OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

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The First Family

NOVEMBER 2025

FROM YOUR PASTOR

A SEASON OF GRATITUDE AND ANTICIPATION

Many afternoons after a full day of responsibilities, I find myself glancing out our front window or just stepping out on the porch and observing the ending of the day with a beautiful sunset. That moment has a way of just bringing pause and reflection on how thankful I am to God. The Scripture reminds us, *"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."* Gratitude often begins in those quiet pauses when we recognize that every good thing comes from His hand.

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, let's take time to notice God's goodness and respond with grateful hearts, He has been faithful to our families, our church, and our community. He continues to do great things among us!

Our new sermon series, "Final Days," begins this month, don't miss a single message. Please pray for our Nominating, Personnel, and Finance Teams as they prepare for 2026. The Owen Association Annual Meeting is on the 2nd and the KBC Annual Meeting is the 10th & 11th. The OCC Spaghetti Supper will be on Wednesday, 12th and the collection week is the 17-24.

We will observe the Lord's Supper on the 23rd at 6:30 p.m. and a special night of Praise is scheduled for the 16th. The Thanksgiving Meal Ministry on the 27th will present many opportunities to prepare food, plate lunches, and deliver meals.

Looking ahead, our first Wild Game Supper is set for Friday, February 27, 2026, at 6:30p.m. and will include gun giveaways and souls saved. Please consider donating to help cover the cost of a gun. Each gift can help potentially draw a soul here and reach a soul for Christ.

In December, we will highlight the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for our International Missionaries.

Let's live this season with thankful hearts and serving hands!

Blessings,
Bro. Brad

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK
NOVEMBER 17-24

WE ARE SERVING AS AN AREA COLLECTION SITE & VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! SEE LINDA OR MOTO MCDANELL OR SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER.

THANKSGIVING MEAL MINISTRY

Each year, on Thanksgiving Day, our church family prepares, serves, and delivers Thanksgiving Meals for the needy and lonely. Last year we served over 300 meals. This takes a lot of food donations, money donations for the turkeys, and drivers to deliver food. This is a county-wide ministry. If you are aware of someone needing a meal, please contact the church office at (502) 484-2430. ***The deadline for meal signups is November 13th***. We need name, address, phone number, and number of meals needed. Rolls and turkey are being bought. You may sign up to bring food or donate money at the Welcome Center and in your Sunday School Class.

The family of Donald J Perkins would like to express our sincere gratitude for the love and compassion you have shown to our Dad/Papaw over the last few years, and to our family following his passing. We are so grateful for prayers lifted, cards written, food prepared, comforting words, and most certainly your presence.

Thank you to the many who were involved in making his Celebration of Life so meaningful to us.

The hospitality committee is so dear to our family, and we thank you for your hard work and commitment to serving people and your Lord. We are so thankful for Tammy, Marsha, BettyJo, Eileen, Dorthy and Hospice for helping us keep Daddy at home where we all wanted him to be.

We thank God for you church family! Your love has overwhelmed us!

Sherry, Lesa, Julie and families

MEMORIALS IN REMEMBRANCE OF DONALD PERKINS

Mitzy & Sidney Ford
Gail & Rodney Forsee
Donette & Charlie Gaines
Sherri & John Godfrey
Phyllis Malcomb
Donna McDonald
Deborah & Rodney Parker
Billie & Terry Patterson
Suzanne & Gregg Peak
Judy Poe
Jennifer & Shawn Power
Mike & Barbara Ramsey
Janice & Billy Riddle
Ronnie & Joy Roberts
Becky & G.L. Shryock
Sue & Dave Stowe
Susan & Jimmy Sutherland
Shirley Walker
Leigh Karil & Brock Ward
Carol & Ronnie Wooten
Men's Adult SS Class

MEMORIALS IN REMEMBRANCE OF FRANK DOWNING

Sherry & Tim Craigmyle
Mitzy & Sidney Ford
Donna McDonald
Lesa & Todd Marston
Deborah & Rodney Parker
Suzanne & Gregg Peak
Sue & Dave Stowe
Leigh Karil & Brock Ward

WORSHIP & MEDIA MINISTRY

"GREAT IS HIS FAITHFULNESS!"

