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The First Family

MARCH 2026

FROM YOUR PASTOR

GRATEFUL FOR A SERVING CHURCH

As I write this month's article, we are only days away from our Wild Game Supper, and my heart is filled with deep gratitude. What began back in October with the faithful leadership of Scott Risch, Tony Dempsey, Nathan Connors, Ross Ford, Sid Ford, and Matt Greenlee has become a vibrant testimony of unity and service. Their diligence reminds me of 1 Corinthians 15:58: *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."*

I am equally thankful for the more than 80 church members who have volunteered their time and energy to make this outreach possible. Your generosity, through donations and purchasing tickets to bless others, reflects the spirit of 2 Corinthians 9:7: *"God loveth a cheerful giver."* This is not merely an event; it is an opportunity for eternal impact. We are trusting the Lord to do *"exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think"* (Ephesians 3:20) in the lives of our unsaved and unchurched friends. May this be the beginning of many stories of redemption in the months and years to come.

The month ahead also presents numerous avenues for service: international mission trips, local outreach efforts, and ministries within our church family. Each provides an opportunity of edifying the saints and evangelizing the lost whether it be children, students, or adults. As Hudson Taylor once said, *"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply."* Let us press forward together for His glory.

Blessings,
Bro. Brad

The annual Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on March 28th at 10:00am. Plastic eggs, candy, gift cards, and donations are being accepted to help with this event. See Kiley for details.

The Mid-Week Ministry will begin on March 4th at 5:00 pm with a Taco Supper. Please sign-up weekly for the meal.

A donation of \$5 is suggested to help cover the cost of the meal.

Payment can be made the evening of the meal or online at owentonfbc.com/midweekmeals

After the meal we will gather in the auditorium for prayer at 6:15pm then go to our various Wednesday evening gatherings.

Family Night Potluck will be held on the 4th Wednesday at 6:00pm

WORSHIP & MEDIA MINISTRY

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME (ESPECIALLY WHEN GOD BUILDS IT)

Boxes stacked in corners. Keys on a brand-new keyring. The quiet creak of old floors that have stories to tell. These past few weeks have been full of change for me, as I've settled into my new home – the very home that belonged to Charlie Thornton. It's a strange and meaningful thing to walk into a house you've known from across the street and now call it your own. There's history in those walls. There's legacy there. And now, by God's grace, there's a new chapter beginning.

Moving has a way of reminding you what really matters. You realize pretty quickly what's essential and what isn't. You find yourself letting go of things you don't need and holding a little tighter to the things that do. And in the middle of it all, I've been reminded of this truth from Psalm 127:1 (CSB): *"Unless the Lord builds a house, its builders labor over it in vain."*

A house becomes a home not because of the wood, nails, or paint – but because of what God does inside it. The same is true for us. God is always at work, building something deeper in our lives – shaping us, grounding us, and reminding us that our true foundation is found in Him.

In many ways, that same sense of building and preparing is happening in our worship ministry right now. The Worship Choir has been working faithfully in preparation for our Easter cantata, *Hosannas & Hallelujahs*, which will be presented during both the 9:00am and 11:00am services on Palm Sunday, March 29. This musical is filled with beloved hymns, beautiful new songs, and powerful narration that will be shared by Melody Stafford. It's going to be a meaningful time of worship as we reflect on the hope and victory of Christ. I want to encourage you to begin inviting your friends, family, and neighbors now. Easter season is one of the most natural opportunities we have to share the gospel simply by inviting someone to come and see.

This month has also been personally significant for another reason. It marked 13 years since I first had the privilege of serving here at First Baptist as your Worship & Media Pastor. It's hard to put into words just how grateful I am. Thank you for your kindness, your encouragement, and your faithfulness. Thank you for singing – week after week, year after year. Thank you for supporting the worship ministry, for praying, and for loving me so well. It has been one of the greatest joys of my life to serve alongside you.

When I arrived here in 2013, I had no idea all that God would do in the years that followed. And now, standing here 13 years later – settling into a new home, preparing for another Easter season, and looking out at a church family I love deeply – I am more convinced than ever that God is not finished with us yet. He is still building. Still working. Still moving.

And I look forward to many more years of lifting high the name of Jesus together!

Soli Deo Gloria,
Bro. Chuck

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Dear Church Family,

As we step into spring, it's easy to get swept up in baskets, bunnies, bright eggs, and all the sweet traditions that fill store shelves this time of year. Those things can certainly be fun - but in children's ministry, we're gently reminding our hearts (and our kids!) that Easter is about something far greater.

Easter is about Jesus. It's about the cross. It's about the empty tomb. It's about the overwhelming love of a Savior who gave his life and rose again so we could have new life in Him.

My prayer is that every child who walks through our doors understands that Easter isn't just a holiday - it's the foundation of our hope! While the world celebrates springtime, we celebrate resurrection. While the world focuses on candy, we focus on Christ.

And that's exactly why I'm so excited for our upcoming **Easter Egg-stravaganza on March 28th beginning at 10:00am.**

Yes, there will be eggs. Yes, there will be laughter and fun. But most importantly, there will be the Gospel. Families will hear the true story of Easter, children will experience the joy of community, and relationships can be built that can last far beyond this one event that is for our whole church family.

This is one of the easiest and most natural opportunities all year to invite a neighbor, a teammate, or a friend from school. A simple invitation could open the door for a family to hear about Jesus in a welcoming and joyful environment.

You can begin bringing candy for the eggs, plastic eggs or donate toward expenses of the day, including prizes for the kids and gift cards for the "Grown-up" egg hunt! Be watching for a sign-up for how you can help with logistics of the day!

