



 OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

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

The First Family

APRIL 2023

FROM YOUR PASTOR

EQUIPPED: Part 2

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-Christ- from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth to the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

This passage in Ephesians 4:11-16 reminds of the role that pastors and teachers play in the life of the church as *equipping* agents. Last month we observed their role as equipping to discern, this month we will observe that their role is to *equip to serve*.

A great danger of the local church is to see the pastoral staff and other teachers as nothing more than “hirelings”. A hireling is a person that is employed to undertake menial work in the place of another. Though it is true that staff members do have a calling to a particular task and should be held responsible to fulfill the requirements agreed upon we must remember that the text reminds that the pastor-teacher’s main work is that of equipping the members to do the work of ministry. This reveals that it is not only impossible for staff members to replace members in their responsibility but that it is completely unscriptural for that to be attempted.

The equipping work of the pastor, staff, and teachers allows each member of the local assembly to serve faithfully in Kingdom Work. It is devastating when a church develops an attitude that the “pastor” or “staff member” is paid to do the work of ministry such as witnessing, visiting, greeting, planning all activities, leading all activities, and unclogging commodes, turning off lights, and locking doors. It can be discouraging to equippers when much planning, preparation, and instruction has been given and the “team/members” don’t show up for the “game”. A great deal of time goes into the preparation of preaching, teaching, training, and planning for ministry. It is a joyful moment when the members show up to get their “hands dirty”. When members of a church are serving and using their spiritual gifts, talents, and experience, much more is accomplished than if just a few leaders are carrying out the work. It also gives greater creativity and insight for the ministry work that is being accomplished.

Determine to place yourself under the equipping ministries of our church and as you gain discernment in your faith it will lead you to knowing and finding your place of service. Many opportunities of ministry exist that you can try out and we are always open to new ways of doing ministry as the Lord raises you up to be a ministry leader.

Blessings,
Bro. Brad



THE FBC WORSHIP
CHOIR PRESENTS:

KING OF KINGS

EASTER SUNDAY
11:00 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS — PASTOR

CHUCK HARRIS — WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR

ROSS FORD—YOUTH PASTOR

KILEY BLAIR—DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

SUSAN STOWE — MINISTRY ASSISTANT



CHILDREN’S MISSION DAY

SATURDAY
APRIL 15

10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Fun day of service oriented activities
Register at owentonfbc.com Upcoming events
On Children’s Ministry Page
Deadline April 10

MUSIC AND MEDIA MINISTRY

RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY....PLEASE?

April showers bring May flowers. If this is a true adage, then every inch of Owenton should be covered in flowers! I don't know about you but I'm a little tired of rain...and it's not even April at the time I'm writing this! Don't get me wrong, I love the rain. I love the sound it makes when it hits the roof and the smell of a fresh rainfall. But, rain also makes things dreary. It makes some people, including me, feel a little gloomy and sad. There's something about rain that brings you down. Have you ever felt like this? Do you feel yourself getting down or sad when it starts raining?

When I feel myself falling into the rainy-times blues, I like to sing...go figure, right? However, I'm not just singing any random song that pops into my head. Lately, it's been one of our recent Praise & Worship songs, *Rejoice!* I find myself singing praises to God and taking that moment to worship Him, thanking Him for the life that the rain brings and praising Him for the beauty that He has created. This is just one part of my everyday, private worship that I lift up to our Heavenly Father.

You see, we are called to worship our God. *"But, don't we already worship God on Sunday?"* Yes, we do but we are called to worship the Lord **EVERYDAY**, not just 10-15 minutes on a Sunday morning. While corporate worship is wonderful and commanded by God, our Private Worship throughout the week gets us ready for Sunday. Just like it's hard to get where you're going on an empty tank of gas; it's hard to worship the Lord in Spirit and Truth when you're coming into worship with an empty spiritual gas tank!! Worship is an everyday thing. Did you know that there are more examples in the Bible of people worshiping privately than together as a body of believers. Private worship is the foundation and preparation for corporate worship. Our God deserves it everyday!

Look at one of the greatest worshipers in the Bible, David. In Psalm 119:164 he says this ¹⁶⁴*Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous rules.* Let's break that down; 7 times a day + 7 days a week + roughly 4 weeks in a month + 12 months in a year. Add all that and you get...umm...carry the 2....subtract 3....square root of pi...it's comes out to....**a lot of worship!** Can you say that you've worshiped God outside of that 20 minutes on Sunday? I know that I find myself forgetting to sometimes.

I want to encourage you to take a week during this month and worship Christ every day in that week. It can be just a couple of minutes while your walking to your desk or during the hour commute to your job; while you're walking the hallways to class or eating lunch. Just take a moment and lift up praises to the one to whom all praise is due, our Lord.

The Sanctuary Choir is excited to present this year's Easter Cantata, *King of Kings*. Start now inviting your neighbors, friends, and family to this wonderful presentation this coming Easter Sunday — April 9. We will have our Coffee House & Donuts after the Sunday School time then the choir will present it's cantata at 11:00am.

