



The First Family

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

MARCH 2021

FROM YOUR PASTOR

My Hope

In light of one year of interruption of in-person worship, ministry to one another, and outreach to others, this is my hope as we move forward. My hope for every member of FBC Owenton is that we return after this year of absence in a different way than what was normal before the COVID-19 virus paralyzed everything. An apathetic form of surrender to the Lordship of Christ had developed. The level of service and sacrifice to Him who died for us was a random attending of a Sunday morning service. Negligence and selfish pursuit had become the norm rather than conscientious awareness of our signing over the deed of our lives to Jesus which made Him the sole directive of what would be the priorities and pursuits of our life and our time. The norm had become the neglect of intentional relationship building with our fellow members, and the neglect of consistent fellowship in worship with one another. The norm was the tragic neglect of corporate prayer, and our children were being programmed by the action of parents that one hour of attendance from time to time was the new way of devotion to Christ. The norm was that our youth believed that unless there was some tailored service specifically for them that the need of gathering with the church at large to sing and praise the one who saves and to hear a message prepared from the sacred pages of Scripture was really not beneficial. The norm had tragically turned to a false assumption that the ministry of outreach to the lost was surely only the job of a select few despite the clear commission of Jesus. The norm was the focused effort of the tearing down of every obstacle and excuse that impeded one's pursuit of work, wealth, recreation, entertainment, sports, and every other desire and imagination of the heart; yet, the tepid effort in overcoming the simplest obstacle and invalid excuse that would impede one's commitment and service to Jesus.

My hope is that we never go back to what had become normal then or the new norm that has developed over the past year. My hope is that we experience something abnormal to the world and sadly to most Christians. The norm of a life that is wholly surrendered to Jesus that guards and removes those things that rob from His highest purposes for our life and willingly sacrificing and removing from our schedule, pursuits, and life, that which places our walk with Jesus in jeopardy or causes my spiritual growth to be hindered. My hope is that worship of God both personally and corporately would take precedence over all other pursuits. My hope is that prayer both personally and corporately would become the driving force of our lives. My hope is that the pursuit of those who are lost will become the pressing thought on our mind and my hope is that "To live will be Christ and that to die will be gain." I believe that this hope comes from the one who saves, and this hope will prove to be the key to fullness of life, clarity of purpose, and confident courage when chaos arrives.

Blessings,

Bro. Brad



We will have a special emphasis collection on February 28 and March 7.
Pray and Give as the Lord leads!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS-PASTOR

WESLEY HADDEN-FAMILY MINISTER

CHUCK HARRIS-MUSIC AND MEDIA PASTOR

SUSAN STOWE-MINISTRY ASSISTANT



FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

I hope everyone is having a good start to the year. Main Street Youth is starting to get back on its feet again, and we are preparing for a busy summer. We have 25 spots for camp this year, so be sure to sign your kids up and have them invite their friends. Camp is a huge opportunity to get other children interested in coming to church, so this is a mission opportunity. If a kid outside of the church wants to go and doesn't have the money, don't worry about it, we can find the funds to get them to camp!

Youth camp is June 6th – 10th, the cost is \$200 this year and is for those entering 7th to those leaving 12th grade.

Kids Camp is July 23rd – 26th, the cost is \$200 this year and is for those entering 3rd to those entering 6th grade.

Again, be sure to have your child invite friends! If they don't have the money to go, we have the funds for them. I'm praying the Lord will fill these spots and the souls that fill them will be eternally changed.

In his grace,
Wesley

MEMORIALS

Eddie Arnold: Donna McDonald, Dave and Susan Stowe

Doris Rose: Mike and Barbara Ramsey, Tim Redmon, Pauline Shelton, Donna McDonald, Phyllis Malcomb, Daryl Vannarsdall, Kaye Boots, Constance Minch, Robert and Jean Allen Kemper, E.S. Rose, Gregg and Suzanne Peak

EASTER LILY

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in Memory or Honor of someone, please fill out the envelope, enclose the money, and drop in the offering plate.



