



OWENTON
FIRST BAPTIST

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The First Family
August 2026

FROM YOUR PASTOR

RUNNING YOUR RACE!

"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..." — Hebrews 12:1-2

As we enter the month of August, we pause to give thanks for the past two months filled with ministry opportunities. Much has been accomplished for Christ, and we rejoice in all He has done.

Now the race continues, Hebrews reminds us that every believer has a race that is set before them. God has not called us all to the same assignments, but He has called each of us to faithfully run the course He has designed for our lives. The key is not comparing our lane with someone else's but keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus and running with endurance.

August brings fresh opportunities to witness and serve. Our Panama mission team will soon be sent out. Students and teachers will begin a new school year, and we will gather for our Back-to-School Prayer Walk and fellowship on Sunday afternoon August 16 at 4pm. A hotdog and hamburger fellowship will begin around 5pm.

We are excited to announce that the Erwin Family will be with us Sunday, August 30 in the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services. The family will share a mini-concert and Dennis will bring a closing word.

Let's not slow our pace after a busy summer. Instead, let us lay aside every weight, keep our eyes on Christ, and faithfully run the race He has entrusted to each of us for His glory and the advancement of His Kingdom.

Blessings,
Bro. Brad



THE ERWINS

Sunday August 30th — 9:00 & 11:00am

A love offering will be received!

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



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th

4:00pm—Meet at church and
Prayer Walk at schools

5:00pm—Grilled cheeseburgers
(bring a side dish)

Activities, Fellowship, Devotional Challenge, &
Special Prayer for our Students, Teachers, & Schools

WORSHIP & MEDIA MINISTRY

A NEW SEASON OF WORSHIP

There’s always something exciting about the month of August. Summer begins to wind down, familiar routines return, and for the Worship Ministry at First Baptist, it marks the beginning of a brand-new season of serving the Lord together.

One of the highlights of the month is the return of our FBC Worship Choir! We’ll kick off the season with our annual Fall Choir Retreat on Friday, August 7, from 5:00–9:00pm and Saturday, August 8, from 9:00am–Noon. This retreat is always one of my favorite weekends of the year as we spend time learning our music for the fall and Christmas seasons, preparing for our upcoming cantata, and enjoying great fellowship together.

If you've ever thought about joining the choir, this is the perfect time to jump in! You don't have to be a professional singer — just someone with a heart to worship and a desire to serve. We'd love to have you with us as we begin another exciting year of music ministry.

I'm also thrilled to announce the launch of a brand-new ministry this month — FBC Kid's Choir! This choir is open to children in 1st through 6th grades and will meet on Tuesdays from 4:30–5:30pm, beginning August 25. Throughout the year, our kids will learn exciting music, discover what it means to worship the Lord in spirit and truth, and have opportunities to share what they’ve learned during our Sunday morning worship services. We can't wait to see how God uses this new ministry to help our children grow in their faith and love for worship.

Finally, I want to invite you to consider serving on our Media & Sound Team. Every Sunday, it takes a dedicated group of volunteers working behind the scenes to help make our worship services possible. Whether it's advancing lyrics, running the soundboard, or producing our livestream during the late service, each role plays an important part in helping people focus on the message of the gospel. We currently have opportunities to serve in both our early and late services. If you'd like to learn more, I'd love to talk with you.

As we begin this new ministry season, I'm reminded of Colossians 3:17 (CSB): *“And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”* Whether you sing in the choir, serve behind the scenes, help with our children's ministry, or worship faithfully from the congregation, every act of service is an opportunity to glorify Christ.

I'm looking forward to all that God has in store this fall. Let's continue serving together, growing together, and lifting high the name of Jesus.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Bro. Chuck

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Dear Church Family,

Thank you, as always, for being such loving supporters of our kids’ ministry! We have just returned from Kids’ Camp, and I want to take a moment to share something from one of our worship services. The theme for camp was STORYTELLERS! The camp pastor walked us through God’s story but also highlighted His command that we are to be “storytellers” by sharing His story and OUR story because of Him! Psalm 78 is a command to God’s people to tell the coming generation about Him by sharing the teachings. Verse 4: *“We will not hide them from their children but tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and His might, and the wonders that He has done.”* The following verses are a retelling of the stories of Israel lest they ... and we... should forget.

