



OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

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

# The First Family

MAY 2025

## FROM YOUR PASTOR

### ***Moments to Remember!***

May is filled with many moments to remember. Moments that should fill us all with joy, reflection, and gratitude to God. We honor our mothers who have nurtured their children with love and exemplary lives, celebrate our graduates who are now entering a new season in life, and remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. Each of these emphases deserves a pause and a heartfelt thanks.

Moms, the Scripture reminds us that, "Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." (Prov. 31:28) We celebrate you this month for the way you have invested wisdom and faith into the lives of your children and grandchildren.

Graduates, we applaud your hard work and determination to reach this milestone. You are now entering a new journey in your life and faith walk. Keep before you the wisdom words of Proverbs, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path." (Prov. 3:5-6)

Memorial Day calls us to remember the price of freedom and honor those who served selflessly. Ronald Reagan declared, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction," Let us pause to give thanks for those who gave all as we approach Memorial Day at the end of this month.

May is a wonderful time to remember the joy, the hope, and the love that our Heavenly Father has bestowed upon us. I know He has certainly blessed me to be your pastor and to be a part of the Owenton FBC Family!

Blessings,  
Bro. Brad

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello church family! We're still meeting for our Sunday night small group study, and we have a couple weeks left! It's not too late to jump in if you haven't yet. We meet at 6:30 on Sunday nights, and we'd love to see you there.

Please also be in prayer for our seniors who are preparing to graduate in May. This is such a big season for them, and we want to support them however we can.

We're planning a Top Golf outing later this month, so be on the lookout for a text with all the details. If you or your student aren't part of our group text, feel free to reach out to me at (502) 514-7984 so I can get you added.

As always, it's such a blessing to serve the youth of our church. Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

Blessings,  
Ross

Thanks for the prayers, visits, phone calls, flowers, and cards. Also the gifts from fresh garden vegetables, to baked delights, and full meals. I thank the Lord for allowing me to be a part of such a loving and kind church family. I am convinced you have added months to my life. Praying the Lord will richly reward you.

All my love,  
Miss Pauline



## PARENT/BABY DEDICATION

Sunday, May 11  
Please contact the church office by May 7 to be a part of this special service.

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 4



# MUSIC AND MEDIA MINISTRY

## “MAY” YOUR HEART SING

Well, here we are—May is in full swing, and it’s finally starting to feel like it! The chill of winter has left the building, and now we’re basking in the kind of days that make you want to roll down your windows, turn up the music (may I suggest a little worship?), and take the long way home.

There’s just something about this time of year that lifts the soul, isn’t there? Maybe it’s the new life all around us. Maybe it’s the joy of a new season. Or maybe—it’s the pollen finally calming down so we can all breathe again. (Can I get an amen?)

But there’s also something about this time of year that naturally draws us into praise. Maybe it’s the longer days or the gentle reminders of new life. But deeper than all of that, I think it’s this: we have a God whose greatness doesn’t fade with the seasons.

Lately, I’ve been reflecting on the worship song we have been singing this month “How Great Is the Greatness of Our God.” The title alone is enough to stop you in your tracks, isn’t it? It’s not just that God is great—it’s that His greatness is great in itself. Big enough to hold galaxies, yet tender enough to hold your grief. Strong enough to split the sea, yet personal enough to walk with you through the storm.

Psalm 145:3 says, “The Lord is great and is highly praised; his greatness is unsearchable.” Isn’t that something? Even our best words can’t capture it all. His greatness stretches beyond what we can measure, and yet He makes Himself known to us!

Let me encourage you this month: take time to reflect on the greatness of God, not just in the big, miraculous ways, but in the small mercies too. A word of encouragement. A quiet moment of peace. A reminder that you’re not alone. Let those moments stir your heart to worship.

And speaking of worship—I want to take a moment to thank our Worship Choir for their hard work this past month. From the powerful presentation of our Easter cantata, “By His Stripes We Are Healed,” to their willingness to help lead worship in BOTH the 9:00am & 11:00am services, they have blessed us tremendously.

The choir will be taking a well-earned break at the end of this month—no Wednesday night rehearsals, no Sunday morning anthems for June and July. Just time to rest, recharge, and maybe sit in the pew the whole service for a change!

