



 OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

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

The First Family

MARCH 2024

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Time to Ask for more...

Jesus gave His disciples quite the invitation when he says, "Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." It is time that we do exactly what Jesus invites us to do, ask for more.

The turmoil across our world, nation, cities, and borders is certainly an impetus to pray more and for more. The demise of our culture, education institutions, entertainment industry, economy, political system, and morality demand that we pray more and for more. It is time that we make our gatherings and create specific gatherings that have prayer as the focus. Imagine ladies and men's prayer gatherings, Sunday morning before services prayer gatherings, greater participation in Wednesday prayer emphasis, and family and personal prayer as a priority. Envision our prayer emphasis on a greater awareness of the presence of God and the glory of God. Imagine prayer focusing on the power of the Holy Spirit on our lives and church, genuine love among the body, liberty and freedom permeating worship, and great gladness, joy, and grace upon us. What if we prayed about deliverance from besetting sins, sins of the spirit, and sins of the flesh. Think about the impact of praying for the salvation of souls that included family, friends, neighbors, and new residents, praying for wisdom and discernment for our leadership, strengthening of marriages and family units, mission awareness and involvement, deliverance for those with behavioral addictions, and praying that our local, state, and national leaders would be saved, surrendered to Christ's Lordship, and given wisdom and understanding. This would bring great honor to our Lord. James wrote and said, "You have not because you ask not." Church it is time to ask for more and to ask more often!

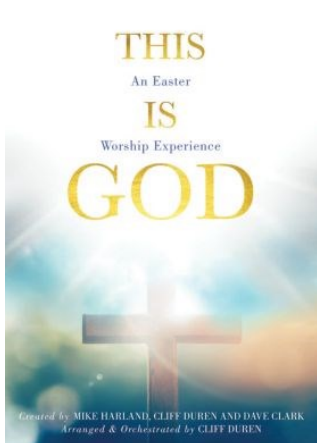
Blessings,
Bro. Brad

Thank you First Baptist!

First of all let me say I was completely humbled by this whole experience. When you are first diagnosed with cancer, your mind races and the worst thoughts enter into your head. It's all new and scary. You feel alone, scared, and without hope. This is where you guys really picked me up! A great support group is so necessary to fight through this disease, and I was blessed enough to have the best. So thank you all for thinking of me and praying for me. It meant the world. Thank you to all the Sunday School classes who put together gift packages. Thank you to all that prayed for me and my family. Thank you to those that took their precious time to put together the gifts. You all must have had a smart bird in your ears because everything you got were all favorite things! Thank you ALL again from the bottom of my heart. I am humbled beyond belief.

Please continue to pray for those in need, including me. Again, thank you so much.

Humbled and Thankful,
Bobby Cull



**THE FBC
WORSHIP CHOIR
PRESENTS:**

THIS IS GOD

**PALM SUNDAY
11:00 A.M.
WORSHIP
SERVICE**

Created by MIKE HARLAND, CLIFF DUBEN AND DAVE CLARK
Arranged & Orchestrated by CLIFF DUBEN

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



**Join us for a wedding shower
for
Emily Sturgill
and Thomas Wright
at 2:00 p.m. on March 24
in the Fellowship Hall
theknot.com**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Happy March Church Family,

It seems like yesterday we were wrapping Christmas presents and preparing to celebrate Christ's birth and now we look ahead to the cross. Just as we shouldn't get wrapped up in all the busyness of the holidays and miss the purpose of Christmas, I pray that we don't miss the opportunity to pause and reflect on the Road to Calvary.

This year we will be doing something a little different for our Easter Egg Hunt to make sure we don't miss the point of our celebration! We will be gathering on Saturday morning, March 23rd for a fun family event. Festivities will begin at 10:00am in the fellowship hall with registration for door prizes, face painting, corn hole and coffee, juice and donuts. We will then head to the sanctuary for a brief time before heading out to hunt eggs!

We are also looking ahead to Vacation Bible School! Stay tuned for a VBS meeting this month! Don't miss this fun time of introduction to this year's theme. We will be doing the marketplace format again and I hope that you will attend this meeting even if you're just mildly interested in getting involved this year. Plans are already in progress to get the set ready and the Bible Study shared in a creative way. We are so excited about what the kids will learn and experience this summer!

Speaking of summer...thank you for all the support regarding kids camp whether it's through prayer or financial support. We have a great group of kids and chaperones going this year and I'm so excited to see what God is going to do in and through us. I will be providing a list of names soon so that you as the church family can begin praying specifically for those going to camp this year.

I am so thankful to be serving alongside you here at FBC. My prayer is that we will all seek ways to serve and worship Christ daily and that the relationship we have with our Lord will draw others into relationship with Him as well.

Peace and joy,
Kiley

YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello church family!!

We had a great crowd at the Valentine's banquet this year! I believe our numbers doubled this year! I hope that you all enjoyed the time of fellowship and good food.

The youth group so appreciates your support each year for this event. With the donations from the banquet, the church is able to offset some of the costs for summer camp for the students and this is a huge blessing for us.

