

May the God of hope
fill you with all
joy & peace in believing,
so that by the power
of the Holy Spirit
you may abound in
hope.

-Romans 15:13
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The First Family

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

MAY 2020

FROM YOUR PASTOR

"How much longer?"

My mother use to tire of me asking when we would arrive at our appointed destination. I wanted a time of arrival so I could know how much longer I had to be cooped up in the vehicle. She said it never seemed to fail that the trip would have unexpected issues when I would pester her with this question.

We are all asking that question in reference to the re-opening of our communities, businesses and especially our church gatherings. It is the longing desire of every child of God to gather with brothers and sisters in Christ for the purpose of worship, encouragement, fellowship and practicing all the Christian graces and disciplines that come with our gathering together. It would be great to have a date to press toward and allow for the proper preparation as it relates to the suggestions that will initially be given.

Sadly, we have no good answer for how much longer it will be till we begin gathering for worship. We are presently having to trust that God is Sovereign and He has given clear instruction concerning our proper actions and attitudes toward those who have been made God's "ministers" as our governing authorities. Romans 13:1-7 specifically states that we are to be "subject" to the governing authorities. It does not qualify the type of governing authorities. It includes all whether its constitutional conservatives or outright dictatorial. Our present federal, state, and local officials have asked that we not gather in person in our buildings to help curb the potential spread of this contagious virus that has stumped a lot of our political and health officials. We have not been told that we cannot preach the Gospel. If so, we would gracefully rebel and accept the consequences. We have not been asked to do something that other major venues such as sports and entertainment industries have not been encour-

aged to do. If we were singled out, then we would gracefully rebel and meet as others are permissibly allowed.

Someone asked how we reconcile Hebrews 10:25 with this lack of gathering when it states that we are not to "forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is...". This verse deals with those who due to a willful choice, negligence and unconcern have become unfaithful to the worship gathering. Their root issue was a spirit of rebellion. We are presently sacrificing our joy of publicly gathering for worship not because of rebellion but out of love for God's Word and instruction concerning authority and out of love for our neighbor who we desire to guard and protect. It is not that we have sacrificed our constitutional rights but that we are saying that the canon of Scripture takes precedence.

We must continue to pray that wisdom will be granted to our leaders, that a medical solution will be discovered and that this temporary pause in our normal worship schedule will soon come to an end. I hope that after this crisis that every member of FBC Owenton will be diligent in gathering on Sunday mornings, evenings and Wednesday evenings for worship through Bible study and prayer and that our children and youth will be actively involved in the ministries of the church. This has been a loud "wake up" call for every Christian. I certainly pray that we have heard loud and clear. We must trust the Lord that He is in control as the Sovereign God and He knows "how much longer" and that's all that matters.

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 6:00 p.m.
and 7:00 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Owen County High School

Greyson Beatty Bella Cammack Dylan Cobb
Guy Cobb Alli Gill Jacob Lilly
Mason Marlette Brian David Ransdell

College Graduates

Wade Cammack Tori Cammack Garrett Cobb
Ross Ford Madison Gamble Ty Smith
Danielle Stephens Michael Wash Carson Williams
Thomas Wright

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God has Taught me that I
never need to worry about
tomorrow. I survived yesterday.
I am alive and dealing with
Today. With God's help, I can
face tomorrow and whatever
may come my way.



YOUTH NEWS

Hey church!

This month I want to give you an encouragement from the word. In the book of Titus, Paul commands us to be ready for every good work and the instructs us on what not to do. After instructing us on what not to do, he reminds us that once we were foolish people and slaves to sin. Paul so often gives us a reminder of our old selves. Too often we forget who we were before Christ, so Paul points us back to our hopeless state of lostness. He never leaves us thinking on our hopelessness, right after reminding us on who we once were he tells us this:

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

These four verses are beautiful to me, Christ Jesus saved us, not because of anything we did, but because he is a saving God. He delights in showing his goodness and kindness by saving the worst of sinners to show how glorious he is. I want to challenge you to join me in memorizing these four verses, because they are rich in truth and treasure to store up in our heart.

In grace and peace,

Wesley.