As we move through the month of May, my prayer is that each of us would draw nearer to the One whose greatness never fails, never fades, and never runs out. He is worthy of our praise—every day, every season, every breath.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Chuck

# CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Hello Church Family,

This one’s for the parents of young kids.

I see you. I see your weary eyes as you wrangle the kids. I hear your worry that you might be doing it all wrong, even as you’re giving it your all. Someone once told me that if you are afraid you’re messing up the parenting thing, you’re probably doing a great job :)

You know what else I see? I see you getting your kids to church as often as you can! I see you dropping them off in the uniforms on Wednesday nights! Nothing makes me happier than that because you are showing your kids balance and that learning about Jesus and being with their Christian friends is important.

I encourage you to not walk the parenting road alone! We are the Body of Christ...lean into that beauty.

Make time for like-minded relationships with parents who are in the trenches just like you and also seek out mentors that have "been there, done that." Both are so valuable. We need each other and we have so much to offer one another.

Keep it up! I see you! But more importantly God sees you. He sees you trying to honor Him with the family He has given you.

Peace and Joy,  
Kiley



**Ages 4 years to  
going in to 5th grade**

**You may preregister online**

**We still have plenty of  
opportunities to volunteer!!**

## MEMORIALS Bruce Kingkade– Shirley Walker

### 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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<div>Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. 2 Thessalonians 3:16</div> 			1	2	3
4 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School Senior Recognition 4:30 p.m. Outreach 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting	5	6	7 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	8	9	10
11 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services BABY DEDICATION 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School  No Evening Service  HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	12	13	14 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	15	16	17
18 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:30 p.m. Outreach  5:30 p.m. Trustees 6:30 p.m. Evening Service\Business Meeting	19	20	21 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	22	23	24
25 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services  10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School No Evening Service	26 Memorial Day  Offices and FLC Closed	27 Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	28 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning  6:00 p.m. Family Night  6:30 p.m. Gatherings	<div>SUMMER DATES</div> <div>June 2-6 –VBS</div> <div>June 9-12-SBC Dallas</div> <div>June 19-23-Student Camp</div> <div>June 24-26-GA Camp</div> <div>June 30-July 4– Music Camp</div> <div>July 19-22– Children’s Camp</div> <div>July 20– Homecoming</div>		



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**5/1**

Dave Barker  
Ethan Bush  
Joe Hanson  
Andrew Harvey

**5/2**

Pauline Shelton

**5/3**

B. J. Duncan  
Will Lawson

**5/5**

Jennifer Stoffers

**5/7**

Kortney Sipple

**5/8**

Blair Baldwin  
Libby Banks

**5/9**

Meleah Beatty

**5/11**

Sophia Blair

**5/12**

Dana Gill  
Rebecca Mills

**5/14**

Liddie June Smith

**5/16**

Katherine Johnson  
Rebecca Murphy

**5/17**

David Barker  
Brent Craigmyle  
Charlie Gaines  
Lisa Lilly

**5/18**

Matt Cull

**5/19**

Nash Cammack

Kerry Sipple

**5/20**

Mark McMillen  
Hallie Risch  
Makenzie Risch

**5/21**

Theresa Chandler  
Doug Wainscott

**5/22**

Vicki Greene

**5/23**

Alan Greene  
Logan Mills

**5/25**

Leighton Ramsey

**5/26**

Lindsay Lightbody

**5/27**

Annastyn Cammack  
Sebastian Sharp  
Mikayla Sipple

**5/29**

Tim Marcum

**5/31**

Jason Chandler

**MAY VOLUNTEERS**

**NURSERY**

5/4: SS-Carol Wooten

Late-Dana Gill  
Evening-Libby Banks

5/7: Becky Shryock

5/11: SS-Gail Forsee  
Brooke Treichel

5/18: SS-Denise Humphries

Late-Meredith Lewis  
Evening-Heidi Williams

5/25: Early-Sherry Craigmyle  
SS-Tonya Jones

Late-Krissy Locker

5/28: Mariah Stafford

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

May 4– Older-Kiley

Younger-Tonya

May 11– No Children's Church

May 18- Older-Danielle

Younger-Karen and Jessi


May 25- Older-Blair

Younger-Andi and Jared

June 1- Older-Libby

Younger– Lindsay G. Smith

Return Service Requested

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