



 OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

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

# The First Family

## MARCH 2022

### FROM YOUR PASTOR

#### *Happiness in Jesus Sacrificed*

My recent devotional reading in Judges reminded me of how dumb we are as humans. To be more precise it reminded me of what absolute morons we can be! The book of Judges reveals a terrible pattern and cycle practiced by God's covenant people. When they sought Him, trusted Him, and obeyed Him, they experienced blessings, liberty, and security. But they so often disregarded, doubted, and disobeyed Him and it led to bondage, hardship, and servitude.

Well, not much has changed when it comes to the people of God today. We may sing, "Trust and Obey for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus", but our practice is "Doubt and Disobey." We do not learn from the example of the covenant people in the past or even from our own experience in the present. We are so foolish in our choice to subjugate God to a secondary position in our lives. We must cease being afraid to activate a life that is totally yielded to following the ways of the Lord as delineated in His Word. Though the sacrifices will be many, they will be overwhelmingly rewarded by God. It is much better to feel the sting of sacrifice now and look back later with gratitude and joy for the Christ honoring decisions made. It is a much greater sacrifice to look back with regret for not having chosen the path that upholds the principles of His Word. Many a believer have succumbed to the pressure of the present, peers, personal pride, and the prevailing culture of our day. Tragically the choice of compromise, complacency, and neglect of God's purposes, plans, and priorities have not boded well for them individually, for their spouses, or for their children. The end result has been a tepid and often shipwrecked faith walk with Jesus. Make the decision now to "Trust and Obey" and follow His way no matter the sacrifice and you will find in the years ahead that it was best for you, your spouse, and your children.

I hope you will make every effort to be here for worship each Sunday as we continue our series on "Encounters with God" in the morning services and I Corinthians during the evening services. Decide now to involve your children and youth in Sunday School and bring your children to Team Kid and your youth to Main Street Students for the special Wednesday emphasis. Our Baptist Men and Baptist Women are involved in a great study once a month after the Family Night potluck meal. Our annual offering for North American Missions will be received on March 6 and 13. We will also begin hitting the country roads in Owen County to complete the Gospel to Every Home emphasis.

Remember "Trust and Obey, for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to Trust and Obey!"

Blessings,  
Bro. Brad

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS — PASTOR

WESLEY HADDEN — FAMILY MINISTER

CHUCK HARRIS — WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR

SUSAN STOWE — MINISTRY ASSISTANT



#### ANNIE ARMSTRONG NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS OFFERING

We will have a special emphasis collection on March 6 and 13.  
*Pray and Give as the Lord leads!*



## MUSIC AND MEDIA

*“Rest in God alone, my soul, for my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I will not be shaken.” — Psalm 62:5-6*

I love the Book of Psalms. It doesn't matter how many times I read through it, I always find something new or I find a psalm that becomes my new favorite. Psalm 62 has become one of those favorites. This psalm is focused on trusting God alone, something that, I think, is hard for us at times...probably more times than we care to admit, right?

I know that there are times that I find myself trusting in my own power and my own abilities, instead of giving it to God and trusting that He will take care of it. I have to take a step back, take a deep breath, and remember scripture like this psalm, to be able to give it all to Christ, and to trust that no matter the problem He is Lord and there is no problem big enough that He can't handle.

Through my studying I came across a song by Sovereign Grace Music that is based on Psalm 62, “My Soul Will Wait.” Keaton Bunting and Bob Kauflin have taken the text of this psalm of trust and turned it into a hymn of joy and praise to our Lord.

I am excited to share this song with you, church family! This will be our Praise & Worship song for this month. I hope that it will encourage you as it has encouraged me!

Lastly, I wanted to say thank you to First Baptist and to you, the church family. You have made these past nine years wonderful. I am truly blessed to be a part of this great congregation and to be part of this community. Thank you, again

*Soli Deo Gloria,*

Bro. Chuck

## FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Hope everyone is doing well! The youth ministry is going well, and we are staying busy with different youth events and outings.

