



# The First Family

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

## JULY 2020

### FROM YOUR PASTOR

#### **King Size Problems**

What do we do when we have "King Size" problems? Well, we need "King Size" solutions. Two Kings in the Old Testament give us great guidance when it comes to the difficult decisions that we presently find ourselves facing. King Jehoshaphat was facing an impending threat of war from neighboring nations. The serious nature of danger was overwhelming and left him in a state of not knowing what to do and realizing that his military strength was not sufficient. He then does something that is quiet refreshing in our day of boastful pride and self-sufficiency, he humbled himself and admitted his weakness and lack of knowledge for the challenge. Listen to his own words: "O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon you."

The top man in Israel proclaims that he is not able and does not know what to do and then proclaims, "Our eyes are upon you!" He was saying that they would choose to focus on the goodness and greatness of God despite how bad it seemed all around. This meant that they would focus on what God was doing, saying, and how He would guide. Jehoshaphat likely learned this from a previous King, King David. David had also lived through some "King Size" problems and he wrote a song, Psalm 141, where he sings in verse eight, "But my eyes are upon you, O God the Lord; In you I take refuge: Do not leave my soul destitute."

In these times of "King Size" problems and questions, let us learn from these Kings and remember that we serve a

King of Kings, Jesus, who brings delight when we focus on Him rather than discouragement and disappointment when we focus on ourselves or others.

This month we open a bit more with our evening services starting on Sunday, July 5 at 6:30 p.m. The youth will begin meeting on Wednesday and Sundays this month also. The Sunday morning services will continue at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday services will be at 6:45 p.m. As we look into the next month, I want to remind you that we will host the Owen County Baptist Association Annual Meeting on Sunday, August 2. The first session will be from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and we will host a meal from 5:00-6:00 p.m. The evening session will start at 6:00 p.m. and we have the joy of Dr. Todd Gray, Executive Director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, preaching during the service. It will be our responsibility to provide meat dishes for the meal. On Sunday, August 9 we will have Evangelist Wesley Paul preaching in the morning services. He will then lead us in a training session as we prepare for the Revival scheduled for September 27-30 in which he will preach. We are looking at the possibility of having a pre-Revival Concert on Saturday, September 26 with John Tibbs, author of the song "Dead Man Walking" and a special youth and children event on Sunday evening of the revival with Dr. Jerry Burgess, an illusionist, participating. We have several other special emphases that will require many volunteers to make it a success. Plan now to be a part of the training on Sunday, August 9.

Blessings,  
Bro. Brad



Owen County Baptist Association  
2020 Annual Meeting  
August 2  
Owenton First Baptist  
4:00 p.m.  
Potluck Dinner 6:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.



**OWENTON  
FIRST BAPTIST**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF  
BRAD BANKS-PASTOR  
WESLEY HADDEN-FAMILY MINISTER  
CHUCK HARRIS-MUSIC AND MEDIA PASTOR  
SUSAN STOWE-MINISTRY ASSISTANT



## FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Hope you are doing well. As far as updates for the youth, we are having our first gather on July 1<sup>st</sup>! We are excited to be back together with each other in person finally. We will also be meeting on Sunday evenings and use that time to continue our way through Genesis where we left off.

I want to give you a word of encouragement this month. In the book of Jude, verse 23 says "save others by snatching them out of the fire." This is a very powerful verse because it is commanding us to share the gospel to the lost but not only to any lost, but to the worst of sinners. I'd say when Jude wrote this, he had in mind Jesus.

Take a moment and reflect on the Cross. What was Jesus doing? As he hung cursed on a tree, he was extending salvation to those around him. He told the one thief that, today he will be with him in paradise. Isn't this like Jesus to reaching in at the gates of hell to save another soul as he himself will soon draw his last breath.

Jude in verse 23 is commanding us to do the same. Whatever the extreme may be, we should desire to share the gospel to the worst of sinners and by doing so, we may snatch a few at the very gates of hell. I know we are living in a strange time, but don't let it hinder you from sharing the gospel.

Blessings  
Wesley

## MUSIC AND MEDIA

Welcome to July!

As I write this article I am just over the state line sitting in a small coffee shop in Cumberland Gap, TN. I am getting closer to finishing my vacation at the Minister's Retreat Cabin on the campus of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in Pineville, KY. I have had a great time doing....well... nothing but reading my Bible and focusing on God. It's amazing what no distractions — phone, internet, tv — can help you accomplish!

While I have enjoyed doing nothing I have also found it quite weird. June and July are usually jam packed with things to do. This very article should be packed with updates from our Mission Trip to Alaska, and thank you's to all those involved with VBS. However, I'm struggling on what to write.

This month, we will start our evening services back on July 5 at 6:30pm. If you haven't joined us on Sunday evenings before I want to encourage you to come join us! This is another opportunity for the church family to gather for worship and study of the Scriptures. As we get closer to the month of August and to the start of the school year, will have more information about when Sunday School, Children's Church, and Choir may start back.

