

# First Baptist Church St. Paris



Annual Report 2025

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

2026

OFFICERS

Moderator	Larry Smith	2027
Vice-Moderator	Daniel George	2027
Church Clerk	Yvette Clutter	2026
Treasurer/Financial Secretary	Jeff McCulla	2026

BOARD OF DEACONS & DEACONESSES

Member	Bonnie Bayham (Deaconess)	2026	Member	Open (Deaconess)	2027
Member	Larry Smith (Deacon)	2026	Member	Sue Clutter (Deaconess)	2028
Member	Ron Massie (Deacon)	2026	Member	Clay Ruffner (Deacon)	2028
Member	Jeff McCulla (Deacon)	2027	Member	Open (Deacon)	2028
Member	Ken McDonald (Deacon)	2027			

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Member	George Bayham	2026	Member	Calvin Clutter	2027
Member	Shannon George	2026	Member	Clay Ruffner	2028
Member	Rusty Strader	2027	Member	Kathy Smith	2028

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Member	Sue Mitchell	2026	Member	Open	2027
Member	Yvonne Ruffner	2026	Member	Joyce Oder	2028
Member	Leta McCulla	2027	Member	Aleesha Spence	2028

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Member	Yvette Clutter	2026	Member	Sukanya Dare	2027
Member	Shannon George	2026	Member	Ann Massie	2028
Member	Karyl Strader	2027	Member	Sara Newman	2028

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION (WBA)

Trustee	Ken McDonald	2026
Trustee	Open	2028

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 2026

(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  
Daniel George

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Joyce Bowlin  
Patty Hershberger  
Sara Newman

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Leta McCulla	2026
Karyl Strader	2026
Calvin Clutter	2027
Pastor Paul Mitchell	2028

FEDERATION OF CHURCHES REPRESENTATIVES

Joyce Bowlin  
Lisa Copes  
Emmaline Burnett

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Appointed in July

PASTORAL RELATIONS/PULPIT COMMITTEE

Deacon Chairman	
Larry Smith	2026
Open	2026
Bonnie Bayham	2027
Dan George	2028
Ann Massie	2028

USHERS COMMITTEE

George Bayham, Chairman  
Arthur Bovey, Vice Chairman

## Pastor Jeremy's Annual Report

Life is about journeys! Some of my favorite movies describe the journey a character is taking to pursue goals, dreams, or live life to the fullest. Presently the journeys found in *Lord of The Rings* and *The Hobbit* have been on my mind. (Daniel and I have only one more movie in the sequence of 6 to go to complete the series. Hopefully I can finish this report up quick enough for us to watch the last 3 and half hour movie 😊).

Our journey together in ministry surpassed a milestone this past year: 10 years of faithfully seeking our Lord and loving our community. I recently looked up my first message here at our wonderful church and it was on the mission of the church to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus found in Matthew 28. Much has changed in the last 10 years, and much will change in the next 5 years; this I am certain. However, the mission of the church and the authority of Scripture never change. We must continue to stand on the never changing Word of God and on the faithfulness of Jesus as we fulfill His mission.

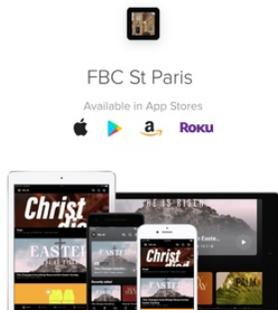
This report highlights the ways we try to fulfill the mission of the church in the 2025. It does not contain everything but instead should be considered a snapshot of the history of church. We have a rich legacy, and my goal is to allow our history be a catalyst for our future.

### A Brief Look Forward

The longer I am in ministry the more I am realizing how quick the world around us changes. This is especially true as I look back at the past 5 years and how much the world has continued to move at such a quick pace. Some of the changes we experience are good, others neutral, and some very much negative in nature. (For instance, there are parts of this report which I have used AI to help craft, refine, and produce. This was not thought of mainstream 5 years ago.) The task of the Church is to discern the changes occurring all around us and learn to effectively and faithfully minister in the context we find ourselves in. Let me highlight a couple things we must be mindful of as we move forward.

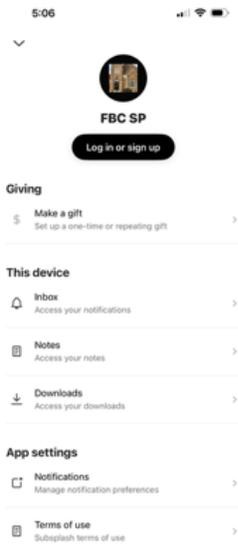
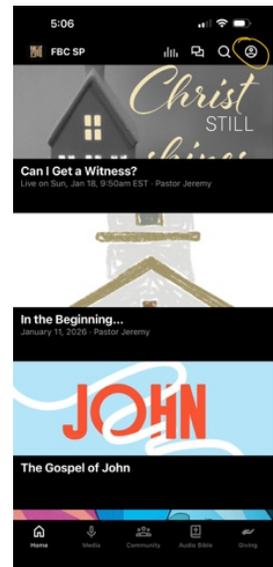
**We must learn to communicate effectively.** Effective communication is a two-way street and every church I know struggles with what “effective” looks like; we are not alone in this struggle. Currently we have duplicate systems in place to try to accomplish the same thing which makes for a burdensome process to try and keep everyone informed. Do we use our website? Bulletin? Facebook? Email? App? Newsletter? OneCallNow phone system? Our church sign? Personal messages? Text messaging? The list could go on and on. In reality we must use a multitude of ways to reach the most but I sense we need to try and streamline as we move into the future. Let me highlight ways you may want to consider to “help” us.

1. Get our church app and create a log-in. A couple years ago we created an



technology can be scary for some but you can search for our app “FBC St. Paris” wherever you get your “apps”.

Once you have the app it would be helpful to create an account so you stay in the loop. The image to the right shows you where you can create the account, click on the yellow circled icon. Creating an account will help us effectively send you messages, possibly including text messages, requests to help volunteer, and other things without you having to remember to give us updated information. You get control over what is shared but our system will at least let us get a hold of you with important messages. Creating an account allows you to also create message notes, keep track of what you have watched, and be part of our groups like Prayer Chain, Children’s Ministry, boards and small groups, and many more. (The group messaging feature is the two thought bubbles in the picture).



After clicking on the yellow circled icon you will then see the image to the left. The black button is where you go to the next steps to create an account. Recently, our app developer/provider has made it where you can use your phone number as your log-in so you no longer need to remember which email you have used or what the password is. Please consider using this tool to help us effectively communicate with you in 2026 and beyond. Especially during winter the app is the quickest and easiest way to hear of any changes to worship due to weather.

Our app is also a great way to share our church with your friends, families and neighbors. This can become a new “door” to our church and I know many people who appreciate the feature we now provide. Helping other discover us to be able to get accurate information is key to effective communication.

2. Make sure the church office has correct contact information. There have been times when we go to contact someone and find out the information, we have is no longer accurate. If you have a new email or phone number, please make sure the church office is

aware. I know not everyone will get our app and this is a secondary way we can still use the tools we have to effectively communicate. It is important we have good mailing addresses as well so I can send appropriate cards and notes throughout the year. Text messaging is great and quick but good old fashion mail also provides encouragement and a smile.

