



“So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

“To be found faithful as God’s People.”

The First Family

JANUARY 2025

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Forgetting and Restarting

The Bible declares in Philippians 3:13-14 “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

This is a great reminder to us as we enter the year 2025. Let me encourage you to consider several things to press toward:

Love the Lord, your family, and your church sacrificially this year.

Don’t neglect your soul or the soul of your spouse and children. Make this a priority.

Determine to be more aware of and sensitive to God’s presence.

Take risks in your faith walk. Consider a mission trip, outreach, ministry, or service.

Do not stress over the little things and see a crisis as an opportunity to behold God.

Make decisions based on wisdom and guidance found in the Bible in reference to jobs, relationships, and finances.

Invest value, character, and time in your children’s lives through Communication, Correction, Education, and Encouragement.

Enjoy the fun, entertaining activities with your family but do not minimize the priority of discipleship.

Walk by faith, die to self, be bold for Christ, read the Scriptures consistently, pray daily, and determine to live with no regrets by obeying the Holy Spirits promptings.

Blessings,
Bro. Brad

SUMMER Events
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — JUNE 2-6
SBC ANNUAL MEETING, DALLAS — JUNE 9-12
STUDENT CAMP, RIDGECREST — JUNE 19-23
GA DAY CAMP — JUNE 24-26
KBC WORSHIP CAMP — JUNE 30-JULY 4
CHILDREN’S CAMP, CROSSINGS — JULY 19-22
FBC HOMECOMING — JULY 20

OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

**VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
KICKOFF**

Monday, January 20

**BABY SHOWER FOR
ALEXIA AND ANDREW BANKS**

Sunday, January 12, 2025
After the 11:00 a.m. service

Lunch will be served!

Registered at babylist.com

**Worship Choir
Spring Retreat**

Friday, January 10 — 5:00pm-9:00pm
Saturday, January 11 — 9:00am-Noon

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

SUNDAY

JANUARY 19

FOOD

FUN

FELLOWSHIP



**SUNDAY
JANUARY 26**

**MORNING
SERVICES
LAY-LED SERVICE**

**PM SERVICE
DEACON
ORDINATION**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS — PASTOR

CHUCK HARRIS — WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR

YOUTH PASTOR — ROSS FORD

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN’S MINISTRY—KILEY BLAIR

SUSAN STOWE — MINISTRY ASSISTANT

MUSIC AND MEDIA

A YEAR'S WORTH OF THANKS

As 2024 goes into the record books, please allow me to share with you some of the groups of people for which I am most grateful. This is not an exhaustive list, nor are they listed in any particular order.

I am grateful for the opportunity to work with such a wonderful staff. Bro. Brad's heart for God, and God's people, is at the core of his ministry as our Pastor. I personally believe that he is one of the best pastors in not only the state of Kentucky, but throughout our nation. I am glad that I can call him my pastor. Susan is the oil that keeps the "machine" working. She is tireless in her efforts and excellent in her abilities as she serves as ministry assistant. Ross continues to work hard ministering to the students in our church. This group of students has grown throughout that year and it's because of the great leadership that Ross and Alli provide in that ministry! Kiley continues to be a force to be reckoned with when it comes to making sure our kids not only receive the Gospel, but understand what they are being taught! She and her team are a blessing to this church! These individuals are not only great as co-workers, but I am proud to call them friends and we are blessed to have them on the staff of First Baptist Church.

I am grateful for the ones who serve as instrumentalists: Melody Stafford, Dave Stowe, Krissy Locker, and Ruth Kingkade. They are each excellent musicians and love to assist our congregation in worship. It's great to know we have a group of musicians that can help out when called upon. They make my job so easy as they intuitively fill in all the parts needed for our worship songs. Thanks to each of you!

Our media team is also a blessing to me and to our church. Tim Craigmyle, Chanceny Perkins, Meagan Greenlee, Brian Blair, Jonathan Baldwin, Terri Ghent, and all the others who have filled in do a superb job of making the service flow smoothly in both sound and video, and for making sure our services were broadcast to our church family. Thanks to you all for the wonderful work you do to enhance our worship.

Our choir blesses me all the time, but I have thoroughly been blessed this year. They shared with us some wonderful anthems and praise choruses that "brought heaven down," this past year!! Their faithful service and willingness to place themselves under my leadership speaks volumes about their character, their love for the Lord, and their patience. I can never say thank you enough to all those who sacrificed time and energy to help make our Children's Musical as amazing as it was, and I am so grateful for the beautiful Christmas Cantata the Worship Choir presented this year. THANK YOU ALL!

Last, but definitely not least, I am grateful for each of you in our FBC family. You are so loving and kind to me — you are truly family. You have been so supportive of my ministry with you, and for that I am thankful. FBC is truly a loving, giving church family — one I am proud to be a part of. I pray that 2025 will be a great year for you personally AND for First Baptist!

Soli Deo Gloria,
Bro. Chuck

YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello church family!