Speaking of camp, I am excited to say that we have filled all of our spots for youth camp this summer! It looks like we will be taking a group of 25 students and 5 chaperones! This is a much larger group than we took last year so I am very excited about the week we will get to spend with these students in June at Crossings. I would also like to thank the many people that reached out to offer scholarships to students in need!

Our big outing this month was the Perfect North ski trip. We did not meet the minimum number of students for the group ski rate so we ended up taking the students tubing! It was a great time and we hope to be able to make the ski trip work out next year!

This month in Main Street Youth, we kicked off our small group Bible studies on Sunday nights. Alli is leading the girls in study of Philippians and I am leading the boys in a study called "The Making of a Man." We have had a great turn out for the last couple weeks! This is a great time for the students to grow closer to each other as it is a smaller setting than our typical Wednesday night gatherings. We still have a few weeks left of the study so if your student is interested, it is never too late to start coming!

In March we are looking forward to Winter Jam! This is a Christian concert we go to every year. This will be taking place on March 24th. We have not yet set a time for when we will be leaving but just keep this date in mind if your student would like to go! This year, the concert will be featuring Crowder, Lecrae, Cain, Katy Nichole, Seventh Day Slumber, and Newsong. Along with this, Zane Black will be providing the message for the evening. Your students do not want to miss this!!

As always, thank you for allowing me the blessing of leading your students!

Ross

MUSIC AND MEDIA MINISTRY

TRUST AND OBEY...FOR THERE'S NO OTHER WAY

And, just like that, February has departed us and March has officially arrived! Which means Spring is officially on it's way!!

I love the Book of Psalms. It doesn't matter how many times I read through it, I always find something new or I find a psalm that becomes my new favorite. Psalm 62 has become one of those favorites. This psalm is focused on trusting God alone, something that, I think, is hard for us at times...probably more times than we care to admit, right?

I know that there are times that I find myself trusting in my own power and my own abilities, instead of giving it to God and trusting that He will take care of it. I have to take a step back, take a deep breath, and remember scripture like this psalm, to be able to give it all to Christ, and to trust that no matter the problem He is Lord and there is no problem big enough that He can't handle.

Our Easter Celebrations are arriving a little earlier this year! First, I want to encourage you to start inviting others to our Easter Cantata on Sunday, March 24. We will have our Early Service and Sunday School time like normal, then at 11:00am The Worship Choir will be presenting our cantata, *This Is God*. This is a wonderful musical full of well known and well loved hymns and praise songs, coupled alongside some great narration that will be presented by our two narrators, Dallas & Melody Stafford. Start inviting your friends, family, and neighbors now!

Second, I hope you join us for our Combined Resurrection Sunday Service the following week, March 31. We will gather together at 10:30am on that Sunday as a combined church family and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord! It will be a time of worship, fellowship, praise, and joy! You're not going to want to miss it!

Last, I wanted to say thank you to First Baptist and to you, my church family. You have made these past eleven years wonderful. I am truly blessed to be a part of this great congregation and to be part of this community. Thank you, again

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Chuck



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 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 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Deacons	4 6:30 p.m. Volleyball	5	6 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. Mission Friends 7:00 p.m. Choir	7	8	9 
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24 9:00 Morning Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. <i>THIS IS OUR GOD</i> 2:00 p.m. Shower 4:00 p.m. Outreach 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study	25	26 Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	27 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:00 p.m. Family Night 6:45 p.m. Mission Groups 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	28	29	30
31 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts in the Fellowship Hall 10:30 a.m. Combined Easter Service No evening service						




3/1 Brock Ward	3/10 Lisa McBurney	3/23 Rae Gina Beatty
3/2 Preston Forsee Tim Redmon Charley Thornton	3/12 David Bowling Danny Cobb Sheila Miller	Charles McCoy Jennifer Power
3/3 Andrew Banks Hatcher Smith	3/13 Stacey Perkins	3/24 Pacey Harvey
3/4 David Cobb Melinda Green Todd Marston Jackson O'Banion Kamden Stephens	3/16 Guy Cobb	3/25 Kelly Cammack Quinton Miller
3/6 Billy Riddle	3/18 Joy Roberts	3/26 Allison Craigmyle
3/7 Kyle Patterson Leah Patterson Lye	3/19 Danny Perkins	3/27 Alex Cobb
3/8 Greyson Beatty Adam Stowe	3/20 Paul Chitwood Maison Hedger	Bobby Kemper
3/9 Dean Johns	3/21 Christy Colee Brandon Stephens	3/28 Noah Cammack
	3/22 Brian Forsee Landon Marston Melody Stafford	3/29 Brad Banks Mary Ann Hanson John Lilly
		3/30 Madelin Shelton

MARCH VOLUNTEERS	
<u>NURSERY VOLUNTEERS</u>	
3/3:	Jenna Shelton
3/10:	Meleah Beatty
3/17:	Heidi Williams
3/24:	Becky Shryock
3/31:	Carol Wooten
<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>	
3/3:	Ellie Blair
3/10:	Libby Banks
3/17:	Kelsey Gognat

MEMORIALS	
<u>Ethel Kincaid</u> —Rodney and Debbie Parker, Sidney and Mitzy Ford, Peggy Davis	
<u>Evelyn Nixon</u> —Robert Nixon Estate	

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