



 OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

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

The First Family

JULY 2024

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Medicine for the Soul

"A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones." (Prov. 17:22) The Bible reminds us that sometimes the best answer to a troubled soul is a good, healthy laugh! The Psalmist states, "we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, the Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad." (126:1-3) The apostle Paul when dealing with a personality clash at Philippi implored them in the middle of his instruction with these words, "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, rejoice." Life is strenuous and stressful, and our relief comes in the form of realizing our deliverance and redemption in Christ. This gives us all the reason we need to be joyful and even have a good, hearty laugh! It is sometimes the most spiritual thing we can do. A joyful heart truly does a body good!

What a month we had in June! A wonderful Night of Praise to begin the month and an opportunity to send messengers to the Convention. The students had a fantastic time at Summer Camp and our children enjoyed a wonderful time in Vacation Bible School. This month we have a few of our students participating in a weeklong worship camp that begins July 15. Chuck will be involved in the leadership of this camp. Our children will be heading to Summer Camp on July 19 at Crossings Camp Cedarmore. We are especially excited for our Homecoming Service on July 14 with Sunday School at 10:00am, combined worship at 11:00am, and a Church-Wide Potluck meal at noon. Dr. Dennis Swanberg will preach during the morning service and then at 6:30pm we will gather for a fun "Night of Laughter." Don't miss out on this special gathering. Go online and get your free ticket and invite someone who needs a good dose of encouragement.

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

KID'S SUMMER NIGHTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
6:00-7:30 P.M.
BEGINNING JULY 10

On Saturday, July 6, 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 and helpers need to be there by 10:45. See Debbie Lewellyn if you can help or have questions.

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.

COUNTY-WIDE FAIRGROUNDS SERVICE
SUNDAY JUNE 30
7 P.M.

MUSIC AND MEDIA MINISTRY

YES, THERE'S MORE!!

July has arrived!!

Last month was a whirlwind of fun, excitement, and adventure. We had an amazing time with our Hometown: Nazareth Vacation Bible School; with over 130 kids registered, 30+ volunteers helping, and \$2,000 raised for Panama, this year's VBS was, in one word, amazing!

Thanks to Kiley and her family for working tirelessly these past few months to make sure we could pull this off. Second, thanks to all those who took time to help with anything and everything that was needed to make Hometown Nazareth work like a well-oiled machine. I can't wait to see what next year has in store...I heard there might be bears....

Looking to this month, our Kids leave out for camp on July 19-22 — be in prayer for Kiley, Brian, and the other chaperones as they take a group of 11 kids to Cedarmore, some of them for their first camp experience. We also have a couple of our students who will be attending the Kentucky Student Worship Camp on July 15-19! I have the joy of being on the Creative, Planning, and Leadership Teams for this camp and I am SO excited that we have students involved this year. Pray that kids and students will grow deeper in their love of Christ as they attend these camps.

Our Homecoming Celebration will be Sunday, July 14 and we have a very special day planned for you, church family! Starting that morning: our Sunday School classes will meet at 10:00am and then we will gather together for a combined worship service at 11:00am, with Dr. Dennis Swanberg bringing our Homecoming message. We will have Dinner on the Grounds right after our combined worship service. Then, that evening at 6:30pm, we are having *A Night of Laughter* with Dr. Dennis Swanberg! It's going to be a great evening full of fun and laughter!! You will need a ticket for that evening's special event. Tickets are FREE but limited so make sure you head to owentonfbc.com/theswan to get yours!! We will receive a love offering during the event. I hope you can join us for our Homecoming Celebration Sunday!

We will have a special Homecoming Choir for that Combined Worship service at 11:00am — if you would like to be a part of this special group there will be a rehearsal on Friday, July 12 at 6:00pm. I hope you can join us that evening for rehearsal!!

As you can see, our summer is jam-packed with wonderful opportunities of ministry and worship and I'm excited to be a part of them with you, church family!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Chuck

YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello church family!

This month, we had the pleasure of taking the youth group to Crossings camp at Cedarmore. We took a great group of 24 students. The camp pastor preached each day on becoming reconciled in Christ. During our church group time, we had some encouraging conversations about where the youth would like to grow in their faith and how they will use this to witness to others. We also have a huge praise for one of our students who accepted Jesus as their Savior! The week truly couldn't have gone better! Thank you all for supporting our students in getting them to camp each summer. It really is life-changing for them!! I feel very blessed to be able to work with these students.

