

# The Pastor Said:

Are you ready for 2026? I am. The Lord has something wonderful planned for us in this coming year. I've been praying for the past several years for a clear direction forward. Through 2025 Jesus has been opening my spirit and my mind to some new things He wants for this church. God has given me a snapshot for each season and possible outreach ministries for our congregation. Through these ministries we will be able to meet new people and make connections for Jesus and His kingdom.

We are Born Again  
Kingdom People,  
Living Like Jesus,  
Sharing His Grace.

In January and February the focus will be on friends, neighbors and Jesus. If you haven't already, you are encouraged to go to [blesseveryhome.com](http://blesseveryhome.com) and sign up to pray for your neighbors. Then, begin praying for them by name. During these two months I will be leading a Bible Study on Tuesdays from 4-5 pm on "How to Pray for Unsaved People" and "How to start Spiritual Conversations." Along with this, there will be a monthly breakfast on the last Saturday of January and February. We'll meet from 8-9:30 A.M. During this time, I will be laser focused on the two Bible Studies. This gives an opportunity for all those who can't make the Tuesday Bible Study.

In March and April, the focus will be preparing for Jesus' resurrection. As a congregation there will be daily devotions for the month leading up to Easter. What do think we could talk about? How about "Jesus encounters?" We'll include articles in the Beacon each week about the resurrection and life eternal in heaven. We'll prepare special gifts that you can give to your neighbors as you venture next door and invite them to join you at church. My Tuesday Bible Study will focus on "How to Talk to People About Being Saved" and "How to Lead Someone to Jesus". The last Saturday of the month will be breakfast and Bible on these two topics.

Resurrection – Easter Sunday will be filled with rejoicing, celebrating and hope. "Get A New Life" will be our theme. I'm looking forward to the possibilities of what God will do through us. I claim the promise that God's Spirit will renew and revive His church like never before.

What do think we can do in May? I've heard God tell me to talk about "Hearing God's Voice". Whether it is a shout, a whisper, a push, or a nudge the Lord is speaking. He is not silent. He speaks to all of us in different ways. By the work of the Holy Spirit we can all learn to hear the voice of God. May will also be a season of reaching out to our community and preparing for the possibilities during the summer. The Memorial Day parade gives us an opportunity to get our name in front of people. We'll also be preparing for several summer events that happen on Main Street. Our last Saturday of the month breakfast and Bible Study will continue. This work will start action.

June and July and August will find us downtown Coshocton on Main St. on several evenings as we put up a tent, distribute material about our church and Jesus, play Christian music, and talk with people about Jesus. The summer may be for "Vacations From Life But Not From Jesus," "Looking Beyond Self to The Needs in Our World," and "Jesus is Coming."

September and October remind us that students are going back to school. So, we'll explore our calling, not if we have one, but what we can do to minister to families and individuals in our community. People need Jesus. People can't always see their need for Jesus because of all the other things happening in life. Our calling includes meeting those needs and giving them Jesus.

Now it's November and December again. That means our focus turns to helping others to give thanks and guiding others to Jesus. The Christmas Parade will fall right in the middle of all our activities, so we'll be blessing people once more.

I'm looking forward to 2026. Join me in the blessings.

*Pastor Joe*

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

10—Donna Carpenter



**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

(No anniversaries.)

**Sunday Morning Messages**

**How to Pray for the Salvation of Others**

**Jan 4**

Start With Those You Know Best

John 1:40-42

**Jan 11**

Pray To Plant, Water, And Harvest

1 Corinthians 3:5-9

**Jan 18**

Pray Knowing God Wants Them Saved

1 Timothy 2:1-6

**Jan 25**

Pray That They Will Know God's Love

Ephesians 3:14-19

**THE MONTHLY MISSION EMPHASIS FOR 2026**

**Jan - Missionary Maintenance Services**

Feb - America for Christ

Mar - Cooking Oil for Shepherd's Assembly

Apr - Fellowship of Christian Athletes

May - One Great Hour of Sharing

Jun - Heavenly Road Baptist Camp

Jul - Pregnancy Center of Coshocton

Aug - Lifewise (Release Time Ministry)

Sep - World Missions

Oct - New Life Ministries

Nov - Blankets for the Homeless

Dec - Retired Ministers and Missionaries

**Salvation Army food items and diapers for the Pregnancy Center are received each week.**

Here are our most urgent needs:

Diapers - Sizes Newborn, 3 and 7

Pull-ups size 2T

**Boys size 18 month winter**

**Boys size 24 month/2T winter**

Baby/Toddler fluoride-free toothpaste



New items for our Layettes:

Rattles, teething, crib sheets, bath towels

Medium sized baby shower gift bags (neutral)

Thankfully, we have a potential long-term donor for wipes, so that is not a need for now.

