



**OWENTON  
FIRST BAPTIST**

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# The First Family

## May 2026

### FROM YOUR PASTOR

**"HI, MOM!"**

I remember in the days before cell phones and the multitude of other means of instant communication of watching college football on Saturdays. The sideline reporter would go over and do an interview with one of the players at the end of the game. It never failed that before they would answer the question that was asked that they would take that moment to say, "Hi, Mom" because they knew she was tuned in and it was their opportunity for instant connection. Those big, burly, athletic men were unashamed to express their love and gratitude for the woman who believed in them and loved them so much.

May is a time to give thanks for these incredible women we call mothers. They love unconditionally and do not hesitate to sacrifice for the sake of their children. God's design for motherhood is beautiful and powerful, and we are blessed by the women in our church who reflect His care so faithfully. Take time to give thanks to God for your mother whether she is departed into eternity or still present in your life.

We will be continuing the series, "Recognizing the Manifested Presence of God in Daily Life," over the next four weeks. I will need those who filled out a pre-test to do me a great favor by filling out a post-test after the last message. The journey has been meaningful so far and I am looking forward to how the Lord will continue to reveal Himself in our daily lives.

Be sure to take note of the calendar as it reveals all the opportunities and events for the month. Take note of the information cards at various locations that update the Sunday evening plans during the months of June, July, and August.

Blessings,  
Bro. Brad

**SUMMER**  
*Sunday Nights*

**JUNE 14 – VBS PREP & PRAYER NIGHT – 6:30PM**  
(NO NURSERY)

**JUNE 28 – HOSTING KY CHANGERS TEAM – 11:00AM**  
(POTLUCK MEAL & FELLOWSHIP AFTER LATE SERVICE)

**JULY 5 – FAIRGROUNDS SERVICE – 7:00PM**

**JULY 26 – FAMILY FUN GATHERING – 5:00PM**  
(FLC ACTIVITIES, PAVILION, GRILLED HOT DOGS, NO NURSERY)

**AUGUST 16 – BACK TO SCHOOL BASH – 5:00PM**  
(PRAY AT EACH SCHOOL-4PM, GRILLED BURGERS, ACTIVITIES, CHALLENGES, SPECIAL PRAYER, NO NURSERY)

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*parent & Baby dedication*

Sunday, May 10 — 11:00am

Contact the Church Office no later than Tuesday, May 5 to participate in this special dedicatory prayer emphasis

### WEDDING SHOWER

Please join us for a wedding shower to celebrate the union of Abby Riley and Isaac Wash.

The shower will be held in the fellowship hall on Sunday, May 17 from 4-6pm.

The couple is registered at Amazon.

### 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

# WORSHIP & MEDIA MINISTRY

## FINISHING WELL...AND LOOKING AHEAD

There's a certain rhythm to ministry life — seasons of preparation, seasons of celebration, and seasons of rest. And as we step into the month of May, we find ourselves at one of those natural transition points.

The past few months have been full. From choir rehearsals and Sunday services to the joy of Easter, it has been a meaningful and busy season in the life of our church. And through it all, one thing has remained steady — God has been faithful every step of the way.

As we move through May, our Worship Choir will begin to wind down for the season. This is always a natural shift in the life of our worship ministry. The weekly rehearsal rhythm slows down, and the calendar opens up just a bit. But even as one season comes to a close, another is already beginning to take shape.

Summer at First Baptist is anything but slow.

June is right around the corner, and with it comes Vacation Bible School — a week full of energy, excitement, and the opportunity to pour the gospel into the next generation. Toward the end of June, Student Worship Camp will give those involved a chance to step away from the normal pace of life and focus deeply on worship, the Word, and what God is doing in their hearts.

As we move into July, Youth Camp and Kids Camp will provide even more opportunities for spiritual growth, connection, and life-changing moments. These are often the kinds of experiences that stay with them for years to come.

And it doesn't stop there.

This summer also brings meaningful mission opportunities, both locally and globally. We will have the privilege of hosting a crew from KY Changers right here in our community — serving alongside them as they meet needs and share the love of Christ in practical ways. In addition, teams made up of both members of our church and a few from outside our church family will be serving internationally in Jamaica and Panama. What an incredible reminder that the gospel is for all people, in all places.

It's easy to think of summer as a time to slow down — and in some ways, it is — but in the life of the church, it's also a time of incredible opportunity. Different rhythms, yes. But the same mission.

