



OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST
"To be found faithful as God's People."

The First Family

FEBRUARY 2023

FROM YOUR PASTOR

To Contemplate His Love!

II Corinthians 5:14-15 reads, "For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again."

What motivated the Son of God, Jesus Christ, to give Himself as a sacrifice for our sins? The scripture states that "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Jesus went down into the place of death because that is where all would be found due to the choice that Adam made in the garden. But why would He go down to the place of death? The passage states that it was due to **LOVE!** Christ died for us because He loves us. He came down to the place of death where we all reside because He loved us. His amazing substitutionary sacrifice for our sin made it possible for us to be delivered from the place of death. All who believe in Him are brought up from death in resurrected life. Now that we are alive this amazing love compels us or constrains us to live for His glory. It places a deep wondrous pressure upon us to pursue living out the righteousness that He has given to us. We really do stand amazed in the presence of the one who loved us and gave Himself for us. A contemplating of Christ's love for us will lead us to a place of yielding ourselves completely to Him and service unto Him.

Grateful for the blessings we enjoyed in January ranging from a mission trip to Panama to our Lay-Led service and the ordination service. The Family Fun Fellowship proved to be a real highlight for the month. This month we are enjoying the continuation of the fellowship among the churches through the volleyball league. We will also have a great time of food and fellowship at our Valentine Luncheon on Sunday, February 12 after the late morning worship service. Parents, be sure and get your deposit paid for the Student Summer Camp and the Children's Camp. It will be first come first serve on the spots available for camp.

Blessings,
Bro. Brad

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

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KENTUCKY BAPTIST
MEN'S CHORALE
Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7pm
First Baptist Church
Owenton, Kentucky
KBC COOPERATIVE PROGRAM



Wedding Shower

Kaitlyn Parker and Kameron Kelly
Saturday, February 25 at Noon

Registered at Amazon, Target, and Slippery Rock Signs

Website: www.zola.com/wedding/kaitlynandkameron2023

VALENTINE BANQUET

Noon in the Fellowship Hall
February 12, 2023

Big Tricky's Catering
Lasagna and Salad Bar

\$10 per ticket and \$50 max per family

We need desserts to be donated.
Please buy your tickets at the Welcome Center by February 5

CROSSINGS CAMPS
ENTERING GRADE 7 THROUGH GRADUATING SENIORS
JULY 2-6

ENTERING GRADES 3-6
JULY 22-25

THE COST IS \$200
\$75 DEPOSIT IS DUE BY FEBRUARY 26
SIGN UP ONLINE
THERE ARE LIMITED SPACES

MUSIC AND MEDIA

WORSHIP IS A VERB!

Can you believe that it's already the second month of the year??!! February has arrived and it brought the colder temperatures with it. I don't know about you but I'm ready for the warm glow of the summer sun!

As we move further into this new year I want to take a moment and focus on our worship. Even though the temps are starting to become 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 Worship Choir has started working on our Easter Cantata, **"King of Kings."** 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 5:00pm 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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

In 1992, counselor and author Gary Chapman proposed that we all have at least one of 5 love languages. These love languages show how we prefer to give and receive love. The original intent was to encourage married couples to find deeper connection with one another and be intentional about "filling the love tank" of our spouse. His theory was later revised and expanded to focus on kids.

Generally speaking, the way we prefer to be loved is the way we exhibit love to others so you don't have to be a super-sleuth to figure out your kiddo's love language.

Consider the following:

If your child loves to snuggle and thrives on hugs and back rubs his love language might be Physical Touch. If she loves to show you her school work and lights up when you praise it, her love language might be Words of Affirmation. Quality Time might be their love language if they love helping you in the kitchen or reading a book. Thoughtful surprises and simple gifts their thing? Gifts might be the key to their heart. If he loves to surprise you by cleaning up or bringing you coffee then Acts of Service is likely how his heart loves to give and receive affection.

Sometimes those we want to love better don't "speak the same love language" as we do and effort is required to "fill their love tank." The effort is always worth the reward of knowing we are loving others, particularly our kids, well.

Jesus is our ultimate example of love. Much of what he taught about loving others made people uncomfortable and required them to step outside their comfort zones to love as Jesus loved. That is a tall order, but one He longs to equip us to accomplish.

Does Jesus want you to love your kids better by connecting in a way that best resonates with them? Is there someone else that you need to explore what their love language might be and consider how you can better speak their love language...even if it's not yours? Maybe a sticky note with a smiley face on it doesn't mean much to you...but it could absolutely make the day of someone whose love language is gifts.

Above all, pray and ask God to show you how you can love others better during this month when we hear so much about love! More information about Gary Chapman's book and his theory is just a google search away, but you can find printed materials at the welcome desk to get you started or reach out and I'll make sure you have what you need!