Let's celebrate fully. Invite boldly. And let's keep Easter centered on the One who makes it worth celebrating.

He is risen - and that changes everything!

Peace and joy,
Kiley

STUDENT MINISTRY

Hello Church Family!

This month, the youth group hosted our annual Valentine's Banquet! We had a great turnout and enjoyed the time of fellowship.

Looking ahead into March, we will be starting our small group studies on Sunday nights. The girls will be with Alli studying "The Armor of God" and the boys will be with me studying "Goliath Must Fall." Please encourage your students to attend this on Sunday nights at 6:30.

The youth group will be going to Winter Jam in Louisville on March 7th. We will leave the church at 4 and will stop to eat fast food on the way. Please have your students bring \$15 cash to pay for their ticket at the door and extra money for food and souvenirs if they want them. Please let me know soon if your student is attending.

We are pleased to announce we only have 1 spot left out of 30 for our summer church camp. Please contact me soon if someone you know is interested in this last spot or getting on the waitlist once this spot fills. We are so thankful for the large group of students going and are excited to serve the Lord in Ridgecrest, NC. Please begin praying for this trip and these students.

Thank you all for the blessing of being the youth minister at this church!

Ross



WINTER JAM 2026

MARCH 7 – KFC YUM! CENTER (LOUISVILLE)

\$15 AT THE DOOR + MONEY FOR FOOD/SOUVENIRS

LEAVING CHURCH AT 3:00PM

MEMORIALS FOR DOTTIE CRAIGMYLE

Kay Bush

Patty Greene

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:00a Camo Breakfast 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School 12:05p Jamaica Mtg. 4:30p Outreach 6:30p Youth Bible Study Kick-off 6:30p Evening Service – <i>Hebrews</i> 7:30p Deacon's Mtg.	2 <i>Church League Volleyball 6:30p & 7:30p</i>	3	4 10:00a Manna in the Morning 5:00p Midweek Meal 6:15p Corporate Prayer 6:30p Mid-week Gatherings 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	5	6 <i>Deadline to Register for KBC Children's Choir</i>	7 SPRING FORWARD!  <i>Spring forward in faith! CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and join us on time for worship.</i> Winter Jam 3pm
8 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School 4:30p Outreach 5:30p Trustee's Mtg. 6:30p Evening Service – <i>Hebrews</i> 6:30p Youth Bible Study 7:30p Business Mtg.	9 <i>Church League Volleyball 6:30p & 7:30p</i>	10	11 10:00a Manna in the Morning 5:00p Midweek Meal 6:15p Corporate Prayer 6:30p Mid-week Gatherings 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14
15 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services – <i>Lord's Supper</i> 10:00a Sunday School 4:30p Outreach 6:30 Evening Service – <i>Hebrews</i> 6:30p Youth Bible Study Jamacia Trip Deposit Due	16 <i>Church League Volleyball 6:30p & 7:30p</i>	17	18 10:00a Manna in the Morning 5:00p Midweek Meal 6:15p Corporate Prayer 6:30p Mid-week Gatherings 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	19	20  HAPPY first DAY OF Spring	21 <i>Gideon Banquet</i>
22 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services – <i>Gideon Speaker</i> 10:00a Sunday School 4:30p Outreach 6:30p Evening Service – <i>Hebrews</i> 6:30p Youth Bible Study	23 <i>Church League Volleyball 6:30p & 7:30p</i>	24	25 10:00a Manna in the Morning 6:00p Family Night Potluck 6:45p Mid-week Gatherings 6:45p Choir Rehearsal	26	27	28 <i>Cantata Rehearsal 10:00am</i> <i>Children's Easter Egg-stravaganza 10:00am</i> 
29 9:00 & 11:00a <i>Hosannas & Hallelujahs</i> 10:00a Sunday School 4:30p Outreach 6:30p Evening Service – <i>Hebrews</i> 6:30p Youth Bible Study	30 <i>Church League Volleyball Tournament</i>	31 <i>Panama Mission Trip Deadline</i>				

MISSION TRIP DATES & TIMELINES

JAMAICA (July 18-25): Registration and deposit of \$250 due by March 15. See Tim Marcum for details.

PANAMA (August 10-19): Registration and payment of \$1,400 must be completed by March 31. See Andy Ghent for details.



*Birthdays
of the Month*

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

March 1, 2026

Early—Meleah Beatty
SS— Patty Greene
Late(0-2)—Meredith & Blake Lewis
Late(3-4)— Rusty & Heidi Williams
Evening—Meleah Beatty

March 8, 2026

Early—Brooke & Jaden Treichel
SS—Lisa McBurney
Late(0-2)—Cheyenne & RaeGina Beatty
Late(3-4)—Tonya & Brad Jones
Evening—Meleah Beatty

March 15, 2026

Early— Meleah Beatty
SS— Andi & Jared Fitzgerald
Late(0-2)— Meleah & Ashton
Late(3-4)—Shawn & Jennifer Power
Evening—Meleah Beatty

March 22, 2026

Early—Meleah Beatty
SS—Jen Dales
Late(0-2)—Jared & Kristen Pennell
Late(3-4)—Karen Dempsey & Emma Blair
Evening—Meleah Beatty

March 29, 2026

Early—Meleah Beatty
SS—Gail Forsee
Late(0-2)—Kelsey Gognat & Tayler Williams
Late(3-4)—Krissey & Jonathan Locker
Evening—Meleah Beatty

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

March 1, 2026 — Lindsay Smith

March 8, 2026 — Danielle Grace

March 15, 2026 — Blair Baldwin

March 22, 2026 — Libby Banks

March 29, 2026 — Kiley Blair

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