

The First Family

"To be found faithful as God's People."

APRIL 2020

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Uncertainty

As I sat contemplating what I should focus on in this month's newsletter article and struggling for any direction on what to write, the word that finally hit me was the word uncertainty. The sense of uncertainty in writing a word for our church and the spirit of uncertainty as I looked at the April calendar that really could just have the word cancelled plastered across the page. I try to plan out my daily and weekly schedule and a feeling of uncertainty just creeps into my mind. I realize that we are all feeling this in our lives at this most unusual time. This is what many are feeling about their health and the health of their family members. It is the way to describe the concerns about jobs and present financial issues. This word sums up the time frame of when things will get back to normal.

The Bible gives us help in how to break this prevailing sense that rules us during this abnormal moment. Psalm 59:3-4 says:

"Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God I will praise His word, In God I have put my trust: I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?"

Charles Spurgeon once said, "He who counts the stars and calls them by their name is in no danger of forgetting His own children."

Though we may live in uncertain times, we must not forget that we know and serve a God that has made it certain that He is our protector, provider, peace, and present hope. He has certified it with His Word and sealed it with the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We certainly must walk wisely and cautiously, but we also must not fail to live courageously considering this promise. This is our time as the church to reveal to others the certainty of hope that can be found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We may be living in the Friday of His crucifixion, but praise God the Sunday of His resurrection is coming.

We will continue the online service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday and the mid-week devotional and prayer time at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday. The FLC remains closed until further notice. I will continue to send out a weekly All Call to keep you informed of plans. I want to encourage you to stay connected through our website at Owentonfbc.com, Facebook, YouTube and our church app.

God bless you church family and know that I am praying for you regularly. Please call on me that I might fulfill my Shephard calling.

Blessings,
Bro. Brad

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS-PASTOR

WESLEY HADDEN-FAMILY MINISTER

CHUCK HARRIS-MUSIC AND MEDIA PASTOR

SUSAN STOWE-MINISTRY ASSISTANT



SERVICES

Sundays 11:00 a.m.
Website Live Stream, Facebook Live, or YouTube

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Facebook Live



OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

MEETING THE NEEDS

Tuesday, April 28

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m.

HOW TO GIVE During this Unprecedented Time:

- Owentonfbc.com website: Online giving at top of page
- Church app-Giving Box
- Snail mail: 213 N. Main Street, Owenton, KY 40359
- Drop off at the church or to Todd Marston at Citizens Union Bank



YOUTH NEWS

Hey church family!

It seems like I haven't seen you all in a while. I miss you all, and I have been praying for you.

Right now with this quarantine, we don't have anything going on. We started to do some work on the youth room. We are doing minor touch ups. When we can start meeting again, we are going to fully finish painting the rest of the youth rooms and get rid of the kitchen down there. While no one has been at the church, we tore down a closet, the tech booth, and a small wall. It has opened up the youth room tremendously and given us more room. That's a little update on the youth room. Besides that we are going to continue our Bible reading plan, I'll continue to post it on Facebook every Sunday until we are able to meet again.

Again, I miss you all and look forward to seeing your face soon!

In grace,

Wesley!

SUMMER 2020 SCHEDULE

June

- 1-5 Vacation Bible School
- 6-13 Alaska Mission Trip (Approx. \$1,600)
- 10 Children's Summer Program Kick-off
(meets every Wednesday)
- 23-25 GA Camp
- 28 Erwins in Concert

July

- 7-11 Crossings Youth Camp at Cedarmore
- 11-18 Jamaica Mission Trip (Approx. 1,300)
- 21-24 Crossings Children's Camp at Cedarmore

September

- 27-30 Fall Revival with Evangelist Wesley Paul

MEMORIALS

Jesse Bourne-Bernie and Judy Poe and Terry and Billie Patterson

Mark Wright-G.L. and Becky Shryock and Bernie and Judy Poe

MUSIC AND MEDIA

Wow. What a month this has been. Honestly, I don't really know what to say in this article. I haven't really had time to sit down and think about what to type. What I want to write is that everything is going to be ok (which it is) and that we don't have anything to worry about because God is in control (which He is). What I would like to tell you is that you shouldn't let fear guide you in this time (which you shouldn't) and that, as the scripture says, "all things work together for the good of those who love God," (this is true). I want to say all those things which, don't get me wrong, are good things to say during this time, but these are things that you have heard many people say, many people write, many people tell you during this pandemic, and they've become talking points that we don't really listen to anymore. Again, these aren't bad things to hear or say; these aren't things that need only be said/heard once and then no more. These are great things.

