



# The First Family

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

## FEBRUARY 2022

### FROM YOUR PASTOR

#### *The Second Milers*

In November of 1975 at the age of twelve, I trusted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I yielded my life to Him by acknowledging that I was a sinner and agreeing that Jesus Christ was Lord and the only remedy for my hopeless condition. That moment not only marked the beginning of a new relationship and standing before God, but it also was the moment that I sensed a clear call to ministry. As a twelve-year-old with no history or concept of things related to Christianity or ministry I really did not understand what that call to ministry would look like but I was certainly surrendered to it.

Sadly, my conversion story is similar to a lot of other Christians in that having been gloriously saved I gradually drifted within three years of my conversion. I settled for this condition for over a year and a half. The major factor in my backslidden state was the neglect of God's word and worshipping with God's people. I became quite carnal and lukewarm in my relationship with Jesus. Though I drifted far I never overcame the uneasy sense of knowing that my condition was wrong, unfulfilling, and empty. I felt compelled to write this because of a wonderful anniversary date that is upon me this month. You see, forty-two years ago on Sunday, February 17, 1980, the Holy Spirit shook me from my drifting and awakened me to return to my "first love" relationship with Jesus. Having lived in a state of lethargy, lukewarmness, and rebellion for over a year and a half, I was back in fellowship with my Savior!

My hope is that you will be encouraged to carefully guard your relationship with Jesus and not drift into complacency and lukewarmness. However, if you find yourself in a similar condition that I was in there is hope! Think of others who went from drifting to courageous close fellowship. Peter, having been called to walk with Jesus ended up denying Him in Jesus most crucial hour of suffering. His drifting lasted for a few days and restoration came and he became a powerful preacher, writer, and witness. John Mark walked with Jesus and even served alongside the greatest Christian statesman, Paul the Apostle, yet in a moment of fear or loss of focus drifted. But within months his return came in the form of missions with Barnabas, writing a Gospel, and proved to be of great benefit to Paul whom he had forsaken on a past mission endeavor. Then there is the man who God described as a man after His own heart, David. King David, what a man of courage, leadership, and sensitivity toward Heavenly things yet found himself in a state of despondency and drifting for over a year. But through a wake-up call to repent of his sin he experienced reconciliation through the sure mercies of God.

Whether your drifting has been for days, months, or maybe even years, the same hope of restoration is available. It begins with recognition of your condition, repentance of your present state, and receiving His mercy that removes you from that deadening position. I found that February was a great month to become a second miler Christian. I hope you will also!

Blessings,

Bro. Brad

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS — PASTOR

WESLEY HADDEN — FAMILY MINISTER

CHUCK HARRIS — WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR

SUSAN STOWE — MINISTRY ASSISTANT

#### VALENTINE BANQUET

1:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 13

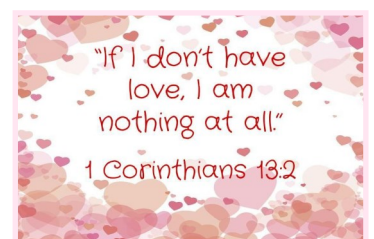
\$12 Adults

\$8 Children

\$50 Family Max

Meal, Entertainment, Devotional  
Each family please bring a dessert

Donations will be accepted for the youth camp account.



## MUSIC AND MEDIA

Brrr...are you cold enough yet, church family?! January has now passed and February has arrived, bringing with it frigid temperatures. I don't know about you but I'm ready for the warm glow of the summer sun!

Even though the temps are frigid, I want to encourage you to not let your worship become frigid and cold. Worship, at its very core, is a verb. It can be defined as, **"showing reverence and adoration for."** Shouldn't that be the goal of our corporate and private worship? I submit that it is!

I'm reminded of a post on Facebook by Worship Pastor Chris Watson from Atlanta, Georgia. He perfectly sums up what worship is by saying, **"If I can worship God during my favorite song but not with one I really don't like, I'm not worshipping God, I'm worshipping a song. If I can worship God when the "atmosphere" is right and everything's clicking but I can't if it's off, I'm not worshipping God, I'm worshipping the atmosphere. If I can worship God because I had a great feeling and experience with a large group but I can't worship Him alone, then I'm not worshipping God, I'm worshipping a feeling/experience. Worship can happen at at time, any place and anywhere. We must guard our heart to make sure we are worshipping God and not a movement / experience or something we deem as worship that may just not be."**

Our worship must be intentional, passionate, and constant. We, as sons and daughters of The Most High King, have every reason to show our Lord and Savior the worship He deserves, so why not do it every day? David said in Psalm 119:164, **"Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous rules."** He praised God 7 times a day! Some times we can't even do 20 minutes on a Sunday morning, right? I have mentioned that one of my favorite quotes is, **"Trying to genuinely worship publicly without having had significant times of private worship is like having the dry heaves. You're trying to bring up something that isn't there."** Lets not try to "heave" up worship that isn't there. Instead, let's worship in spirit and in truth so that we have an overflow that spills out over us in our day to day lives. Take the time this month to really work on your private worship. If we all worship individually, our time together on Sunday will be even more glorifying to God!

