



OWENTON
FIRST BAPTIST

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

The First Family

APRIL 2025

FROM YOUR PASTOR

When Heroes Fall

It is earth shattering when someone you have looked up to fails and falls miserably in life. These heroes may have been a parent, a spiritual leader, a coach, an athlete, friend, or other family members.

When we consider our Saviors path to Calvary, we see that it was littered with failure, denial, and even a traitor among those who were closest to Jesus. Imagine the agony of soul that brought to Him. However, Jesus had made it clear that He did not entrust Himself to those who believed in Him since He knew what was in man. (John 2:24-25)

Greg Koukl gives great insight on what to do when our heroes fall and fail. Consider these suggestions:
Guard Your Own Soul

When your hero falls do not dig for details. Sin is a dirty, deadly thing that harms us the deeper we get into the details.

Don't Be Surprised when a Sinner Sins

You might be shocked initially but you should not be shaken. Ultimately there is only one that is good and that is Jesus.

The Truth is still the Truth

The sound, truthful things your fallen hero shared are still sound and truthful.

Do not Become Cynical

Do not allow the failure of this highly regarded one cause you to be suspicious of others. When you wonder who you can trust, trust everyone you have no reason to mistrust.

Resolve to Finish Well

Jesus did not let the fall and failure of those nearest Him to impede His finishing the work He came to accomplish. We must not allow the failures of others to hinder our finishing well. The Resurrection of Jesus makes all this possible.

Blessings,

Bro. Brad



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

April 19-10:00 a.m.-Noon
Donuts, crafts, games, and face painting before egg hunt. Family fun for all ages . . . Even an egg hunt for adults!

WEDDING SHOWER FOR

KRISTA POWER

April 26 at 1:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Registered at
theknot.com and Amazon

WEDDING SHOWER FOR

JENNA POINTS AND
SPENCER BLAIR

May 3 at 11:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Registered at Macys, Target and
Amazon

MUSIC AND MEDIA MINISTRY

HAS SPRING FINALLY SPRUNG?!

As I sit down to write this, the sun is shining, there's a gentle breeze, and I can see the wind making the blades of grass and flowers sway—and the pollen heading straight for my nose!! Moments like this always remind me of the old hymn Heavenly Sunlight. It reminds me that just as the sun brightens the day, God's presence fills our lives with light and joy.

Heavenly Sunlight was written by Henry J. Zelle in 1899, and it's one of those hymns that stays with you, reminding us of the bright, constant presence of Christ. The chorus says, "Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight, flooding my soul with glory divine." Just as the sun's warmth fills the air around us, God's light fills our hearts and lives, offering peace and warmth we can't find anywhere else.

In John 8:12 (CSB), Jesus tells us, "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life." Think about that for a moment. Jesus is the light that guides our way, and when we follow Him, we never have to stumble in the darkness. No matter how cloudy life may seem, His light is always shining.

The Bible also reminds us in 1 John 1:5 (CSB), "This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in him." That's good news for us! In a world that can often

feel uncertain, we know that God's light is unshakable and never fades. It's always shining, even when we can't see it through the clouds.

So, as you go about your day, take a moment to pause and let the sunlight remind you of God's presence. Whether you're stepping outside for a few minutes, driving down the road, or just soaking in a quiet moment, let His light shine into your heart. He is always with you, filling your life with His warmth and love.

The FBC Worship Choir is thrilled to present this year's Easter Cantata, *By His Stripes We Are Healed*. Start inviting your neighbors, friends, and family to join you for this beautiful musical presentation on Palm Sunday, April 13. To make it even easier for you to attend, we'll be offering the cantata during BOTH the 9:00am and 11:00am services. Yes, you read that right—this year, you can experience the cantata at either service! We look forward to celebrating this special time with you all.

As we prepare our hearts for Easter, let's embrace the light of Christ in our lives and share that light with others.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Chuck

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Greetings Church Family,

Spring is beginning to show up and not a moment too soon! It was a beautiful day for our Rooted Kids Day. The boys enjoyed the great outdoors and learned a thing or two about camping and leadership and the girls were challenged to consider more about their own hearts and the hearts of others than what we see on the outside. A good lesson for us all!

Our next adventure will be the Easter Eggstravanza on April 19th beginning at 10:00am in the fellowship hall. Just as last year, we will begin with donuts, crafts, face painting and more! Adults: don't forget you get to be in the action too! Wear your running shoes and be ready to grab some great prizes! Please start bringing candy and eggs. You can leave them by the sanctuary welcome desk.

