



 OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

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

The First Family

AUGUST 2023

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Identity Crisis

During World War II, Erik H. Erikson coined a phrase that stuck: *Identity Crisis*. He used it to describe the disorientation of shell-shocked soldiers who could not remember their names. Through the years this phrase has become a useful tool to describe the struggles of youth and young adults achieving a sense of identity. The phrase also describes many professing Christians who have not found their true identity which is their identity in Christ.

I John 5:18-20 states, "We know that whoever is born of God does not practice sinning; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding and we are *in Him* who is true, *in His Son* Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life." Our identity in Christ means the very nature and life of Jesus is living inside of us. Our identity is not based on what we have done or what we are doing but on Jesus who lives in us and what He did for us. Becoming aware of our vital connection with Jesus is the key to becoming aware of who we are. When we say that Christ is our life this means that His joy, love, peace, and strength becomes our joy, love, peace, and strength.

We move into an understanding that though we are sinful, we are justified, flawed yet forgiven, and left with work to do yet secure. Our identity in Christ helps us realize that we are saints (Eph.2:19), we are blest (II Cor.9:8), we are saved (John 5:24), we are reconciled (Rom. 5:10,11), we are heard (Jer.29:12-13), we are new (II Cor.6:7), we are forgiven (Eph. 4:32), we are adopted (Rom. 8:15-17), we are loved (Rom.8:37-39), we are rewarded (Gal.6:9), and we are victorious (I Jn.5:4).

The beginning stages of a new Christian's life should focus on reading the Scriptures, prayer, worship, and witnessing but it also must focus on this matter of understanding one's new identity is a Christ identity. This means not just focusing on things we should do as a Christian but who we are as Christians.

Mark your calendars for the following: Lord's Supper Observance at 9:00am and 11:00am on August 13. Children's Summer Nights Musical on August 27 at 6:30pm. Our Fall Revival is scheduled for September 17-20. Our preacher will be Dr. Todd Gray who serves as the Executive Director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The service times on Sunday, September 17, will be at 10:30am and 6:30pm and Monday – Wednesday at 7:00pm nightly. Our Sunday School during the revival will start at 9:30am on this special day.

Hope to see you here for the "Sundae" Evenings Kickoff on Sunday, August 6 at 6:30pm. Plan to bring some homemade ice cream, brownies, and cookies for the fellowship. Our staff will share a few highlights of ministry for the rest of the year and give you a sneak peak at dates and plans for next Summer. There will also be time for activities in the FLC and board game action around the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Blessings,
Bro. Brad

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

PLANE OL' MISSION TRIP

Sunday, August 27 – 6:30pm

PRESENTED BY

KID'S SUMMER NIGHTS



MUSIC AND MEDIA MINISTRY

FRANKLY, FALL IS FULL OF FANTASTIC FUN, FAMILY!!!

Did you see that? That was the summer and it just flew by!! From VBS to summer camps, to our 194th Homecoming Celebration and the many opportunities we've had to meet together in worship, this summer has been wonderful. Thank you to everyone who made these things possible! Even though summer has been filled with all these amazing opportunities and memories, I can't help but be even more excited about what the upcoming months have in store. Fall is my favorite season for multiple reasons!

First and foremost, Choir starts back this month!! This year's choir season is right around the corner and *I WANT YOU* to come be a part of it!! We are kicking off our year with a two-day retreat on **Friday, August 4th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. & Saturday, August 5th from 9:00 a.m. — Noon.** This will be a time for us to gather together and dive head-first into our fall/Christmas music, grow closer as a choir family, meditate on The Word, and just have some fun!

This year we are also doing something new for all of us...we are moving our rehearsals from Sundays at 5:00 p.m. to **WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 p.m.** Yes, you read that right...our Worship Choir now meets for rehearsal and fellowship during our Mid-Week activities. This gives us more opportunities to rehearse throughout the year and allows us to worship with each other during the week!! I know that this is a BIG change but I know the Lord will guide our path on this new journey!

I hope you will consider coming to join our Worship Choir!! Reading music is not a requirement! You just have to have a heart to sing praises to the Lord and be a part of this great ministry. We have some great music planned for the year and you're not going to want to miss it!! The FBC Worship Choir is open to 7th graders and up! This is your chance to join the choir and not be worried about coming in during the season.

Next, if you have a child — preschool age through 6th grade — that would be interested in being part of our Children's Christmas Musical in December, there will be an informational meeting on **Sunday, August 27th at 5:30 p.m.** You'll get rehearsal dates and times, music, and you'll hear the needs for this production during this meeting.

Last, looking ahead to the rest of this year and into the next, I'd like to start working with and implementing a few more instruments and voices into our worship here at FBC. If you are someone who plays an instrument that would fit in a "worship band" setting (i.e. acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass, keys/synth/piano, drums, voice) there will be a meeting on **Sunday, August 13th at 5:00 p.m.** This will be a time that we can connect and talk about the future endeavors of our worship ministry.

