



OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

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

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

Psalm 111:10, NRSV



The First Family

SEPTEMBER 2024

FROM YOUR PASTOR

"Talking to Yourself"

Have you ever been caught talking to yourself? Hopefully you were not embarrassed by it or considered it a sign of losing it mentally. As a matter of fact, it is not only a good thing, but it is a scriptural thing! The psalmist describes in Psalm 42 a difficult time that he was facing. He emphasizes that he was cast down in his soul. He does talk to God about his dilemma but notice who else he talks to about his present condition. He says, "Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance." (Psalm 42: 5,11) He makes this statement twice in the eleven verses.

So, we have this insight and example of the proper way to deal with being cast down in our soul which literally means being in despair or depression. As a side note, despair and depression are often due to our temperament, our health, or coming off a successful achievement. It is also one of the cunning tactics of the devil. The question arises, "how do I overcome these moments?" The psalmist as we noted does pray to God for His help and we should do this but often that is all we see in this chapter as the means to resolve our dilemma. Look closely at verses five and eleven and notice "who" he is talking to about his condition. He is talking to "himself!" He reminds us that it is better to talk to "self" than for "self" to talk to us.

During despair, we have to not only talk to God about it, but we must take control of "self" and confront, condemn, and exhort "self." We must say, "Hope in God"! Remind "self" of who God is, what God has done, and what God has promised. Then we die and deny self and defy the devil and say, "I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance, who is also the health of my countenance and my God". Hang in there my fellow sojourners and don't stop "talking to yourself!"

Bro. Brad

YOUTH MINISTRY

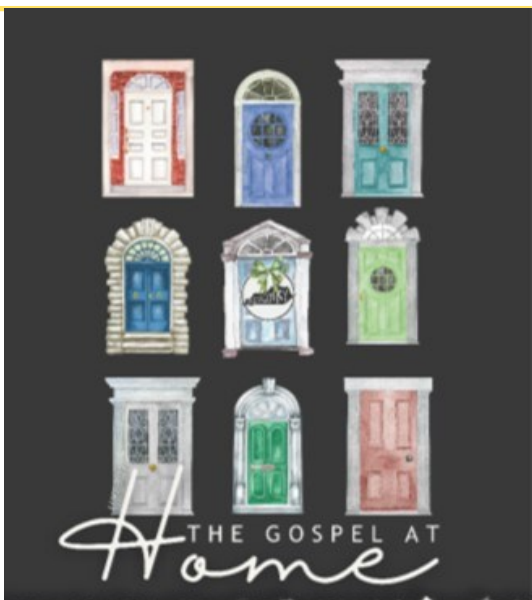
Hello church family!

At the beginning of the month we enjoyed taking 18 of our students bowling as a "back to school" party. We are looking at planning another youth outing in the coming weeks so be on the lookout for that! If you or your student are not in our group message to get alerts about outings and services, please contact me at (502) 514-7984.

This month, we've continued our Wednesday night study on seeking Biblical wisdom and how to focus our eyes on the Lord instead of worldly desires. Our Sunday night small group studies will start September 8th at 6:30. The girls will be with Alli while the boys are with me. We will have food and desserts that night to kick off the study. If you have a student in 6-12th grade, please let them know about this and encourage them to come! They won't regret it! In the past we have seen how these studies have been able to draw our students closer to each other and the Lord in a way that is different from Wednesday night large group services. It is my prayer that our fall study will have the same effect on our youth group.

As always, it is the highlight of my week to work with the students of this church. Please keep these students in your prayers as they are getting back into school and being witnesses for the gospel in this community.

Blessings,
Ross



WE WILL BE COLLECTING THE ELIZA BROADUS STATE MISSIONS OFFERING ON SEPTEMBER 15 PRAY AND GIVE AS THE LORD LEADS!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

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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, *I Call Him Lord*. You will hear more about the cantata in the coming months!

We also start our rehearsals for the upcoming Children's Christmas Musical, *The Loaned Manger*, this month. Just like the year before, 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 4:30pm-6:00pm beginning September 8 and open to all kids preschool through 6th grade. You can find music, lyrics, rehearsal schedule, etc. by going to owentonfbc.com/childrenschristmas, or you can see me for hard copies of each. Go ahead and mark your calendars for December 7 and 8...*it's going to be a rootin'-tootin' good time!!*

We'll end the month with a special Night of Worship on Sunday, September 29 at 6:30pm. I hope you will join us for this night of praise.

