

OWENTON
FIRST BAPTIST

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

The First Family

JUNE 2025

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Extending the Gospel: Our Mission and Opportunity

Romans 10:14-15 reminds us of our essential role in sharing the Gospel: "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"

As followers of Christ, we are called to extend the Gospel, not just by going ourselves, but by supporting and participating in the many ways our church shares Jesus with others. This June, our calendar is filled with Gospel-centered opportunities for you to pray over and to participate. Vacation Bible School (June 2-6) will allow us to plant the Word in these young hearts. The Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, Texas (June 9-12) that Chuck, Libby and I will attend, will bring together leaders to be informed, pray, and focus on how to proclaim the Gospel at home and across the world.

Youth Summer Camp (June 19-23) is a powerful time for spiritual growth and salvation among our students. They will be traveling to the Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, North Carolina. On June 22, we will come together in the morning worship services to celebrate the Lord's Supper and be reminded of Christ's sacrifice that extends to all and encourage us to recommit ourselves to His mission.

The G.A. camp (June 24-26) will challenge our young girls to live missional lives, and we will close the month with a "Blessings Offering" (June 29) for Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, a tremendous school that is training the next generation of Gospel proclaimers.

As Paul reminds us, people will not believe unless they hear and they will not hear unless we go, give, and support. Let us commit to extending the Gospel through our lives and our church this month.

Blessings,

Bro. Brad



KIDS SUMMER NIGHTS COMING JUNE 11!

BLESSINGS OFFERING
June 29 and July 6
This offering supports Clear Creek Baptist Bible College.

COUNTY-WIDE FAIRGROUNDS SERVICE
SUNDAY JULY 6
7 P.M.

GA Day Camp
June 24, 25, 26
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Gallatin County
Fairgrounds
For girls going in to first
grade through finishing
6th grade and it's \$15
per child.
Let us know if you can
chaperone.



MUSIC AND MEDIA MINISTRY

“SCHOOL’S OUT FOR THE SUMMER...”

“Summertime, and the living is easy...”

“Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer...”

It doesn't matter which song you sing or how you word it, summer is here! The season of sunscreen, sweet tea, and strategically avoiding mowing the yard during the hottest part of the day (which, according to my calculations, is from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.).

But seriously — what a wonderful season we're stepping into! Around First Baptist, summer doesn't mean slowing down as much as it means shifting gears. While the choir is catching a well-deserved breather (more on that in a moment), other ministries are kicking into high gear. And if you listen closely, you can already hear the sound of stampeding flip-flops and the distant echo of "snack time!" as VBS draws near.

This June, our church building will be buzzing with laughter, energy, and the occasional glue stick emergency as we welcome children for True North VBS. What a joy to host kids from our community, to open our doors and share the love of Jesus in such a fun and powerful way. I want to ask you to pray — not just that things run smoothly (although that would be really nice) — but pray that each child who walks through our doors experiences something eternal. Something real. Something that points them True North — to Jesus.

Be sure to lift up Kiley and her entire volunteer team. They're the hands and feet of Jesus during one of the most high-energy weeks of the year. Think of them as spiritual camp counselors armed with goldfish crackers and the fruit of the Spirit. They are amazing, and we are grateful.

Now, about our choir — can we all just pause and give them a standing ovation from wherever we're reading this? (It's okay if you're in your recliner. Just do a little chair clap.) What a phenomenal season this group has had. From Christmas to Easter and every Sunday in between, they've poured their hearts out in worship. I have been moved, encouraged, and at times downright teary-eyed (in a manly, worshipful way, of course). They'll be taking a break during June and July, and I pray they enjoy every minute of rest and renewal. Choir, thank you — you've blessed us deeply.

So here we are: summer in full swing. It's a time for planting seeds — literal and spiritual. Let's not forget to water them with prayer, laughter, and lots of intentional love. Whether you're helping with VBS, rocking babies in the nursery, flipping burgers at a church picnic, or just waving at someone across the pew — you're part of the ministry God is doing right here, right now.

Let's make this a summer full of grace, growth, and maybe a little less humidity (okay, a guy can dream).

Soli Deo Gloria,
Bro. Chuck

YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello church family!

