



The First Family

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

SEPTEMBER 2021

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Mountains and Mole Hills

We are certainly living in a day that it is difficult to know when an issue is a mountain to die on or a mole hill that is not worth that level of sacrifice. We can certainly look back on life and find moments that we died for mole hills and realize now that it was not worth the sacrifice. It requires a great deal of discernment to distinguish between the two.

A follower of Jesus must carefully proceed in the realm of activism as it relates to our modern-day crisis, opinions, and personal freedoms. Though we live in a nation that affords us great liberty and the ability to promote and vote for leaders that fit our narrative of how things should be done, it doesn't always play out as we envision. This reality shakes us back to our senses that this present kingdom is not the kingdom to which we really belong. A theocratic kingdom or Christocracy will not happen until Jesus comes again. Therefore, we must proceed with great caution as we represent the kingdom and the king that is coming.

How do I determine and discern that an issue is a mountain to stand on and to die on? I think we can learn much from Peter's experience as he was delivered from prison and immediately went forth and began to openly preach the Gospel after having been told that he must cease this practice. In Acts 5:28-29 he is brought back before the magistrates and leaders and reprimanded for not obeying the orders of the government leaders. Peter stands before them and declares that he "must obey God rather than man". This declaration led the crowd to be enraged and desirous to kill him. For Peter this was a mountain on which he would die.

May I encourage you to consider if the matters that agitate, anger, and rub you the wrong way meet the criteria to be considered a mountain. It would seem that mountains would fall under two key biblical principles. First, the matter is something that leads one to commit a blatant sin. To participate in the activity or to be forbidden to carry out a particular activity would be blatant sin. Second, a particular scriptural principle or teaching is hindered in being fulfilled or is being broken by the stipulations one is being placed under. The demand would put you squarely in the realm of disobedience to the Word of God.

Let us be seen as those that choose our battles wisely and not waste time on mole hill wars when the mountains are going to require every ounce of spiritual strength to stand honorably and faithfully.

Blessings,

Bro. Brad



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hope

Season of Prayer for State Missions
Eliza Broadus Offering® Goal \$1,250,000

PRAY AND GIVE AS THE LORD LEADS!

JOIN US ON
Mondays and Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and
Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. to take



We have visited 1300 homes in the county. Over 1800 homes covered by our Owen County Baptist Churches. Join us as we seek to knock on 4300 homes!



MUSIC AND MEDIA

Fall. Is. Here!

My favorite season has arrived! Like I said in my article last month, fall is my favorite season by far. Not only does the autumn welcome in a change in the weather (thank you, Lord) and a change in the leaves, resulting in some of the most beautiful colors that you can find in nature, but we also start down the path towards the holiday season! Blink and before you know it we will be right around the corner from Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

I am so excited that choir is officially back to rehearsing and worshiping together! It was such a joy seeing familiar faces but it was so exciting to see new faces joining us for the first time!! This group has already been hard at work learning music and preparing songs for our Sunday morning worship services. Starting this month we will begin work on our Christmas Cantata, *Noel: Born Is The King!* You will hear more about that in the coming months, but just know that it will be a beautiful picture of the Christmas story.

If you are interested in being a part of the choir then I invite you to come join us! You don't have to read music or have previous experience, just have a willingness to sing praises to the Lord and be open to trying something new. We meet Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. If you have questions or need more information feel free to contact me and I'll answer them as best as I can!!

Looking forward to what this fall season has in store for us!!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Chuck

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

This month has flown by here at the church. This past month we had to back to school gathering for the youth where I cooked them up a meal and heard about how school has started for them. I delight most in hearing them putting God's word into practice in their lives and seeing the fruits from it. We have been going through 1 John on our Wednesday nights and it's a blessing to see them being transformed by God's Word. Keep praying for them, they aren't just members of Owenton FBC but are missionaries of Owenton FBC. So, keep praying they keep sharing the gospel to those in need at school and that they're an example of Christ. I also want to say thank you for the love you have for the youth Church, it shows.

This month I want to share from the Valley of Vision again. This is one of the few books I read over and over again, so I hope it impacts you just as much! The title of this Prayer is "The Gift of Gifts" page 16:

Herein is wonder of wonders:

He came below to raise me above,
Was born like me that I might become like him.

