



OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

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

# The First Family

## JANUARY 2023

### FROM YOUR PASTOR

#### Two "Resolutions" for 2023

I have a proposal for you, my church family. Would you be willing to put all your efforts in fulfilling two main things in 2023? You might respond that this is really setting the bar low for us to only focus on two things. Well, that would have to be judged by what are the two emphases being promoted. Jesus was once asked by a religious lawyer what the greatest commandment is in the Law of God. Jesus responded immediately with "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Before the lawyer could respond Jesus just as quickly then said, "the second is like unto it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

If we made these two commands the prevailing emphasis in the year ahead it would revive each one of us and revolutionize our whole church. A focused effort on these two worthy pursuits would transform our lives, our families, our church, and our community. It would bring order to our chaotic lifestyles and place issues in their proper order. It would create such change that our lifestyle and words would have such power that the carrying out of the Great Commission would be accomplished at a greater level. Can you imagine a church that focused solely on fulfilling these two commands! I believe we would experience the manifested presence of God to a greater degree and would have a greater foretaste of what Heaven is all about. Our duty to Jesus would be permeated with great delight. I pray that many of you will join me in fulfilling these two "Resolutions" for this year ahead.

Please pray for Matt Greenlee, David Hill, and me as we head to Panama on January 10 and 11. David and I will return on the 22<sup>nd</sup> but Matt will be serving for two to three months. Our Family Fun Fellowship is scheduled for Sunday, January 15. The evening will start at 5:30pm and include *food* (soup, sandwiches, dessert), *fun* (basketball, volleyball, pickleball, ping-pong, board games), and *fellowship* (church family and friends). The meal will take place around 6:15pm. The Church League Volleyball will kick off on Monday, January 23. The Annual Men's Day Service will be Sunday morning, January 29. We will also be ordaining Brandon Stephens to the Deacon Ministry that evening at 6:30pm. Be on the look-out for dates of committee meeting planning for the year ahead and information on our Valentine Banquet and Summer Camps.

Let's make 2023 the best year ever!

Blessings,  
Bro. Brad

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS — PASTOR

CHUCK HARRIS — WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR

YOUTH PASTOR — ROSS FORD

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY—KILEY BLAIR

SUSAN STOWE — MINISTRY ASSISTANT



### FAMILY FUN NIGHT SUNDAY JANUARY 15 FOOD FUN FELLOWSHIP



Bring the Family!

"I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

JOHN 13:34-35



## MUSIC AND MEDIA

### A YEAR'S WORTH OF THANKS

As 2022 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 not only the state of Kentucky, but throughout our nation. I am glad that I can call him my pastor. 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. We've had the joy of adding onto our Ministry Staff this past year! What a blessing to have Ross and Kiley join us as our Student Pastor and Director of Children's Ministry. I know Ross and Kiley both have a heart for the respective ministries, and I am so excited to see what they accomplish in this New Year. These four 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 playing piano during our Evening Services, and for Kiley Blair for filling in when needed. 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. Thanks to you all for the wonderful work you do to enhance our worship.

Our choir blesses me all the time, but I have thoroughly been blessed this year. They shared with us some wonderful anthems and praise choruses that "brought heaven down," this past year!! 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 can never say thank you enough to all those who sacrificed time and energy to help make our Children's Musical one for the record books, and I am so grateful for the beautiful Christmas Cantata the Worship Choir presented this year. THANK YOU ALL!

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 2023 will be a great year for you personally AND for First Baptist!

*Soli Deo Gloria,*  
Bro. Chuck

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Happy New Year! This is a time of new beginnings for us all as we turn the page on a new calendar year. (Yes, I still use a paper calendar!) I am especially excited for my new beginning of serving as your Director of Children's Ministry. My mind has been swirling with ideas of how to best encourage the willing servants who have already been planting the seeds of faith with the children of Owenton First Baptist. I have also been speaking with those same servants, as opportunities have presented themselves, brainstorming improvements and ways to grow the children's ministry. I am very much looking forward to getting to know those of you that I don't yet know and getting reacquainted with those of you I do.

As for celebrating the New Year ... Let me encourage you to be prayerful about being intentional in the coming year. Colossians 3:2 encourages us to "Set our minds on things above, not on earthly things." Some like to choose a word or phrase to guide them through the year. Perhaps you would like for your life and the life of your family to exhibit more calmness, grace, growth, or the like. Perhaps there is a Fruit of the Spirit in your life that needs a little metaphorical "Miracle-Gro"! Your Savior would love to tend to that area of your life. Ask Him!

In this New Year let us look for ways to lead our families and those around us to love the Lord our God with all that we have in our beings. If He is truly at the center, everything will fall into place in His perfect timing. If He is at the center, the fruits of the Spirit will be an abundant harvest in our lives and those around us will be drawn to who He is in our lives.

His,  
Kiley Blair






<b>1/1.</b> David Wainscott	<b>1/14</b> Matthew Osborne	<b>1/26</b> Machele Bess
<b>1/3</b> Derris Hedger	Nathan Watkins	<b>1/27</b> Tyler Cammack
<b>1/4</b> Darryl Traylor	Brett Wooten	Jonathan Caudill
<b>1/7</b> Bruce Wash	Shelby Carter	<b>1/28</b> Jane Ayres
<b>1/9</b> Sally Patterson	Morgan Weintraught	Dana Cobb
<b>1/10</b> Lloyd Vannarsdall	<b>1/20</b> Lacie Risch	Rodney Parker
Linda Webster	<b>1/21</b> Kitty Cammack	Krista Power
<b>1/12</b> Paul Banks	<b>1/22</b> Easton Baldwin	<b>1/30</b> Moto McDanell
Austin Perkins	Alice Perkins	Clark Roberts
<b>1/13</b> Joyce Stack	<b>1/24</b> Teresa Dempsey	<b>1/31</b> Kiley Blair
	<b>1/25</b> Cortney Gobel	Matt Cammack

<b>JANUARY VOLUNTEERS</b>	
<b><u>NURSERY VOLUNTEERS</u></b>	
1/1:	Mike and Sarah Cobb
1/8:	Rebecca and Ella Mills
1/15:	Krissy and Jonathan Locker
1/22:	Meredith Lewis
1/29:	Tim and Sherry Craigmyle
<b><u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u></b>	
1/1:	Brian and Kiley Blair
1/8:	Libby Banks
1/15:	Heather Risch
1/22:	Lucas and Jenna Shelton
1/29:	Jonathan and Blair Baldwin

<b>Memorials</b>	
<u>Billy Duncan</u> —Rodney and Debbie Parker, Donna McDonald, Dave and Susan Stowe	

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