.63
Missions .....	1,286.95
World Mission Offering .....	560.00
Harold Shank Trust .....	1,128.94
Peter & Sarah McCurdy .....	700.00
Aaron & Valerie Osterbrock .....	900.00
Tim & Stacy Reese .....	1,200.00
Retired Ministers and Mission. ....	750.00
Operation Rebirth .....	100.00
Hurricane Helene Relief .....	715.00
<b>Total Mission Receipts</b> .....	<b>\$ 13,648.52</b>

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## 2025 Budget

#101 Fuel - Church	3,000.00
#102 Fuel - Parsonage	1,200.00
#103 Electricity - Church	4,000.00
#104 Electricity - Parsonage	3,000.00
#105 Telephone	700.00
#106 Internet/Electronics	1,850.00
#107 Water & Sewer	1,500.00
#108 Secretary Salary	10,240.00
#109 Custodian Salary	9,043.40
#110 Social Security	2,420.00
#111 Real Estate Taxes	2,400.00
#112 Property Insurance	9,000.00
#113 Maintenance & Repairs	10,000.00
#114 Custodian Supplies	500.00
#115 Garbage Service	325.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,178.40</b>
#201 Sunday School Supplies	300.00
#202 Camp	1,200.00
#203 Leadership Train & Spirit. Adv	400.00
#204 Youth Ministry	1,200.00
#205 Food for the Souls	8,000.00
#206 Children's Ministry	1,000.00
#207 Director of Youth Ministries	12,300.00
#208 Sesquicentennial Celebration	
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,400.00</b>
#301 Office Supplies	800.00
#302 Christian Periodicals	300.00
#303 Worship Service	300.00
#304 Music Supplies	200.00
#305 Postage	700.00
#306 Website/Digital	2,750.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,050.00</b>
#401 Pastor Cash Salary	46,865.00
#402 Auto Reimbursement	3,000.00
#403 M&M Retirement	11,700.00
#404 Social Security Offset	4,320.00
#405 Books and Periodicals	150.00
#406 Conference/Seminars/Convention	600.00
#407 Pulpit Supply	900.00
#409 QSEHRA	11,500.00
#410 QSEHRA Administrator	575.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>79,610.00</b>
#501 Western Assoc. Dues	150.00
#502 Hospitality Committee	1,500.00
#503 Mission Promotion	150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>170,038.40</b>