This past month we began going through the book of Matthew looking at the life of Jesus. Pray that the youth take in the life of Jesus and see their need for His grace. Pray also that they would remember these stories in Matthew and then share them in their school.

At the beginning of the year, I encouraged you all to join me in reading so this month I want to recommend a book. Cal Newport has written an amazing book called “Digital Minimalism” and it is a book worth your time. In an age where we are constantly on our phones, this book sets us down and reevaluates our motives and need for our social media that has quietly enslaved us. He then encourages a 30-day social media fast and after the 30 days to evaluate what social media enhances our lives and makes it better. The book is very practical and informative. I highly recommend this book.

In grace,  
Wesley

## MEMORIALS

Stella Stewart—Billy and Janice Riddle

Daryl Perkins—Billy and Janice Riddle

Vicki Turner— Billy and Janice Riddle, Pauline Shelton,

Teresa Risch— Billy and Janice Riddle

Sherry Young— Donna McDonald

## CROSSINGS SUMMER CAMPS



## 2022 Children's Ministry Calendar

### APRIL

10 Easter Egg Hunter after 11:00am Service

### MAY

8 Baby Dedication during Morning Service  
30-31 VBS

### JUNE

1-3 VBS  
14-16 G.A. Camp  
17-18 R.A. Camp

### JULY

11-12 Sports Camp  
19-22 Kid's Summer Camp at Cedarmore  
Children's Summer Program each Wednesday morning

### AUGUST

Children's Summer Program Finale

### OCTOBER

31 Fall Festival  
Children's Christmas Cantata Preparation

### NOVEMBER

Children's Christmas Cantata Preparation

### DECEMBER

Children's Christmas Cantata Preparation  
11 or 18 Children's Christmas Cantata Presentation

- Age-graded Sunday School Classes each Sunday at 10:00am  
- Children's Church each Sunday during the 11:00am Service  
- TeamKID each Wednesday at 6:30pm

# March

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			<p>10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Midweek Service/Prayer Meeting</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Team Kid</p>			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>NAMB Offering</p> <p>9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services</p> <p>10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Outreach</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Choir</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Evening Service</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Deacons</p>	6:30 p.m. Volleyball		<p>10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Trustees</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Midweek Service/Business Meeting</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Team Kid</p>			
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# March

BIRTHDAYS

**3/1**

Brock Ward

**3/2**

Preston Forsee

Tim Redmon

Charley Thornton

**3/3**

Andrew Banks

Martha Murray

Hatcher Smith

**3/4**

Scott Allnutt

David Cobb

Maria Davis

Melinda Green

Todd Marston

Jackson O'Banion

**3/6**

Billy Riddle

**3/7**

Kyle Patterson

Leah Patterson Lye

Natalie Smith

**3/8**

Greyson Beatty

Adam Stowe

**3/9**

Dean Johns

**3/12**

David Bowling

Danny Cobb

Sheila Miller

**3/13**

Stacey Perkins

**3/16**

Guy Cobb

**3/18**

Joy Roberts

**3/19**

Roger Alford

Terri Mears

Danny Perkins

**3/20**

Paul Chitwood

Maison Hedger

Don Lee Wainscott

**3/21**

Christy Colee

Brandon Stephens

**3/22**

Brian Forsee

Landon Marston

Melody Stafford

**3/23**

Rae Gina Beatty

Charles McCoy

Jennifer Power

**3/24**

Pacey Harvey

**3/25**

Kelly Cammack

Quinton Miller

**3/26**

Allison Craigmyle

**3/27**

Alex Cobb

Bobby Kemper

**3/28**

Noah Cammack

**3/29**

Brad Banks

Mary Ann Hanson

John Lilly

**3/31**

Madelin Shelton

## MARCH VOLUNTEERS

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

3/6: Danny and Denise Humphries

3/13: Andi and Jared Fitzgerald

3/20: Rebecca and Ella Mills

3/27: Tim and Sherry Craigmyle

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

3/6: Libby Banks and Josh Cumberland

3/13: Heidi and Rusty Williams

3/20: Blair and Jonathan Baldwin

3/27: Heather Risch and girls

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