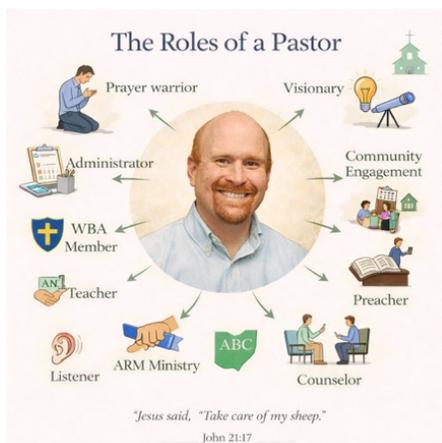
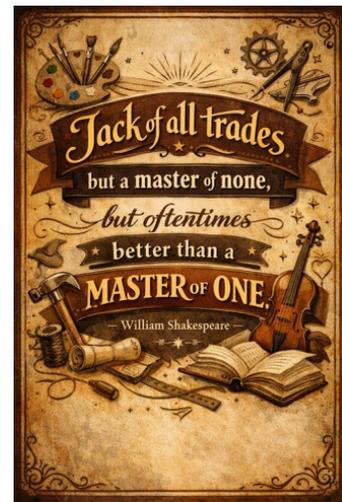
3. Effective communication means we learn to listen to well. As we start to consider how

we can communicate to those not part of our church let me give the starting point: listen well! Before trying to share what needs to happen people need to be heard! Our world is filled with constant “noise” and “talking heads” but very few people who will take the time to stop talking, listen with their ears and hearts, and respond in a way the other person can understand. Listening is hard work which will require us to suspend judgment, ask good questions, be comfortable with silence, not easily offended, and being open to being hurt by those we are in relationship with. However, when we listen well, I know that Jesus shows up and transformation happens. I hope to lead a seminar for our church this year on this topic based on the seminar I lead for ABC Ohio this past year. Effective outreach and evangelism will share the unchanging Gospel of Jesus in new ways so that those who have not responded can understand and make an informed choice.

### The Many Roles of A Pastor

William Shakespeare is credited with saying, “Jack of all trades but a master of none.” This is where we typically stop, indicating that we really aren’t great at anything and wish we could master something. However, this is a common example of how we use words out of context to possibly say something true but not what was originally intended. Here is the full statement, “Jack of all trades but a master of none, but oftentimes better than a master of one.” Do you notice the difference in meaning?

Yet, what does this have to do with our church and me as your pastor? I would say, a whole lot! For me, part of what makes



writing this report so hard and time consuming is because it is difficult to create a glimpse of the life of your pastor when no day is the same and every week a new adventure. I would say I am not “great” at any one thing but am “good enough” in many. Being a small church we must also realize we cannot “specialize” in any one area of the Christian life but must try to be our best at as many areas as possible. In a world of specialists, just think of healthcare, small church and town pastors must be a really good at many things. There is nothing wrong with specialists and we need

them, but I do not get the “luxury” of doing so. Each year I strive to grow in an area or two so that I can more effectively minister to our church and community. The image you find to the right highlights the many major roles I fill each and every month, most of them monthly. The goal of these roles is this, I would shepherd the people of Jesus who have been brought to our church in a way which reflects the heart, wisdom, grace and truth of our Savior Jesus Christ while reaching out to others to share the Gospel. What you find below are some of the major areas I tried to use my gifts in 2025.

### Project Management & Administration

2025 brought many good changes to our church and community. After many months of planning and discussion West Plum Street was finally going to be re-done. This became my first “project management” experience of the past year. No, I did not get to drive a big truck, but I was able to manage how our church navigated this time to set us up for future success while ministering to those who were working on the road. This time was spent feeding them and letting them know Jesus loves them; and they were grateful. There were times we as a church needed to be “flexible” in how we did things so that we could worship and the work could be done. Many weeks there was a “mess” as the road got worse before it got better.

As part of this project, I was able to help get a separate water line ran to the church, at no cost to the church. This is a major step forward for us as we have been plagued for years with poor water pressure especially when we are trying to do laundry at home. Being a family of 5 with active kids the washing machine is constantly running and having a separate water line to the church is an ideal solution to the pressure issues. (That and it relieves the stress for Aleesha and myself trying to figure out “when” we can wash dishes, take showers, or do laundry without someone being upset at the church because not having sufficient water pressure.) Though we were not able to finish hooking up the church to the water line in 2025 it is scheduled to be completed in the first quarter of 2026.

Secondly, the Trustees and the church was made aware a couple years ago we needed to upgrade one of our electrical breakers so as to prevent a fire hazard. Given our ministry on Wednesday nights, it was also helpful if we did not need to keep unplugging and plugging in a stove or griddle to make the food. Part of my job was helping to manage when the electrical panel upgrade would take place, ensure the work was being done and then help label the new breaker box. Imagine trying to make sure all the “important” things of our church was unplugged and then plugged back in to prevent any surge ruining our devices or the organ. The list on my white board was quite long to help me not forget any essential thing. Fortunately, the work was done quickly and now we have plenty of space to “expand” as needed in the future.

These two projects were the “known” ones which took time to help think through timing, resources, and stay on top of for 2025. However, after the road was completed we were blessed as a church to have an anonymous donor approach us about purchasing a new digital sign for the church. I must admit, this is something I looked into about 10 years ago but quickly determined it was cost prohibited for us to pursue. When I was approached in July this sent a whirlwind of activity to obtain a quote, have a rendering created, look up zoning codes for our village, have appropriate meetings with boards and many conversations with manufacture, donor, and other necessary parties. But all this time and effort was worth it!



Our old sign served us well for the many years we had it. Though our trustees in recent years had to make modifications so we could continue to use it the communication was very limited. To start someone, typically me, had to come up with a saying and then if we wanted something new another announcement would have to be created. Secondly, someone

would then have to take the time to go and change the sign as often as we wanted; this was typically Shannon George who did it well. Our ability to provide timely and a variety of information was never going to happen with our old sign.



After many months of fine-tuning all the details in November right before Thanksgiving we were able to have our new sign installed. We purchased the sign from Stewart Signs, and it was installed by Apex Construction based out of my hometown Hamilton Ohio. Prior to the sign being installed Jonathon McCulla and some others rain a dedicated line for the sign and then even made sure our outlet for the Nativity scene could be used on a timer. The work took about three days due to weather, but the

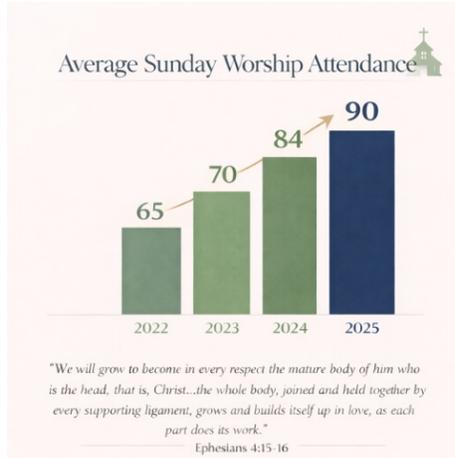
finished project allows us to have multiple announcements, provide timely information to our community, and overall is a great addition to our church. My favorite feature is the stained glass on the top when it is lit up at night. No more do we have to wait for good weather, and our community now can be more aware of all our church has to offer.