Can you believe it's already November? The leaves are falling, the air is crisp (most days), and the smell of Thanksgiving is just around the corner! It's that time of year when we naturally pause to reflect on God's blessings — and if we're honest, we don't have to look very far to find reasons to give thanks.

As I think back over this year, I can't help but see God's hand of faithfulness all over our church family — in our worship, our ministries, our outreach, and our fellowship. It's only fitting, then, that our upcoming Night of Worship on **Sunday, November 16 at 6:30pm** will focus on just that: *Great Is the Faithfulness of God*. We'll spend the evening lifting up songs that have become dear to our hearts this year (and maybe a few new ones too), reading Scripture together, and spending time in prayer. My hope is that it's an evening where you can take a deep breath, be still before the Lord, and be reminded of His goodness in every season.

And speaking of seasons — Christmas is coming quickly! Our multigenerational Christmas Cantata, *Hope Is Born*, will take place on Sunday, December 14 at 11:00am. I can't wait for you to experience this incredible time of worship as our children, students, and adults come together to celebrate the birth of Christ. To help us prepare, we'll have two combined rehearsals: **Wednesday, November 19 at 6:30pm and Sunday, December 7 at 4:30pm.** (Yes, I know your calendars are filling up fast — but trust me, it's going to be worth it!)

Let's use this season to slow down a bit and truly remember all that the Lord has done. Whether through songs of worship, moments of prayer, or simple acts of gratitude, may our hearts overflow with thanksgiving to the One who has been — and always will be — faithful.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Bro. Chuck

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Happy November,

It's hard to believe the holiday season is upon us, but here we are. Soon, our already busy schedules will fill even further. Before that happens I challenge all of us to take a moment and put some activities of intentionality on our calendars. These ideas have parents of kids in mind, but are great for all of us.

Philippians 4:4-6 encourages us to: *"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your Gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

How can we combat the natural tendency toward anxiety? How can we experience the peace that passes understanding? It's all given to us right here.

Rejoice in all circumstances, spend time with the Lord in prayer, asking Him for what we need but also in expressing to Him all that we are THANKFUL for. He promises that if we do these things we will experience inexplicable joy!

Here are a few things we can do as we enter this season of thanksgiving:

1. Create a "thankful pumpkin". Using a sharpie, each evening write down things you and your family are thankful for writing them in a circular pattern around the pumpkin. By Thanksgiving your pumpkin will be full of all the blessings and things you are thankful for. Focusing on these things instead of anxieties will help prepare you for the coming Christmas season and the ultimate reason to be thankful.
2. Serve a dinner of rice and beans by candlelight as a reminder of how blessed you are and pray for those that are unsure of their next meal whether they be here in our town or across the world
3. Go screen free the week of Thanksgiving. Blow the dust off of the boardgames and have ice cream for dinner:)
4. Deliver pie to a homebound friend or someone who doesn't get to see others, especially children, very often. Include a note of why you are thankful for them.
5. Take a prayer/walk or drive around your neighborhood or the schools or our church...wherever you feel led to pray. Or stay home and pray for an area of the world. Maybe have a meal that those in that area might eat and pray for some concerns that area of the world might have or have a prayer of thanksgiving for how God is working in that area of the world.

Something changes in US when we have a heart of thankfulness. I am thankful for you, my church family! This will be my third year serving the families and children of our church. It some ways it's like I was never away and in others it seems like I'm just getting started. I am so thankful for how our church family loves each other well while still having a heart for those outside our walls.

Happy Thanksgiving! I am abundantly thankful for you!

Peace and joy,
Kiley

MAIN STREET YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello Church Family!