I'm praying that the Lord continue to bless First Baptist and that we continue to be faithful in our service to Him.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Bro. Chuck

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Happy Spring Church Family,

I am overwhelmed by the response from so many of you wanting to invest in the kids of our church family. If you're still thinking about it...just jump in! We have some great kids and supportive parents. There are some exciting days ahead!!

Speaking of exciting days ahead, there are many ways to get involved this month. The Easter egg hunt will be after the late service on April 2nd and April 15th, is the Children's Mission Day. There are groups from other churches already signed up for this event and I'm anticipating more as the day gets closer. It is going to be a fun day of service oriented activities for all ages. Be sure to sign up and tell others about this fun and meaningful day. You can register at owentonfbc.com under the upcoming events tab on the Children's Ministry page. All are welcome and the deadline is April 10th.

Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it! Please mark your calendar and make plans to meet after the evening service on April 16th to learn more about this year's unique VBS that will immerse us in a Bible times marketplace experience. Come learn how your talents of wood working, cooking, crafting, drama, gardening, or just loving on kiddos, can all be used during this memorable and meaningful VBS.

Lastly, please join me in praying for our kids. These are challenging times. Even the youngest ones are inundated with messages that are contrary to God's Word and best for them. Thank you for locking arms with myself and the many volunteers who have been and continue to pour God's love into these children. Yes, these are tough times. However, I pray we don't get overwhelmed, but instead become more committed to growing our own faith as well as those entrusted to us.

Grateful,

Kiley

YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello church family!

It has been a great month for Main Street Youth! Our attendance continues to increase as new middle and high school students have been joining us. The youth have been doing a great job of inviting their peers so please be in prayer for those that have just begun to join us!

This month, we took 13 students to Winter Jam at Freedom Hall in Louisville. This was a night full of worship with popular Christian musicians and a fantastic speaker. The lesson for the night was to put our faith in Jesus as our stronghold in times of struggle. It was a late night, but it was a powerful experience for the youth.

Our Sunday night boys and girls small group studies have continued throughout the month of March. We are coming up on our last couple weeks of the studies. The girls are being led by Alli through a book called "Seamless" which is allowing them to walk through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. The boys have been learning about how to grow in their faith and become the people God created them to be in their series "Kingdom Men Rising." The youth have positively responded to these studies and are eager for our small groups to start back up in the fall.

Please be in prayer for the youth to be lights for Jesus in their schools as this is something I emphasize to them. They have such an impact on their classmates and teammates and it is my prayer that they will use this platform to spread the Word of God and further the Kingdom of Heaven. I am so thankful to work with this group of students!

Blessings,

Ross

April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 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. Deacon's Meeting	3	4	5 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. Rooted	6	7	8
9 9:00 a.m. Early Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Donuts 11:00 a.m. Easter Cantata No Evening Services	10	11	12 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 p.m. Rooted	13	14	15 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Children's Mission Day
16 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. VBS Meeting	17	18	19 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. Rooted	20	21	22 Kaitlyn and Kameron Wedding Day 
23 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	24	25 Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 6:00-8:00 p.m.	26 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:00 p.m. Family Night 6:45 p.m. Activities	27	28	29 Alli and Ross Wedding Day 
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4/1
 Patty Greene
 Matt Miller
4/3
 Gene Rose
 Molly Grace Watkins
4/4
 Rex Dean Stafford
4/12
 Ricky Bourne
 Collin Gamble
 Colton Hays
 Jeff Peak
4/14
 Beckham O'Toole
 Jenna Points
4/15
 Rhonda Johns
4/16
 Tripp Allnut
4/20
 Logan Shelton
4/21
 John Paul Hanson

4/22
 Betty Carter
 Finley Harvey
 Susan Sutherland
4/24
 Michael Cassidy
 Ashton Marcum
 Becky Mason
4/25
 Ellie Blair
4/27
 Jeff Caudill
 Lana Jones
 Darrin Osborne
4/28
 Melanie Hanson
 Matt Stafford
 Mike Stafford
 Felechia Wainscott
4/29
 Sarah Peak
 Mary Helen Smith
4/30
 Emma Blair
 Jim Craigmyle
 Caden Hedger

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

4/2: Carol and Ronnie Wooten
 4/9: Jodie and Nash Glacken
 4/16: Danny and Denise Humphries
 4/23: Andi and Jared Fitzgerald
 4/30: Rebecca and Ella Mills

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sprouts (pre-K-1st grade)

4/2: Rusty Williams
 4/9: No Children's Church
 4/16: Ed and Courtney Bourne
 4/23: Libby Banks
 4/30: Blair and Jonathan Baldwin

Seedlings (2nd-5th grade)

4/2: Brian Blair
 4/9: No Children's Church
 4/16: Heather Risch
 4/23: Lindsay G. Smith/Jodie Glacken
 4/30: Allison Craigmyle

Memorials

Sue Redmon– Doris Kistner, Danny and Judy Jacobs, Judy Poe, Janet Wright, Billy and Janice Riddle, Gregg and Suzanne Peak, Linda Allnut, Todd and Lesa Marston, Phyllis Malcomb, Ronnie and Carol Wooten

Jim Miller– Ronnie and Carol Wooten

Return Service Requested

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