These projects are just some of the ways I serve administratively and as a project manager for the church each year. It is my responsibility to make sure things run as

smoothly as possible within the limits we have. Many hours are spent each year doing the “behind the scenes” work saving all of us time and energy throughout the year.

### Overall Church Health and Thoughts



Every church tries to balance reaching out to the community for the Gospel while also maintaining a sense of community with those who are already part of the church. A church that does not continue to attract new people will soon find they are unable to continue the ministry. Yet, church life is full of ebbs and flows to those who come. This is to be expected and attendance at church is not the only measure of what “success” or “faithfulness” may look like. The past couple years we have seen God do some amazing things and I am proud we continue to grow numerically, spiritually, and have a lower average age than we did when I came in 2016.

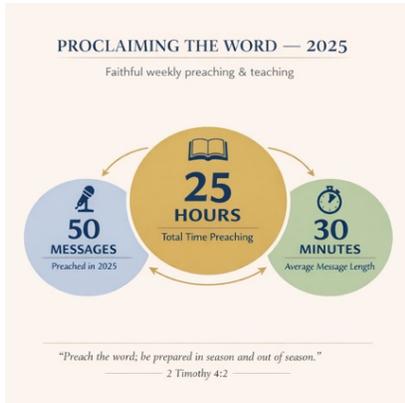
The past 5 years we have seen almost a 50% increase in weekly church attendance and many of those people being below the age of 65. We saw this in recent years as we invested time and money to more effectively minister to our children and teens and 2025 was a year where more kids and teens interacted with our church than in recent years. As we all do our part this trend will continue to help us grow disciples how make disciples. Our average attendance only considers those who are physically in the sanctuary each week and does not include the 10-15% additional individuals who watch us live online. Some of you have noticed in 2025 our sanctuary was filled and many of you were gracious to sit elsewhere when someone new happened to be in “your pew”. May we continue to be gracious with those whom God sends our way in 2026.

Alongside a greater number of people present on Sunday mornings we are also seeing a greater number of people doing the work/ministry of our church. This is even more exciting for me as your pastor. I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing our teens start to serve our children and take “ownership” of their church in ways that will only make us better for years to come.

### Preaching, Teaching, and General Ministry

When most people think of a pastor, they immediately bring to mind an image of someone behind a pulpit with Bible in hand proclaiming the Word of God. This is a right image and one I take very seriously. This past year I had one major area I was evaluating myself: am I making disciples who make disciples? Throughout much of my preaching and teaching this was a reframe I hope you remember hearing repeatedly. In fact, our first series of 2025 looked at what it meant to be a disciple of Jesus and how this may change our life for years to come. What does this mean? Disciples are those who are constantly learning,

asking questions, engaging our community and learning to be more like Jesus. Each message was crafted through this lens so that our church did not just gain knowledge of who Jesus is but we worked out that knowledge for His glory and Kingdom.



The larger the church the more variety of speakers one has but in a small church like ours the weight of preaching normally falls on the senior pastor. We were blessed to have Ron Clutter give three messages, Dr. Kevin Hairston gave a message, and we had a Sunday off due to weather. However, as you see to the left, I still spoke 50 messages this past year. One of those was our Youth Lock-in where I crafted a message about how Jesus gives you value because he bought us with a price looking at the words of 1 Corinthians. Another of those was for the Federation of

Churches Good Friday service and how at the death of Jesus some of those who were faithful to God were raised to life; dead bones came back to life. If you were to add up all the time, I spoke preaching this past year it would add up to at least 25 hours.

We walked through the beginning of the Bible and the first 5 chapters of Genesis, our Calling Disciples series already mentioned, went through the book of Job and how to overcome life with hope, Spiritual Gifts, the book of Philemon, three of the doxologies of Scripture, and finished the year looking at Jesus birth with our *The King is Coming* series.

Ron Clutter typically teaches our Wednesday morning Bible Study and Lisa Crutchfield handles teaching our teens. However, as needed I step into these times to help fill the gap and/or provide a time off so they can rest enough to continue to do what God has called them to do.

A unique teaching opportunity opened in 2025 when ABC Ohio asked me to lead a one-day seminar in August and then a one-hour webinar in December. The August seminar was titled *Being A Healing Presence In A Hurting World* and helped to equip individuals to bring the presence of Jesus to those in their lives each week. The one-day seminar was also part of the Ohio Leadership Academy course I taught helping those seeking to learn more about how Jesus may use them in their local church start the process of gaining skills to be used. The webinar in December: *Grief & The Holidays* was a follow up based on feedback from the August seminar. It also helped to equip those who are grieving survive the holidays. For those of us who are the “helpers” it was my hope that a nugget of truth was presented so you can be near the brokenhearted as our Lord is.

## Food For The Soul

2025 marked our fifth year of serving our community on Wednesday nights with our Food For the Soul ministry. I still marvel at what the Lord has been doing during this time of serving and this past year was no exception. Once again the Lord provides people, sometimes too many people, the funds, and those willing to eat what we lovingly made. A major change we noticed in 2025 was more people are starting to come inside to eat and form community. This is at the heart of what Food For the Soul can be. It is not primarily about making a hot meal but starting to form community and relationships with everyone we meet. Those who come and take their meals at home are greeted by a smiling face and notice when someone “new” is out there. People appreciate the consistency this provides, and I have had good conversations about why we do what we do each week. These conversations continue to provide open doors to greater conversation about Jesus.



The struggle each week is knowing how much food to prepare as we have seen numbers from 175 all the way up to 300 plus. We continue to find “new” menu options and this year we added, to some success and enjoyment, fried bologna sandwiches. The bologna may not have been as thick as some would like but I must say it was very good! Once again, this year we served well over 11,000 meals to our community. If we were to add up all the meals since we started in March 2020, I would say we would be close to 60,000 meals served so far in the lifetime of this ministry.

God continues to bless this ministry, and you can see in the financial report the church only spent about \$4500 from the general budget. As the one who does the majority of the ordering it costs, before any donations, roughly \$1 per meal served. Some meals can cost up to \$2 but those are the exceptions. After all the donations given to the church the net cost to the church is only \$0.41 per meal served. Yes, it may look like a lot; and it is some weeks, but God continues to show up and provide in mighty ways. Many in our community realize we as FBC St. Paris truly do care!

## Funerals, Community Ministry, and Other Roles

After a full 2024 where many connected to our church went home to be with Jesus, I was glad to have a lower year of funerals in 2025. Lower is very subjective as I still ministered to 16 different families throughout the year. Of those 16 only two were connected to our church: Phyllis Garber and Gary Dowty. Being a small-town pastor many people seek the comfort of Jesus during these dark times, and I am honored to be present with them reminding them Jesus is near those who are hurting. I am committed to being the

light of Jesus in the face of the darkness of death to any who should need it. Being in St. Paris now for 10 years I am starting to be asked to do funerals for family members of individuals I served many years ago. For some, I am the community pastor regardless of whether they ever attend our church. This is a good sign!

