



OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

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The First Family

July 2026

FROM YOUR PASTOR

LIFE THAT MATTERS

Recently I attended the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting. As I sat among thousands of pastors, missionaries, leaders, and church members, I found myself reflecting on the many gifted people God is using across the world. Some pastor large churches. Others write books, lead organizations, or serve in highly visible roles.

If I am honest, there are moments when attending gatherings like that can cause a person to feel small, unnoticed, or insignificant. It is easy to compare ourselves to others and wonder if what we are doing really matters.

As those thoughts crossed my mind, I was reminded of the words from a familiar song: "I'm just a nobody trying to tell everybody about Somebody who saved my soul." What a needed reminder.

The Christian life has never been about becoming somebody. It has always been about pointing people to Jesus. The goal is not that others know our name, but that they know His name. The measure of our lives is not found in titles, positions, accomplishments, or recognition. The measure of our lives is found in faithfulness.

Jesus said, "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful in much" (Luke 16:10). God has always done His greatest work through ordinary people who simply remained faithful where He placed them.

As I think about our church this month, I am reminded that life is happening all around us. Worship Camp, Student Camp, Children's Camp, the Jamaica Mission Trip, and our regular weekly ministries all represent opportunities to invest in lives that will last forever.

Most of those investments will never make headlines. Many will go unnoticed by the world. Yet every prayer prayed, every lesson taught, every mission trip taken, every gospel conversation shared, and every act of service offered in Jesus' name matters to God. Life is too short to spend pursuing recognition. Instead, may we spend our lives pursuing faithfulness.

One day, when all earthly achievements have faded away, the only thing that will matter is whether we faithfully loved Jesus and pointed others to Him. May God help us be content to be "nobodies" if, through our lives, more people come to know the Somebody who changed our souls.

Blessings,
Bro. Brad

FAIRGROUNDS WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, JULY 5 — 7:00PM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS — PASTOR
CHUCK HARRIS — WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR
ROSS FORD — STUDENT PASTOR
KILEY BLAIR — DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
DONETTE GAINES — MINISTRY ASSISTANT

BABY SHOWER

Emily & Thomas Wright

FBC Fellowship Hall
Sunday, August 2
2:00pm

BABY SHOWER FOR EMILY AND THOMAS WRIGHT

Please join us for a baby shower to celebrate the upcoming arrival of Emily and Thomas Wright's new baby boy, Mark Thomas Wright, Jr.

They are registered on [Babylist.com](https://www.babylist.com)

WORSHIP & MEDIA MINISTRY

THE MISSION DOESN'T TAKE A VACATION

July is one of those months that seems to fly by. Summer activities are in full swing, vacations are planned, camps are happening, and before we know it, school supplies will start showing up in stores and we'll be asking ourselves where the summer went.

Even though our schedules may look a little different during these summer months, God's calling on our lives remains the same. Wherever we go, we are ambassadors for Christ.

As a church, we have much to look forward to this month. Our Music Theory 101 class will continue meeting on Thursdays from 5:30–6:30pm. It has been a joy to spend time learning together, and I am grateful for everyone who has joined us. Whether you're learning to read music, understand rhythms, or simply wanting to grow in your musical knowledge, it has been a fun summer of learning.

We're also beginning to look ahead to the fall. While it may seem hard to believe, our choir restart in August is just around the corner. Choir season always returns faster than we expect, and I am excited about what the Lord has in store for our worship ministry in the months ahead. One event I especially want you to keep on your radar is our Fall Kick-Off Retreat, coming up August 7–8. This retreat is always a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, encouragement, worship, and preparation as we begin a new ministry season together. More information will be coming soon, so be watching for details in the weeks ahead.

As we enjoy the summer, I want to encourage all of us to be intentional about sharing the gospel. It's easy to think of evangelism as something that happens during church events, mission trips, or organized outreach opportunities. But some of our greatest opportunities come in the ordinary moments of life.

If you're traveling this summer, take a moment to look around at the people God places in your path. Maybe it's the waiter serving your family dinner. Maybe it's the person working the front desk at the hotel. Maybe it's the person sitting beside you on an airplane or waiting in line at an attraction. These aren't interruptions to our vacation plans – they may be divine appointments.

Jesus said in Matthew 28:19 (CSB), *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."* Notice He didn't tell us to wait until we got home. As we go, we are called to make disciples. Whether we're in Owen County, at the beach, in the mountains, or somewhere in between, the gospel goes with us.

So enjoy your summer. Make memories with your family. Get some much-needed rest. But don't forget that every conversation may be an opportunity for someone to hear about the hope that is found in Christ.

The mission doesn't take a vacation, and neither does our opportunity to point others to Jesus.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Bro. Chuck

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Dear Church Family,

Once again, I am speechless with gratitude for how our church comes together to make VBS a reality! God used so many of you in so many ways. Some of you prayed for weeks for the children and families who would be impacted by VBS week, some cut out leaves and paper chains, or donated money to offset the cost of materials and food, or prepared and led the kids! I could never list by name all the people that helped, but just during the week of VBS alone there were more than 70 volunteers making it happen. That's not counting all the people who worked before that week.

We were also able to give more than \$2700 toward the VBS that will be led by the mission team going to Jamaica. The kids learned about past trips to Jamaica and they were excited to share a little bit of the fun they had with kids far away from them.

