



OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

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

The First Family

OCTOBER 2025

FROM YOUR PASTOR

"The Fellowship of the Unashamed"

I would like to share with you this month a letter that was attributed to a young pastor in Africa that was found in his possessions after he faced martyrdom. The past weeks events surrounding the martyrdom of our brother in Christ, Charlie Kirk, have caused us all to pause and reflect on our faithfulness to Jesus. May these words move us all to greater faithfulness.

"I am part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have Holy Spirit power. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of His. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed. My present makes sense. My future is secure. I'm finished with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, worldly talking, cheap giving, and dwarfed goals. I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudity, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, am uplifted by prayer and labor by power. My pace is set. My gait is fast. My goal is heaven. My road is narrow. My way rough. My companions few. My guide is reliable, and my mission is clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, pander at the pool of popularity or meander in the maze of mediocrity. I won't give up, shut up, let up, until I've stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, preached up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach till all know, and work till He stops me. And when He comes for His own, He'll have no problem recognizing me. My banner will be clear!"

Blessings,
Bro. Brad

Please keep our Panama Mission Team in your prayers. They will be leaving on October 16th and returning on October 25th.



FRIDAY
OCTOBER 31
6:00-8:00 P.M.

FOOD, FUN, AND
FELLOWSHIP

We will need volunteers to serve in many capacities. We need donations of Chili, Desserts, CANDY, and Gift Cards.

DEACON ELECTIONS

Deacon elections will be held on Sunday, October 26th. Please begin praying now for the Lord to direct us in His will concerning the election of new deacons.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY!

We need volunteers to help with packing shoeboxes
October 23rd -27th from 3:00-7:00 pm



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



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Be in prayer as you review the many service opportunities available to minister to others in our church.

Over the next few weeks, begin praying and take note of the many opportunities listed on the bulletin insert.

WORSHIP & MEDIA MINISTRY

FALL-ING INTO GOD'S GOODNESS

Fall really is in the air! The leaves are starting to change, the mornings are (hopefully) starting to get a little cooler, and yes — even the pumpkin-flavored everything has made its annual return. But more than that, this season reminds us of God's faithfulness. Just as He brings the changing of the seasons right on time, He also provides for His people in every season of life. We've even been blessed with some much-needed rain lately — what a reminder that our God hears and answers prayer!

October is always a full month for our church family, and this year is no exception. Our Fall Festival is coming up on October 31, and we'll welcome hundreds of people from our community into our Family Life Center and Fellowship Hall. It's one of the biggest outreach opportunities we have all year, and I can't wait to see how God will use it to connect us with new families and friends.

And speaking of family, our Christmas Cantata this year is a special one! Hope Is Born will be a multigenerational celebration, bringing together our kids, students, and adults for one big presentation of worship on December 14. Parents, if your child or student would like to be part of this experience, you can find music and lyrics at owentonfbc.com/christmas2025, or you can always come see me for more information.

What a joy it is to live, serve, and worship together in this season! Let's be thankful for the blessings God pours out — whether it's the rain for our fields, the laughter of families at Fall Festival, or the voices of all ages lifted in worship.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Bro. Chuck

MAIN STREET YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello Church Family,

This month during our Wednesday night gathering our students are walking through what it means to share our faith with others. We have spent time reflecting on what our testimonies are and how we can find ways to tell others. This has been a great time of discussion and growth, and we are excited to see how God uses these conversations to encourage boldness in our students.

On Sunday evenings, we gather in small groups for Bible study and fellowship.

The girls are meeting with Alli and studying the Gospel of John, walking verse by verse through this powerful account of Jesus' life.

The boys are with me, working through a study called No More Excuses, which challenges young men to live faithfully and responsibly in their walk with Christ.

We are looking forward to the fall festival at the end of October. This is always a highlight for our church and community. Students and families, please be on the lookout for opportunities to serve in this ministry event. It's a wonderful way for our youth to grow in service while blessing others.

Thank you for your prayers and support of our youth ministry. God is at work in the lives of our students, and it is a joy to walk alongside them as they grow in their faith.