Closely connected to being present at funerals are the times I care for our church through counseling and the “ministry of presence”. I am uniquely equipped and received the training to be a counselor for those who are part of our church in ways other pastors are not capable. This is the closest thing to a “specialty” I may have but truly it is just how Jesus as equipped me to be His shepherd here. Though I cannot tell you who I see nor exactly how many hours I spend each month in this role; know Jesus is transforming His people through this important ministry of our church. Throughout the year we all need someone who will “walk with them” during the twists and turns of life so they know Jesus is with them. A good shepherd is not scared of the mess of people but is willing to let Jesus heal those in need. This is the role of counseling the life of a pastor.

Ever since 2016 I have been the chaplain for JSP Fire District and continue to serve our firefighters and EMTs each year. Each year things vary but one of the constants is I am checking with the men and women who served to see what they need. This is especially true after particularly hard scenes or when the tragedy is so great. I don’t keep records on most of this work due to the confidentiality, but I know a couple formal debriefings and stress management groups were completed. It is always helping for those who see people at the worst to have space to process what happened and how they are going to cope with it.

As part of this work, I get to know people and their family, setting up times when I can be present during major life events. In the fall I was honored to conduct a wedding for one of JSP personnels family member who I have seen grow up into a maturing young person. This was my only wedding in 2025. (On a side note, I don’t typically do many weddings unless they are part of our church. I am learning to say “no” at times.)

Starting in the summer I was approached by Sheriff Burroughs about being part of the newly expanded Champaign County Sheriff’s Department Chaplain team. I highly respect Chad and we had many conversations over the years about how I could best serve our community and what the Lord was doing for him. I was honored to be asked and after consulting with others and much prayer I accepted the appointment on the team. For 2025 not much took place with the team but like much of the work of a pastor one never knows when a crisis will show up and the need for caring presence of individuals of faith is always powerful and helpful. I look forward to serving those who serve our community and know the Lord will open doors for His glory and His kingdom.

St. Paris is unique in many ways, and the Federation of Churches is one example. Very few other places have such a unified and collaborative approach to ministry as we do

in the Federation. I continue to serve as President and the role continues to expand in some ways as we seek to show the Lord to our community. Most of the work is administrative in nature making sure all that can be done is done with excellence. This past year the Federation was able to partner even closer with the schools and their “brown bag” program. Pastor Scott Barger of the Church of God manages the program but over 150 kids each week get a to go home bag of food so no child will be hungry on the weekend. I am proud our Federation and to partner with Pastor Scott to help meet this need. We have big plans for this ministry in 2026 so stay tuned.

As part of the Federation, we help to oversee community worship services: Good Friday, Easter Sunrise, Thanksgiving; run Vacation Bible School each summer, hold a Community Easter Egg Hunt, and honor our Graham seniors with a Baccalaureate Service. On top of these gatherings there is the weekly food pantry, monthly mobile pantry and the Community Thanksgiving Meal. My involvement varies depending on the program but as President I am constantly made aware of all that is doing and asked how to help keep things moving forward. We are blessed to be part of this great organization.

Outside of my personal work in our community, I continue to serve our wider church community through our Western Baptist Association as our ARM (Associate Regional Minister) and the American Baptist Churches of Ohio (ABC Ohio) region. As ARM I am trying to have meaningful contact with each pastor of the association, praying over them, and host our monthly pastor gatherings the first Thursday of the month. I believe it is important we stay in connected with each other and never become so isolated in ministry we do not have someone pouring into us. This role also helps me to stay connected and learn from our sister churches and their pastors.

ABC Ohio continues to provide opportunities to serve a greater group of people for the Kingdom. As mentioned earlier in this report I was able to host a seminar and webinar for them in addition to other roles. Those other roles include serving on the region board as Past-President, the Finance Committee/Team of the region, the Executive Committee/Team and other various gatherings as needed. Though this work can be time consuming and typically includes many evenings out a year I am deeply honored to have met some great people of the ABC Ohio region. I believe our ministry here is better because of this connection. That said, I am looking forward to finishing my formal role and term with the region in 2026.

If you look back at the image of different roles I play in a given week/month you will notice I did not hit on all of them but tried to give you the major ones this past year. The work of a pastor is never ending and unlike any other “job”. It is not uncommon to get messages up to about 11pm or later, calls/texts starting around 7am, and a host of other times. I don’t share this to complain but some may wonder what it is like to be a pastor, and these are the realities. I routinely try to take Saturdays off but in reality, there are many times when ministry happens regardless of my “day off”.

## 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. I said these words last year and the same is true this year. Yet I make time to spend with my family and try very hard to be as present as possible. I also try to find ways to rest and recharge throughout the year. However, once again this past year I was unable to take my full 4 weeks of vacation and had to settle for just three. Hopefully I can change this for 2026.

My kids continue to grow and serve the Lord in their own way. The boys can be found helping with our tech team and are very active in our youth ministry. Elliana has continued to learn piano and played prelude for church a couple times. All three are active in sports with baseball and soccer seasons but very full of games, practices and travelling around the county.

Daniel was on the JV soccer team this year as a freshman and continues to excel in school. He has really enjoyed his shop/woodworking class making a couple projects to bring home that I am very proud about. He is growing in his faith and asking great questions about the Bible and how to live. I am eager to see what the Lord will do with him in the future. Beyond this he continues to love playing baseball and hopes to be a catcher on the high school team someday. He and I had a joy of going to the championship baseball game for Graham in June. Memories made!

Josiah is growing into his own personality and still a goofy kid that can make me smile. He plays baseball and soccer season was good to him. He also does well at school and recently was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at the middle school. He is my mini-me in many ways, so we connect on different levels. I enjoy laughing with him and going to get "special" food with him just so we can talk. During the summer he has been active helping at the library alongside Daniel. This past year he got braces and has learned to adjust to this season of life.

Elliana continues to master many different things. She took up crocheting this past year and can quickly make something when she puts her mind to it. She is a "daddy's girl" and loves to be tucked in every night. I know one day this may end but until then I will enjoy it. She keeps me in line if I don't talk about her to others and then sometimes when I do say something about her in church. She loves Jesus and has been growing through LifeWise at school. Almost every week she asks, "do you need help Wednesday" and will come hang out with Joyce, Patty and I before others come in.

Aleesha continues to thrive in her own ministry here at FBC St. Paris and in our community. She is the chair of our Christian Education board, serves in our nursery, primary and secondary classes on Sunday mornings. Beyond this she is the constant

support and encouragement I need when the days are long or tough. Her mother, Jonita, continues to adjust to live without Gary and the many different medical appointments now required. Aleesha is willing and able, fortunately, to go up and be with her mom during many of these appointments.

On top of these ministries Aleesha is also found many days a month at the local school being a substitute teacher or aide. She has a heart to help our teachers and to be present when they cannot be there, so education does not take a back seat on those days. As a former teacher she knows how hard it is and the relationships she has formed with the staff and kids is amazing to see.

Beyond my roles with the church and community I continue to own and practice as a counselor through Bridges of Hope Counseling. About 50% of my work is telemental health allowing me to work at night and some early mornings. The mental health needs of our world continue to grow, and I am grateful to play a part in the journey to healing and wholeness of my clients.

My mother continues to heal after her health issues in 2024 and routinely comes up to visit and watch the kids during their sporting events. I am grateful for her faith, and she has the health do all that she does.