I can't wait to see what this month has in store!!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Chuck

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Distractions. Noise. Busyness. Unfortunately, even our kids are inundated with these!

A couple of weeks ago some of our kids were able to get away from all those things and go to Kids Camp at Cedarmore. One of the things that is most special about Kids Camp is getting away from all the distractions of life. Crossings is very intentional about doing all they can to remove any obstacles, for kids or leaders, that would hinder their ability to focus solely on Christ and being drawn to Him. Our kids and leaders experienced that this year at camp. They all survived their days without phones and internet. They were engaged in the teaching times and made the most of the fun activities. It was a great "week" away!

This summer has also been a time to unplug during Kids Summer Nights. Wednesday nights have been a time to sing, create, learn and play. The last Wednesday of July we had a few guests. Brian Forsee and family brought sheep to visit the kiddos. We learned about the lambs knowing their momma's voice above all the other bleating and noise. He also shared with us that the sheep know his voice as opposed to a stranger's voice. This, of course, reminds us of John 10: 1-18. God, in His infinite goodness, longs to be our shepherd. He implores us to stay close to Him so that we know His voice amid all the distractions, noise and temptation to busy ourselves with worthless pursuits that give us a false sense of importance in our own eyes. Take a few moments today to read this passage from John. May God reveal areas of our lives where the enemy is coming to steal and kill and destroy. Let us truly know and experience the truth of His Word that tells us that Christ has come to give us LIFE and life to the FULL!

Our kids and families and neighbors are longing for the peace and contentment that only this intimate relationship with Christ can bring! Let's seek it in our own lives and it will inevitably be seen by and shared with those around us! Enjoy these fleeting days of summer church family!

Peace and Joy

Kiley


MEMORIALS

Gladys Roland –Patty Averitt to Children's Ministry

Jamie Jacobs—Judy Poe, Darren and June Osborne, Beulah Cornman, Dave and Susan Stowe, Todd and Lesa Marston, Billy and Janice Riddle, Rodney and Debbie Parker



August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 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	3	4 Choir Retreat 5:00-9:00 p.m.	5 Choir Retreat 9:00 a.m.-Noon
						
6 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. "Sundae" Evenings Kick-Off Fellowship 7:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting	7 6:30 p.m. Outreach	8	9 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 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	10	11	12
13 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 5:00 p.m. Worship Band Information Meeting 6:30 p.m. Evening Service	14	15	16 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 7:00- 8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19
20 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 5:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Musical Information Meeting 6:30 p.m. Evening Service	21	22 Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 6:00-8:00 p.m.	23 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 7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26 Children's musical dress rehearsal 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch served
27 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:30 p.m. Outreach PLANE OL' MISSION TRIP CHILDREN'S MUSICAL 6:30 P.M.	28	29	30 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	31		

**FALL REVIVAL
SEPTEMBER 17-20
DR. TODD GRAY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF KBC**

**SUNDAY 10:30 A.M. AND 6:30 P.M.
(Sunday School 9:30 a.m.)
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 7:00 P.M**



<u>8/1</u> Leigh Hawkins Chanceney Perkins	<u>8/12</u> Katelyn S. Prather	<u>8/21</u> Kaylah Hadden Jerry Wainscott
<u>8/2</u> Vicki Hudson Linda McDanell Davis Smith	<u>8/14</u> Allison Dempsey	<u>8/22</u> Michael Wash
<u>8/3</u> Kim Juett	<u>8/15</u> Brandon Kemper Denny O'Toole	<u>8/23</u> Isaac Wash
<u>8/7</u> Brian David Ransdell Zachery Widener	<u>8/16</u> Andrew Ghent Candace Bourne Smith	<u>8/25</u> Charles Carter, Jr. Jane Ellen Watkins
<u>8/8</u> Cheryl Chandler Michaela Gibson Don Hudson Lyndsi McNally	<u>8/18</u> Seth Kingkade Don Perkins Shawn Power	<u>8/26</u> Nathan Connors Lauren Wooten
<u>8/9</u> Chuck Harris	<u>8/19</u> Phillip Perkins	<u>8/28</u> Lauren Bielawski
	<u>8/20</u> Kendall O'Toole	<u>8/29</u> Ruth Kingkade
		<u>8/30</u> Meredith Lewis Kim Webster

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

8/6: Danny and Denise Humphries
 8/13: Andi and Jared Fitzgerald
 8/20: Mike and Sarah Cobb
 8/27: Rebecca and Ella Mills

CHILDREN'S CHURCH


Sprouts (pre-K-1st grade)

8/6: Carol and Barry Perkins
 8/13: Kelsey and Brian Gognat
 8/20: Lindsay Smith and Jodie Glacken
 8/27: Heidi and Rusty Williams

Seedlings (2nd-5th grade)

8/6: Sherry Connors
 8/13: Heather Risch
 8/20: Emma Blair
 8/27: Courtney Bourne

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