

 **OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST**

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

The First Family

APRIL 2022

FROM YOUR PASTOR

What Do You Really Deserve?

The great hymn writer, Isaac Watts, in his hymn, "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed," wrote these penetrating words in its opening stanza:

"Alas, and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?"

For some reason the word "worm" was replaced with the word "sinner." I realize that both words carry a meaning that doesn't bode well for humanity but doesn't the word "worm" paint a picture of our humanity at a level that is greatly needed today.

The Psalmist writes in Psalm 22 verse 6: "But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men and despised by the people." This chapter is considered a messianic psalm that describes so vividly the suffering of Jesus. Jesus was looked at by human beings as nothing more than a creepy, crawly, creature. A worm! No value but to be crushed under foot. But humanity had it all backwards. It is not Jesus that is the "worm," but it is all of humanity that is nothing more than a worm. Our true condition is that we are nothing and deserve nothing and the sooner we realize this and accept it the better off we will be in life.

Dr. John McArthur in a recent sermon made this statement: "Many ministers and many laypeople have lost their joy. The root cause of this loss is that they believe they deserve more than they have at that moment. Joy is always forfeited when we think we are getting less than we deserve." This means that we get in a state where we believe we are worthy of more recognition, a higher position, and a better condition than we presently enjoy. These thoughts that focus on not getting our fair share lead us to a place of lost joy. The unfair thoughts are so out of place because it is ludicrous to think we even deserve what we have presently and where we are presently. We are nothing but "worms" in the scheme of God's glorious majesty. That this incomprehensible God even takes thought of us is beyond comprehension.

So, lets reevaluate our attitude and mindset and state emphatically that we are beyond blessed to be where we are, to do what we do, and to have what we have. We are quite a blessed group of "Worms!"

This month we will enjoy a children's egg hunt on the 10th, the Easter Cantata on the 17th with coffee and donuts before, a special offering for our mission trips on the 24th and the Lord's Supper during the morning services on the 24th. As we look ahead into May be aware that the Baby Dedication will be on May 8th and Graduate Recognition Sunday will be May 15th. Vacation Bible School will be held May 30 – June 3. Please plan to volunteer for this special ministry to our children.

Blessings,
Bro. Brad

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS — PASTOR

WESLEY HADDEN — FAMILY MINISTER

CHUCK HARRIS — WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR

SUSAN STOWE — MINISTRY ASSISTANT



Easter Egg Hunt

**APRIL 10
AT NOON**

He is not here;
He is
RISEN,
just as He said.
MATTHEW 28:6

WEDDING SHOWER

Madison Gamble and
Anthony Johnson

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 1

2:00 p.m.

Registered at Amazon,
Crate and Barrel, and
Pottery Barn.

MUSIC AND MEDIA

“April has arrived! I thought by now we would be enjoying weather in the high 60’s or low 70’s and sunshine, you know, Spring weather. Instead we get glimpses of that and then we go right back to the cold and overcast sky! Now, while I do enjoy a little cold weather here and there, I am completely over it at this time in the year!

As I am writing this, the choir is three weeks away from presenting our Easter Cantata, *Is He Worthy*. I am very excited that we’re able to perform this for you on Easter Sunday! It has been about two years since we’ve been able to have an Easter Cantata!! *Is He Worthy* has some great music that makes you want to sing along, and it has some great narration that tells the story of our Savior.

I am thankful for our choir and for our narrator Carol Wooten! They have worked hard to learn this music and narration, and they, too, are excited to present this cantata to our church family.

I hope you join us on Sunday, April 17 for our Easter Sunday Celebration. Bro. Brad will bring a message on “The Resurrection of Jesus” during the 9:00 am service time, Sunday School classes will meet for an abbreviated class, and then we will all gather in the Fellowship Hall for Donuts & Coffee at 10:30am. At 11:00am we will move to the sanctuary where the choir will present, *Is He Worthy*. It will be a day filled with music, worship, and word, that all point to the celebration of our Risen Savior!!

Looking forward to what this month has in store!!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Chuck

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

This little light of mine
I’m going to let it shine
Oh, this little light of mine
I’m going to let it shine

I remember growing up and singing this song at VBS and Sunday school. I don’t ever recall anyone ever telling me what my light was nor why I wanted it to shine. My wife would probably say it is because I wasn’t listening, but I don’t know if that is true.

