



**OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST**

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

# The First Family

## SEPTEMBER 2023

### FROM YOUR PASTOR

#### *Times of Refreshing*

"For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants." Isaiah 44:3

Isaiah encourages God's covenant people with a promise of refreshing that is equated with water being poured upon dry ground that results in streams of water where the land was parched. He equates this much needed water with the Holy Spirit. It is interesting that the Holy Spirit is symbolized with water by Jesus in John 7:37-39 and in verse 38 the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." In our passage Isaiah equates the reception and outpouring of the Holy Spirit with blessings. This is exactly what we learn in the New Testament and experience as we are saved and indwelt by the Holy Spirit. He lives within us, and this leads to an experience like the replenishing the ground receives when the rain falls on dry soil. We become the recipients of a myriad of blessings. Tragically, we have the propensity to move away from this initial newfound state of joy because we disallow the Holy Spirit to have absolute control over our lives. This always results in a grieving or quenching of Him.

Due to this potential, the child of God needs moments of refreshing that move from a state of taking control of one's own life to relinquishing control to the Holy Spirit. We have one of those moments coming up in the form of our Fall Revival. There is something about a time that is dedicated daily to gathering with the church to pray, praise, and receive the proclamation of God's Word. It can often be a time of refreshing for the child of God and even a time of experiencing the joy of the new birth found in Jesus that results in receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit who brings fruitful life to a once drying and dying life.

Revival services will start with a combined service on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am and then again at 6:30pm. Monday -Wednesday we will gather at 7:00pm. A nursery will be provided at each service. Dr. Todd Gray, Executive Director of the KBC, will be our preacher. Plan to be here for every service possible and pray daily until the special emphasis.

There is an opportunity to serve in Panama during March. The cost will be in the range of \$1,800 which covers your flight and expenses for the mission. There may be some scholarships to offset the cost. If interested, contact Bro. Brad or Matt Greenlee. A hard deadline has been set for October 1 due to securing tickets. We are also needing volunteers to serve in our Children's Church and Wednesday Children's ministries while Kiley recovers from surgery scheduled for September 5. Our outreach on Monday evenings at 6:30pm has proven to be a blessing as we are trying to visit all our neighbors in the city limits for the second time.

Blessings,  
Bro. Brad



WE WILL BE COLLECTING THE ELIZA BROADUS STATE MISSIONS OFFERING ON SEPTEMBER 24  
PRAY AND GIVE AS THE LORD LEADS!

#### 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

#### FALL REVIVAL

September 17-20. Please pray daily for Dr. Todd Gray, Executive Director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, who will bring the messages. Please plan to attend every service possible. We will need volunteers for the nursery during the evening services. The church will receive a special offering for the Revival Team.

Service Times:

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
Monday-Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

WEDDING SHOWER FOR  
MORGAN WALKER  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9  
1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

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## MUSIC AND MEDIA MINISTRY

### Fall. Is. Here!

My favorite season has arrived! Like I said in my article last month, Fall is my favorite season by far. Not only does the autumn welcome in a change in the weather (*thank you, Lord!*) and a change in the leaves, resulting in some of the most beautiful colors that you can find in nature, but we also start down the path towards the holiday season! Blink and before you know it we will be right around the corner from Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

That's right...CHRISTMAS!!

The FBC Worship Choir has already started working on our Christmas Cantata, *Come Worship the King!* as well as a few fun Christmas anthems that we're sure you're going to enjoy! You will hear more about the cantata in the coming months!

We also start our rehearsals for the upcoming Children's Christmas Musical, *Carol and the Belles*, this month. We had a wonderful performance last year so I'm even more excited to get to work on this year's musical! Rehearsals are on Sundays from 5:00-6:00pm beginning September 10 and open to all kids preschool through 6th grade. You can find music, lyrics, rehearsal schedule, etc. by going to [owentonfbc.com/childrenschristmas](http://owentonfbc.com/childrenschristmas), or you can see me for hard copies of each.

Looking forward to what this fall season has in store for us!!

*Soli Deo Gloria,*

Bro. Chuck

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

As I write this it seems the changing of seasons might never happen, but soon we will be breathing in the crisp cool air of Fall! Even thinking about that makes me take a cleansing breath. I think we all long for more free space in our lives. More margins! Did you know that the pages of a book are approximately 37% empty space? Margins make the document easier to read and keep it organized and just overall more appealing. Imagine reading a book with no margins, just words from top to bottom, edge to edge. The result would be chaos and stress ... sort of like our calendars??