As many of you know in 2021, we bought a condo up in Oak Harbor Ohio about 100 yards from Lake Erie. This is a place of memories for my family and a place of relaxation and recharge for me. Many times, throughout the year I will go up to work without the distractions of life and for that I am grateful. This past August/September Daniel, Ron McKamy and I were able to remodel a bathroom up there and though it is not perfect it is really nice. My ability to get away I believe helps me to be effective as a pastor and I am grateful for this place which allows me to do so.

In conclusion, I am amazed at what the Lord has done in 2025 and our 10 years of ministry together. I am grateful for the people of this church and those who I minister with because life is richer because of you. I believe with all my heart we have great days ahead of us and we are just getting started on what the Lord has for us here at FBC St. Paris.

Be God's,  
Pastor Jeremy

## **2025 Annual Report of the First Baptist Church of St. Paris, Ohio Church Clerk Report**

May you be made strong with all the strength from his glorious power. Colossians 1:11

The First Baptist Church of St. Paris Ohio

Members 354

Active 105

In Active 248

We had no members pass into eternal rest in 2025

We had 3 individuals become members:

Logan Pitsinger through baptism

Ron and Sue McKamy through Christian experience

The following board reports will have more detailed information on what the church accomplished collectively for 2025

Respectfully submitted,  
Yvette Clutter, church clerk

## **Board of Deacons and Deaconess Annual Report 2025**

As we continue praising and worshipping our Lord, we thank our entire congregation for the faithfulness and the willingness to serve in our church. We are blessed by the many individuals giving their time and talents to enhance our worship service. The generosity of all giving to the Deacon fund has provided us the funds to assist many individuals in our church and community during these difficult times.

We have been able to donate to the ABC/Ohio Pastor Emergency Fund, providing new undergarments and other essentials to the elementary school. We have provided funds to the Federation of Churches "Brown Bag" program which distributes needed meals to children for over the weekend.

As the dynamics of worshipping continues to change, on-line viewership increases allowing us to reach individuals who may not have a church home, shut-ins or family members who may not live in our immediate area.

Communion is observed on a monthly basis as well as Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve. We take communion to our shut-ins on a regular basis and have time to visit with them.

Food for the Souls continues to provide meals to those in our community with a take-out or delivery service and well as the opportunity to fellowship together for those choose to eat in the church. We are still averaging anywhere from 200 – 300 meals served each week.

Christmas Eve day and Christmas Eve programs were held again this year. A family friendly program was at 3pm and the evening service was at 7pm. Both programs were well attended.

Weekly morning worship service attendance has been steadily increasing over the year.

The deacons have coordinated transportation needs of our congregation who have no means of getting to doctor appointments. We thank those individuals who have volunteered to offer their time.

We continue to pray for each of you and ask for God's guidance as we venture into 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey L. McCulla, Chairman

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPORT – 2025**

Here is a list of the major projects completed in 2025:

- Baptismal painting
- Electrical panel replacement
- Church water tap installation
- Handrail repair/modification
- Ceiling patch & painting
- New sign installation
- Removing obsolete items

There are no major expense projects planned for 2026. Running new water lines from the church water tap is planned and should improve water pressure issues. Work is also planned for windows and minor painting projects.

Due to the age, the AC/heat pump may need to be replaced in the next few years. The boiler plumbing may also need replaced in the future.

## **Christian Education 2025**

The Board of Christian Education met three times in 2025.

On Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday the children blessed us with playing the bells during the worship service, with Aleesha Spence leading them.

Promotion Sunday was June 1<sup>st</sup> during our worship service. Aleesha Spence blessed each child with encouraging words.

Our annual picnic was held at Jeff and Leta's home on August 11<sup>th</sup>. We started with an auction to collect money for the shipping cost for the Operation Christmas Child. A total of \$1400 was collected. Thanks to all who donated items and those who purchased them. There were good food, fellowship, and swimming.

On September 13<sup>th</sup> our church hosted a Leadership Training Seminar. Several members of the church attended the seminar "Equipping Before We Need It".

A Family Game Night was held on October 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Snacks and games were brought to share, and we (the Church) provided the hot dogs.

Lisa Crutchfield asked for volunteers to help wrap gifts for the Advent Calendar making event on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Several volunteers showed up and all the gifts were wrapped and sorted for the event on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

The children played bells the during the advent season, led by Aleesha Spence. December 24<sup>th</sup> was the Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service, from 3-4pm led by Lisa Crutchfield.

Aleesha purchased more sticker books to be used by the children during the worship service.

There is still a need for helpers for the Youth Group on Sunday evenings, and teachers and helpers during the worship service.

Aleesha Spence, Chairman  
Lisa Crutchfield, Youth Director  
Leta McCulla, Secretary  
Sue Mitchell  
Joyce Oder  
Yvonne Ruffner

## Mission Board Report 2025

As a church and a mission board, we believe that God calls us all to be on mission and to continually give generously to support mission work locally, across the US, and around the world. Several of Pastor Jeremy's recent messages have reminded us of our calling to be disciples of the gospel, and mission work can provide that opportunity for us to be disciples ourselves and certainly to support others doing that work.

For every non-specified dollar given to the church, ten cents goes to missions. The mission board helps the church determine how to allocate these funds. This year, we began supporting Jon and Amanda Good, currently based in Italy. Amanda and Jon believe in revitalizing the church's mission through a Christ-centered, multicultural community. They engage in evangelistic outreach and discipleship through strategic renewal and church planting initiatives in partnership with UCEBI, the Christian Evangelical Baptist Union of Italy. They replaced the Osterbrocks, who are no longer serving as missionaries. We continued to support [Tim and Stacy Reese](#), who arrived in the Dominican Republic in January 2024 and have served for two years now 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. We also continue to support children through Compassion International.

Other missions based in the U.S. that we continued to support in 2025 included Bill and Julia Otterness, who serve on 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.

We have continued to support Lifewise Academy, which provides weekly religious education to Graham students, with a \$50 monthly donation. In addition, the Mission Board decided to increase support for the Backpack Program through the Federation of Churches by donating \$200 per month, an increase of \$50 per month from 2024. This program provides weekend meals to Graham students experiencing food insecurity.

Locally, we continued to support the Caring Kitchen in Urbana by providing and serving meals quarterly. We not only provided meals but also served. 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 donated food and money to purchase food for this outreach.

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 on March 10 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, and we encourage anyone with time to give to consider reaching out to them.

We also continued to support our state denomination, ABC Ohio, from which we receive significant support, including mentorship, training, and resources for our Pastor and our American Baptists' 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.

## **American Baptist Women's Ministries Annual Report 2025**

New Ministry Focus for 2025-2027: Building God's Community

Focus Verse: 1 Corinthians 3.9

"For we are co-workers working together; you are God's field, God's building".

With our new theme we are challenged to cultivate spiritual growth, build intergenerational bridges, strengthen community bonds, and repair what's broken through forgiveness and reconciliation.

New Mission Focus: Belonging. God said that "we are all equally made in the divine perfect image" from Genesis 1.26-28, we are All loved by God. We are called to reflect that in how we love and serve one another.

I believe our ABW and church are carrying out these new themes as we have worked together this year with the Pony Wagon Chicken Noodle Dinner, the Craft Bazaar, and the Goodie Sale. Much appreciation goes to all who help so we can give and benefit others.