Psalms 96:1 (CSB) reminds us, *"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth."* That calling doesn't pause with the seasons. Whether in a choir loft, a VBS classroom, a camp setting, or on a mission field, we continue to lift high the name of Jesus.

So as we walk through the month of May, let's stay engaged, stay faithful, and stay expectant — not just for what God has done, but for what He is about to do.

*Soli Deo Gloria,*  
Bro. Chuck

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Hello church family and specifically parents of school age kiddos,

As the school year comes to a close, many families find themselves standing in a season of both "firsts" and "lasts".

The last day in a classroom. The last of high school. The last time walking into a certain grade.

And then, before we know it, the first day of summer break arrives, bringing with it the first pool day, the first sleepover with grandparents or the first glimpse of how much our children have grown.

These milestones are beautiful reminders that our children are growing exactly as God designed them to. Yet even in the joy, many of us feel a tug on our hearts. Every new season can bring excitement, but also a little anxiety. The passing of time often reminds us just how quickly these years seem to fly by.

God sees the hearts of parents in these moments.

*"He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms...and gently lead those that are with young."* Isaiah 40:11

What a comfort to know that the Lord not only lovingly holds our children, but He also gently leads us as parents through every changing season.

As summer approaches, may we be encouraged to make the most of the days ahead - not by filling every moment with busyness, but by filling them with what truly lasts. It can be so easy to crowd our calendars with activities, camps, sports, and endless to-do lists. While many of those things are wonderful, let's be careful not to fill our children's days so full that there is no room left for what matters most.

Sometimes the moments that matter most are the simplest ones:

- bedtime prayers
- popsicles on the porch
- reading Bible stories together
- serving others as a family
- unhurried conversations

*"Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."* Psalm 90:12

This summer, may we choose wisdom over hurry and presence over pressure.

Peace and joy,  
Kiley

## STUDENT MINISTRY

Hello church family!

This month the youth group finished up our Sunday night small group studies. Lots of good questions were asked and good conversations were had to help the students grow in their relationship with the Lord and with each other.

We recently had our summer camp parent meeting which means church camp is coming up quickly! We will be taking our group of 25 students and 5 chaperones to Ridgecrest, NC on July 8-12. Please begin praying for the mission work we will do there and for the students that are attending camp.

Another reminder for any parents of graduates (high school, college, or graduate/professional schools)- please send 3-5 photos of your graduate to [ross@owentonfbc.com](mailto:ross@owentonfbc.com). They will be recognized on May 17<sup>th</sup> in the 11:00a.m. service.

Please be in prayer for our high school seniors as they begin their final days of school. Many of them have big decisions and life changes coming up and I hope they know they always have their church family behind them!

Blessings,  
Ross





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
<p><i>Consider How The Wildflowers Grow Luke 12:27</i></p>					1	2		
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*Birthdays  
of the Month*

<b><u>5/1</u></b> Dave Barker Ethan Bush Joe Hanson Andrew Harvey	<b><u>5/14</u></b> Liddie June Smith <b><u>5/16</u></b> Katherine Johnson Rebecca Murphy <b><u>5/17</u></b> David Barker Brent Craigmyle Charlie Gaines Lisa Lilly <b><u>5/18</u></b> Matthew Cull <b><u>5/19</u></b> Nash Cammack <b><u>5/20</u></b> Mark McMillen Hallie Risch Mackenzie Risch <b><u>5/21</u></b> Theresa Chandler	<b><u>5/22</u></b> Vickie Greene <b><u>5/23</u></b> Alan Greene Logan Mills <b><u>5/25</u></b> Leighton Ramsey <b><u>5/26</u></b> Lindsay Lightbody <b><u>5/27</u></b> Annastyn Cammack Sebastian Sharp Mikayla Sipple <b><u>5/29</u></b> Tim Marcum <b><u>5/31</u></b> Jason Chandler
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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

May 3, 2026 – Karen Dempsey  
May 10, 2026 – Kiley Blair  
May 17, 2026 – Elaina Cornett  
May 24, 2026 – Lindsay Smith  
May 31, 2026 – Blair Baldwin

### BACKGROUND CHECKS

We are beginning the process of collecting information for background checks on all volunteers that work in any capacity with our children. This includes volunteers for SS, VBS, nursery, children's church, youth groups, camp chaperones, and van drivers. Please see Donette for a consent and information form. You will need your legal name, birthdate, and social security number.

## MEMORIALS

### BOBBY GAINES

Shawn & Jennifer Power

### NANCY STANLEY

Billy & Janice Riddle

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