

# The Pastor Said:

Thank you Jesus for your protection and wisdom during this most recent snow storm.

It was truly a lot of snow. I remember when we lived in western New York state and a foot of snow fell a couple of times a month. Lake effect snow is what they called it. When I woke up Sunday morning to let the dog out I had to push the snow out of the way with the door. The dog started into the snow, stopped and looked around before going any further. I felt the cold blast of air and decided at the moment that church was canceled.

When the snow finally stopped I got out the snowblower and cleared our shared driveway, sidewalks, the neighbors sidewalks, and the sidewalk for the entire 300 block of South Fourth Street. Don't you wish you were my neighbor. I didn't see a person until the end. I cleared her walkway to her porch, she got in her car and drove away. She was very grateful.

The crew repairing the plaster in the Sanctuary worked seven days, some days morning, afternoon, and evening to finish all the repairs. There are pictures on page 3. They spent at least 32 working hours cleaning up: vacuuming the carpet and the pews, washing the wainscoting, the pews and all the wood surfaces. Thank you to Christine, Donna, Jim, Rick, Randy, Diane and Lloyd for helping clean and return the hymnals & Bibles back into the pews, setting up the rest of the Sunday School room, and rehanging pictures; and to Norma, who vacuumed all 26 of our double pews. Thank you, Norma! We had the red curtains at the Baptistry dry cleaned and rehung.

There are two things that need follow up. A section of the wainscoting at the southeast entrance had rotted from previous water damage. I will be working to get that replaced. Also, I inadvertently broke the glass on the large Communion Table.

On to February. **Sunday, February 15** at 6 PM, the Coshocton Ministerial Association will be holding a time of prayer for the lost. The next few Sunday's there will be box at the front of the Sanctuary for you to put in the names of family, neighbors, and co-workers who need Jesus. These boxes, with all the names, will be prayed over at that service.

Our Sunday morning times of worship will be focused on *Sharing Your Faith*. I will be presenting four of eight ways we can talk with family, friends, and neighbors about Jesus. On Tuesday afternoons from 4-5 PM I will be sharing four different ways to let others know about Jesus. There are actually more than eight ways. Then on February 28, at our Saturday Breakfast and Bible Study, I will put these four ways of sharing Jesus into an hour presentation.

God is doing a great thing touching the lives of sinners. His Spirit is moving among believers to water, plant, and harvest the seeds of the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is convicting people of their sin, calling them to salvation in Jesus Christ.

As Bible believing disciples of Jesus committed to making more disciples, we are a part of this movement. We can continue to pray for family, neighbors, and co-workers to see their sin and their need for salvation. We can pray for the seed to be planted, watered and harvested. Our prayers can be for eyes, ears, minds, and spirits to see that God wants them saved and He loves each one. Let's continue to pray for those who are lost.

*Pastor Joe*



### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

13—Greg Williams  
15—Michele Woodrum  
27—Bobbie Cooper



### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

(No anniversaries.)

### **Sunday Morning Messages**

#### **Feb 1**

We Have A Ministry Of Reconciliation  
2 Corinthians 5:18–20

#### **Feb 8**

Reconciliation Begins With Knowing People  
John 4:1-26

#### **Feb 15**

Reconciliation Engages Sinners  
John 8:1-11

#### **Feb 22**

Reconciliation Sees The Sin And Forgives  
John 18:15–18, 25-27; 21:15-17

Here are our most urgent needs:



Diapers - Size 7  
Pull-ups Boys size 2T  
Boys socks (up to 2T)  
Size 7 (children) winter shoes

Layettes items (**new** items only please):

Baby washcloths, crib sheets, bath towels,  
girls socks (0-3 mo.), outlet covers  
Large (approx. 13"x6"x10") baby shower gift bags

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.

#### *Prayer Works*



#### **Prayer Service for Lost Souls**

February 15 at 6 pm

We are hosting a prayer service  
sponsored by the Coshocton  
Ministerial Association. During this  
time we can pray for Family Members, Friends,  
Neighbors, Co-workers, Lost Souls, Addicts,  
Alcoholics, Leaders in Our Town.

