



**OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST**

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

# The First Family

## MARCH 2025



### FROM YOUR PASTOR

#### *"Make Him Known"*

The apostle Paul reveals his motivation and focus in Colossians 1:28, "Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." Our focus as believers should be to make Christ known to every lost person this side of Hell and to help every saved person this side of Heaven to mature in their faith.

We will attempt to do these two things during the month of March. Our Outreach Ministry will kick off for Spring on Sunday, March 2 at 4:30pm. Our Panama Mission team left on Wednesday, February 26 and will return on Friday, March 7. A new ministry that will provide opportunities for fellowship and outreach will begin on Wednesday, March 5. The Mid-Week Meal Ministry will provide a meal from 5:00pm to 6:15pm. The cost will be a suggested donation of \$5 a person or \$20 for a family of four or more. You will sign up on Sunday either at the Welcome Center or online at [owentonfbc.com/midweek meal](http://owentonfbc.com/midweek meal). The menu will be in the Sunday bulletin each week. The ministries' intent will be to help you be involved in the mid-week gatherings and a great tool to connect visitors and unchurched family and friends. The meal will be followed with everyone gathering in the auditorium at 6:15pm for a brief prayer moment and then the children, students, choir, and the Psalm study group dismissing to their respective places.

Our preaching ministry will focus on the Holy Spirit on Sunday mornings, the book of Ruth on Sunday evenings, and the Psalms on Wednesday. Plan now to get actively involved in one of the small group Bible studies that are held each Sunday at 10:00am. Praying you take advantage of these opportunities to make Christ known to others and to get to know Christ deeper in your own faith walk.

Blessings,

Bro. Brad

#### MID-WEEK MEAL MINISTRY

- Kickoff: Wednesday, March 5.
- Test run in March on the 5th, 12th, 19th.
- Sign up next Sunday at the Welcome Center or online at [owentonfbc.com/mid-week meal](http://owentonfbc.com/mid-week meal).
- Cost will be a suggested donation of \$5 per person and \$20 max for family of four or more.
- Menus will be in the bulletin each Sunday prior.
- The meal will be available from 5:00-6:15 p.m.
- Everyone will meet in the auditorium at 6:15 p.m. for a brief prayer emphasis.
- The children, students, and choir will then be dismissed to their locations.
- If you would like to serve in this ministry, please contact Bro. Brad.

#### YOUTH

- Winter Jam March 9 Cincinnati Heritage Bank Arena
- Depart from church at 1:00 p.m.
- We need chaperones.
- \$15 per person.
- Sign ups available on church website
- Call Ross if questions: 502-514-7984

#### EASTERN KENTUCKY DISASTER RELIEF

If you would like to help the residence impacted by flooding, please consider the following:

- Gift Cards (Walmart, Lowes). The cards will be distributed by our KBC Disaster Team.
- Donation through the church to KBC Disaster Relief or
- Give online at [Kybaptist.org/disaster](http://Kybaptist.org/disaster)

#### 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



## MUSIC AND MEDIA MINISTRY

### HE WASHED IT WHITE AS SNOW

As I sit writing this article, it is currently snowing. We seem to have had a lot of snow this winter... and, thanks to the groundhog, it looks like we're still in for some more (thanks, Phil). But as I watch the snow falling, I can't help but think of that verse from the hymn *Jesus Paid It All*, "...sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow."

Oh, what a beautiful picture that is. Isaiah 1:18 (CSB) declares, "*Come, let's settle this,*" says the Lord. "*Though your sins are scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are crimson red, they will be like wool.*" Our sin separates us from a holy and righteous God, leaving us stained and unworthy. But Christ, in His great love, took that sin upon Himself at the cross, bore the full weight of God's wrath, and in doing so, provided the only way for us to be reconciled to the Father.

It's easy to look outside and see the mess that comes with winter—the slush, the ice, the dirty snow piled along the roads. But when that fresh snowfall covers everything, there's a quiet beauty in it. It smooths out the rough edges, hides the imperfections, and creates a blanket of pure white. That's what Jesus does for us through His atoning sacrifice. He doesn't merely improve us—He makes us new.

