



 OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

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

# The First Family

## JULY 2023

### FROM YOUR PASTOR

#### *Christianity and Patriotism*

Romans 13:1 says, "... For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." Our nation was birthed 247 years ago in 1776 and our Declaration of Independence was unanimously adopted by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The Word of God states in Romans 13 that human government was ordained by God. For this reason, we as Christ followers and Pastors of His church must not remain silent when this God ordained institution strays from the precepts and principles of God's Word. I want you to read what Dr. Adrian Rogers, one of the greatest statesmen in Southern Baptist life, had to say concerning this very passage in the Word of God.

"When our government is good, we should praise it. But when our government is bad, we must preach at it. We must proclaim that whatever is morally wrong is not politically right. We dare not be silent, we can be civil, but we must not be silent. When our government normalizes sexual perversions and harms innocent life we must preach against our government. It is inconceivable to think that God would ordain human government and then tell His people to stay out of it. Who does that leave in charge? Use Your Head! We do not participate according to Party, Person, Politics, or Policies but we participate on Principle!"

Oh, that we as the people of God would get over our allegiance to party affiliations, personalities and persons, politics, and policies and stand for and against the issues of government along the lines of principle. As Dr. Criswell once said, "It is time that we call a skunk a skunk"! It matters not who the person is or what party they represent if they stink, we call them a skunk.

What a blessed month we have just completed. The 2023 VBS was outstanding, and I commend Kiley for the fantastic leadership that she provided for the new adventure our children experienced. The VBS offering is going to have eternal ramifications as it provides the resources to take the Gospel into the jungles of Panama and Columbia. Several of our girls had the joy of participating in the G.A. Camp and we commenced our Blessings Offering on the last Sunday in June that will support Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Oneida Baptist Institute, Sunrise Children's Service, and Avenues for Women.

This month our students are heading to Crossings Summer Camp July 2-6 and the children will be heading to Summer Camp July 22-25. Our Kids Summer Nights will be meeting each Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm. Please mark your calendar on Sunday, July 16, as we celebrate Homecoming. This will mark our 194<sup>th</sup> Anniversary when the church started and our 156<sup>th</sup> Anniversary when it restarted after pausing through the Civil War and the Campbellite issue. We will have only one combined service that day at 10:30am. This will be an opportunity for the 9am and 11am worshippers to meet one another! There will be a big Potluck Dinner after the service. Let's pack the house with the whole family gathered.

Blessings,  
Bro. Brad

On Friday, July 7, the **WMU** will have an opportunity to minister to the fair workers by providing and serving brunch at the fair-ground's concession stand. Items needed: Breakfast casserole, sausage and biscuit, fruit, milk, and orange juice. Please see Mabelle Bess or Debbie Lewellyn if you can help.

In 1957, former Director of Missions, George Stack, started the ministry of feeding the fair workers and it has continued for 66 years. Bro. Stack also started the church softball leagues and GA Camp.

#### 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

**COUNTY-WIDE FAIRGROUNDS SERVICE**  
**SUNDAY JULY 2**  
**7 P.M.**

**KID'S SUMMER NIGHTS**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS — 6:00PM-7:30PM**  
STARTING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21



## MUSIC AND MEDIA MINISTRY

### YES, THERE'S MORE!!

July has arrived!!

Last month was a whirlwind of fun, excitement, and adventure. We had an amazing time with our Babylon Vacation Bible School; with over 120 kids that attended, 60 volunteers helping, and over \$4,000 raised for Panama, this year's VBS was one for the record books!

Thanks to Kiley and her family for working tirelessly these past few months to make sure we could pull this off. Secondly, thanks to all those who took time to help with anything and everything that was needed to make Babylon hit the ground running. I know we're all looking forward to next year!

Looking to this month, our Students leave out for camp on July 2 and our Kids leave out on July 22. Be in prayer for Ross, Alli, Kiley, and Brian as they take a group of 14 students and 8 kids to Cedarmore. Pray that our youth and kids grow deeper in their love of Christ as they attend these camps.

This month we also celebrate our Homecoming on July 18. We will have a combined service that Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Make sure you join us for a time of fellowship, remembrance, and worship.

As you can see, our summer is jam-packed with wonderful opportunities of ministry and worship and I'm excited to be a part of them with you, church family!

*Soli Deo Gloria,*

Bro. Chuck

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello church family!

This month the youth enjoyed starting out the summer with a time of fellowship at the Fair Grounds. We grilled hot dogs and played a game of kickball which was a great time for the youth to invite new people to our church and to get to know each other better. Our lessons this month focused on anxiety and how to overcome worries and fears in this world by turning to our Lord.