Please know that however you gave, it was impactful. I have talked to or received so many messages from parents or grandparents or others telling me how much their kids loved VBS and couldn't stop talking about it. Some were even retelling the stories and singing the songs at home. It's a tiring week and I myself can get caught up in the details of making sure everything is as good as it can be, but the bottom line is over 100 kids heard the Gospel at least once that week and more will hear in Jamaica very soon! How amazing is that? May God be glorified and His Kingdom increased because of the sacrifices of so many!

Please continue to pray for our children and their families. Pray for parents who are struggling with the balance of school/extra-curricular activities and faith-building activities. Pray for our children that are either beginning to ask questions about putting their faith in Christ or are seeking to deepen their walk with Christ. Pray for our younger youth who are transitioning out of children's ministry and into the youth group. The youth did a fantastic job serving during VBS and we are so blessed to have Ross and Alli pouring into our youth!

Our next big adventure in children's ministry is Kids' Camp! Feel free to start praying for those kiddos too! Thanks again for your support of the children's ministry in our church!

Peace and Joy,
Kiley

STUDENT MINISTRY

Hello church family!

This month on Wednesday nights, the youth group has been continuing our study on what it means to be a true follower of Christ and how to live a life that reflects Him. We will continue to meet every Wednesday at 6:30 throughout the summer. However, we will not have youth group on Wednesday, July 8th as we will be leaving for church camp that day.

Speaking of church camp, the countdown is on! We will be taking 11 boys, 14 girls, and 5 chaperones with us to Fuge Camps in Ridgecrest, NC. We are thankful for the adult volunteers that will be serving alongside Alli and me at camp: Jodie Glacken, Kelly Cammack, and Brian Blair. We are leaving on July 8th and will be returning on July 12th.

The students will be participating in mission work in the Ridgecrest area. They chose between painting/construction/yard work, children's ministry, recreation/games, and evangelism. The students will be prepared each morning on how to spread the gospel while at their chosen ministry sites. This will take many of them out of their "comfort zones" so please be in prayer that the Lord will give them courage and that they will grow a love for sharing His Word with others.

Blessings,
Ross

CROSSINGS

KIDS
Storytellers



KIDS CAMP

JULY 23-26, 2026

FINAL \$125 PAYMENT DUE JULY 5

VISIT OWENTONFBC.COM/KIDSCAMP

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10:00a Manna in the Morning 7:00p KY Changers Worship Service at MBMS	2	3	4
			KY CHANGERS June 28–July 2			
5 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School <i>No Evening Service</i> 7:00p Community-Wide Service @ Fairgrounds <i>Kid's Camp Payment Due</i>	6 6:00p Outreach	7	8 10:00a Manna in the Morning 5:30p Trustee's Mtg. 6:30p Mid-Week Gatherings 7:30p Business Mtg.	9 5:30p Music Theory 101	10	11
STUDENT CAMP July 8–12						
12 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School <i>No Evening Service</i>	13	14	15 10:00a Manna in the Morning 6:30p Mid-Week Gatherings	16 5:30p Music Theory 101	17	18
19 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School <i>No Evening Service</i>	20	21	22 10:00a Manna in the Morning 6:30p Mid-week Gatherings	23 5:30p Music Theory 101	24	25
JAMAICA MISSION TRIP July 19–July 25				KIDS CAMP July 23–26		
26 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services – Lord's Supper 10:00a Sunday School <i>No Evening Service</i>	27	28	29 10:00a Manna in the Morning 6:30p Mid-week Gatherings	30 5:30p Music Theory 101	31	

2026 UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

AUGUST

Panama Mission Trip: August 10-19
Back to School Bash: August 16 @ 5pm





*Birthdays
of the Month*

<u>7/1</u> Ella Hanson Piper Walker	<u>7/11</u> Brian Williams	<u>7/25</u> Danny Humphries
<u>7/4</u> Billie Smith	<u>7/12</u> Shellie Hedger	<u>7/26</u> Nash Croley Vincent Henley
<u>7/6</u> Katy Dial Donette Gaines Greg Stack	<u>7/16</u> Rodney Wagner	<u>7/27</u> Cathy Hanson
<u>7/7</u> Shelby Clontz Carol Perkins Shirley Traylor Sawyer Williams	<u>7/19</u> Dora Bice	<u>7/28</u> Evelyn Williams
<u>7/9</u> Emily Lawson Duane Smith Jessica Williams	<u>7/21</u> Spencer Blair Joseph Jones	<u>7/30</u> Sarah Cobb Barry Perkins
	<u>7/22</u> Grant McMillen Julie Riddle	<u>7/31</u> Josh Cobb Victoria Smith
	<u>7/24</u> Madison Brennan	

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

July 5—Mariah Stafford
July 12—Meredith Lewis
July 19—Kelsey Gognat
July 26—Lindsay Smith

MEMORIALS

CHARLIE CARTER

Charlie & Donette Gaines
Phyllis Malcomb
Todd & Lesa Marston
Donna McDonald
Rodney & Deborah Parker
Greg & Suzanne Peak
Mike & Barbara Ramsey
Ronnie & Joy Roberts
Red & Becky Shryock
Dave & Susan Stowe
Linda Webster
Ronnie & Carol Wooten

ROBERT RISCH

Rodney & Deborah Parker

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