In February over a dozen "Love Boxes" were sent to college and military members, and Valentine's were sent to our shut-ins. (\$181 in postage)

White Cross Requests of needs for Dayton Christian Center were fulfilled and delivered to the center.

We gave \$750 towards our new State ABW project goal of \$10,000 to remodel the food serving area at Heart Reach Neighborhood Ministries, Youngstown, \$500 to Food for the Soul, \$100 to the Pony Wagon Committee, \$200 to the Women and Girls Fund and \$50 for National ABW Support, \$250 to Matthew 25 Ministries for Hurricane Relief, \$100 for Graham teacher/therapist to use for students with special needs, \$300 Christmas money to our IM missionaries and our scholarship student Susan Nicholson, \$200 for State scholarship fund for students entering full-time ministry.

April 26<sup>th</sup>, we hosted the Western Association women with the theme to "Be in the Pink", "Say Yes!". Our speaker was Linda Lensman who spoke about the work of "Breast Friends Forever". Sue McKamy shared her own personal story.

Women and Girls Nite Out was June 3<sup>rd</sup>, where we enjoyed dinner and painted flowers on canvas led by Christa Everett, artist and art instructor at Miami East Middle School.

Two women attended Women's Conference June 7<sup>th</sup> at the First Baptist Church in Newark.

Thank you to all who worked together with us this year serving one another and our Lord.

Barb McDonald, President

Joyce Bowlin, Treasurer

## Director of Youth Ministries Report

As 2025 comes to a close we are looking back at the year's growth not only in our ministry numbers, but the growth of our youth in their walk with Christ. It has been determined that continuing Youth Group through the summer months has been very beneficial to the group itself. We have had several series bible studies this year that has allowed the youth to get a better understanding of prayer and how it can work and change our lives and the lives of others. We started 2025 with around 12 regular youth. By the end of December we were averaging between 14 regulars with up to an additional 6 more that attend off and on. We had several youth begin to attend youth group following our Labor Day camp out at Kiser Lake.

January 2025 started with our first Youth Winter Retreat. We took 30 youth tubing and stayed overnight at the church for a lock-in. We had 7 adults that helped in a variety of ways; driving, cooking, cleaning, and chaperoning.

February 2025 we had our first Widow and Widowers luncheon. The youth group came together not just to serve our seniors, but they sat and shared a meal with them with intentional interaction in an effort to get to know them. I do believe that everyone was blessed that day.

March 2025 the youth group went bowling with 28 youth participating. It was a fun time except the snow storm that we had to drive in!!

April 2025 we did a community spaghetti dinner to raise funds for youth church camp. We had 13 youth working and we served 60 dinners. We were able to raise \$1,000.00 for our youth camp fund.

June 2025 saw our youth group and many of their friends off to church camp. We attended Camp Cotubic due to Camp Kirkwood being closed for the summer. We had 9 high school boys attend the high school camp and Jr high girls attend the middle grade camp. After the fundraising, donation, and funds received from the American Baptist Association for tuition assistance, the students only had to pay \$50 for a week at camp.

July 2025 had us helping at the community vacation bible school. This was a proud moment for me as a youth leader. Several of our youth really stepped up to help out with this. We had 5 teens helping during the week.

August 2025 we enjoyed the church picnic and youth group afterwards at the McCulla's house. We used their pool in exchange for eating all the leftovers and helping with the tables and chairs.

September 2025 was our annual Labor Day camp out. We had a great time at this year's camp out. We were in a different a bigger spot, with much more room for the youth to run and stay together. We fished with little success as usual. Several of the older boys had to

leave early for sports practice, but chose to return to the camp after, even though it was just for lunch. We had a visiting snapping turtle and several raccoons. Someone thought they heard a bear in the night, but we are pretty sure it was just someone snoring. We had 15 kids and 4 adult chaperones.

October-Youth Group hosted the Family Game Night. We had 47 people attend, some even being the youth and their families. We are working on scheduling another one in the New Year. We also worked the games at the community Spooktacular day. We had 14 youth that helped throughout the day. The youth have been working their way through a bible study on prayer. They began by praying for all of our congregation, by sitting where you sit and praying. They then talked together in small groups and prayed for the needs of each other. The third week we talked about the needs of our Pastor and laid hands on him and prayed for him and his family. Last week they spent some time learning to pray for themselves. We shared more than 25 written prayer request from the individuals in youth group with the church congregation and asked them to pray for these request. THANK YOU CHURCH!! You have no idea what a blessing this was and is to myself and the young people in our church to know that you love us and pray for us.

November 2025 we had a big turnout for the community Advent Calendar Craft Day. The youth were there to help the younger children put their craft together. We had several adult from the church that helped to wrap the 1,200 small gifts that went into the 50 craft bags that we gave away.

December 2025 was a busy month for the families and youth of our church. We had our youth Christmas party with 16 attending. We had a great time playing games and sharing presents. Our Family Christmas Eve program was lightly attended, but we had fun doing a craft and having a story and snowball fight.

The year has been a busy one, filled with laughter and joy. The youth are growing closer together and closer to God as we study His word together. 2026 is going to be a year for a more of the same. Thank you church for all that you do to support the young people of our Youth Group. It is a blessing to serve in a church that loves not only those that sit in our pews on Sunday morning, but the community that we share.

Lisa Crutchfield  
Director of Youth Ministry

## Federation of Churches Yearly Report 2025

The Federation of Churches was 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 accomplished over the past year of 2025.

### **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 Wednesday from 5:30-7:30pm and on Saturdays from 8:30-10am each week. We serve several families each month. The mobile pantry also comes to our community on the third Monday of each month from 1-2pm.

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

**Brown Bag Lunches:** This is an outreach ministry program that provides school aged children with microwaveable meals for the weekends during the school year.

**Life Wise:** This is also an outreach program where grades 2-8 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 approximately 150 students. We continue to provide financial support for this ministry.

**Financial Assistance:** The Federation of Churches is available to help those that may need financial help with rent, medications, electric, gas, etc. This must be approved by two pastors for help to be given.

### **Additional Ministries**

**January-March/April- Easter Activities:** We met on a rotating basis at area churches for the Good Friday Service and the Easter Sunrise Service. We also hosted a community Easter Egg Hunt for the children in our community. Due to inclement weather attendance was lower than usual.

**May-June:** National Day of Prayer falls in May. The Federation chose not to collectively observe this service in 2025. The Federation hosted the Baccalaureate service and meal for the Graham High School Graduating class of 2025. Graduates were given a plaque during graduation practice.

**July-September:** During the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, we purchased bracelets for the children to use during this event, hosted by the St. Paris local fire department. Also in July, we held our community Vacation Bible School, hosted by the Catholic Church, The Temple Church, and the Lutheran Churches. Wonder Junction was the theme for 2025. We had 40-60 children attend throughout the week. We participated in two mission projects during the week of VBS. The children brought approximately 150 food items for the food pantry and \$380 towards the Brown Bag Ministry.

**New School Year:** As the new school year approached, members of the various churches got together at each building site to Graham schools to pray for a safe and successful year. We provided breakfast for the teachers and staff on their first day back. Various churches also distributed school supplies.