This month, we wrapped up our small group Sunday night studies. It's been such a joy to see a solid group showing up each week, diving into God's Word, encouraging one another, and growing in faith. I'm so thankful for this group and the way God is moving in their lives!

Looking ahead, we're getting excited for Fuge church camp in Ridgecrest, NC June 19–23! It's going to be an amazing time of worship and ministry. Our high school students will be serving in the community through projects to help with hurricane cleanup efforts as well as hosting mini Vacation Bible Schools during the day. Our middle school students will stay on camp and participate in sessions to build their faith during this time. Please be in prayer for both groups in that they will grow their relationships with the Lord and also grow their desire for serving as the Lord has called us to do. Final balances are due by June 1.

As we enter this season of transition, please keep our graduating seniors and all of our students in your prayers. The end of the school year can be a stressful time and we want to cover them in support as they finish well and look toward what's next.

Thanks for your continued prayers and support!
Ross



Ages 4 years to going in to 5th grade
Please preregister online
We still have plenty of opportunities to volunteer!!




MUSIC CRAFTS
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6:30-7:30 P.M. BEGINNING JUNE 11
GOD'S WORD FOR KIDS HEARTS



On Tuesday, July 8, around 11:00 a.m. the WMU will have an opportunity to minister to the fair workers by providing and serving brunch at the fair-ground's concession stand. Items needed: Breakfast casserole, sausage and biscuit, fruit, milk, and orange juice. Please see Debbie Lewellyn if you can help.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. VBS Prep and Prayer Time 7:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting	2	3	4 No Manna No Evening Services	5	6	7
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</p> <p>9:00 A.M.—NOON</p> <p>Four year old to going in to the 5th grade</p> </div>						
8 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School No Evening Service	9	10	11 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 5:30 p.m. Trustees 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting	12	13	14
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>SBC Meetings in Dallas, Texas</p> </div>						
15 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School No Evening Service 	16	17	18	19	20	21
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>YOUTH CAMP →</p> </div>						
22 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School NO EVENING SERVICE <div style="border: 2px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	23	24 Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	25 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m. Kid's Summer Nights	26	27	28
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>G A CAMP-GALLATIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS</p> <p>9:30 A.M.-3:15 P.M.— 1st-6th GRADE</p> </div>						
29 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School BLESSINGS OFFERING P.M. Family Fun Fellowship	30	1	2	3	4	5
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>KBC WORSHIP CAMP</p> </div>						

FAIRGROUNDS SERVICE
JULY 6

**CHILDREN'S CAMP
JULY 19-22**

HOMECOMING SERVICE JULY 20

JULY 27
CHURCH OUTING TO RED'S
GAME



<u>6/1</u> Sherry Craigmyle	<u>6/11</u> John Davis	<u>6/21</u> Mary Marlow
<u>6/2</u> John Carter	<u>6/12</u> Lana Vannarsdall	<u>6/22</u> Barrett Baldwin
Adam Gaines	<u>6/13</u> Thomas O'Brien	Macie Gray
PruAndera Grider	<u>6/15</u> James Riddle	<u>6/24</u> Tim Cammack
<u>6/3</u> Danny O'Toole	<u>6/16</u> Caleb Allnutt	<u>6/25</u> Suzanne Peak
<u>6/7</u> Chasity Hill	<u>6/17</u> Sharon Robinson	<u>6/28</u> Dottie Craigmyle
<u>6/8</u> Scott Gibson	<u>6/18</u> Tanner Smith	<u>6/29</u> Cheryl Barker
Trudy Waldrop	<u>6/20</u> Meagan Greenlee	Kay Bush
<u>6/9</u> Molly Ann Gamble	Lucas Shelton	Rodney Forsee
<u>6/10</u> Cameron Allnutt		Daven Watkins
Tony Dempsey		

JUNE VOLUNTEERS


NURSERY
6/1: Early-Lisa McBurney
SS-Rebecca Mills
Late-Mariah Stafford

CHILDREN’S CHURCH
June 1: Older-Libby
Younger-Lindsay G. Smith

June 8: Older-Karen Dempsey
Younger– Kiley
June 15: Older-Kelsey
Younger-Kiley
June 22: Older-Blair
Younger-Lindsay Smith
June 29: Older-
Younger–

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

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