This month, we enjoyed our annual Main Street Youth Christmas party! Our students competed in the Amazing Race where they had to race around Owenton doing tasks such as singing Christmas carols or taking selfies. It was a great time of fellowship!

Our youth group has had a very blessed year with our record high attendance being 32 students. For the new year, it is my prayer that the youth group will continue to grow and that the ministry will not stop on Wednesday nights when we get out of church. I hope that the students will be bold in their faith in the community and in school to reach young people who have not accepted the Lord as their Savior.

Although it is a few months out, it is time to start thinking about summer camp! This year, we will be taking the youth to Ridgecrest, North Carolina to FUGE Camps. The dates are June 19th-23rd. This is a camp the church used to attend each year, and it played a large role in both mine and Alli's faith walks as middle and high schoolers. This camp has an emphasis on missions, which is an area I would like to encourage my students to be more involved in. The students will be participating in M-Fuge which allows them to lead vacation Bible schools in the community as well as do service projects such as clean-up from the hurricane Helene aftermath. We are very excited for the opportunity to take the students to this camp and ask that the church will be in prayer for the students as they begin thinking about signing up and inviting their friends.

Blessings,
Ross

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Dearest Church Family,

Happy New Year! The hustle and bustle of the holidays is behind us. How many times did you have to straighten up your house or maybe even deep clean? It seems there are always things in our homes we don't want other people to see.

How wonderful and terrifying to know that God sees it all! He knows what's in that avalanche waiting to happen closet. He knows what we are "sweeping under the rug".

No one understood this more than King David. Though God called him a man after His own heart, David had some serious skeletons in the closet. In Psalm 51 we hear his cry to be forgiven, to get rid of his sin, to have a clean heart and restored joy.

We all need this! Would you join me in reflecting on this psalm? Would you spend time in this fresh New Year to truly ask God to help you clean up your spiritual house? To clear the cobwebs and clean out the closets? My guess is that if we truly do this our families will change, our schedules will change and our love for and service to others will change. To ask God to create a clean heart in us is to ask for change. I'm admittedly hesitant when it comes to change, but I pray this is a change I long for- will you join me?

Peace and joy,
Kiley

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt.

Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. For I was born a sinner- yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there.

Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me- now let me rejoice. Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stains of my guilt.

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and make me willing to obey you. Then I will teach your way to rebels, and they will return to you.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 FLC and Offices Closed No Services 	2	3	4
5 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Deacons	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 Mission Kids	9	10 5:00—9:00 p.m. Spring Choir Retreat	11 9:00 a.m.-Noon Spring Choir Retreat
12 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School Noon— Baby Show- er Luncheon 4:30 p.m. Outreach 6:30 p.m. Evening Service	13	14	15 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 Kids 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	16 Lifeline Screening	17	18
19 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 5:30 P.M. FAMILY FUN FELLOWSHIP	20 6:00 p.m. Volleyball	21	22 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:00 p.m. Family Night 6:45 p.m. Mission Organizations 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	23	24	25
26 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services <u>Men's Day</u> 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Evening Service /Deacon Ordi- nation	27 6:00 p.m. Volleyball	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 Kids-Winter Won- derland Party 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	30	31	



1/1. David Wainscott	1/14 Nathan Watkins	1/27 Tyler Cammack
1/3 Derris Hedger	Brett Wooten	Jonathan Caudill
1/4 Darryl Traylor	1/16 Morgan Weintraught	1/28 Jane Ayres
1/5 Hayes Smith	1/20 Lacie Risch	Dana Cobb
1/7 Bruce Wash	1/21 Kitty Cammack	Kate Grace
1/9 Campbell Grace	1/22 Easton Baldwin	Rodney Parker
Sally Patterson	Owen Grace	Krista Power
1/10 B J Colston	Alice Perkins	1/29 Brian Blair
Lloyd Vannarsdall	1/24 Teresa Dempsey	Garalynn Colston
Linda Webster	Tonya Jones	1/30 Moto McDanell
1/12 Paul Banks	1/25 Cortney Gobel	Clark Roberts
Austin Perkins	1/26 Machele Bess	Katrina Sharp
		1/31 Kiley Blair
		Matt Cammack

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

1/5: Lindsay, Kiley, Courtney, Jenna

1/12:

1/19:

1/26: Karen, Kiley, Allison, Jessi
NURSERY

1/5: Early-Carol Wooten

SS-Patty Greene

Late-Sherry Craigmyle

Evening-Meleah

1/12: Early-Meleah

SS-Sarah Cobb

Late-Tonya Jones

Evening-Meleah

1/19: Early-Meleah

SS-Carol Wooten

Late-Jen Dales

Evening-Brian Blair

1/26: Early-Meleah

SS-Liddie June

Late-Danielle Grace

Evening-Meleah

Memorials

James Sutherland– Todd and Lesa Marston

Benetta Burchett– Sid and Mitzy Ford, Mike and Barbara Ramsey, Robert and Judy Cull

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