



**OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST**

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

# The First Family

## JUNE 2023

### FROM YOUR PASTOR

#### ACCOMPLISHING MORE!

Libby and I celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 28 and to commemorate this milestone we spent a week in Columbia Falls, Montana near the Glacier National Park. The trip was filled with seeing the beauty of God's creation by foot, by bike, by horse, and by car. I personally preferred the latter two means of transportation. The trip proved to be all that we had hoped and were told it would be. The words of "How Great Thou Art" were certainly fitting as we experienced God's awesome wonder through observing the trees, the lofty mountains, the glaciers, the rushing waters, and all the wildlife. It was certainly a wonder to behold.

We also had the joy of observing another wonderful beauty and that being the beauty of one of His local churches. Libby and I always try to find a local church to worship at when we are away from our own church. Our options were a bit limited as there were only two Southern Baptist Churches in the area. Gateway church is about four years old and meets in a retirement center each Sunday. North Valley Baptist Church started a little over thirty years as a store front church and through the years have built a very nice facility. Libby and I decided to visit North Valley Baptist Church and I am sure it had nothing to do with the fact that they began at 10:45am rather than 10:00am like Gateway. We met the pastor who had served for twenty-eight years but had retired over a year ago due to health reasons. The preacher for the day was a young man from Mississippi that was an intern at Gateway. I commented to Libby that maybe the two churches should merge. Well, at the end of the service the chairman of the search team shared that they were proposing that very thing to the church. He did a wonderful job describing the merging as a marriage between the two churches. What really impressed me was the statement he shared from his conversation with the pastor who started Gateway. The pastor said, "Can we *accomplish more* together or separate?" That really is the important question.

I want to encourage every member of FBC Owenton to remember that we are united together as a family and we are married to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are dependent upon him, and we depend on each other. Everyone of you is vital and important to Kingdom work and let us emblazon upon our hearts and minds that we *accomplish more* together than we do individually or as a small percentage of the whole.

Blessings,  
Bro. Brad

**ga DAY CAMP 2023**  
girls in action  
*June 20-22*

We are looking forward to another great time at GA Day Camp for girls in the Ten Mile and Owen County Associations.

All girls starting 1st grade - 6th grade are welcome to attend.  
The camp will be at the Gallatin County Park in Glencoe from 9:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. (please come early the 1st day to register)

**What to bring:**

- Sack lunch for each day
- Blanket
- Bible
- \$10 Registration fee
- Offering for missions



**An offering will be collected each day to buy gifts for the residents at the ARC (Addiction Recovery Center) in Owenton.**

All girls are invited from your church or community even if you do not have an active GA group in your church. This is a wonderful outreach to the girls in your community. Feel free to bring older girls who would like to help during camp.

If you have questions, please call or text: Becky Purcell (859)242-0268.

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**VBS**  
JUNE 12-16  
9 AM - NOON




**You may use the QR Code to preregister your child.**

**See Kiley Blair if you would like to be a VBS helper.**

#### KID'S SUMMER NIGHTS

Join Heather, Courtney, Kiley, and weekly special guests on Wednesday nights beginning June 21, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for a time of music, hands on learning about different topics each week, and of course hearing the Good News!!! All the fun will conclude with the presentation of a musical in the Fall! Bring a friend and join the fun!



**BLESSINGS OFFERING**  
June 25 and July 2

This offering supports: Avenues for Women, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Sunrise Children's Service, and Oneida Baptist Institute.

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

## MUSIC AND MEDIA MINISTRY

### SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE SUMMER...

"Summertime, and the living is easy..."

"Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer..."

It doesn't matter which song you sing or how you word it, we have officially made it to summer! We also begin our count-down to VBS, Summer Camps, and our 156<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Celebration.

I don't know about you but I'm looking forward to our Vacation Bible School scheduled for June 12-16. This year will be an immersive VBS set in the ancient city of Babylon! Kiley has been putting a lot of hard work into making this an amazing time and I can't wait to experience this marketplace VBS for the first time!! There's still time to volunteer so make sure you get in contact with Kiley ASAP!

The Worship Choir will take our normal summer break during this month and the next. It has been a great year of music and worship. This group has sacrificed their time to learn new music, meet for retreats, and help lead our worship services on Sunday mornings! I'm very proud that I can call myself their director and I'm looking forward to starting back in the fall.

Our Sunday evenings are going to look a little different this summer as we introduce our "Sunday Summer Nights." We will only meet together on certain Sunday Evenings during these summer months — June 4 (Praise & Testimony Night, 6:30pm); June 11 (VBS Prep & Prayer Night, 6pm); July 2 (Fairgrounds Service at the Owen County Fairgrounds, 7pm). Then, on August 6, we'll come together for a Back to "Sundae" Evening Ice Cream Social! You can visit [owentonfbc.com/summernights](http://owentonfbc.com/summernights) for a printable/savable reminder!

Lastly, if you're interested in being a part of our Media Team on Sunday mornings please let me know. I'm always needing someone to run the lyrics, control the sound, control the cameras/broadcast, and help make sure things are running smoothly for our services. If that sounds like something you or your student would be interested in being a part of, reach out to me either on a Sunday morning, through text/call - (859) 806-9809, or through email - [chuck@owentonfbc.com](mailto:chuck@owentonfbc.com)

Looking forward to what the summer has in store for our church family!