We will also continue our 9:00am and 11:00am services this month. As always, the 11:00am service will continue to be live-streamed on our website and on Facebook.

Well, I better get back to my coffee and scone. Looking forward to worshipping with you this month, Church Family!

*Soli Deo Gloria,*

Bro. Chuck

### WEDDING SHOWER

Makenzie Fitzgerald  
and  
Mike Stafford

July 26 at 2:00 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall

The couple is registered at Dots on Main, Walmart, and Amazon

HAVE A NEED? CALL!

CHURCH OFFICE:  
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Owen County Baptist Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Owenton First Baptist  
July 6  
7:00 p.m.

### MEMORIALS

Jerry Allnutt-Linda Allnutt, Todd and Lesa Marston, Nancy Porter

Lee Cochran-Linda Webster

Nancy Perkins and Wilma Perkins-Sue Sipple for Kitchen Fund

### WEDDING SHOWER

Mariah Carr  
and  
Matt Stafford

August 9 at 2:00 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall

The couple is registered at Target, Bed, Bath, and Beyond, and would be grateful for gift cards to Lowe's.

# JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			6:00 p.m. Word for the Children Facebook Live  6:45 p.m. Mid-week service  Youth Cook Out			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 and 11:00 A.M. MORNING SERVICE  6:30 p.m. Re-gathering/Youth Gathering  "Blessings Offering"	Owen County Baptist Association Executive Board Meeting FBC Owenton 7:00 p.m.		6:00 p.m. Word for the Children Facebook Live  5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting  6:45 p.m. Business Meeting			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 and 11:00 A.M. MORNING SERVICE  6:30 p.m. Evening Service			6:00 p.m. Word for the Children Facebook Live  6:45 p.m. Mid-week service			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00 and 11:00 A.M. MORNING SERVICE  6:30 p.m. Evening Service			6:00 p.m. Word for the Children Facebook Live  5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting  6:45 p.m. Business Meeting			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:00 and 11:00 A.M. MORNING SERVICE  2:00 p.m. Wedding Shower- Mike Stafford and Makenzie Fitzgerald  6:30 p.m. Evening Service		Meeting the Needs  11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  6:00-8:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. Word for the Children Facebook Live  6:45 p.m. Mid-week service			

**PRAYER CONCERNS**



TRUDY ADAMS	DANNY HUDNALL
DON ALLNUTT	BARBARA HUMPHRIES
GLENDA ALLNUTT	BONNIE LEE
JERILYN ANDERSON	PHYLLIS MALCOMB
BILLY FISHER BELL	BUCK MCCOY
MACHELE BESS	MOTO MCDANELL
TAMMY BISHOP	GRAN MEFFORD
BETTY CARTER	HAROLD MILLER
NANCY CASTLE	ROBERT MULLINS
RODNEY COLSON	BRODY PARKER
JIM CRAIGMYLE	DENISE PERKINS
JAMES CREECH	BERNIE POE
BOB CULL	DON PRICE
BUD DUNAVENT	LINDA SENIOURS
ADELIE EATON	BECKY SHRYOCK
LOIS ESTERLE	VENEDA SMITH
RONNDA FANNIN	JOYCE STACK
OLIVIA GAINES	STELLA STEWART
STONE GARNETT	DORIS ANN TACKETT
PAUL GIBSON	JOYCE UTTERBACK
IVADENE HATFIELD	AMY WILLIAMS
SHIRLEY HOWARD	JOE WYLES
	SHELBY YOUNG

<u>7/1</u>	<u>7/16</u>	<u>7/28</u>
Ella Hanson	Rodney Wagner	Jessica Ransdell
Piper Walker	<u>7/17</u>	Evelyn Williams
<u>7/4</u>	Susan Ertan	<u>7/30</u>
Jonah O'Banion	<u>7/18</u>	Sarah Cobb
Billie Smith	Wesley Hadden	Laura Hollingsworth
<u>7/6</u>	Lola Marlette	Barry Perkins
Donette Gaines	<u>7/20</u>	<u>7/31</u>
Greg Stack	T. J. Wesselman	Josh Cobb
Katy Stewart	<u>7/22</u>	Victoria Smith
<u>7/7</u>	Grant McMillen	Robert Traylor
Carol Perkins	Brian Eric Ransdell	
Shelby Power	Julie Riddle	
Shirley Traylor	<u>7/23</u>	
Sawyer Williams	Jett Johns	
<u>7/9</u>	<u>7/24</u>	
Duane Smith	Ryanne Howard	
Jessica Williams	Madison Humphries	
<u>7/11</u>	<u>7/25</u>	
Victoria Cammack	Danny Humphries	
Sarah Gregory	<u>7/26</u>	
Mary Rose	Nash Croley	
<u>7/12</u>	Vincent Henley	
Shelli Hedger	<u>7/27</u>	
David Mears	Cathy Hanson	
	Mason Marlette	

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