MUSIC AND MEDIA

Whew...we've made it through April. One whole month in quarantine. Let's hope that we don't have to do it again for another whole month. I'm ready to get out and get back to my normal hobbies...which, apparently are going out to eat and going shopping. But the one thing I am looking forward to the most is worship together as a church family again. I have missed you, church family. I'm glad that we can join together over livestream, Zoom meetings, and the occasional face to six-feet away face meeting, but it's just not the same as shaking your hands or hugging your necks. It's weird to lift up praises on a Sunday morning and just hearing four of us echo throughout the sanctuary. I miss meeting and worshipping with the choir and seeing the kids run out for Children's Church.

But, despite missing all of those things, I find myself being encouraged. I'm encouraged with how many people that have been tuning into our worship services and our Wednesday videos. I'm encouraged by the fact that probably more people tuned into an Easter service and heard the story and love of Christ than ever before. I'm encouraged by the stories I'm hearing from my fellow Worship and Music Pastors across Kentucky, many of which have seen lost come to know Christ through an online service.

I hope that you don't let this quarantine and pandemic keep you in that sadness. Let's be encouraged and look forward to when we can come back to the House of God to worship with the church family!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Chuck



A MOTHER'S Love

There's no love like a mother's,
Her heart is filled with care.
With Christ as her example,
Her Savior's love she'll share.

A mother's love is endless,
Not changing for all time.
When needed by her children,
A mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one.
For all their tears and heartaches,
And special work they've done.

When days on earth are over,
A mother's love lives on,
Through many generations,
God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers,
Who love with higher love,
From power God has given,
And strength from up above.

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HAVE A NEED? CALL!

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MEMORIALS

Lee Cochran-Sandra Stafford

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

Decisions to come soon and church will be notified by an ALL CALL concerning VBS 2020, July Summer Camps, Children's Summer Program, G.A. Camp.

MAY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3</p> <p>11:00 A.M. MORNING SERVICE</p> <p>owentonfbc.com- live Facebook Live YouTube</p>	4	5	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Word for the Children</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Word for the Church</p> <p>Facebook Live</p>	7	8	9
<p>10</p> <p>11:00 A.M. MORNING SERVICE</p> <p>owentonfbc.com- live Facebook Live YouTube</p> 	11	12	<p>13</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Word for the Children</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Word for the Church</p> <p>Facebook Live</p>	14	15	16
<p>17</p> <p>11:00 A.M. MORNING SERVICE</p> <p>owentonfbc.com- live Facebook Live YouTube</p>	18	19	<p>20</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Word for the Children</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Word for the Church</p> <p>Facebook Live</p>	21	22	23
<p>24</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Early Service 11:00 a.m. Late Service</p>	25	<p>26</p> <p>Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 6:00-8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Word for the Children</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Word for the Church</p> <p>Facebook Live</p>	28	29	30
<p>31</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Early Service 11:00 a.m. Late Service</p> <p>Graduate Recognition Sunday</p>						



PRAYER CONCERNS

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

<u>5/1</u> Dave Barker Ethan Bush Andrew Harvey James Miller	<u>5/14</u> Liddie June Smith	<u>5/23</u> Alan Greene Logan Mills
<u>5/2</u> Cooper Carter Pauline Shelton	<u>5/16</u> Katherine Johnson Rebecca Murphy	<u>5/25</u> Leighton Ramsey
<u>5/3</u> B. J. Duncan	<u>5/17</u> David Barker Brent Craigmyle Charlie Gaines	<u>5/26</u> Lindsay Lightbody
<u>5/5</u> Jamie Jacobs Jennifer Stoffers Clyde Wyatt	<u>5/18</u> Lisa Lilly	<u>5/27</u> Annastyn Cammack Mikayla Sipple
<u>5/7</u> Kortney Sipple	<u>5/19</u> Matt Cull	<u>5/29</u> Tim Marcum
<u>5/8</u> Blair Baldwin Libby Banks	<u>5/20</u> Nash Cammack Kerry Sipple	<u>5/31</u> Jason Chandler
<u>5/9</u> Meleah Beatty	<u>5/21</u> Mark McMillen Hallie Risch Makenzie Risch	
<u>5/12</u> Dana Gill Rebecca Mills	<u>5/22</u> Theresa Chandler David Gray Doug Wainscott	
	<u>5/24</u> Vicki Greene	

Please let the church office know if your name has been overlooked.

Return Service Requested

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