We truly make sure that we're only asking for things that we are running low on, or that move quickly.

**Women's Conference  
Not Perfect—Just Forgiven  
January 24th, 10:00am - 3:00pm**

Porterfield Baptist Church  
39 Hollywood Dr., Little Hocking, OH

This one-day event for women (ages 14+) offers two (2) inspirational main speakers, and two (2) breakout sessions this year focusing on the topic of community, as well as encouraging praise and worship.

Cost is \$15. Lunch is included in the cost!

**Dear First Baptist Church & Congregation:**

Well, we made it through the gov't. shutdown and by the time you get this report Thanksgiving will be behind us as well. I hope each of you had a good one with family and friends.

Enclosed is the Food Pantry report for October, 2025. We truly appreciate your help each month.

Number of Households Served .....	192
Number of Clients 0-17 years old .....	63
Number of Clients 60 and older .....	201
Total Number of Clients Served .....	388

God's Best to All of You,

*Mark & Doris Granger*

New Life Ministries, 740/622-2181

**Renovations Sample Ballot**

	EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS	Cost	Cost	Yes or No
1	Remove Front Fence	\$0.00		
2	Front Yard Landscaping (est.)	\$400.00		
3	Remove Alley Fence	\$0.00		
4	Alley Parking Lot Concrete Curbs	\$903.00		
5	Alley Parking Lot Railway Ties		\$380.00	
6	Wheelchair Lift (enclosed with dome cover)	\$25,000.00		
7	Parking Lot Sealcoating and Striping	\$7,000.00		
	INTERIOR RENOVATIONS			
8	Chair Glide from Sanctuary	\$10,000.00		
9	Chair Glide from Office		\$5000.00	
10	Light for Stain Glass Window	\$240.00		
	INTERIOR RENOVATIONS			
	HANDICAPPED BATHROOM AND KITCHENETTE			
11	Contractor Low Bid	\$25,475.00		
12	Contractor High Bid		\$36,500.00	
13	Flooring Contractor	\$7,282.80		
14	Flooring Do It Yourself (DIY)		\$4,882.80	
	INTERIOR RENOVATIONS FURNITURE			
15	6-Foot Wood Top Tables (6)	\$420.00		
16	Stackable Chairs w/ Arms (36)	\$2,340.00		

**Outreach Ministries**

**Vision Statement** We are Bible Believing Disciples of Jesus Committed to Making More Disciples.

**Mission Statement** We will seek to make disciples of Jesus by:

Being present at community events and activities;

Praying for and getting to know our neighbors, inviting them to church, and introducing them to Jesus;

Training one another to share the gospel and teaching one another how to pray and study the Bible.

Bible Studies: How to pray for unsaved people; How to start Spiritual Conversations; How to talk to people about being saved; How to led someone to Jesus; How to read the Bible and pray.

Participation in the Community Events on Main St.

Memorial Day and Christmas Parades

Tent with material about the church and following Jesus at Concerts, First Friday, Farm Days, and others.

Various pastors provide answers to questions from the community.

Public Bible Studies

Bless Every Home Prayer Ministry

Each person signs up online and is provided the names of people in their neighborhood. Reminders and suggestions of how to pray for and interact with their neighbors is provided.

### Congregational Meeting

Please plan to attend the Congregational Meeting on January 11. The meeting will follow worship. In November the Future Planning Team made two presentations. The first presentation was focused on Vision and Outreach Ministries. A vote was taken to be committed to the outreach ministry of the church by planning and participating in coming events in our community.

The second presentation included several renovations to the building. These renovations are intended to help update an older building. As you can see from the list there are numerous items. An explanation of the items follows:

1 and 3. The fences at the front and the back of the property are both in poor shape and are an eye-sore. Removing them would come at no cost, but lots of labor. The metal might redeem some cash value if we scrap it.

2. Replacing the front fence could be some simple landscaping.

4 and 5. In the parking lot a barrier is needed to keep traffic from the alley out of the parking lot. The two most inexpensive items would be either concrete curbs or railroad ties. Vote yes for one or the either, but not a yes vote for both.

6. In order to make it easier for those with limited mobility to enter the building a quote was found for an enclosed wheelchair lift. It would be at the office entrance to the church. The wooden wheelchair ramp is intact and has recently had aluminum treads installed to prevent slipping.

7. The parking lot has not had the cracks sealed, recoated or striped in over thirteen years.

8 and 9. In order to more easily access the Fellowship Hall two estimates were found. One is for a stair glide (chair) to go from the office to the kitchen. The second is for a stair glide (chair) to go from the sanctuary to the Fellowship. This is a vote for one or the other, or neither.