Blessings,
Ross

ROOTED CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Happy October,

The changing of seasons should remind us that God is in control of everything. It is all by His design. Nothing catches Him by surprise.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

'Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!'

Psalm 46:1-3 and 10

To watch the news, scroll your social media or listen to the "water cooler" talk is to seemingly have many reasons to fear. Being a parent fills your heart with so many questions of if you're "doing it right" anyway and when you add all the other negativity coming at you ... and inevitably your children... it can all seem overwhelming!

Allow me to challenge us to remember that God is indeed our refuge and strength! Even when it seems the earth is giving way and we fear this world we are raising our kids in, let us remember that He is still in control. He is still sovereign. We cannot protect our children from every bad thing that may come at them. Our job is to continually point them to Christ so that WHEN those things come they do not fear. They will look to the hills and know where their help comes from! (Psalm 121:1-2) They will be rooted in confidence knowing that God only asks of them to "Be still, and know that (He) is God!"

This seems to be a tall order, but it really is that simple. WE cannot control what our days will hold, but we can ready ourselves and children for what is to come. If you know me well, you know I struggle with this very thing, so this is for me too! Will you join me this month as we watch the leaves change color, surrender to the wind and fall to the ground? Will you take time to breathe and surrender to the One who loves you deeply and can be trusted to hold you safely in the shadow of His wings? (Psalm 17:8)

Peace and joy,
Kiley

MEMORIAL

Pauline Shelton— Janet Turner

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as ministry assistant for the last 12 years. This position was much less stressful than the 28 years of teaching school.

I am very blessed to have worked along side this staff. It's like I've been on a youth retreat or mission trip in that I have been surrounded by Bro. Brad's prayers, wisdom, and constantly being involved in the work of the Lord.

I have enjoyed delving into all areas of the church workings and being involved in all aspects of ministry. I have enjoyed assisting several of you in many different ways.

I'm going to miss coming to my second home daily.

Sincerely,

Susan



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.</i></p> <p>PSALM 67:6, KJV</p>			1 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 7:15 p.m. Deacons	2	3	4
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12 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 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	13	14	15 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	16	17	18
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10/1 Bethany Mills	10/10 Daniel Banks Kalem Juett	10/21 Jeffrey Allnutt Michelle Cobb Paul Huetten
10/2 Kelsey Gognat Heidi Williams	10/13 Linda Allnutt Betty Whitehead	10/22 David Hill
10/3 Quinn Ford Anita Wainscott	10/15 Janice Riddle	10/23 Andi Fitzgerald
10/4 Lindsay Smith Shirley Walker	10/16 Terri Ghent Blake Traylor	10/24 Sawyer Stewart
10/5 Don Allnutt Adam Greene Brad Jones Brian Jones	10/17 Terry Patterson	10/25 Jensen Wainscott
10/6 Richard Greene Josh Juett Donna McDonald	10/18 Alli Ford Hannah Hanson	10/28 Jacob Osborne
10/8 Susan Stowe	10/19 Morgan O'Brien Aaron Sutherland	10/30 Lesa Marston Bill Turner
	10/20 Teena Gamble Katie Hollingsworth	10/31 Ross Ford Cason Locker

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

10/5: **Early**– Maison Hedger
Sunday School– Rae Gina Beatty
Late– Jenna and Lucas Shelton
Evening – Mariah Stafford

10/12: **Early**– Kennedi Hon
Sunday School– Jodie Glacken
Late– Brooke and Jaden
Evening– Becky Ann Shyrock

10/19: **Early**– Sarah Cobb
Sunday School– Rebecca Mills
Late– Danielle and Justin Grace
Evening– Kay Bush

10/26: **Early**– Maison Hedger
Sunday School– Lisa Mc Burney
Late– Kelsey and Brian Gognat
Evening– Emma Blair

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10/5: **Older**– Kelsey Gognat
Younger– Kiley Blair

10/12: **Older**– Kiley Blair
Younger– Tonya Jones

10/19: **Older**– Kiley Blair
Younger– Jessi Williams

10/26: **Older**– Kiley Blair
Younger– Lindsay Smith

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