We are wrapping up our Wednesday night study called "Goliath Must Fall." Next, we will be starting a series called "Tell Someone" in which we will be looking at strategies for how to share the gospel with others as we are called to in Matthew 28: 19-20. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Blessings,

Ross

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

What a joy to once again have the Church filled with kids and adults during the week of Vacation Bible School! We got to hear about Jesus from Mary's perspective and the kids were so intrigued by her stories. Our Tribe Leaders did a wonderful job leading them through each day. Literally and spiritually. The Shopkeepers brought the Nazareth Marketplace to life with exciting hands on projects, all pointing back to the Gospel. A thousand thanks to all the many volunteers who prepped ahead of time, worked all week or only the time they had available. There was such a sweet spirit and I'm just grateful to be a part of Owenton FBC once again.

After a little break, Rooted Kids will be up and running beginning on July 10 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for Kid's Summer Nights! This year we'll be gearing up for the Summer Games in Paris with each week being centered on friendly competition and what God's Word has to say about things like endurance and self-control!

Stay tuned for lots of new things this fall, but for now let's soak up the summer!

Kiley

MEMORIALS

Nancy Burchett— Bob and Judy Cull

Jean Kay Patton— Billy and Janice Riddle

Lucy McCoy-Terry and Kathy Spaulding, Gregg and Suzanne Peak, Donn and Kitty Marston, Mike and Barbara Ramsey, Darryl and Susan Traylor, Todd and Lesa Marston, Ronnie and Joy Roberts, Rodney and Deborah Parker, GL and Becky Shryock, Barbara Jane Moores.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School Blessings Offering Fairgrounds Service 7:00 p.m.	1	2	3 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning No Service	4 FLC and Church Offices Closed 	5	6 WMU Feed the Fair Workers
7 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School Blessings Offering No Evening Services	8	9	10 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	11	12 Choir Rehearsal Friday, 6:00 p.m.	13
14 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Homecoming Combined Worship Service Noon Potluck Meal 6:30 p.m. "A Night of Laughter"	15	16	17 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	18	19	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">CHILDREN'S</div>
21 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School NO EVENING SERVICE <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">SUMMER CAMP</div>	22	23 Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	24 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	25	26	27
28 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School No Evening Service	29	30	31 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	LOOKING AHEAD Fall Choir Retreat— August 2, 6:00-9:00 p.m. August 3, 9:00 a.m.-Noon Revival— August 25-28		

**HOMECOMING SERVICE
JULY 14**

CHILDREN'S CAMP— JULY 19-22



7/1

Ella Hanson
Piper Walker

7/4

Jonah O'Banion
Billie Smith

7/6

Donette Gaines
Greg Stack
Katy Stewart

7/7

Shelby Clontz
Carol Perkins

Shirley Traylor
Sawyer Williams

7/9

Emily Lawson
Duane Smith
Jessica Williams

7/11

Victoria Rowland
Brian Williams

7/12

Shelli Hedger
David Mears

7/16

Rodney Wagner

7/17

Susan Ertan

7/18

Wesley Hadden
Lola Marlette

7/19

Dora Bice

7/20

T. J. Wesselman

7/21

Spencer Blair

7/22

Grant McMillen

7/23

Julie Riddle
Jett Johns

7/24

Ryanne Howard
Madison Humphries

7/25

Danny Humphries

7/26

Nash Croley
Vincent Henley

7/27

Cathy Hanson
Mason Marlette

7/28

Evelyn Williams

7/30

Sarah Cobb
Laura Hollingsworth

7/31

Barry Perkins
Josh Cobb
Victoria Smith

JULY VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

7/7: Jennifer Dales
7/14: Jenna Shelton
7/21: Rae Gina and Meleah Beatty
7/28: Heidi Williams

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

	<u>Older</u>	<u>Younger</u>
7/7:	Ellie Blair	Lindsay Smith
7/14:	Rae Gina & Meleah	Karen Dempsey
7/21:	Kelsey	Lindsay & Jodie
7/28:	Allison	Libby Banks

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