**October-December:** Several churches hosted Halloween activities in October. We also remembered our Pastors during Pastor Appreciation Month in October. In November we hosted a Thanksgiving service and the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner to the community. We distributed Christmas food baskets and gifts to children during the holiday season. Approximately 71 families (194 children) received Christmas gifts. This year, Covenant Lutheran Church hosted “A Blue Christmas” to remember loved ones who have passed away.

### **Additional Ministries**

**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

1/5/26

		2025 Budget	Income	1st Quarter Expenses	2nd Quarter Expenses	3rd Quarter Expenses	4th Quarter Expenses	Year to Date Expenses	Balance	Actual / Budget
#101	Fuel - Church	3,000.00		1,947.07	599.60	150.85	631.06	3,328.58	(328.58)	111.0%
#102	Fuel - Parsonage	1,200.00		574.35	210.44	145.88	253.58	1,184.25	15.75	98.7%
#103	Electricity - Church	4,000.00		566.90	585.17	1,113.17	873.23	3,138.47	861.53	78.5%
#104	Electricity - Parsonage	3,000.00		751.47	645.61	900.73	721.64	3,019.45	(19.45)	100.6%
#105	Telephone	700.00		157.48	157.50	157.50	157.50	629.98	70.02	90.0%
#106	Internet/Electronic	1,850.00		457.48	457.50	457.50	1,142.02	2,514.50	(664.50)	135.9%
#107	Water & Sewer	1,500.00		462.00	480.50	425.00	499.00	1,866.50	(366.50)	124.4%
#108	Secretary Salary	10,240.00		2,297.67	2,445.43	1,874.95	2,728.30	9,346.35	893.65	91.3%
#109	Custodian Salary	9,043.40		2,260.91	2,260.83	2,260.83	2,260.83	9,043.40	0.00	100.0%
#109-A	Less: Accrued Withholding Taxes				(971.78)	971.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	
#110	Social Security	2,420.00		578.24		1,146.93	616.69	2,341.86	78.14	96.8%
#111	Real Estate Taxes	2,400.00		2,415.34				2,415.34	(15.34)	100.6%
#112	Property Insurance	9,000.00			4,601.00		4,601.00	9,202.00	(202.00)	102.2%
#113	Maintenance & Repairs	10,000.00		211.05	582.11	10,135.81	70.65	10,999.62	(999.62)	110.0%
#114	Custodian Supplies	500.00				40.00	294.70	334.70	165.30	66.9%
#115	Garbage Service	325.00		71.25	72.00	72.00	72.00	287.25	37.75	88.4%
	<b>Total</b>	59,178.40	0.00	12,751.21	12,125.91	19,852.93	14,922.20	59,652.25	(473.85)	
#201	Sunday School Supplies	300.00				413.88		413.88	(113.88)	138.0%
#202	Camp	1,200.00	3,642.00		3,520.00			3,520.00	1,322.00	293.3%
#203	Leadership Training & Spiritual Adv.	400.00	28.00		26.98	25.00		51.98	376.02	12.1%
#204	Youth Ministries	1,200.00	965.00	926.86		360.76	534.57	1,822.19	342.81	84.2%
#205	Food for the Souls	8,000.00	9,874.53	2,675.00	3,100.00	3,250.00	5,219.00	14,244.00	3,630.53	79.7%
#206	Children's Ministry	1,000.00		295.45	204.98		587.94	1,088.37	(88.37)	108.8%
#207	Director of Youth Ministries	12,300.00		3,000.00	3,060.00	3,090.00	3,090.00	12,240.00	60.00	99.5%
	<b>Total</b>	24,400.00	14,509.53	6,897.31	9,911.96	7,139.64	9,431.51	33,380.42	5,529.11	
#301	Office Supplies	800.00		225.18		233.44		458.62	341.38	57.3%
#302	Christian Periodicals	300.00		48.75			140.00	188.75	111.25	62.9%
#303	Worship Service	300.00					269.85	269.85	30.15	90.0%
#304	Music Supplies	200.00					342.00	342.00	(142.00)	171.0%
#305	Postage	700.00		73.00	73.00	146.00	78.00	370.00	330.00	52.9%
#306	Website/Digital	2,750.00		2,750.00			2,600.00	5,350.00	(2,600.00)	194.5%
	<b>Total</b>	5,050.00	0.00	3,096.93	73.00	379.44	3,429.85	6,979.22	(1,929.22)	
#401	Pastors Cash Salary	46,865.00		11,716.40	11,716.20	11,716.20	11,716.20	46,865.00	0.00	100.0%
#402	Auto Reimbursement	3,000.00		572.52	518.00	588.00	672.00	2,350.52	649.48	78.4%

**First Baptist Church Quarterly Treasurer Report**

1/5/26

		<b>2025 Budget</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>1st Quarter Expenses</b>	<b>2nd Quarter Expenses</b>	<b>3rd Quarter Expenses</b>	<b>4th Quarter Expenses</b>	<b>Year to Date Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
#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	4,320.00		1,080.00	1,080.00	1,080.00	1,080.00	4,320.00	0.00	100.0%
#405	Books and Periodicals	150.00						0.00	150.00	0.0%
#406	Convention/Seminars/Conferences	600.00						0.00	600.00	0.0%
#407	Pulpit Supply	900.00		150.00		150.00	300.00	600.00	300.00	66.7%
#409	Qualified Small Employer Health	11,500.00		2,590.26	2,402.82	2,512.82	2,402.82	9,908.72	1,591.28	86.2%
#410	QSEHRA Administration Fee	575.00		552.00				552.00	23.00	96.0%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>79,610.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>19,586.18</b>	<b>18,642.02</b>	<b>18,972.02</b>	<b>19,096.02</b>	<b>76,296.24</b>	<b>3,313.76</b>	

#501	Western Association Dues	150.00				150.00		150.00	0.00	100.0%
#502	Hospitality Committee	1,500.00	487.50	222.99	573.96	737.54	474.00	2,008.49	(20.99)	101.1%
#503	Mission Promotion	150.00						0.00	150.00	0.0%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>	<b>487.50</b>	<b>222.99</b>	<b>573.96</b>	<b>887.54</b>	<b>474.00</b>	<b>2,158.49</b>	<b>129.01</b>	

#601	Other		209,371.17	49.84	219.00	15,013.65	16,324.50	31,606.99		
#602	Mission Related		592.60	7,981.35	2,527.80	2,424.48	3,048.60	15,982.23		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>170,038.40</b>	<b>224,960.80</b>	<b>50,585.81</b>	<b>44,073.65</b>	<b>64,669.70</b>	<b>66,726.68</b>	<b>226,055.84</b>		

<b>Income</b>	<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>4th Quarter</b>	<b>Total</b>
General	40,616.50	30,980.00	29,990.00	32,793.90	134,380.40
General (Digital)	7,828.40	7,538.00	7,520.60	7,433.00	30,320.00
Childrens Offering	102.25	119.88	105.95	106.75	434.83
Other	1,983.00	7,268.21	44,788.50	5,193.26	59,232.97
Digital Mission Giving	145.65	155.65	145.65	145.65	592.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,675.80</b>	<b>46,061.74</b>	<b>82,550.70</b>	<b>45,672.56</b>	<b>224,960.80</b>