Here's the thing though, we don't know how this thing is going to turn out. We know that God is in control, and that we shouldn't live in fear. There is uncertainty about how this all will pan out, when it's going to end, is it going to end, and so on, and so on. . . and that's ok.

It's during those thoughts and questions that I turn to Hebrews 11. In this chapter we are reminded that trust is strongest when we don't know the outcome, when our clarity is dim or non-existent. Noah built an ark while waiting 120 years for a flood. Sarah was told to trust God for a child in her old age thinking how could that ever happen. Abraham went out, "not knowing where he was going" and planned to sacrifice his own son with no clarity as to why he was called to do this or what might happen because of it. The stories go on. The truth, though, is unmistakable. Faith flourishes when we are trusting God and have a willingness to let go of our insistence for wanting to know what's going to happen, and we give up the need for clarity.

So, we don't know what is going to happen this month or the next month. We don't know how long this pandemic is going to last or if we will ever get back to normalcy. Everything is going to be ok, and God is in control. We shouldn't let fear be our guide during this time because, like the scripture says, "all things work together for the good of those who love God." We know this is true because of our faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We know this is true because His resumé is flawless, and His love is never-failing, never-ending, never-wavering, and never-fading. We know this is true because we can look back and see His faithfulness and goodness in our lives, even if we did not perceive it during our trials. He has not changed. You can trust Him now, even though there are hard times. Let's search less for clarity and more for the character of God in this unpredictable season of our life.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Chuck

HAVE A NEED? CALL!

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | 1 7:00 p.m. Facebook Live | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 11:00 A.M. MORNING SERVICE owentonfbc.com- live Facebook Live YouTube | 6 | 7 | 8 7:00 p.m. Facebook Live | 9 | 10 | 11 |
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PRAYER CONCERNS

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| DON ALLNUTT | BARBARA HUMPHRIES |
| JERILYN ANDERSON | JAMES KEITH |
| CLINTON ARNOLD | BONNIE LEE |
| MACHELE BESS | GRAN MEFFORD |
| TAMMY BISHOP | VICKI MELFORD FAMILY |
| PAULA BLACK | ROBERT MULLINS |
| KELLY CAMMACK | BRODY PARKER |
| NANCY CASTLE | BERNIE POE |
| RODNEY COLSON | JUDY POE |
| BOB CULL | DON PRICE |
| BUD DUNAVENT | LINDA SENIOURS |
| ADELIE EATON | HOWARD SHEPHERD FAMILY |
| TONY ENGLAND | VENEDA SMITH |
| LOIS ESTERLE | JOYCE UTTERBACK |
| RONNDA FANNIN | TRUDY WALDROP |
| OLIVIA GAINES | LINDA WEBSTER |
| IVADENE HATFIELD | JOE WYLES |
| | SHELBY YOUNG |

4/1
Patty Greene
Matt Miller

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Gene Rose
Molly Grace Watkins

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Rex Dean Stafford

4/5
Jeff Davis
Sandy Logan

4/10
Mandy Davis

4/12
Ricky Bourne
Collin Gamble
Colton Hays
Jeff Peak

4/15
Rhonda Johns

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Tripp Allnutt

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Logan Shelton

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John Paul Hanson

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Betty Carter
Finley Harvey
Susan Sutherland

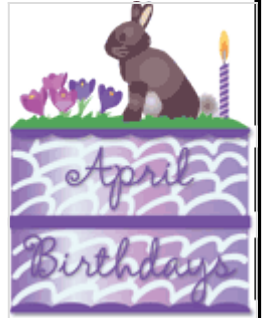
4/24
Michael Cassidy
Ashton Marcum
Becky Mason

4/27
Jeff Caudill
Lana Jones
Darrin Osborne

4/28
Melanie Hanson
Matt Stafford
Mike Stafford
Felechia Wainscott

4/29
Sarah Peak
Mary Helen Smith
Matthew Wright

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