Kiley

YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello church family! The past few months have been a busy time for the youth group and me. The youth group has been growing in size since I first began this position and I am excited for the impact this ministry will have in the community and in the middle and high schools. We just finished a study titled "Goliath Must Fall" which focused on gaining control of the giants in our lives; whether it be addiction, fear, rejection, anger, or just being too comfortable. Following this, we started a study titled "Defined" in which we have been discussing our identity in Christ. In the coming weeks, we look forward to hosting the Valentine's Banquet as well as outings to Perfect North and Winter Jam.

For this month, I want to leave you with a verse that the youth have been meditating on which is Ephesians 2:8-10. It states, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." From this scripture, we can find both our worth in Christ as well as our need for salvation. As I have challenged the youth group, I also challenge you to allow God to work through you as a vessel to further the Kingdom of Heaven.

Please be in prayer for the youth ministry that it will continue to grow. Along with this, please be in prayer for the members of the youth group as middle and high school can be a difficult time to navigate in one's faith walk. I would also like to mention a praise for one of my students that has made a decision to be baptized as a public profession of her faith. Main Street Youth has a lot of fun and I am thankful for the opportunity to mentor and grow alongside these students.

Blessings,
Ross Ford



February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 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. Teamkid	2	3	4
5 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Deacons	6 6:30 p.m. Volleyball	7 Gideons Noon	8 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 5:30 p.m. Trustees 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Service/Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 Teamkid	9	10	11
12 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School Noon Valentine Luncheon	13 6:30 p.m. Volleyball	14	15 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. Teamkid	16	17	18
19 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m. Outreach 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Dessert Dinner Fellowship	20 6:30 p.m. Volleyball	21 Men's Chorale	22 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:00 p.m. Family Night 6:45 p.m. Activities	23	24	25 Kaitlyn Parker Wedding Shower Noon
26 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m. Outreach 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Evening Service CAMP DEPOSITS DUE	27 6:30 p.m. Volleyball	28 Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 6:00-8:00 p.m.	 <p>Join us for a Baby Shower for Maddie Humphries and Baby Colt March 5 Fellowship Hall</p>		 <p>Join us for a wedding shower for Alli Gill and Ross Ford on March 19 in the Fellowship Hall. More details soon!</p>	

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BIRTHDAYS

<u>2/1.</u> Mallory Craigmyle Joyce Utterback	<u>2/12</u> Dennis Miller Adam Patterson	<u>2/20</u> Andrea Perkins Ammon
<u>2/2</u> Jonathan Locker	Jessica Treece Brax Ward	<u>2/21</u> Kyle Riddle
<u>2/3</u> Kaleb Epperson Adam Green Becky Shryock Jimmy Sutherland	<u>2/13</u> Bobby Cull, Jr. Chuck Gill	<u>2/22</u> Tim Craigmyle Linda Osborne Ryan Perkins Tyne Nieman
<u>2/5</u> Don Allnutt, Jr. Brandi Mears Sagan Pelfry	<u>2/15</u> Bruce Kingkade Jodie Ransdell	<u>2/24</u> Kevin Welsh
<u>2/6</u> Broox Ward	<u>2/16</u> Blake Duncan Megan Hearn	<u>2/25</u> Debbie Parker
<u>2/7</u> Krissy Locker	<u>2/18</u> Crystal Lilly Beverly Marcum Carol Wooten	<u>2/26</u> Waylon Walker Ty Smith
<u>2/9</u> Dave Stowe Khloe Welsh	<u>2/19</u> Jenny Cobb Donna Gregory Megan Harris Danielle Stephens	<u>2/28</u> Haisley Cammack Bradley Rose Zayden Rose Ronnie Wooten
<u>2/10</u> Luke Hanson		<u>2/29</u> Chip Colee Kendall Lilly
<u>2/11</u> Kelly Gamble		

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

2/5: Dana Gill and Lindsay Smith
2/12: Todd and Lesa Marston
2/19: Sid and Mitzi Ford
2/26: Bruce and Karen Wash

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

2/5: Brian and Kiley Blair
2/12: Josh and Lindsay Smith
2/19: Ed and Courtney Bourne
2/26: Danielle Stephens and Jodie Glacken

Memorials

Jim Miller—Mike and Barbara Ramsey, Mike and Sarah Cobb, Linda Webster, Ed and Courtney Bourne, Todd and Lesa Marston, Kay and Bentley Bush, Pauline Shelton, Tim Redmon, Gregg and Suzanne Peak, Oasis Class of St. Matthews Baptist Church, Phyllis Malcomb, Rodney and Deborah Parker, Judy Poe, FBC Men's Sunday School Class, Dave and Susan Stowe, Shirley Walker

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