



OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

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

The First Family

MAY 2024

FROM YOUR PASTOR

"More, Please!"

Examine the phrase, "God will never put more on us than we can handle." This phrase erroneously developed from a misinterpretation of I Corinthians 10:13 that deals with temptation and the false assumption that we do not have the resources to resist them. Tragically the phrase has been applied to every challenge and struggle in life and many have become distraught and disillusioned when they face more than they can handle. So, why would God allow more to come upon us than we can handle? Let's allow the apostle Paul to answer this question with the response he makes in II Corinthians 12:9-10, "And He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak then I am strong." Do you see it? When the struggles, challenges, and needs are greater than any resource we have, they cause us to come to the end of ourselves and our strength. This "giving up" allows a death to self to happen and then we have nothing to depend on but the Lord, which is what He always desires. God wants our dependence to be totally in Him and not in ourselves. Depending completely on Him is realizing that it is His grace that sustains us and not our resolve and His strength and not our might. Our acknowledgment of weakness is how His strength is released, and our admitting that we cannot releases His power. When we experience the blessing of having more on us than we can handle, we then move into the reality of His blessings that leads us to literally boast in weakness and take pleasure in infirmities. So, let's thank the Lord for the "more than we can handle."

Blessings,

Bro. Brad



PARENT/BABY DEDICATION

Sunday, May 12

Please contact the church office by May 7 to be a part of this special service.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 5



End of School Year Church-Wide Cookout and Activity Night

Wednesday, May 22

5:30-7:30 p.m.

MUSIC AND MEDIA MINISTRY

“MAY” WE KEEP THIS WEATHER?

May has arrived! While fall is definitively my favorite season spring is a very close second place! What other time of the year can you enjoy birds chirping, flowers blooming, a gentle breeze blowing through your open windows, and sunshine that doesn't make you feel like you're on the high setting of an air fryer!?

As we move forward into this month our Worship Choir will wind down its season on Wednesday, May 22. What a joy it has been to have this group bring special music and musicals throughout this year! Throughout the months of June and July the choir will not meet for Wednesday night rehearsal and will not perform on Sunday mornings. This gives our singers a little break so that they can come back in the fall refreshed and ready to sing!

During these months we would like to have you, our church family, be a part of our Sunday morning services. If you are interested in bringing special music during these months please contact me with that information, and we'll look at adding you to our schedule.

Lastly, I want to make you aware of an opportunity to serve in our Media Ministry on Sunday Mornings. We need volunteers to help run our sound, video, and recording equipment during our worship services. You don't need to be the next tech genius, but you do need to have a heart to learn new things and be willing to take a step out of your comfort zone!

Every Sunday we need two people in the Early Service and three people in the Late Service to run the equipment. Unfortunately, we sometimes struggle to get even one. I would like to get enough help in the back so that I can schedule teams to work a month, then be off for a month...or maybe even 2 depending if we have enough volunteers.

This is a vital ministry in the church and needs to be staffed every Sunday. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please let me know! There will be a training session on Saturday, May 11 at 10:00am for all those who currently serve and those who would like to serve.

I am looking forward to what this month has in store for us, church family!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Chuck

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Happy May Church Family,

We are definitely entering the busy summer months and I couldn't be happier! There are so many awesome things in the works and I'm praying that lives will be changed and drawn closer to God as a result.

First, Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching and most positions are filled, but I still need more volunteers to bring the Marketplace to life. On Sunday night May 5th I will be hosting a question and answer session after the evening service for anyone who is volunteering for the first time or is interested in understanding more before they commit:!) All are welcome and in fact, I'd love to also have volunteers from last year there as well so they can share their experience. There will be another meeting once all volunteers are in place, but feel free to ask me questions any time.

Second, we will be having an End of School Year Bash on Wednesday night, May 22nd. Don't miss this event for the whole church body to welcome summer and enjoy some food, fun and fellowship!