MUSIC AND MEDIA

March has arrived and with it, hopefully, some warmer weather! I don't know about you, but I think I have had enough of the snow and cold weather.

Well, here we are...officially one year since COVID-19 shut down our in-person gatherings and created a pandemic we've never seen in our lifetime. It's been a year of fear, of anger, of helplessness and hopelessness. It's been a year of lockdowns and protests, hateful posts on social media, and much, much more.

While it doesn't seem like the world will ever get back to what we call normal, we have started to see the light poke out from behind the clouds!

I can probably speak for all the staff when I say that we are glad that the church pews are filling up more and more each week! We know it's been hard for many of our members to make it to in-person gatherings during this time, but, I hope and pray that most of you can start coming back and worshiping with us on a weekly basis. Yes, we will continue to have our livestream available during the 11:00 am Worship on our website — owentonfbc.com/live-streaming — on our Facebook Page — facebook.com/owentonfbc — and on Youtube — youtube.com/owentonfbc.

However, we must not forget what the scripture says in Hebrews 10:25, *"not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."*

I want to encourage you to join us for in-person worship this month. We are still asking you wear a mask when entering and exiting the building, but you don't have to wear it while in the pew. But if you would feel more comfortable wearing it the whole service, then we invite you to do so! We would rather you wear a mask and/or not sing than not attend at all!!

I love you church family, and I am looking forward to worshiping with you this month!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Chuck



MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	4	5	6
7 NAMB Offering 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Service 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 7:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting	8	9	10 5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service and Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	11	12	13 
14 9:00 and 11:00 Morning Service 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth Alaska Payment #2 \$350	15	16	17 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	18	19	20 
21 9:00 and 11:00 Morning Service Gideons 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	22	23 Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 6:00-8:00 p.m.	24 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	25	26	27
28 9:00 and 11:00 Morning Service NAM OFFERING 6:30 p.m. Evening Service/Lord's Supper 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	29	30	31 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth			



Glenda Allnutt
 Jerilyn Anderson
 Rae Gina Beatty
 Scotty Chappell
 Peggy Davis
 Lynsey Farrar
 Jerry Green
 Richard Greene
 Barbara Humphries
 Dave Jones
 Phyllis Malcomb
 Todd Marston
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 Gran Mefford
 Crissy New
 Lashonda Olds
 Bernie Poe
 Billie June Smith
 Lana Smoot
 Levi Stamper
 Joyce Utterback
 David Welsh Family
 Brian Williams
 Janet Wright



<u>3/1</u> Brock Ward	<u>3/8</u> Greyson Beatty Adam Stowe	<u>3/22</u> Brian Forsee Landon Marston Melody Stafford
<u>3/2</u> Preston Forsee Tim Redmon Charley Thornton	<u>3/9</u> Dean Johns <u>3/12</u> David Bowling Danny Cobb Sheila Miller	<u>3/23</u> Rae Gina Beatty Charles McCoy Jennifer Power
<u>3/3</u> Andrew Banks Hatcher Smith	<u>3/13</u> Stacy Perkins	<u>3/24</u> Pacey Harvey
<u>3/4</u> Scott Allnutt David Cobb Maria Davis Melinda Green Todd Marston Jackson O'Banion	<u>3/16</u> Guy Cobb <u>3/18</u> Joy Roberts <u>3/19</u> Roger Alford Terri Mears Danny Perkins	<u>3/25</u> Kelly Cammack Quinton Miller <u>3/26</u> Allison Craigmyle <u>3/27</u> Alex Cobb Bobby Kemper
<u>3/6</u> Billy Riddle Vicky Turner	<u>3/20</u> Paul Chitwood Maison Hedger Don Lee Wainscott	<u>3/28</u> Noah Cammack <u>3/29</u> Brad Banks Mary Ann Hanson John Lilly
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