*Soli Deo Gloria,*  
Bro. Chuck

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Happy Summer church family! I can't believe we are here. So many fun and exciting things happen in the summertime, especially Vacation Bible School. This year our VBS invites us to examine the life of Daniel.

Daniel finds himself in a strange land and culture that demands he and his friends literally bow down to ideals and idols that are counter to God's commands. Daniel's friends had to make a life-or-death decision. They chose God even though they knew death might come.

In no empty threat, King Nebuchadnezzar tells Daniel's friends if they don't bow to his gods and idols he will throw them into a fiery furnace. He asks them who is the god (little "g") who will deliver them out of his hands.

Their response is one of my favorite passages in scripture:

"O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up." Daniel 3:16-18

What faith! Of course, we know that God indeed delivered them, and King Nebuchadnezzar was in awe of their God (big "G") and reversed his commands to his people, commanding them to worship the God of these men.

What idols do we bow to? What compromises do we make? What example are we setting for our kids, families, our community? Are others in awe of our steadfast faith in the face of a culture so averse to God's urging us to be more like His Son?

Whether you find yourself immersed in the VBS Marketplace experience or not, take a little time to read the story of Daniel. Maybe it will be a refresher, maybe you haven't spent too much time in the Old Testament. Either way, let the life of Daniel and his friends encourage you to be strong in the face of adversity and cultural pressures that seem to come at us from every side. Pray for kids and adults that will have Daniel's story in their hearts this summer because of VBS, that we will all be changed and strengthened by having it tucked in our hearts.

Peace and joy,  
Kiley

### MEMORIALS

Ken Hanson— Kay and Bentley Bush, FBC Men's Bible Class, Joyce Utterback, Lloyd and Lana Vannarsdall, Rodney Wagner, Terry and Billie Patterson, Tim Redmon, Paul and Deborah Vannorman, Darryl and Susan Traylor, Gregg and Suzanne Peak, Rodney and Debbie Parker, John and Peggy Davis

Mary Rose— Ronnie and Joy Roberts



On Friday, July 7, the WMU will have an opportunity to minister to the fair workers by providing and serving brunch at the fairground'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.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Farrar-Riddle Wedding
4 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m. Outreach 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting	5	6	7 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	8	9	10
11 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services Lord's Supper 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:00 p.m. VBS Preparation and Prayer Time	<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b> 9:00 A.M.—NOON Four year old through 6th grade</p> </div>					17
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25 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School <b>BLESSINGS OFFERING</b> No Evening Service	26	27 Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 6:00-8:00 p.m.	28 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	29	30	

**HOMECOMING SERVICE  
JULY 16**

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





<b>6/1</b> Sherry Craigmyle Lucy McCoy	<b>6/11</b> John Davis	<b>6/21</b> Mary Marlow
<b>6/2</b> John Carter Adam Gaines PruAndera Grider	<b>6/12</b> Lana Vannarsdall	<b>6/22</b> Barrett Baldwin Macie Gray
<b>6/3</b> Danny O'Toole	<b>6/13</b> Thomas O'Brien	<b>6/24</b> Tim Cammack
<b>6/7</b> Chasity Hill	<b>6/15</b> James Riddle	<b>6/25</b> Suzanne Peak
<b>6/8</b> Scott Gibson Trudy Waldrop	<b>6/16</b> Caleb Allnut	<b>6/27</b> Sue Redmon
<b>6/9</b> Molly Ann Gamble	<b>6/17</b> Sharon Robinson	<b>6/28</b> Dottie Craigmyle
<b>6/10</b> Cameron Allnut Tony Dempsey Aaliyah Marlette	<b>6/18</b> Tanner Smith	<b>6/29</b> Cheryl Barker Kay Bush Rodney Forsee Daven Watkins
	<b>6/20</b> Meagan Greenlee Lucas Shelton	

<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF</b>	
BRAD BANKS — PASTOR	
CHUCK HARRIS — WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR	
ROSS FORD — YOUTH PASTOR	
KILEY BLAIR — DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY	
SUSAN STOWE — MINISTRY ASSISTANT	

**JUNE VOLUNTEERS**

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**  
 6/4: Sherry Craigmyle  
 6/11: Sid and Mitzi Ford  
 6/18: Bruce and Karen Wash  
 6/25: Kevin and Gabi Welsh

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
**Sprouts (pre-K-1st grade)**  
 6/4: Kelsey and Brian Gognat  
 6/11: Libby and Krissy  
 6/18: Lindsay G and Jodie  
 6/25: Lindsay and Josh

**Seedlings (2nd-5th grade)**  
 6/4: Heidi  
 6/11: Brian  
 6/18: Emma  
 6/25: Blair Baldwin

*Sunday* **SUMMER** *Nights*

MAY 7 – EVENING SERVICE, 6:30PM  
 MAY 21 – BACCALAUREATE @ OCHS, 6:00PM  
 JUNE 4 – PRAISE & TESTIMONY NIGHT, 6:30PM  
 JUNE 11 – VBS PREP & PRAYER NIGHT, 6:00PM  
 JULY 2 – FAIRGROUNDS SERVICE, 7:00PM  
 AUGUST 6 – "SUNDAE" EVENING KICK-OFF, 6:30PM

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