The next Wednesday night, May 29, Rooted Kids will once again be visiting Owenton Manor and taking the residents a spring craft to enjoy. All are welcome to join us. More details to follow.

Beginning in July, our Kids' Summer Nights will kick off and will meet on Wednesday nights 6:00-7:30pm. Each week the kids will have a time of worship through music, crafts, an applicable lesson and will be preparing to be actively involved in a special worship service in August.

Crossings Kids' Camp for us will be July 19-22. Please continue to pray for the kids and chaperones that will be going, as well as the staffers that even now are preparing to lead kids all summer.

This isn't my usual newsletter entry, but we have so much going on I wanted to keep everyone "in the loop." I also want you, the church, to know that there are so many ways you can get involved in Children's Ministry at FBC. If you are interested in learning how you might be able to use the gifts God has given you to serve in this ministry, please let me know. There are many ways you can serve that don't involve a huge deal of commitment or teaching on a regular basis. I'd love to talk to you about how we can get you involved!

As spring and summer are upon us, make sure to take time to stop and smell the roses, literally and figuratively. His mercies are new every morning and we each have so much to be grateful for!

Peace and joy,
Kiley

MEMORIALS

Jean Kay Patton—Billy and Janice Riddle

JUNE DATES

June 2—Night of Praise

June 8-12—Student Summer Camp

June 9-12—Southern Baptist Convention

June 17-21—VBS



May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			1 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 p.m. Mission Friends 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	2	3 Church Outing UK Baseball Game	4	
5 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School Baptism Senior Recognition 4:30 p.m. Outreach 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting	6	7	8 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 Rehearsal	9	10	11 10:00 a.m. Media Ministry Training Class Night 7:00 p.m.	
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26 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School No Evening Service	27 Memorial Day Offices and FLC Closed	28 Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	29 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 p.m. Mission Friends	30 HOMECOMING JULY 14 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship with Dennis Swanberg at 11:00 Dinner on the Grounds Noon "A Night of Laughter with Dennis Swanberg" 6:30 p.m. A Love Offering will be received in the Evening Service			31



<u>5/1</u> Dave Barker Ethan Bush Joe Hanson Andrew Harvey	<u>5/12</u> Dana Gill Rebecca Mills	<u>5/21</u> Theresa Chandler Doug Wainscott
<u>5/2</u> Pauline Shelton	<u>5/14</u> Liddie June Smith	<u>5/22</u> Vicki Greene
<u>5/3</u> B. J. Duncan Will Lawson	<u>5/16</u> Katherine Johnson Rebecca Murphy	<u>5/23</u> Alan Greene Logan Mills
<u>5/5</u> Jennifer Stoffers	<u>5/17</u> David Barker Brent Craigmyle Charlie Gaines	<u>5/25</u> Leighton Ramsey
<u>5/7</u> Kortney Sipple	<u>5/18</u> Lisa Lilly	<u>5/26</u> Lindsay Lightbody
<u>5/8</u> Blair Baldwin Libby Banks	<u>5/19</u> Matt Cull	<u>5/27</u> Annastyn Cammack Mikayla Sipple
<u>5/9</u> Meleah Beatty	<u>5/19</u> Nash Cammack Kerry Sipple	<u>5/29</u> Tim Marcum
<u>5/11</u> Sophia Blair	<u>5/20</u> Mark McMillen Hallie Risch Makenzie Risch	<u>5/31</u> Jason Chandler

MAY VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

5/5: Meredith Lewis
5/12: Kay Bush
5/19: Sherry Craigmyle
5/26: Lindsay G. Smith and Dana Gill

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sprouts (pre-K-K)

5/5:
5/12: Blair Family
5/19: Blair and Jonathan Baldwin
5/26: Krissy Locker

Seedlings (1st-5th grade)

5/5: Allison Craigmyle
5/12: Blair Family
5/19:
5/26: Gail Forsee

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

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