<b>Account Balances</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Missions</b>	<b>Savings</b>	<b>Certificates</b>	<b>Memorial Fd</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance as of January 1, 2025	5,507.29	1.00	17,750.49	44,879.35	5,169.87	73,308.00
Debits (-)	(226,055.84)	(13,432.54)	(9,000.00)			
Credits (+)	224,960.80	13,432.54	53.35	1,088.95	19.54	
Balance as of September 30, 2025	4,412.25	1.00	8,803.84	45,968.30	5,189.41	64,374.80

Certificate of Deposit #131090	4,026.15	Matures 6/3/27	18 months	2.05%
Certificate of Deposit #130941	35,210.00	Matures 10/12/27	24 months	2.10%
Certificate of Deposit #131406	6,732.15	Matures 10/26/26	13 months	4.00%

CD#131055 matured 9/25/25. Rewritten for 13 months @ 4.00%

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Missions

	Credit	10%	Digital	ABC/Ohio	Good	Reese	World Mis.	Am. Christ	OGHS	RMMO	Other	Total	
January	1,158.41	949.86	48.55	60.00		100.00						1,158.41	
February	1,528.38	1,139.83	48.55	40.00	200.00	100.00						1,528.38	
March	1,058.56	700.01	48.55	110.00	100.00	100.00						1,058.56	
<b>1st Qtr</b>	<b>3,745.35</b>	<b>2,789.70</b>	<b>145.65</b>	<b>210.00</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>0.00</b>	<b>3,745.35</b>	
April	793.78	465.23	48.55	80.00	100.00	100.00						793.78	
May	838.78	480.23	58.55	100.00	100.00	100.00						838.78	
June	2,286.55	76.69	48.55	40.00	100.00	100.00				750.00	1,171.31	2,286.55	
<b>2nd Qtr</b>	<b>3,919.11</b>	<b>1,022.15</b>	<b>155.65</b>	<b>220.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>1,171.31</b>	<b>3,919.11</b>	
July	906.40	577.85	48.55	80.00	100.00	100.00						906.40	
August	1,024.98	696.43	48.55	80.00	100.00	100.00						1,024.98	
September	713.10	404.55	48.55	60.00	100.00	100.00						713.10	
<b>3rd Qtr.</b>	<b>2,644.48</b>	<b>1,678.83</b>	<b>145.65</b>	<b>220.00</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>0.00</b>	<b>2,644.48</b>	
October	841.10	317.55	48.55	90.00	100.00	100.00	185.00					841.10	
November	1,581.34	792.79	48.55	90.00	100.00	100.00	400.00				50.00	1,581.34	
December	701.16	392.61	48.55	60.00	100.00	100.00						701.16	
<b>4th Qtr</b>	<b>3,123.60</b>	<b>1,502.95</b>	<b>145.65</b>	<b>240.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>585.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>3,123.60</b>	
<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>13,432.54</b>	<b>6,993.63</b>	<b>592.60</b>	<b>890.00</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>585.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>1,221.31</b>	<b>13,432.54</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	40.00
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.	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00
Bill & Julia 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 Rebirth (\$300)										300.00		
Comp. Int'l (Bd/Chris)												30.00
RMMO (\$750)						750.00						
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
LifeWise	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>368.00</b>	<b>368.00</b>	<b>368.00</b>	<b>368.00</b>	<b>368.00</b>	<b>1,118.00</b>	<b>368.00</b>	<b>368.00</b>	<b>368.00</b>	<b>668.00</b>	<b>368.00</b>	<b>398.00</b>

**Financial Secretary Report  
2025**

**General Fund Receipts**

General .....	\$ 134,380.40
General (Digital) .....	30,320.00
Childrens Offering .....	434.83
Tues A.M. Bible Study .....	28.00
Memory of Phyllis Garber (FFTS) .....	250.00
Food for the Souls .....	8,486.53
Deacon Reimburs. From FOC .....	53.00
Garage Sale (FFTS) .....	1,138.00
Camp .....	3,642.00
Poinsettas .....	150.00
Dessert Auction (Shoebox) .....	1,569.00
Harold Shank Trust .....	3,513.94
Youth Retreat (Snow Tubing) .....	856.00
Easter Flowers .....	245.00
Hospitality .....	92.50
Youth Group .....	109.00
Transfer from Savings .....	9,000.00
Sign Donation .....	30,000.00
Memory of B. Carnes (FOC - Food Pantry) .....	100.00
Digital Mission Giving .....	592.60
<b>Total General Fund Receipts</b> .....	<b>\$ 224,960.80</b>

**Mission Giving**

Monthly 10% .....	\$ 6,993.63
Missions .....	890.00
World Mission Offering .....	585.00
Harold Shank Trust .....	1,171.31
Tim & Stacy Reese .....	1,200.00
John & Amanda Good .....	1,200.00
Digital Mission Giving .....	592.60
Retired Ministers and Mission. ....	750.00
Brown Bag .....	50.00
<b>TOTAL MISSION GIVING</b> .....	<b>\$ 13,432.54</b>

**First Baptist Church  
2026 Budget**

Previous Line item # in ( )	
#101	Fuel - Church 3,500.00
#102	Fuel - Parsonage 1,300.00
#103	Electricity - Church 3,250.00
#104	Electricity - Parsonage 3,000.00
#105	Internet/Phone/Electron. (#105,#106) 3,500.00
#106	Water & Sewer (#107) 2,000.00
#107	Refuse Service (#115) 325.00
#108	Real Estate Taxes (#111) 2,900.00
#109	Property Insurance (#112) 10,200.00
#110	Maintenance & Repairs (#113) 7,500.00
#111	Custodial Supplies (#114) 500.00
	<b>Total 37,975.00</b>
#201	Secretary Salary (#108) 10,550.00
#202	Custodian Salary (#109) 9,325.00
#203	Dir. Of Youth Ministries (#207) 12,700.00
#204	Social Security (#110) 2,500.00
	<b>Total 35,075.00</b>
#251	Office Supplies (#301) 800.00
#252	Postage (#305) 500.00
	<b>Total 1,300.00</b>
#301	Children Ministries (#201 & #206) 1,500.00
#302	Camp (#202) 1,200.00
#303	Youth Ministries (#204) 1,500.00
#304	Leadership Train./Spiritual Adv. 400.00
#305	Food for the Souls (#205) 9,000.00
	<b>Total 13,600.00</b>
#351	Christian Periodicals (#302) 300.00
#352	Worship Supplies (#303) 300.00
#353	Music Ministry (#304) 200.00
#354	Website/Digital (#306) 2,750.00
	<b>Total 3,550.00</b>
#401	Pastor Cash Salary 48,270.00
#402	Auto Reimbursement 3,000.00
#403	M & M Retirement 11,700.00
#404	Social Security Offset 4,610.00
#405	Books/Periodicals 150.00
#406	Conference/Seminar/Convent 600.00
#407	Pulpit Supply 900.00
#408	QSEHRA (#409) 11,500.00
#409	QSEHRA Administrator (#410) 575.00
	<b>Total 81,305.00</b>
#501	Western Association 150.00
#502	Hospitality 2,000.00
#503	Mission Promotion 150.00
	<b>Total 2,300.00</b>
	<b>Total Budget 175,105.00</b>