



OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

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

The First Family

NOVEMBER 2024

GIVE Thanks
to the LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD:
HIS love ENDURES
FOREVER!

Psalm 136:1

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Give Thanks

I Thessalonians 5:18 is a remarkable verse of scripture. Let these words really soak in, "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." See what I mean!

This is much easier to read and talk about and even preach about but it is another thing when it comes to doing it. We do a decent job fulfilling this word when all is well, but it is a different story when all seems to be going the wrong way. This is where we must learn to let God come into the picture. We keep our focus on the Lord. When the shocking moments strike, we maintain a steady course and by faith give thanks to God for still being God. He then reveals Himself to us and we experience that He really can work all things together for our good. This leads us to a place of really giving thanks for what He does in our life experiences. We can look back and see that some of the most powerful life changing moments came at the times we trusted Him and gave thanks despite the circumstances. These are the moments we really grow in our faith. So, "in everything give thanks."

I am thankful for all who made our Fall Festival a great event. This would be impossible without the volunteers who serve, provide candy, bake cupcakes and cook chili. A big thank you to those helping with Operation Christmas Child. Also, a shout out of thanks to those who will be helping with the Thanksgiving Meal Ministry on Thursday, November 28. A list of food needs is available in your Sunday School Class. Please don't forget to begin praying for the Lottie Moon International Mission Offering we will receive during the month of December and pray for our Children and Adult Christmas programs.

Blessings,

Bro. Brad

WOMEN'S GATHERING: PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS

November 23 at 5:00 p.m.

Join the ladies of our church family for a special evening that will usher us into the Christmas season with a sense of peace and wonder. Your registration fee will help cover a special dinner, tangible take home items to remind you of our conversations as well as a guest speaker that will challenge and turn our hearts to Jesus this Christmas. You may sign up at the Welcome Center Desk.

THANKSGIVING MEAL MINISTRY

Each year, on Thanksgiving Day, our church family prepares, serves, and delivers Thanksgiving Meals for the needy and lonely. Last year we delivered 250 meals. This takes a lot of food donations, money donations for the turkeys, and drivers to deliver food. There are several hungry children in Owen County. This is a county-wide ministry. If you are aware of someone needing a meal, please contact the church office. 502-484-2430. The deadline for meal signups is November 18. We need name, address, phone number, and number of meals needed. Rolls and turkey are being bought. You may sign up to bring food and to help on the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center and in your Sunday School Class.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

**NATIONAL COLLECTION
WEEK NOVEMBER 18-23**

**WE ARE SERVING AS AN
AREA COLLECTION SITE AND
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

**SEE LINDA OR MOTO
MCDANELL OR SIGN UP AT
THE WELCOME CENTER.**



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

*We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks!
For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near.
Psalm 75:1*

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!



MUSIC AND MEDIA MINISTRY

“GIVE THANKS, WITH A GRATEFUL HEART...”

November is here, church family! Like I've said *MULTIPLE* time before, this is my favorite time of year! Fall has reached its peak and Thanksgiving is on its way. I am excited to be around family, excited for the FOOD — pumpkin pie, turkey, stuffing, green bean casserole....

I've clearly lost track.... Oh yeah, **Thanksgiving**.

While being around my family is great and food is never a bad thing, my favorite part is giving thanks for all the wonderful things in my life. We have so much to be thankful for as children of God — The Lord gave up His son to die on a cross for us! It reminds me of Don Moen's great hymn, *Give Thanks*:

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ, His Son.

Since this is a time to give thanks, I want to do just that: I am thankful for our Media Team — Tim Craigmyle, Meagan Greenlee, Chanceny Perkins, Terri Ghent, Brian Blair, Jonathan Baldwin, and the many others I've grabbed at the last minute on a Sunday morning or evening! They sacrifice their time to serve in the sound booth every Sunday, making sure our services run smoothly both in person and online. I am thankful for the Choir and their willingness to come together to sing every week. I am grateful for their hard work and dedication to learn new music, to sing “oldies-but-goodies,” and that they have a desire to worship our Lord through praise! I am thankful for our instrumentalists who share their talents with us every week: Melody Stafford, Dave Stowe, Krissy Locker, Ruth Kingkade, as well as those special guests we have playing from time to time. I am thankful for my church family and your desire to be THE CHURCH no matter what is going on in the world; for your desire to reach the lost! And, I am thankful for the staff here at First Baptist. You've heard Bro. Brad say this many times but we really do have the best ministerial staff in the state of Kentucky! I am grateful for their constant desire to follow the path God has laid before them, and I look forward to seeing what God continues to do in their respective ministries! This list could go on and on with thankfulness but I don't want to take up the entire newsletter!