And yet, I think sometimes we struggle to grasp the fullness of that forgiveness. We carry guilt, we wrestle with past failures, we feel like we must somehow earn back God's favor. But the beauty of the gospel is that we can't earn it—Christ has already done the work. Ephesians 2:8-9 (CSB) reminds us, "*For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—not from works, so that*

*no one can boast.*" What a relief! Our salvation is secure in Christ, held not by our weak grip, but by His strong and sovereign hand.

As we move through these last weeks of winter and look ahead to the renewal of spring, let's take time to meditate on this truth: because of Jesus' finished work, we are washed clean. No matter how deep the stain of sin, His grace is greater. If you are in Christ, you stand before God fully forgiven, fully redeemed, fully loved.

The Worship Choir will be presenting their Easter cantata, *By His Stripes We Are Healed*, on Palm Sunday, April 13. We will have our Early Service and Sunday School time like normal with the cantata being presented during the 11:00am Service. This musical is full of great hymns, beautiful new songs, and wonderful narration read by Dallas Stafford. Start inviting your friends, family, and neighbors now!

Lastly, I want to take a moment to say thank you. This past month marked 12 years that I have had the privilege of serving as Worship & Media Pastor here at First Baptist. I cannot begin to express how grateful I am for this church family—the love, the encouragement, and the joy of worshiping alongside you all. It has been an incredible journey, and I truly believe that God has even greater things in store for the years ahead. I look forward to many more years of lifting high the name of Jesus with you. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this ministry and this family.

*Soli Deo Gloria,*

Bro. Chuck

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello church family!

This month, we enjoyed our annual Valentine's Banquet that is put on by the youth group. Despite the weather, we had a great turnout and enjoyed a time of fellowship and entertainment with Quinton Miller and Liddie June Smith singing and Melody Stafford leading our Newlywed game! Thank you all for your support in that event which helps offset the cost of church camp this summer.

Speaking of church camp, I have a HUGE praise to share with you all. I announced it a few weeks ago in church, but if you didn't hear it, I am happy to say we have reached our goal number of students to take to church camp this summer. Up until an hour before signups closed, we only had 4-5 students sign up and were looking at having to cancel the trip. However, we were trusting in God to put it on the hearts of the students to sign up for camp and He did just that. We are taking 12 students with us to Ridgecrest, NC to participate in Fuge Camp on June 19-23<sup>rd</sup>. This camp was an instrumental part in my faith walk as a teenager and my call to ministry so I am beyond excited to get to share this camp with my students now. Thank you to the many of you who offered to sponsor students for camp. Relieving this financial burden allowed several students to sign up that maybe were not going to be able to attend. This church is always so faithful in providing where there are needs and I am very grateful for that. I hope you all understand the major role you play behind the scenes in my students' walk with the Lord. Thank you again!

We also had a great turnout at the church-wide Perfect North ski trip this month. Fun was had by all and no bones were broken!

In March, we are looking forward to our annual trip to Winter Jam. This is a concert for Christian artists. We will be attending the show on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Bank Arena in Cincinnati. We will be leaving the church at 1:00. The cost for the concert is \$15 + extra money for food and souvenirs. We do need chaperones for this event so if you are interested in K-Love-type music, this is the concert for you! Please let me know if you would be interested in chaperoning! If your student is interested in going, please sign up on the church website!

Our spring Sunday night small group Bible study will start on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The girls will be led in a 6-8 week study by Alli and the boys will be with me. This is a special time for the youth to connect on a deeper level and have important conversations about their walks with the Lord. Please encourage your middle and high school students to attend!

As always, it is a blessing to serve the students of Owenton FBC!

Ross

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Dear Church Family

Rooted Kids are growing by leaps and bounds! This month we are taking a break from our Simply Loved curriculum and taking a quick dive into some of the fundamentals of our faith. We are exploring baptism, the Lord's Prayer and the Great Commission just to name a few. Many of our kids have already made the decision to follow Christ while others are asking fantastic questions, but I want to make sure we are doing all we can to truly give them a faith that is "rooted" and sure.

On March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00-12:30pm we will be having a Rooted Kids Day. If there is interest this time, we may have more of these days with different themes. This time the girls and boys will split up and have their own themes. The boys will have a camping theme and will learn about being a Godly leader and will even learn some survival skills. The girls will have a pancakes and pajamas theme (wear your jammies) and will hear how beautiful they are in God's eyes and learn that true beauty comes from within. There will be a \$5 fee as both the boys and girls will go home with tangible reminders of what have learned. Sign up on our church website. Registration is not required to attend, but the gifts they will take home will be used during our time together and I can't promise those items will be available if not signed up before March 16<sup>th</sup>! If you would like to be a part of this time and just pouring into our kids and showing them how much they are loved, please see me and I'll get you plugged in!