The FBC Sanctuary Choir has started working on our Easter Cantata, **"Is He Worthy."** It's full of wonderful songs and hymns, as well as narration that takes us through the entire story of Christ's life. I can't wait for us to be able to share this beautiful musical with you, church family! As always, the invitation to join the choir is extended to everyone 7th grade and up!! No experience necessary just a passion to sing praises to our Heavenly Father. We meet Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. in the Carla G. Pennington Choral Suite right near the church offices. We hope you can join us!!

I am looking forward to what this month has in store!!

*Soli Deo Gloria,*

Bro. Chuck

## FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

The youth group is off to a good start this year. We will go night snow tubing on February 5 and sponsor the Valentine Banquet on February 13 at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday night football that evening.

Here are some words of encouragement I want to give you:

Don't believe the lie that you need to have your act together before coming to church.

"And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them" Matthew 15:30.

Jesus wants your mess! Right after this passage we read in verse 32 that he had compassion on the crowd because they had been following for three days and had nothing to eat. He feeds them until they are all full.

Following Jesus isn't a set of rules but a life of relying on him for our every need. It isn't a life of perfections, but a witness about one who is perfect. Life is messy, no one is perfect in this world. We are all plagued with sin and it is slowly killing our bodies. Only those who profess faith in Christ will be perfect one day and will be alive, when he calls us up with him. Until then, we must come daily to our savior in need of his healing. He rejects no one!

In his grace,

Wesley

## CROSSINGS CAMPS

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL  
JUNE 28-JULY 2

CHILDREN  
JULY 19-22

## SHOES IN THE PEWS

Owen County Family Resource and Youth Services Centers are teaming up with the WMU in Owen County for a community-wide shoe collection in January.

For questions or to donate, please call Becky Mefford at 502-484-4017 or Janetta Briscoe at 502-484-4014

Shoe sizes Needed:  
Children Sizes: 10-13  
Adult Sizes: 1-13



**FRYSC**  
Family Resource and Youth Services Centers

EVERY CHILD DESERVES  
A PAIR OF SHOE THAT  
FIT!

COLLECT NEW PAIRS OF TENNIS SHOES FOR OWEN  
COUNTY STUDENTS AND PLACE THEM ON THE PEWS

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three;  
but the greatest of these is **love**.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 NKJV



# February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning  6:30 p.m. Midweek Service  6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth  6:30 p.m. Team Kid	3	4	5  Youth snow tubing.
6 9:00 and 11:00 Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m. Children's Committee 5:00 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 7:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting	7 Volleyball	8	9 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning  5:30 p.m. Trustees  6:30 p.m. Midweek Service/Business Meeting  6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth  6:30 p.m. Team Kid	10	11	12
13 9:00 and 11:00 Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School <b>1:00 P.M. VALENTINE BANQUET</b>  <b>Youth football at Wesley's</b>  No Evening Services	14 Volleyball	15	16 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning  6:30 p.m. Midweek Service  6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth  6:30 p.m. Team Kid	17	18	19  10:30 a.m. WMU Association Meeting Fellowship Hall
20 9:00 and 11:00 Morning Service 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School  5:30 p.m. Family Fun Fellowship	21 Volleyball	22 Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  6:00-8:00 p.m.	23 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning  6:00 p.m. Family Night  6:45 p.m. Missions Meetings	24		
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**FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS**

**NURSERY VOLUNTEER**

2/6: Rae Gina and Meleah Beatty  
 2/13: Heidi Williams and Heather Cumberland  
 2/20: Becky Shryock and Bethany Cumberland  
 2/27: Gabi and Kevin Welsh

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

2/6: Rusty and Heidi Williams  
 2/13: Wesley and Kaylah Hadden  
 2/20: Josh and Lindsay Smith  
 2/27: Jodie Ransdell and Lindsay G. Smith

<b><u>2/1.</u></b> Mallory Craigmyle Joyce Utterback	<b><u>2/12</u></b> Dennis Miller Adam Patterson Jessica Treece Brax Ward	<b><u>2/20</u></b> Andrea Perkins Ammon
<b><u>2/3</u></b> Kaleb Epperson Adam Green	<b><u>2/13</u></b> Becky Shryock Jimmy Sutherland	<b><u>2/21</u></b> Kyle Riddle
<b><u>2/5</u></b> Don Allnutt, Jr. Brandi Mears Sagan Pelfry	<b><u>2/15</u></b> Bruce Kingkade Jodie Ransdell	<b><u>2/22</u></b> Tim Craigmyle Linda Osborne Ryan Perkins Tyne Nieman
<b><u>2/6</u></b> Broox Ward	<b><u>2/16</u></b> Blake Duncan Megan Hearn	<b><u>2/24</u></b> Kevin Welsh
<b><u>2/9</u></b> Dave Stowe Khloe Welsh	<b><u>2/18</u></b> Crystal Lilly Beverly Marcum Carol Wooten	<b><u>2/25</u></b> Debbie Parker
<b><u>2/10</u></b> Luke Hanson	<b><u>2/19</u></b> Jenny Cobb Donna Gregory Megan Harris Danielle Stephens	<b><u>2/26</u></b> Ty Smith
<b><u>2/11</u></b> Kelly Gamble		<b><u>2/28</u></b> Haisley Cammack Bradley Rose Zayden Rose Ronnie Wooten
		<b><u>2/29</u></b> Chip Colee Kendall Lilly

Return Service Requested

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