We are looking forward to Crossings church camp coming up! We leave July 2<sup>nd</sup> for Cedarmore in Bagdad, KY and will be returning July 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking 17 students and 3 chaperones to camp. This includes members of our youth group as well as a few guests. Please be in prayer for these students and especially those students that might be experiencing a relationship with God and the church for the first time on this trip. It is my prayer that my students will come home with a new love and desire for the Lord and that this will carry over into their schools as they return in August. Thank you church family for your support each year in sending students to camp. It truly is life-changing for middle and high school students that are young in their faith and even for the chaperones. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this role! It is a blessing to be able to grow with and mentor the students of Owenton First Baptist Church!

Blessings,  
Ross Ford

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



### SCHEDULE

(subject to change)

June 21 - Fireflies and Gratitude:

Learn fascinating fact about fireflies, make a fun craft and explore having an attitude of gratitude

June 28 - Bees and Beatitudes:

What's all the buzz about the Beatitudes? What does it mean to truly be blessed?

July 5 - Campfires and Compassion:

Who doesn't love a campfire? Come join us for a campfire theme night and complete a service project of compassion.

July 12 - Seeds and the Sower:

Start planning now for Fall pumpkins by planting seeds now! We will also learn about the Parable of the Sower.

July 19 - Pies and Friendship:

Don't miss a night of baking pies, reading a funny book about friendship and hearing what Jesus teaches us about how we should treat and love others.

July 26 - Sheep and the Shepherd:

Meet and pet some local sheep and learn how God is our Good Shepherd.

August 2 - Etiquette and Servanthood:

We will learn how to properly set a table, how little people can be a big help in the kitchen and most importantly how we can be an example of servanthood to those around us.

August 9 - Final preparations for our summer musical: Plane Ol' Mission Trip

Volunteers always welcome to join us on Wednesday nights. Contact Kiley if you want to join in the fun!

### MEMORIALS

Ken Hanson-Janet Bourne

Lisa and Chip Schureman-Children's Program-Steve Schureman,

Jamie Jacobs- Bob and Judy Cull, Donna McDonald



# JULY

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 <b>Blessings Offering</b> Fairgrounds Service	3	4 FLC and Church Offices Closed 	5 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 5:30 p.m. Trustees 6:00 p.m. Kid's Summer Nights 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Service/Business Meeting	6	7 WMU Feed the Fair Workers	8
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">             YOUTH SUMMER CAMP           </div>						
9 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School  No Evening Services	10	11	12 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning  6:00 p.m. Kid's Summer Nights 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Service  6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	13	14	15 Wright/Turner Wedding
16 10:30 a.m. <b>Home-            coming</b> Combined Worship Service  Noon Potluck Meal	17	18	19 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning  6:30 p.m. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth  6:00-7:30 p.m. Kid's Summer Nights	20	21	22 <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">  </div>
23 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School  NO 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 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth  6:00-7:30 p.m. Kid's Summer Nights	27	28	29
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30 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services  10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School  No Evening Service	31					

**HOMECOMING SERVICE  
 JULY 16**

**STUDENT CAMP—JULY 2-6  
 CHILDREN'S CAMP— JULY 22-25**



<u>7/1</u> Ella Hanson Piper Walker	<u>7/12</u> Shelli Hedger David Mears	<u>7/24</u> Ryanne Howard Madison Humphries
<u>7/4</u> Jonah O'Banion Billie Smith	<u>7/16</u> Rodney Wagner	Franklin Jay Smith
<u>7/6</u> Donette Gaines Greg Stack Katy Stewart	<u>7/17</u> Susan Ertan	<u>7/25</u> Danny Humphries
<u>7/7</u> Carol Perkins Shelby Power Shirley Traylor Sawyer Williams	<u>7/18</u> Wesley Hadden Lola Marlette	<u>7/26</u> Nash Croley Vincent Henley
<u>7/9</u> Emily Lawson Duane Smith Jessica Williams	<u>7/19</u> Dora Bice	<u>7/27</u> Cathy Hanson Mason Marlette
<u>7/11</u> Victoria Rowland Brian Williams	<u>7/20</u> T. J. Wesselman	<u>7/28</u> Evelyn Williams
	<u>7/21</u> Spencer Blair	<u>7/30</u> Sarah Cobb Laura Hollingsworth Barry Perkins
	<u>7/22</u> Grant McMillen Julie Riddle	<u>7/31</u> Josh Cobb Victoria Smith
	<u>7/23</u> Jett Johns	

## JULY VOLUNTEERS

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

7/2: Kelsey Gognat  
 7/9: Rae Gina and Meleah Beatty  
 7/16: Heidi Williams  
 7/23: Becky Shryock  
 7/30: Carol and Ronnie Wooten

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

7/2: Blair and Johnathan  
 7/9: Andi Fitzgerald  
 7/16: Kelsey and Brian Gognat  
 7/23: Jessi Williams  
 7/30: Jenna and Lucas

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

7/2: Lindsay and Josh  
 7/9:  
 7/16: Brian Blair  
 7/23: Courtney and Ed Bourne  
 7/30: Emma Blair

Return Service Requested

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