There is an old saying that goes something like this, "Show me your calendar and I'll show you your priorities." As we turn the pages of our calendars and enter this new season, I challenge all of us (me included) to create margins in our lives. Let's create room for rest and even spontaneity. There is a reason why scripture is full of references to REST! Likely the most memorized portion of scripture is found in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and it reminds us that He makes us lie down in green pastures and leads us beside quiet waters. He refreshes our souls. I have always loved the imagery of a plush blanket of tender green grass, a cool stream, a place to breathe deeply and yes ... have margins!

Will you join me as I take inventory of my calendar, bank account, even the physical spaces of my home and evaluate how much margin is left for rest and what those areas reveal about my priorities? We are teaching our kids what is most important by how we prioritize our lives. When our lives are too busy to make time for resting in His Word or spending time in personal and corporate worship or fellowshiping with fellow believers, we are teaching our kids what we deem to be most important whether that is our aim or not. May we all create time to breathe a little more deeply and find more time for Christ and margins, in the midst of the chaos.

Peace and joy,  
Kiley

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello Church Family!

To kick off the school year, the youth had a Wednesday night gathering at Billie & Duane Smith's house. We enjoyed swimming and eating ice cream which made for a great time of fellowship. Thank you to the Smiths for hosting the youth!

We are excited to get into our Sunday night fall study starting on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. The girls will be with Alli doing a study called "Defined: Who God Says You Are" and the boys will be with me doing a study called "Kingdom Authority." Our youth had a great time with these small group studies in the spring so we are eager to start these this fall. Please inform your students about this!

Please continue to be in prayer for the youth group and that we will be able to reach new students in Owen County. Spending time at church and in the youth group at the middle and high school age is so important and we love to see our students bringing new friends to youth to experience this special community. As always, thank you all for trusting me with the youth group. It is a highlight of my week!

Blessings,  
Ross





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>Revive: "to flourish anew, renewal, revitalizing, reinvigorating, rescue from trouble."</p> <p><b>REVIVE ME, O LORD!</b></p> <p><b>Psalm 119:153-160</b></p>				1	2
<p>3 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>NO Evening Services</p>	<p>4 Church offices and FLC Closed</p>	5	<p>6 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Rooted Kids 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	7	8	<p>9 1:00 p.m. Shower for Morgan Walker</p>
<p>10 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Practice 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 6:30 Youth Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting</p>	<p>11 6:30 p.m. Outreach</p>	12	<p>13 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 5:30 p.m. Trustees 6:30 p.m. Rooted Kids 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Service/Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth</p>	14	15	16
<p>17 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. REVIVAL 6:30 p.m. REVIVAL</p>	<p><b>REVIVAL 7:00 P.M.</b></p>			21	22	<p>23 OCC Packing Party 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.</p>
<p>24 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services <b>STATE MISSIONS OFFERING</b> 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Practice 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Evening Service</p>	<p>25 6:30 p.m. Outreach</p>	<p>26 Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 6:00-8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>27 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:00 p.m. Family Night 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:45 p.m. Mission Groups</p>	28	29	30

**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**



**9/2**  
Charles Carter, Sr.  
Judy Cull

**9/4**  
Sara Satterwhite

**9/5**  
Paula Satterwhite

**9/6**  
Lindsay Gill Smith  
Phyllis Malcomb

Leigh Ward

**9/7**  
Michael Smith

**9/10**  
William Robert  
Craigmyle

Lonnie Stewart

**9/11**  
Abigail Lilly  
Doug Robinson

**9/14**  
Dallas Stafford  
Gabi Stewart

**9/15**  
Mark Bess  
Heather Risch  
Jolie Williams

**9/19**  
Cam Rose

**9/20**  
Pat Patterson  
Holder Smith

**9/21**  
James Hanson  
Linda Seniors  
Kevin Webster

**9/23**  
Josh Lawson

**9/24**  
Tara Caudill  
Jean Allen Kemper

Judy Poe  
Helen Stewart

**9/26**  
Josh Caudill  
Mike Cobb  
Danni Williams

**9/27**  
Sandy Gibson  
Briana Perkins

**9/28**  
Tamera Martin  
Susan Traylor

**9/29**  
Corey Cobb  
Stephanie Harvey

**9/30**  
Marty Allnut  
Katey Cobb Preston  
Lacey Cobb  
Trevor Smith

## SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

9/3: Krissy and Jonathan Locker  
9/10: Todd and Lesa Marston  
9/17: Tim and Sherry Craigmyle  
9/24: Lindsay and Dana Gill

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

9/3: Lindsay Smith  
9/10: Lindsay G. Smith  
9/17: No Children's Church  
9/24: Joy and Justin Spencer

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

9/3: Emma Blair  
9/10: Dana Gill  
9/17: No Children's Church  
9/24: Brian and Emma Blair

Return Service Requested

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