



 **OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST**

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

The First Family

OCTOBER 2024

FROM YOUR PASTOR

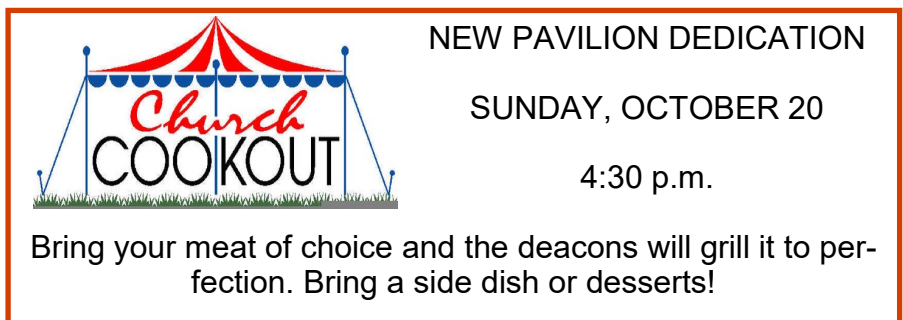
Vision?

When I began pastoring thirty-five years ago the major emphasis was on vision statements and goal setting. The theme verse of most conferences was Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people will perish." I always struggled with this word vision used in the manner that it was being used. Do I strain my brain real hard and come up with some esoteric insight on a new revelation from God for my pastorate? Are the goals I am presenting really from the Lord or just my self-induced desires? This made me examine this whole concept and I started right with this word "vision." The word did not carry the meaning of seeing something no one else could see but it means "clear revelation." The word "perish" means "to cast off restraint." The verse had nothing to do with vision statements or goal setting but had everything to do with preaching and teaching the Word of God with clarity and power so that the people of God would walk holy and humbly. My journey took me to the New Testament church in the book of Acts and I found no record of promoting vision or setting goals. Acts 6: 1-7 reveals that when controversy arose, they appointed laymen to handle it so that the pastors could give themselves to the ministry of the Word and prayer. The result of this focus is that the disciples were no longer being added but now they are multiplying. I found my answer! My focus would be the same. The three-fold emphasis of my ministry would be to faithfully preach and teach the Word of God, encourage the ministry of prayer, and promote the church to personally share the Gospel.

If we will honor God in doing these three things, He will bless this body of believers. I pray that our focus in the final months of 2024 as we elect men to serve as deacons, prepare the new budget for 2025, place servants on the many committees and appoint teachers to teach in our Sunday School classes, will be these three emphases.

Blessings,

Bro. Brad



YOUTH EVENT
FAITH TO STAND FALL GATHERING
OCTOBER 13
4:00-8:00 p.m.
40 Sawdridge Road

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

WORSHIP & MEDIA MINISTRY

IT'S FALL, YA'LL!!

I am so excited to finally be in the best season out of all of them! I don't know what I enjoy more about this time of year — the cooler weather, the trees changing color, the pumpkin pie... wait...yeah...it's probably the pumpkin pie!!!

As we officially enter into pumpkin pie season, we also get closer and closer to...and I can't believe I'm about to say this *before* Thanksgiving....**Christmas**. The choir has started working on our upcoming presentation of *I Call Him Lord*. We are looking forward to presenting this beautiful musical on December 15. Be on the lookout for more info coming soon!

The children have also been busy working on their Christmas musical presentation of *The Loaned Manger*. Christmas, a small town set in 1891, cowboy hats, and possibly bandits...that's right...it's gonna' make you say yeehaw!!! Circle December 7 AND 8 on your calendars! More information coming soon!!!

Lastly, I want to leave you with a quote from John Ortberg:

"I need to worship because without it I can forget that I have a big God beside me and live in fear. I need to worship because without it I can forget his calling and begin to live in a spirit of self-preoccupation. I need to worship because without it I lose a sense of wonder and gratitude and plod through life with blinders on. I need worship because my natural tendency is toward self-reliance and stubborn independence."

Let's not let the only worship we do be for 20 minutes on Sunday morning. Worship is more than the songs we sing and the prayers we pray, and even the message we hear. It's not relegated to just Sundays. Worship should be something we do daily throughout our week. I want to encourage you to worship daily, worship privately, worship with your family, and then come together on Sunday morning in corporate worship with the family of God.

Let's let the worship we do on Sunday mornings come from the overflow of the worship we've done throughout the week.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Chuck

MAIN STREET YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello church family!

In September, we started our Sunday night small group Bible study! We have had a great turnout and both the girls and boys have been enjoying their devotionals. We will continue to meet on Sunday nights at 6:30 through the month of October so if you have a student in grades 6-12, it is not too late for them to join us!

On October 13th, your students are invited to join us at the Faith to Stand fall gathering. This is hosted by the Owen County Drug Prevention Coalition. It will take place at 40 Sawdridge Creek Rd. (the field behind the Monterey Dollar General). There will be a time of worship, food, dodgeball, hayrides, and s'mores! The event lasts from 4-8 P.M. Please encourage your students to attend this night of fellowship and invite their friends!

Our annual fall festival is coming up on October 31st! As always, we need all hands on deck for this event. We plan to set up on the evening of Wednesday, October 30th after our youth gathering. If you are interested in helping or have questions about how you can serve for this event, reach out to me at (502) 514-7984.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for the youth group!

Ross

ROOTED CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Happy fall church family,

Cooler temperatures are on the way and the leaves are starting to change. The changing of seasons seems to urge us to let go of the previous one and embrace what is to come. Sometimes the future holds things we are excited about, other times the future can seem uncertain and even a bit scary. God calls us to rest and trust in Him. He longs for us to seek peace in Him alone.