Kaylah and I are completely different people when it comes to turning on the lights in our house. She loves it dim and the windows open letting natural light in. Then you have me who walks into the house and turns on every light in the house. Natural lighting isn’t enough for me and even though I turn on all the lights, I want more lighting. Jesus in Matthew 5:14-16 tells us we are the light of the world.

We don’t put our light under a basket but on a stand, so it gives light to the whole house. Jesus commands us to be the light of the world, our lives are to reflect God and be clearly seen honoring him. Our lives are not to bring us righteousness or acceptance from God, but to bring glory to our father who is in Heaven. Your light may be little, but beloved let it shine!

Wesley



CROSSINGS SUMMER CAMPS



2022 Children’s Ministry Calendar

APRIL 10 Easter Egg Hunt after 11:00am Service	OCTOBER 31 Fall Festival Children’s Christmas Cantata Preparation
MAY 8 Baby Dedication during Morning Service 30-31 VBS	NOVEMBER Children’s Christmas Cantata Preparation
JUNE 1-3 VBS 14-16 G.A. Camp 17-18 R.A. Camp	DECEMBER Children’s Christmas Cantata Preparation 11 or 18 Children’s Christmas Cantata Presentation
JULY 11-12 Sports Camp 19-22 Kid’s Summer Camp at Cedarmore Children’s Summer Program each Wednesday morning	- <i>Age-graded Sunday School Classes each Sunday at 10:00am</i> - <i>Children’s Church each Sunday during the 11:00am Service</i> - <i>TeamKID each Wednesday at 6:30pm</i>
AUGUST Children’s Summer Program Finale	

April


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<p>3</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>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Visitation</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Association Executive Board Meeting</p>	5	<p>6</p> <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>	7	8	9
<p>10</p> <p>9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services</p> <p>10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt</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>11</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Visitation</p>	12	<p>13</p> <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>	14	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. Youth Lock In</p>	16
<p>17</p> <p>9:00 a.m. The Resurrection of Jesus</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Donuts</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Easter Cantata</p> <p>No Evening Services</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Visitation</p>	19	<p>20</p> <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>	21	22	23
<p>24</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>*Alaska Mission Offering</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Visitation</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.</p> <p>6:00-8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Family Night</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Main Street Youth</p> <p>TeamKID</p> <p>Men's Bible Study</p> <p>Women's Bible Study</p>	28	29	30



<u>4/1</u> Patty Greene Matt Miller	<u>4/21</u> John Paul Hanson
<u>4/3</u> Gene Rose Molly Grace Watkins	<u>4/22</u> Betty Carter Finley Harvey Susan Sutherland
<u>4/4</u> Rex Dean Stafford	<u>4/24</u> Michael Cassidy Ashton Marcum Becky Mason
<u>4/5</u> Jeff Davis Sandy Logan	<u>4/27</u> Jeff Caudill Lana Jones Darrin Osborne
<u>4/10</u> Mandy Davis	<u>4/28</u> Melanie Hanson Matt Stafford Mike Stafford Felechia Wainscott
<u>4/12</u> Ricky Bourne Collin Gamble Colton Hays Jeff Peak	<u>4/29</u> Sarah Peak Mary Helen Smith Matthew Wright
<u>4/14</u> Beckham O'Toole	<u>4/30</u> Jim Craigmyle Caden Hedger
<u>4/15</u> Rhonda Johns	
<u>4/16</u> Tripp Allnutt	
<u>4/20</u> Logan Shelton	

APRIL VOLUNTEERS	
<u>NURSERY VOLUNTEERS</u>	
4/3:	Dana Gill and Lindsay Smith
4/10:	Kaylah Hadden and Mary Helen Smith
4/17:	Todd and Lesa Marston
4/24:	Sid and Mitzi Ford
<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>	
4/3:	Wesley and Kaylah Hadden
4/10:	Josh and Lindsay Smith
4/17:	No Children's Church
4/24:	Jodie Ransdell and Lindsay G. Smith

Return Service Requested



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