



 OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

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

# The First Family

## MAY 2023

**FROM YOUR PASTOR**

### *Family Blessings*

The world struggles to define what a woman is and who can have babies. It rejects the notion that a baby is the most precious thing and that children should be allowed to enjoy their innocence and not bombarded with things that only adults should communicate. It constantly seeks to question the way God has made us and promotes a way to erase the very signature of God upon our body. These very things make the statement in Psalm 133:1 so refreshing, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

What a joy we share as the family of God that cherishes the things that the world despises. We have been especially blessed of late with a sweet spirit among our church family and our worship gatherings have had the imprint of the Lord's presence upon them. It is with great joy that we look forward to celebrating our mothers and praying over our parents and their new babies on May 14. We will then celebrate the accomplishments of all our graduates on May 21 and we will worship with our sister churches at the Baccalaureate Service that evening. We will then end the month with our final Family Night for the Summer on May 31.

The preparation for our VBS is in full swing and I hope that you will plan to step up and volunteer for this special summer event for our children. The dates for VBS at FBC are June 12-16 from 9:00am to Noon. We are certainly grateful for the new members added to our church in April and the many special guests that have been actively worshipping with us each Sunday.

Well, I just finished year fourteen serving among you on April 20. I am excited to now kick off year fifteen and look forward to all the Lord has planned for us in this summer and fall ahead. Be sure you check out the special plans concerning our Sunday evening services for May, June, and July and the opportunities for our youth, Sunday School classes and families to plan some unique times together during those Sunday afternoons and evenings.

Blessings,  
Bro. Brad



**PARENT/BABY  
DEDICATION**

Sunday, May 14

Please contact the church office by May 8  
to be a part of this special service.

We would like to thank all our church family and friends for the many ways they have blessed our family after Ken's death. Thank you for the food, cards, words of encouragement, and prayers.

We have been greatly blessed.

Sincerely

Mary Ann and family

### **GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

Sunday, May 21

Information and pictures concerning your graduate are due by

Sunday, May 7

Email to [ross@owentonfbc.com](mailto:ross@owentonfbc.com)

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR  
GRADUATES!**



## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

And now these three remain:  
faith, hope and love. But the  
greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

## MUSIC AND MEDIA MINISTRY

### SPRING HAS SPRUNG...HOPEFULLY!!

May has arrived!

As I sit here writing this article I have my windows open listening to the birds sing, the wind rustle through the leaves, and feeling the breeze flowing into the room. I'm excited that it's actually starting to feel like Spring!!

First and foremost, I want to say thank you to our Worship Choir! They worked so hard on *King of Kings*, and it sounded beautiful. Just like many of you, I enjoyed this cantata very much and was truly blessed by the Lord on Easter Sunday. This group has been a blessing to me. They come in ready to work, have fun doing it, and truly love worshiping the Lord through song. As a director, I couldn't ask for anything more and couldn't be more proud of them!

I would also like to thank our Narrators, Ken & Mary Ann Hanson. They did a wonderful job and we were excited that they agreed to do it! While we mourn alongside Mary Ann and the family because of the passing of Bro. Ken, we are celebrating the fact he is now without pain, sorrow, grief, or sadness there with his Savior in glory. How sweet it is to know that awaits the child of God!!

Choir winds down at the end of this month. Throughout the months of June and July the choir will not have Sunday night rehearsals and will not perform on Sunday mornings. During these months we would like to have you, our church family, be a part of our Sunday morning services. If you are interested in bringing special music during these months, please let me know!

I am looking forward to what this month has in store for us, church family!

*Soli Deo Gloria,*

Bro. Chuck

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Hello Church Family,

I don't know if time is flying because I'm having fun or because I'm getting older, but I can't believe it's almost summertime! For me, the beginning of summer has always been as much a time for goal setting as the New Year. As the school year ends, the days get longer, the nights warmer and the fireflies seem to beg you to chase them!

My challenge to all of us is to create a summer fun list! Rule number one is to put your wallet away! My guess is, family vacations aside, most of your fondest childhood memories were not the result of your parents spending a ton of money. Summer memories are made of swimming pools and sprinklers ... campfires and camp-outs ... watching fireworks and catching fireflies!

I think we've been buying into the idea that kids don't like these things anymore and that their entertainment must be bought. I think kids are still kids and they still love the simple things, especially if the people they love are enjoying these activities with them. I challenge you test my theory. Sit down and make a summer fun list with the kids you love. Sure, a trip to the beach or theme park will likely make the list, but you might be surprised how many simple things will delight them. They may love the idea of a pajama day, a "yes day", sidewalk chalk on the driveway, making your own popsicles or camping out in the backyard. I promise you their imaginations are limitless. Put the phones away and let those imaginations go wild. They just want us to be present...no distractions.