"Abundant peace belongs to those who love your instruction; nothing makes them stumble." Psalm 119: 165 CSB

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful." John 14:27 CSB

And in Proverbs we learn from the "Proverbs 31 woman" who rests and trusts in the Lord. She works hard, but "she is clothed with strength and dignity; she laughs at the days to come." Proverbs 31: 25 CSB

Often our anxiety comes from our rushed nature. We are constantly rushing from one thing to another. If not literally, then our thoughts might race...leaving us longing for the rest and peace He calls us to.

Below is a recipe for fall playdough. I encourage you to take the time to make this play dough with your kids or grandkids. Sit and enjoy the warm dough and smells of the season. Ask them their favorite things about fall and join in with their creativity as you play. Enjoy the pause from the hurry and remember Jesus wants the same quiet moments with His children!

Homemade Fall Playdough

Ingredients:

*1 cup of flour per scent of playdough *½ cup salt *2 tps cream of tartar (optional) *1 cup boiling water * 2 TBS vegetable oil * Food coloring (red, brown, orange)

Apple pie playdough - add 1 tsp apple pie spice
Pumpkin Pie playdough - 1 tsp pumpkin spice, nutmeg and apple spice
Cinnamon playdough - 1-2 drops of cinnamon bark essential oils

*In a pot boil 1 cup of water, if you are making multiple batches (I recommend at least doubling this recipe for more than one child) boil 5-6 cups of water to save time.

*Add flour, salt, cream of tartar and spices in a bowl and mix well.

*In a separate bowl add 4-6 drops of food coloring depending on the scent. Red for apple pie, orange for pumpkin, etc. Add the vegetable oil and stir.

*Add food coloring and oil to the dry ingredients.

*Add hot water to the bowl and mix until dough comes together then knead until fully combined. Dough will be hot. Combine until warm to touch before sharing with child.

Have fun experimenting with scents and colors! I chose to add more spices:)

Peace and joy,
Kiley

MEMORIALS

Lucy McCoy—Chuck and Dana Gill, John and Peggy Davis

Chad Wainscott—Chuck and Dana Gill

Joyce Stack—David and Susan Stowe, Mike and Barbara Ramsey, Dr. Joy Arnold Morse, Judy Poe and Janet Wright Turner, Kay and Bentley Bush, Gregg and Suzanne Peak, Mike and Sarah Cobb, John and Peggy Davis, Phyllis Malcomb, Judy, Becky, and Kent Juett



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Mission Kids 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 p.m. Mid-week Bible Study 7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5
6 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:30 p.m. Outreach 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting	7	8	9 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 5:30 p.m. Trustees 6:30 p.m. Mission Kids 6:30 p.m. Mid-week Bible Study/Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	10	11	12
13 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m. Faith to Stand Youth Event 4:30 p.m. Outreach 4:30 p.m. Christmas Practice: <i>Speaking-Parts only Scenes 4-6</i> 6:30 p.m. Evening Service	14	15	16 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Mission Kids 6:30 p.m. Mid-week Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19
20 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School Family Fellowship 4:00 p.m. New Pavilion and Playground 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study	21	22 Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	23 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:00 p.m. Family Night 6:45 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:45 p.m. Mission Groups 7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26 FAMILY OUTING BI WATER FARM GEORGETOWN KY
27 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:30 p.m. Christmas Practice: <i>Speaking Parts Scenes 7&8</i> 6:30 Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study *Deacon Election	28	29	30 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Mission Kids 6:30 p.m. Mid-week Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	31 Fall Festival 6:00-8:00 p.m.		



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1
Bethany Mills

10/2
Kelsey Gognat
Heidi Williams

10/3
Ryan Ellington
Quinn Ford

Anita Wainscott

10/4
Lindsay Smith
Shirley Walker

10/5
Don Allnut

Adam Greene
Brad Jones

10/6
Richard Greene
Josh Juett

Donna McDonald

10/8
Susan Stowe

10/10
Daniel Banks
Kalem Juett

10/13
Linda Allnut

Betty Whitehead

10/15
Janice Riddle

10/16
Terri Ghent
Blake Traylor

10/17
Terry Patterson

10/18
Alli Ford
Hannah Hanson

10/19
Morgan O'Brien
Aaron Sutherland

10/20
Teena Gamble
Katie Hollingsworth

10/21
Jeffrey Allnut

Paul Huetten

10/22
David Hill

10/23
Andi Fitzgerald

10/24
Sawyer Stewart

10/25
Jensen Wainscott

10/28
Jacob Osborne

10/30
Lesla Marston
Bill Turner

10/31
Ross Ford
Cason Locker

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

10/6: Tonya Jones

10/13: Early/Sunday School-Meleah
Late-Karen Wash
PM-Becky Shryock

10/16: Andi and Jared Fitzgerald

10/20: Early-Gail Forsee
Sunday School-Rebecca Mills
Late-Leah Fields
PM-Krissy Locker

10/23: Heidi Williams

10/27: Early-Gabi Welsh
Sunday School-Jenna Shelton
Late-Katy Stewart
PM-Libby Banks

10/30: Lisa McBurney

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10/6: Blair, Lindsay G. Smith/Jenna Shelton

10/13: Lindsay Smith, Gail Forsee

10/20: Karen Dempsey, Kelsey, Dana, Heidi

10/27: Lindsay, Karen, Allison, Courtney

Return Service Requested

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