### **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.**

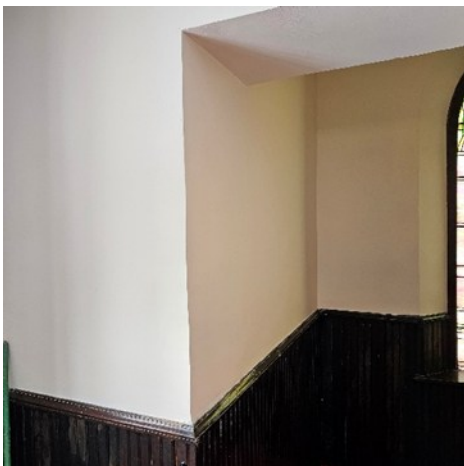
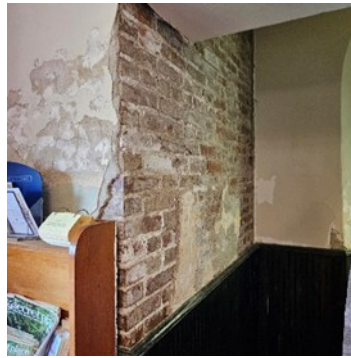
#### **Dear First Baptist Church & Congregation:**

It was a joy to get to hear from you and we  
wanted to send you a BIG "Thank You" from  
the bottom of our hearts for your kind and  
most generous gift of \$575 to the New Life  
Ministries food pantry. Your gift is a real boost  
to the food pantry and to our community.  
I know one thing I have learned over the  
years: Givers always have something to give!  
If we could ever be of any help to you,  
please let us know.

God's Best to All of You,

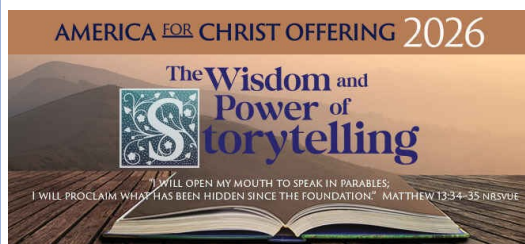
*Mark & Doris Granger*  
New Life Ministries  
740/622-2181

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## Mission of the Month America for Christ



Each year, as we gather around the sacred work of the America for Christ Offering, we reaffirm our shared commitment to bringing the Gospel to life in tangible, transformative ways across our communities. For 2026, our theme—"The Wisdom and Power of Storytelling"—calls us to honor one of the most enduring practices of our faith: the telling and passing on of God's stories across generations.


In Matthew 13:34–35, we encounter Jesus—our Teacher and Storyteller—speaking in parables to reveal eternal truth. His use of storytelling reflects the divine pattern of revelation: stories that transmit wisdom, preserve identity, and invite new generations to encounter and experience the goodness of God. As Jesus shared what had been "hidden from the foundation of the world," so too must we steward the sacred stories entrusted to us, ensuring their continuity across generations.

American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) continues to carry that living story forward through a wide range of initiatives sustained by the America for Christ Offering. From faith-based innovation and community development to education and training for emerging and established ministry leaders, we empower ministries that foster dialogue, cultivate leaders, encourage mentors, and deepen spiritual formation.

Gifts to AFC Offering help fund: Leadership Empowerment - providing pastors, lay leaders, and chaplains with the resources they need. Healing & Transforming Communities - providing grants, training, and resources for community ministries. Justice Ministries - supporting programs that address poverty, immigration, anti-racism, and other Biblical justice issues. Discipleship and Faith Formation - nurturing spiritual growth for all generations, and more.

You are invited to once again be a generous partner in the 2026 America for Christ Offering. Your gifts proclaim and embody the Gospel in life-giving ways by helping us to strengthen the bonds between generations, empower faithful storytellers, nurture hope, and build bridges that carry God's truth into the future. Together, let us continue the story.



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

## **FEBRUARY 2026 MONTHLY MISSION**

**++ AMERICA FOR CHRIST ++**

### **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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## ***MESSENGER***



*Jesus said,  
"You must be  
Born Again"*

*John 3:3*



## ***Faithful Servants' Schedule***

FEBRUARY 2026	1	8	15	22
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Norma Owens	Christine Sycks	Jim Woodrum	Conner Roahrig
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
	LORD'S SUPPER			

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