VBS will be here before we know it! June 2nd -6th. Be praying about how you can use your gifts to be a part of this exciting and important week in the life of our church. As always, be praying for our children. I see such spiritual growth and excitement in so many of our kiddos! Pray that they will continue to be sponges just soaking up the goodness of God that is being poured into them at home and church and that any negative influences will just roll off.

Our kids face so much! Join me in praying that God will raise them up to be mighty leaders in our schools and community in the years ahead!

Peace and joy,
Kiley

YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello church family!

We have started our small group Sunday night Bible studies. The girls are doing a series called "Wake Up" and the boys are doing a series called "Stories Jesus Told." We had a great night kicking off our study with introductions to the books and then watching a UK basketball game together. It is never too late for your student to join us in the study! Please encourage them to come to this on Sunday nights at 6:30.

It's that time of the year already.... Graduate Sunday is coming up! We have this scheduled for Sunday, May the 4th during the 11 AM service. This is for graduates of any age - high school, college, graduate, professional, or doctoral programs. Please send 3-5 photos to ross@owentonfbc.com as well as information about the degree they have earned or plans for the future by April 27th. These will be compiled into a slideshow to be shown to the church that Sunday as well as recognizing each graduate during the service. If your graduate is unable to attend the service, please still send their information to me so they can get the recognition they deserve!

We have just started a Wednesday night study in the book of James which will carry us through the next several weeks. Please be in prayer for our focus on James and that the Lord will reveal something meaningful to each student. Thank you as always for the blessing of being Owenton FBC's youth minister,






Ross

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS — LEAD PASTOR
CHUCK HARRIS — WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR
ROSS FORD — STUDENT PASTOR
KILEY BLAIR — DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
SUSAN STOWE — MINISTRY ASSISTANT



April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Corporate Prayer-Sanctuary 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Mission Kids 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 p.m. Choir	3	4	5
6 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00 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	7	8	9 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Corporate Prayer-Sanctuary 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Mission Kids 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	10	11	12
13 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Cantata 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:30 p.m. Outreach 5:30 p.m. Trustees 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Evening Service/Business Meeting	14	15	16 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Corporate Prayer-Sanctuary 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Mission Friends 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 p.m. Choir	17	18	19 10:00 a.m. — Noon 
20 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00 a.m. Sunday School No Evening Services 	21	22 11:00a-1:00p & 6:00-8:00p Meeting the Needs	23 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:00 p.m. Family Night 6:45 p.m. Bible Study 6:45 p.m. Mission Kids 6:45 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:45 p.m. Choir 6:45 p.m. WOM	24	25 KBC Children's Choir 	26 Wedding Shower Krista Power 1:00 p.m.
27 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:30 p.m. Outreach 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study 	28	29	30 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Corporate Prayer-Sanctuary 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Mission Friends 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 p.m. Choir	<div style="border: 2px solid pink; padding: 10px;"> <p align="center">OWEN COUNTY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL</p> <p align="center">Open enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year has begun. If you are interested in enrolling your child for the pre-k class, please email occpdirector17@gmail.com. Our 3/4 year old class is full. Currently we are taking names for a waiting list.</p> </div>		



4/1 Patty Greene Matt Miller	4/22 Betty Carter Finley Harvey Susan Sutherland
4/3 Gene Rose Molly Grace Watkins	4/24 Michael Cassidy Ashton Marcum
4/4 Rex Dean Stafford	4/25 Ellie Blair
4/12 Collin Gamble Jeff Peak	4/27 Jeff Caudill
4/14 Beckham O'Toole Jenna Points	4/28 Matt Stafford Mike Stafford
4/15 Rhonda Johns	4/29 Sarah Peak
4/16 Tripp Allnutt	4/30 Mary Helen Smith
4/20 Logan Shelton	Emma Blair Jim Craigmyle Caden Hedger

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

4/6: SS-Sarah Cobb
Late-Jen Dales
4/13: SS-Lisa McBurney
Late-Jenna Shelton
4/20: SS-Patti Greene
Late-Dana Gill
4/27: SS-Kelsey Gognat
Late-Kelsey Gognat
Meleah-Early, Evening, and Wed.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

4/6: Older: Kelsey
Younger: Kiley
4/13: No Children's Church*
4/20: No Children's Church*
(*There will be activities available in the youth room if parents need to sit with their children during worship.)
4/27: Older: Kiley
Younger: Lindsay

Memorials

Bruce Kingkade-Mike and Sarah Cobb, David and Susan Stowe, Donna McDonald, Gregg and Suzanne Peak, Phyllis Malcomb, Rodney and Deborah Parker, Pauline Shelton, Sid and Mitzy Ford, Judy Poe, Shawn and Jennifer Power, Jonathan and Blair Baldwin (St. Jude)

Return Service Requested

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