

The First Family

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

JANUARY 2022

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Free Do Over!

A fresh start, a re-set, a new beginning, start over, a free do over, a clean slate: words that bring a sense of encouragement and hope. This may be the reason we all like the phrase, "NEW Year"! It means all of this and more. Even as a Christian we can think of scriptures that reference the new. Phrases like new creature, new man, and He makes all things new. These are things we should think on as we enter the NEW year. Many will be able to pick up and continue on where you left the past year and just keep building on your journey with Jesus. Others have the wonderful blessing and hope of knowing that 2022 can be an opportunity for a clean fresh start in our faith, family, and multi-faceted life. What a blessing that year's end and years begin! I hope you will join with me in seeing the wonderful opportunities to start again where our priorities and pleasures are in a proper order. Take some time to consider what can make this year a very successful one in the realm of faith, family, friends, fellowship, and finances. A little effort in each area will make the year a memorable one.

I want to commend Chuck and our choir for an excellent job in blessing us with a beautiful Christmas Cantata. Thanks to each of you for using your talent and willing heart to bless the Lord. Thanks also to each one that helped with leading the children to participate in our Christmas Sunday service. A major shout out to the church for another remarkable offering to the Lottie Moon International Mission Offering. This investment will mean the salvation of souls all around the world. Speaking of missions, Wesley and Matt had a great mission trip to Panama that will likely lead to a partnership between our church and that mission work going on in that part of the world. We also have a total of twenty-three members signed up for our summer mission trip to Alaska.

God bless you church family! I pray you have a Christ honoring new year ahead.

Bro. Brad



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS — PASTOR

WESLEY HADDEN — FAMILY MINISTER

CHUCK HARRIS — WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR

SUSAN STOWE — MINISTRY ASSISTANT







MUSIC AND MEDIA

As 2021 goes into the record books, please allow me to share with you some of the groups of people for which I am most grateful. This is not an exhaustive list, nor are they listed in any particular order.

I am grateful for the opportunity to work with such a wonderful staff. Bro. Brad's heart for God, and God's people, is at the core of his ministry as our Pastor. I personally believe that he is one of the best pastors in the state of Kentucky, and I am glad that I can call him my pastor. After a unexpected start to his tenure here at First Baptist, Wesley has made great strides over this year with the youth! Because of his desire to see the youth of our community know the love of Christ, we've seen numbers grow, we've had youth from the community attending, and we've heard from the youth how happy they are with his leadership. I'm looking forward to what he and Kaylah can accomplish with their ministry in 2022. Susan is the oil that keeps the "machine" working. She is tireless in her efforts and excellent in her abilities as she serves as ministry assistant. She keeps us in line and we're glad to have her in that church office. These three are not only great as co-workers, but I am proud to call them friends.

I am grateful for the ones who serve as instrumentalists: Ruth Kingkade, Dave Stowe, and Melody Stafford. They are each excellent musicians and love to assist our congregation in worship. I'd also like to thank Krissy Locker for stepping in and playing piano during our Evening Services. It's great to know we have a group of musicians that can help out. They make my job so easy as they intuitively fill in all the parts needed for our worship songs. Thanks to each of you!

Our media team is also a blessing to me and to our church. Tim Craigmyle, Chanceny Perkins, Meagan Greenlee, Bo Cumberland, and all the others who have filled in do a superb job of making the service flow smoothly in both sound and video, and for making sure our services were broadcast to our church family during quarantine. Thanks to you all for the wonderful work you do to enhance our worship.

Our choir blesses me all the time, but this year was truly a blessing. After almost two years of not having a choir, it felt so good to be able to come together as a group and just sing praises to the Lord. I know they were excited to come back together, and I know that you, church, are happy to see them in that choir loft again. Their faithful service and willingness to place themselves under my leadership speaks volumes about their character, their love for the Lord, and their patience. I am thankful for all those who were part of our Christmas Musical Presentation this year. It was truly one of my favorite and I know many in our church family loved it as well! Thank you so much!

Last, but definitely not least, I am grateful for each of you in our FBC family. You are so loving and kind to me — you are truly family. You have been so supportive of my ministry with you, and for that I am thankful. FBC is truly a loving, giving church family — one I am proud to be a part of. I pray that 2022 will be a great year for you personally AND for Owenton First Baptist!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Chuck

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

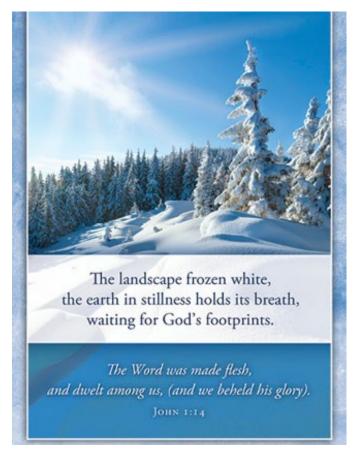
A new year has come upon us quickly and it marks the 2nd year I have been with you all. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else in the world than here serving with you. Thank you for how loving you are to me and my family, it means so much to me!

This newsletter is a little different this year because I want to challenge you and let you know my goals. My personal goal this year is to read two books every month. I want to challenge you to read one book from the Old Testament and one book from the New Testament every month. My prayer this year is to grow in wisdom, and I hope you will too.

The youth will be growing by hearing God's Word preached to them weekly and I pray it grips their hearts so much they will go and share with others and invite them to youth. My goal for the youth this year is to teach them stories from the Bible and for them to share those stories to friends and family. Will you join with me in praying over these things this month?

Wesley







SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9:00 and 11:00 Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m. Outreach 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 7:30 p.m. Deacons	3	4	5 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 5:30 p.m. Trus- tees 6:30 p.m. Mid- week Service/ Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 p.m. Team Kid	6	7	8 10:30 a.m. Outreach
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NURSERY VOLUNTEER

Bruce and Karen Wash 1/2: 1/9: Sid and Mitzi Ford 1/16: Todd and Lesa Marston 1/23: David Hill and Martha Murray 1/30: Kevin and Gabi Welsh

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

1/2: Josh and Lindsay Smith 1/9: Jonathan and Blair Baldwin

1/16:

1/23: Brandon and Danielle Stephens

1/1. 1/14 David Wainscott Matthew Osborne Nathan Watkins

Derris Hedger <u>1/4</u> 1/16

Darryl Traylor Morgan Weintraught

<u>1/7</u>

Debbie McMillen Lacie Risch Bruce Wash <u>1/21</u>

<u>1/9</u> Sally Patterson

<u>1/10</u>

Lloyd Vannarsdall

Linda Webster <u>1/12</u>

Paul Banks **Austin Perkins**

<u>1/13</u>

Joyce Stack

Brett Wooten

1/20

Kitty Cammack

1/22

Easton Baldwin 1/24

Teresa Dempsey

1/25

Cortney Gobel <u>1/26</u>

Machele Bess

1/27

Tyler Cammack Jonathan Caudill

<u>1/28</u> Jane Ayres Dana Cobb

Dan O'Toole Rodney Parker Krista Power

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