10. For many years there has been a discussion about lighting the stained-glass window. With the use of LED lights that are cool, and not hot, this is a new possibility.

11 and 12. With the idea that small groups of up to about 36 could meet on the main level and skip the Fellowship Hall, a Kitchenette and two-stall Handicapped bathroom would replace the Volunteer Gleaners Classroom. Two estimates were found. This is a vote for one or the other, or neither.

13 and 14. If the Sunday School classrooms were to be made into a Bathroom/Kitchenette/Meeting Room, then the carpet would be replaced with vinyl flooring. This is a vote for one or the other, or neither.

15 and 16. These two items would replace the present tables and chairs in the Sunday School classrooms.



Lloyd Owens helped Pastor Joe install 62 treads on the wheelchair ramp using 1,100 ... a 6-hour project!



New Kitchenette against the wall of the Bathroom  
Sink, Cabinets Countertop



New Bathroom: New electric and new lights;  
Two handicapped Stalls; Folding Doors are  
closed and a new wall is built.



**Mission of the Month**  
**Missionary Maintenance Services**  
"Preparing people and planes for worldwide missionary service"



We serve missionary aviation by training apprentice mechanics and pilots, and maintaining missionary aircraft.

### Serving God's Kingdom

We believe that all Christians are called to obey the Great Commission, spoken by Jesus in Matthew 28: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20, NIV)

In obedience to that command, our mission is to prepare people and airplanes for worldwide missionary service.

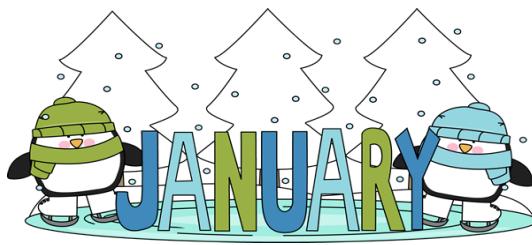
Many missionaries rely on aircraft to provide food, supplies, and transportation. By flying over challenging situations, the airplane delivers missionaries to their outpost, reaching many more people with the Gospel. And to do this, there is a great need for properly maintained aircraft and highly skilled mechanics.

MMS Aviation meets those needs by providing hands-on training for missionary pilots and mechanics.

The maintenance apprenticeship at MMS lasts 30 months. Pilot candidates complete flight training through service with Missionary Air Group in Burlington, North Carolina.

MMS Aviation believes that giving must be God enabled and should be God directed. Your gifts will make a direct impact on the ministry and provide funding for continued training and maintenance services for the missionary aviation community.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy New Year	2	3 <i>Prepare your heart for Worship</i>
4 9:30 am Worship Sunday School	5	6 Bible Study at First Baptist 4-5 pm	7	8 Bible Study at Riverside 10:00 am	9	10 <i>Prepare your heart for Worship</i>
11 9:30 am Worship Sunday School	12	13 Bible Study at First Baptist 4-5 pm	14	15 Bible Study at Riverside 10:00 am	16	17 <i>Prepare your heart for Worship</i>
18 9:30 am Worship Sunday School	19	20 Bible Study at First Baptist 4-5 pm	21	22 Bible Study at Riverside 10:00 am	23	24 <i>Prepare your heart for Worship</i>
25 9:30 am Worship Sunday School	26	27 Bible Study at First Baptist 4-5 pm	28	29 Bible Study at Riverside 10:00 am	30	31 Breakfast 8-9:30 am <i>Prepare your heart for Worship</i>

## JANUARY 2026 MONTHLY MISSION

**++ MISSIONARY MAINTENANCE SERVICES ++**

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**SUNDAY:**                    9:30 am Worship  
                                  followed by Sunday School  
                                  *In-person and Facebook*  
                                  @Joe Sanders

**TUESDAY:**                    4-5 pm Bible Study  
                                  *All are welcome!*

**THURSDAY**                    10 am Bible Study—Riverside

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***The F.B.C.***

***MESSENGER***



*Jesus said,*

***"You must be  
Born Again"***

*John 3:3*



***Faithful Servants' Schedule***

JANUARY 2026	4	11	18	25
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Conner Roahrig	Lloyd Owens	Randy Roahrig	Rick Bailey
CHURCH MUSICIAN	Angie Lentz	Angie Lentz	Angie Lentz	Angie Lentz
SONG LEADER	Norma Owens, Kelly Fender	Norma Owens, Kelly Fender	Norma Owens, Kelly Fender	Norma Owens, Kelly Fender
	<b>LORD'S SUPPER</b>			

**Well done good and faithful servant.  
Thank You for Serving the Lord.**