Herein is love;

When I cannot rise to him he draws near on wings
of grace,

To raise me to himself.

Herein is power;

When deity and humanity were infinitely apart
He united them in indissoluble unity, the uncreat-
ed and the created.

Herein is wisdom;

When I was undone, with no will to return to him,
And no intellect to devise recovery,
He came, God-incarnate, to save me to the uttermost,
As man to die my death,
To shed satisfying blood on my behalf,
To work out a perfect righteousness for me.

Wesley

MEMORIALS

Eleanor Gamble—Donna McDonald, Jimmy and Susan Sutherland, Dave and Susan Stowe

Betty Keith—Rodney and Deborah Parker, Dave and Susan Stowe

Reba Capps—Dr. Joy Arnold Morse

Darlene Osborne—Rodney and Deborah Parker, Dave and Susan Stowe

Lorene Byrd—Rodney and Deborah Parker

Looking for a place to serve?



REVIVAL MEETING 2021 OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 3

Evangelist: Scott Newton Smith
Music Evangelist: Dave Stahl
Begin praying now for our Revival!

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Mid-week Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	2	3	4 10:30 a.m. Outreach
5 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Service 10:00-10:45 a.m. Sunday School No Evening Service	6 No Outreach Offices Closed	7 6:30 p.m. Outreach	8 NO Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Mid-week Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	9	10	11 10:30 a.m. Outreach
12 9:00 and 11:00 Morning Service 10:15-10:45 a.m. Sunday School 4:30 p.m. Outreach 5:00 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. OCC planning meeting STATE MISSION OFFERING	13 6:30 p.m. Outreach	14 6:30 p.m. Outreach	15 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting 6:30 p.m. Mid-week Service/ Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	16	17	18 10:30 a.m. Outreach
19 9:00 and 11:00 Morning Services 10:15-10:45 a.m. Sunday School 5:00 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m. Evening Service	20 6:30 p.m. Outreach	21 6:30 p.m. Outreach	22 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:00 Family Night Missions Meetings 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	23	24	25 10:30 a.m. Outreach
26 9:00 and 11:00 Morning Service 10:15-10:45 a.m. Sunday School 4:30 p.m. Outreach 6:30 p.m. Evening Service	27 6:30 p.m. Outreach	28 Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Outreach	29 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	30 		

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY VOLUNTEER

9/5: Mary Helen Smith and Kay Bush
9/12: Todd and Lesa Marston
9/19: Sid and Mitzi Ford
9/26: Bruce and Karen Wash
10/3: David Hill and Martha Murray

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

9/5: Josh and Lindsay Smith
9/12: Blair and Jonathan Baldwin
9/19: Danielle and Brandon Stephens
9/26: Kendall and Danny O'Toole

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS — PASTOR
WESLEY HADDEN — FAMILY MINISTER
CHUCK HARRIS — WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR
SUSAN STOWE — MINISTRY ASSISTANT



<u>9/3</u> Charles Carter, Sr. Judy Cull	<u>9/14</u> Dallas Stafford Gabi Stewart	<u>9/27</u> Sandy Gibson Briana Perkins
<u>9/4</u> Sara Satterwhite	<u>9/15</u> Mark Bess Heather Risch	<u>9/28</u> Susan Traylor
<u>9/5</u> Paula Satterwhite	<u>9/19</u> Cam Rose	<u>9/29</u> Corey Cobb Stephanie Harvey
<u>9/6</u> Lindsay Gill Smith Phyllis Malcomb Leigh Ward	<u>9/20</u> Pat Patterson	<u>9/30</u> Marty Allnutt Katey Cobb Preston Lacey Cobb Trevor Smith
<u>9/7</u> Michael Smith	<u>9/21</u> James Hanson Kevin Webster	
<u>9/10</u> William Robert Craigmyle Lonnie Stewart	<u>9/24</u> Tara Caudill Jean Allen Ellington Judy Poe Helen Stewart	
<u>9/11</u> Abigail Lilly	<u>9/26</u> Mike Cobb Danni Williams	



Return Service Requested

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