Well, I know I am looking forward to what this fall season has in store for us. I hope you are, too!!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Chuck

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and He went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with Him." Acts 10:38

Perhaps you discussed this verse in Sunday School recently, but I want to take a deeper dive into the importance of Jesus being from Nazareth. It was prophesied in the Old Testament that He would be from this town and it was fulfilled through the obedience of a young girl named Mary. These were humble and surprising beginnings. As Jesus began His ministry His being from Nazareth was often called into question. "How could anything good come out of Nazareth?"

You see, Nazareth means "branch-town", more specifically "dead stump". He was a beautiful sprout growing out of a "dead stump"!

Church, parents...it is easy to look around at this world and wonder how anything good can come out of so many "dead-stump" situations. Be not dismayed! If we are obedient to God in how we raise our kids, invest in the spiritual lives of our kids, we will see these fresh sprouts growing out of "dead-stump" situations. We are indeed already seeing such growth and it's a beautiful thing.

In the coming months you will be seeing events and resources that are geared toward families. Our job as a church is to come alongside families who are already leading their kids to Christ at home. I want to make sure we're supporting you as you do so. I also want the kids to know how much their church loves and supports them in a visible way, so I hope to see lots of faces at church-wide events. Kids' Day was a beautiful example of this.

Some ways to keep that ball rolling are coming up...

On September 14th at 5:30pm in the Family Life Center we will have a Kids' Drive-In Movie Night! It's going to be a blast, but I need some help with the prep. On September 7th @ 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall I will exchange donuts for some simple prep:!) We will be painting the boxes we have been collecting. No experience required, just come in your "paint clothes!"

Parents, circle the date of September 11th! Beginning at our normal Wednesday night time of 6:30 the kids will be personalizing their "cars." Then on September 14th, doors to the Family Life Center will open at 5:30pm for the Kids' Drive-in Movie! Kids who were not able to come to personalize their cars on the 11th should arrive early on the 14th at 5:00pm and enter the Fellowship Hall doors to personalize their cars. Alternatively, they may enter at 5:30pm and simply bring a blanket or sleeping bag to watch the movie. Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the show. Feel free to bring a camping/soccer chair, but bleachers will be available.

One last thing, MARK YOUR CALENDARS for OCTOBER 26th for a Church-Wide Family Fun Day at Bi-Water Farm for an afternoon in Georgetown that will end with a cozy bonfire! More details to come, but I hope we can have a fun day of bonding as a church family!

Peace and Joy,

Kiley

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Evening Services</p>	<p>2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church offices and FLC Closed</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 5:00 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Mission Kids 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:30 p.m. Outreach 4:30-6:00p.m. Children's Christmas Read Through 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Evening Service</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Mission Kids 5:30 p.m. Trustees 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Service/Business Mee 6:30 Main Street Youth 7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
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Memorials

Lucy K. McCoy—Dallas and Melody Stafford, Tim Redmon, Phyllis Malcomb, Judy Poe, Chris and Jean Allen Ellington, Men's Bible Class

Chad Waincott—Dave and Susan Stowe, Judy Poe



9/2 Charles Carter, Sr. Judy Cull	9/14 Dallas Stafford Gabi Stewart	Judy Poe Helen Stewart
9/4 Sara Satterwhite	9/15 Mark Bess Heather Risch Jolie Williams	9/26 Josh Caudill Mike Cobb Danni Williams Diane Wooten
9/5 Paula Satterwhite	9/19 Cam Rose	9/27 Sandy Gibson Briana Perkins
9/6 Lindsay Gill Smith Phyllis Malcomb Leigh Ward	9/20 Pat Patterson Holder Smith	9/28 Tamera Martin Susan Traylor
9/7 Michael Smith	9/21 James Hanson Linda Seniors Kevin Webster	9/29 Corey Cobb Stephanie Harvey
9/10 William Robert Craigmyle Lonnie Stewart	9/23 Josh Lawson	9/30 Marty Allnutt Katey Cobb Preston Lacey Cobb Trevor Smith
9/11 Abigail Lilly Doug Robinson	9/24 Tara Caudill Jean Allen Kemper	

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

9/1: Sherry Craigmyle
 9/8: Jenna Shelton
 9/15: Mitzi Ford
 9/22: Sarah Cobb
 9/29: Rae Gina Beatty

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

9/1: Kelsey, Gabby, Dana, Gail
 9/8: Lindsey, Blair, Libby, Kelly
 9/15: Karen, Lindsay, Meleah, Rae Gina
 9/22: Blair, Kelsey, Heidi, Allison
 9/29: Kelsey, Lindsay, Andi, Jared

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