I hope that you take a moment this month and thank God for all the blessings He has shown and given this year so far. It's easy to look at the bad and think that there's nothing to be thankful for. But, if we take a moment, be still, meditate on the Lord, we will see an abundance of things that we can, “*give thanks with a grateful heart*,” for.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Chuck

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Happy Thanksgiving,

The season of thankfulness is upon us! My goal this time of year is to not just be thankful, but also consider how to give out of that gratitude. The kids have been working Sundays and Wednesday nights during Mission Kids creating personal invitations to join them at church. Those invites were given out at the Fall Festival. They have also been preparing items for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. They love being a part of things that will give to others!

This year I want to try something a little different. Instead of gathering together for an event, I'm challenging us to a Thanksgiving Photo Scavenger Hunt! Here's how it will work: Families will work together during the month of November to complete as many of the challenges as they want from the list below and submit a picture of them doing so. Pictures can be of individual kids, multiple kids or the entire family displaying the completion of the challenge. When you've completed your chosen number of challenges, email the pictures to me at kiley@owentonfbc.com by November 17th if you want them included in a special Thanksgiving slideshow. (Please note your submission assumes permission to publicly share photos and first names together unless otherwise specified.)

I am praying for the families of our church as we use this simple and fun activity to be intentional about discussing and living out thanks and giving together this season.

Thanksgiving Photo Scavenger Hunt

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| ___ Give someone something to make them smile | ___ Visit the manor |
| ___ Find something you are grateful for in nature | ___ Give a hug to someone you love |
| ___ Take a treat to a first responder station | ___ Find something that makes you laugh |
| ___ Visit a neighbor | ___ Find something that is your favorite color |
| ___ Find something that you can use to make a gift for someone | |
| ___ Find something that makes you happy and that you are thankful for | |

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18




“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” Hebrews 13:16

Peace and joy,
Kiley

Memorials

Joyce Stack—Phyllis Malcomb

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				31 Fall Festival 6:00-8:00 p.m.	1	2 
3 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study (End of This Study) NO EVENING SERVICE	4	5 VOTE	6 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 Service/Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> OCC PACKING PARTY </div>	8	9
10 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:30 p.m. Chil- dren's Practice ALL <u>No Evening Service</u>	11	12	13 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 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	14	15	16
17 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:30 p.m. Outreach 4:30 p.m. Children's Practice Everyone 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee	18	19	20 10:00 a.m. Manna 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	21	22	23 Women's Gathering 5:00 p.m.
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DECEMBER EVENTS

Lottie Moon International Mission Offering-Children's Christmas Play December 7&8-Adult Christmas Cantata December 15



11/1. Melanie Ransdell	11/8 Mitzy Ford	11/18 Tyler Bush
11/3 Morgan Bond Kaitlyn Kelly	11/9 Cheyenne Beatty Kallie Welsh	11/19 Peggy Rose
11/5 Briana Forsee Thomas Wright	11/14 Debbie Sigretto	11/22 Chelsea Gibson Denise Humphries
11/6 Kirsten Parker	11/15 Jon Kemper Courtney Sides	11/24 Larry Greene Rev. Tommy Tackett
11/7 Madison Johnson	11/16 Ed Bourne Josh Smith	11/27 Seth Bush Jacob Lilly Eli Riddle

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

- 11/3: Early-Jodie Glacken
Sunday School-Tonya Jones
Late-Jennifer Dales
- 11/6: Meleah Beatty
- 11/10: Early-Susan Traylor
Sunday School-Patty Greene
Late-Krissy Locker
Evening-Sherry Craigmyle
- 11/13: Lesa Marston
- 11/17: Early-Dana Gill
SS-Denise Humphries
Late-Taylor Williams
Evening-Karen Wash
- 11/20: Mariah Stafford
- 11/24: Early-Sarah Cobb
SS-Susan Sutherland
Late-Katelyn Prather
Evening-Danielle Grace

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 11/3: Kelsey, Lindsay, Allison, Dana
- 11/10: Blair, Karen, Kelly, Andi and Jared
- 11/17: Blair, Lindsay, Courtney, Jenna
- 11/24: Kelsey, Karen, Heidi, Jessi

Return Service Requested

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