We started out the month of October with a middle and high school lock-in. We had approximately 40 students attend. Many of those students had not been to our church before and it was a great opportunity to share the gospel with them!

The youth group has also been working through our Sunday night small group studies and we will be wrapping those up the first week of November. The girls have really enjoyed diving into the book of John and examining the life of Jesus described by this gospel. The boys have been talking about how to be men of God and to live up to the standard that He has set for young Christian men.

Please be in prayer for the fall festival and that many people will be reached by the gospel through this ministry!

Thank you all for the opportunity to lead the students of this church! It is an honor to be your youth pastor!

Blessings,
Ross

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 FALL BACK
2 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School NO EVENING SERVICE 3:00p Annual Assoc. Meeting	3	4	5 10:00a Manna in the Morning 5:00p Mid-Week Meal 6:15p Corporate Prayer-Sanctuary 6:30p Gatherings 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p Deacon's Meeting	6	7	8
9 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School 5:30p MEETINGS Trustees, Finance, & Personnel 6:30p Youth Bible Study 6:30p Evening Service/Business Meet-	10 KBC Pastor's Conference 	11 KBC Annual Meeting	12 10:00a Manna in the Morning 5:00p OCC Spaghetti Dinner 6:30p Gatherings 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	13 *Deadline to submit families for Thanksgiving Meals*	14	15
16 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School 4:00p Outreach 5:30p Wild Game Planning Mtg. 6:30p Night of Worship 7:30p Finance	17	18	19 10:00a Manna in the Morning 6:30p Gatherings 6:30p Christmas Cantata Combined Rehearsal	20	21	22
23 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School 6:30p Youth Bible Study 6:30p Lord's Supper	24	25 11:00a-1:00p & 6:00-8:00p Meeting the Needs	26 NO SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES	27 Thanksgiving Meal Ministry 	28	29
30 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School 6:30p Youth Bible Study 6:30p Evening Service						

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION WEEK

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED ALL OF DECEMBER

11/1
Carol Ruth
Becky Grace
Melanie Rose
11/2
Lucie Small
11/3
Morgan Bond
Kaitlyn Kelly
11/5
Briana Forsee
Thomas Wright
11/6
Kirsten Parker
Allie Rogers
11/7
Madison Johnson

11/8
Mitzy Ford
11/9
Cheyenne Beatty
Kallie Welsh
11/10
Jean Allen Ellington
11/11
June Osborne
11/14
Debbie Sigretto
11/15
Jon Kemper
Deborah Lewellyn
Courtney Sides
11/16
Ed Bourne
Josh Smith

11/18
Tyler Bush
11/19
Peggy Rose
11/22
Nancy Boisseau
Chelsea Gibson
Denise Humphries
11/24
Larry Greene
Rev. Tommy Tackett
11/27
Seth Bush
Jacob Lilly
Eli Riddle

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS — *LEAD PASTOR*

CHUCK HARRIS — *WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR*

ROSS FORD — *STUDENT PASTOR*

KILEY BLAIR — *DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY*

DONETTE GAINES — *MINISTRY ASSISTANT*

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

11/2 : **Early**– Meleah
SS– Carol Wooten
Late- Kendall O'Toole

11/9: **Early**– Mariah Stafford
SS– Patty Greene
Late– Blake and Meridith
Evening– Meleah

11/16: **Early**– Sherry Craigmyle
SS– Jen Dales
Late– Josh & Katy Dial
Evening– Libby Banks

11/23: **Early**– Krissy Locker
SS– Gail Forsee
Late- Leah & Logan
Evening– Meleah

11/30: **Early**– Meleah
SS– Lesa Marston
Late– Tayler Williams
Evening– Meleah

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11/2: Emma Blair

11/9: Leah Forsee

11/16: Meredith Lewis

11/23: Karen Dempsey

11/24: Jenna Shelton

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