Most importantly, as we are being present, we need to also be planting God's Word in their hearts. Deuteronomy 6: 5-7 commands us:

*5 Love the Lord our God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

As parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, whatever role you play in a child's life, we are called to lead by example by loving the Lord with all our hearts. We are also to teach them with our words in all we do, as we're driving down the road, coaching their t-ball team, teaching them how to cook, whatever we are doing, we need to be planting God's Word and His love into their hearts. There is no magic formula. There are no guarantees that all will go well with our kids if we do these things, but they will have the assurance of our love and more importantly, God's love for them.

So as summer approaches, stock up on bubbles and water balloons and s'mores supplies and commit to a summer of simple fun and speaking Truth to our kiddos!

Peace and joy,  
Kiley

### MEMORIALS

Mary Rose– Donna McDonald, Todd and Lesa Marston, Tim and Sherry Craigmyle, Ed and Courtney Bourne, John and Peggy David, Judy Poe

Ken Hanson– Mike and Barbara Ramsey, Shawn and Jennifer Power, Donna McDonald, GL and Becky Shryock, Todd and Lesa Marston, Pauline Shelton, Samuel and Carol Taylor, Shirley Walker, Larry and Patty Greene, Make and Sarah Cobb, Ronnie and Joy Roberts, Dr. FT and Diane Clements, Judy Poe, Phyllis Malcomb, Linda Allnutt, Bob and Judy Cull, Billy and Janice Riddle, Gary and Nancy Edmond, Jimmy and Susan Sutherland, Fay Shelton, David Bowling, Mark and Melissa Kemper, Kelley and Teena Gamble, Terry and Kathy Spaulding, Larry and Sherry Ayres, Chuck and Dana Gill, Dave and Susan Stowe, Linda Webster, Tim and Sherry Craigmyle

Sue Carolyn Redmon– John and Peggy Davis

Jim Bob Cook– Dave and Susan Stowe

### Wedding Shower for Shelby Power and Ryan Clontz

All are invited to shower Shelby and  
Ryan on Saturday  
April 20, at 11:00 a.m.

They are registered at Slippery  
Rock, Amazon, and Target



# May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 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	4	5	6
7 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/Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting	8	9	10 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	11	12	13
14 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services BABY DEDICATION 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School No Evening Service 	15	16	17 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	18	19	20 Wedding Shower for Shelby Power & Ryan Clontz 11:00 a.m.
21 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School Community Baccalaureate Service at OCHS No Evening Service at FBC	22	23 Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 6:00-8:00 p.m.	24 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:00 p.m. Family Night 6:45 p.m. Activities	25	26 Owen County High School Graduation	27
28 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School No Evening Service	29 Memorial Day Offices and FLC Closed	30	31 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 5:30-7:30 p.m. Rooted Pool Party at the Williams	 <p><b>VBS</b> JUNE 12-16 9 AM-NOON</p> <p><b>Babylon</b> Daniel's Courage in Captivity</p> <p><b>You may use the QR Code to preregister your child. See Kiley Craigmyle if you would like to be a VBS helper.</b></p>		



<u>5/1</u> Dave Barker Ethan Bush Joe Hanson Andrew Harvey	<u>5/12</u> Dana Gill Rebecca Mills	<u>5/21</u> Theresa Chandler David Gray Doug Wainscott
<u>5/2</u> Pauline Shelton	<u>5/14</u> Liddie June Smith	<u>5/22</u> Vicki Greene
<u>5/3</u> B. J. Duncan Will Lawson	<u>5/16</u> Katherine Johnson Rebecca Murphy	<u>5/23</u> Alan Greene Logan Mills
<u>5/5</u> Jamie Jacobs Jennifer Stoffers Clyde Wyatt	<u>5/17</u> David Barker Brent Craigmyle Charlie Gaines Lisa Lilly	<u>5/25</u> Leighton Ramsey
<u>5/7</u> Kortney Sipple	<u>5/18</u> Matt Cull	<u>5/26</u> Lindsay Lightbody
<u>5/8</u> Blair Baldwin Libby Banks	<u>5/19</u> Nash Cammack Kerry Sipple	<u>5/27</u> Annastyn Cammack Mikayla Sipple
<u>5/9</u> Meleah Beatty	<u>5/20</u> Mark McMillen	<u>5/29</u> Tim Marcum
<u>5/11</u> Sophia Blair	Hallie Risch Makenzie Risch	<u>5/31</u> Jason Chandler

**MAY VOLUNTEERS**

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

5/7: Krissy Locker  
5/14: Tim and Sherry Craigmyle  
5/21: Lindsay Smith and Dana Gill  
5/28: Todd and Lesa Marston

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**Sprouts (pre-K-1st grade)**

4/30: Blair and Jonathan Baldwin  
5/7: Lindsay and Josh Smith  
5/14: Heidi and Rusty Williams  
5/21: Carol and Barry Perkins  
5/28: Jenna and Lucas Shelton

**Seedlings (2nd-5th grade)**

4/30: Allison Craigmyle  
5/7: Jessi Kingkade  
5/14: Brian Blair  
5/21: Gail Forsee  
5/28: Sherry Connors

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF**

BRAD BANKS — PASTOR

CHUCK HARRIS — WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR

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