Mark your calendars for our Easter Eggstravaganza on April 19<sup>th</sup>!!! More details to come, but we will have a light breakfast, crafts, activities and of course an egg hunt that morning!

There are many exciting events coming up this spring and summer. Thank you as always for your support. We have a few new volunteers and I'm always thrilled to have more! Our kids are the best and are little sponges soaking in all they are learning about Christ, His love for them and how we can show that love to others!

Peace and Love,

Kiley




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2 9:00 and 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 7:30 p.m. Deacons</p>	<p>3 6:00 p.m. Volleyball</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 5:00 p.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m. Trustees 6:15 p.m. Corporate Prayer- Sanctuary 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 p.m. Mission Kids 6:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8  Spring Ahead</p>
<p>9 9:00 and 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 /Business Meeting Winter Jam</p>	<p>10 6:00 p.m. Volleyball</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 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. Choir 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 p.m. Mission Kids</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 9:00 and 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</p>	<p>17 6:00 p.m. Volleyball</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 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. Choir 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 p.m. Mission Kids</p>	<p>20 </p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Gideon Banquet</p>
<p>23 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:30 p.m. Outreach 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study</p>	<p>24 6:00 p.m. Volleyball</p>	<p>25 Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>26 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:00 p.m. Family Night 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:45 p.m. Mission Groups</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Service/ Gideon Speaker 10:00 a.m. Sunday School No Outreach 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study</p>	<p>31 6:00 p.m. Volleyball Tournament</p>					



<b>3/1</b> Brock Ward	<b>3/10</b> Lisa McBurney	<b>3/23</b> Rae Gina Beatty
<b>3/2</b> Preston Forsee Tim Redmon Charley Thornton	<b>3/12</b> David Bowling Danny Cobb Sheila Miller	Charles McCoy Jennifer Power
<b>3/3</b> Andrew Banks Hatcher Smith	<b>3/13</b> Stacey Perkins	<b>3/24</b> Pacey Harvey
<b>3/4</b> David Cobb Melinda Green Todd Marston Jackson O'Banion Kamden Stephens	<b>3/16</b> Guy Cobb	<b>3/25</b> Kelly Cammack Quinton Miller
<b>3/6</b> Billy Riddle	<b>3/18</b> Joy Roberts	<b>3/26</b> Allison Craigmyle
<b>3/7</b> Kyle Patterson Leah Patterson Lye	<b>3/19</b> Danny Perkins	<b>3/27</b> Alex Cobb Bobby Kemper
<b>3/8</b> Greyson Beatty Adam Stowe	<b>3/20</b> Paul Chitwood Maison Hedger	<b>3/28</b> Noah Cammack
<b>3/9</b> Dean Johns	<b>3/21</b> Christy Colee Brandon Stephens	<b>3/29</b> Brad Banks Mary Ann Hanson John Lilly
	<b>3/22</b> Brian Forsee Landon Marston Melody Stafford	<b>3/30</b> Madelin Shelton

<b>MARCH VOLUNTEERS</b>	
<b><u>NURSERY VOLUNTEERS</u></b>	
3/2:	SS- Tonya Jones Late-Katy Dial
3/9:	SS -Kay Bush Late-Taylor Williams
3/12:	Wed.-Mariah Stafford
3/16:	Early-Leah Fields SS-Carol Wooten Late-Sherry Craigmyle Evening- Becky Shryock
3/19:	Wed. -Lesa Marston
3/23:	SS-Patty Greene Late- Andi and Jared
3/30:	SS-Heidi Williams Late -Lindsay G.Smith
<b><u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u></b>	
3/2:	Older: Kiley Younger: Andi and Krissy
3/9:	Older: Libby Younger: Kiley and Diane
3/16:	Older: Kiley and Danielle Younger: Jenna and Lucas
3/23:	Older: Kiley Younger: Lindsay G. Smith and Jodie
3/30:	Older: Kiley and Kelly Younger: Lindsay Smith

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