Of course, we know the Israelites did, in fact, forget...time after time. They had heard from God, seen His mighty works and yet still chose their own ways. We are not so different from them sometimes, are we? The camp pastor encouraged us to not just HEAR, not just EXPERIENCE, but have our hearts and lives be changed and then be the storytellers that share God’s goodness. The best students become teachers of what they have learned. That is an excellent indication of full comprehension.

Are we able to teach others? Are we able to share with others what Jesus means to us? Can we articulate the difference He makes in our lives? If not, we need to go back and look at the Israelites. We may be guilty of judging their appearance of unbelief, but perhaps we are not so different.

I am so grateful for the leaders that went to camp with us and for all the volunteers that help with our children's ministry. They are part of telling the next generation!! They are working to instill a deep-rooted understanding of not just stories, but the very character of God, who He is and who He can be in their lives.

Please pray for our children. Pray that the seeds that are planted take root and shape who they are in Christ. Pray for the parents of our kids. This season of life is often chaotic and challenging. Pray that they will make the tough choices that are sometimes required to make sure Christ is at the center of their lives.

“...arise and tell them to (our) children, so that should set their hope in God...” – Psalm 78:7

Peace and Joy,
Kiley



STUDENT MINISTRY

Hello church family!

This month we had the pleasure of taking 25 students and 5 chaperones to Fuge Camps at Ridgecrest, NC. The students got to participate in children's ministry tracks and evangelism tracks. I was really proud of the way the students stepped out in faith and participated in these ministry opportunities! The sermon series for the week focused on the Lord being our Good Shepherd with the memory verse being Psalm 23:1—*The Lord is my shepherd; I have what I need.* At the end of the week we had 3 of our students make professions of faith for the first time! I am so amazed and thankful at the work the Lord did in the First Baptist Owenton youth group. Please be in prayer for the students that attended and that the seeds that were planted at camp will continue to grow.

We are already looking ahead to next year and have camp booked in Ridgecrest, NC for July 14-18. We have reserved some Centrifuge spots for our middle school students and the high schoolers will be participating in missions with our church group next year!

Please be in prayer for the students with the start of school coming up. We talk about being a light for the Lord at school constantly and it is my prayer that they will do just that this school year!

Ross



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Pray for our Students, Teachers, & SCHOOLS						1
2 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services – Jaden Triechel 10:00a Sunday School No Evening Service	3	4	5 10:00a Manna in the Morning 5:30p Trustee’s Mtg. 6:30p Mid-Week Gatherings 7:00p FLC Committe Meeting	6 5:30p Music Theory 101	7 FBC WORSHIP CHOIR FALL RETREAT Friday, August 7: 5-9pm Saturday, August 8: 9am-Noon	8
9 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School No Evening Service	10	11	12 10:00a Manna in the Morning 6:30p Mid-Week Gatherings 6:30p FBC Worship Choir Rehearsal 7:30p Business Mtg	13	14	15
PANAMA MISSION TRIP August 10-19						
16 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School 4:00p Back to School Bash	17 6:00p Outreach	18	19 10:00a Manna in the Morning 6:30p Mid-week Gatherings 6:30p FBC Worship Choir Rehearsal 	20	21	22
PANAMA MISSION TRIP						
23 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School 6:30p Evening Service	24 6:00p Outreach	25 4:30p FBC Kid’s Choir Practice	26 10:00a Manna in the Morning 6:30p Mid-week Gatherings 6:30p FBC Worship Choir Rehearsal	27	28	29
30 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services – The Erwins 10:00a Sunday School 12:00p Potluck Meal No Evening Service	31 6:00p Outreach	MEMORIALS CHARLIE CARTER: Sarah & Mike Cobb; Billie & Terry Patterson Family; Jennifer & Shawn Power; Susan & Darryl Traylor; Shirley Walker BEVERLY JOHNS: Sarah & Mike Cobb; Peggy & John Davis; Lesa & Todd Marston; Donna McDonald; Tim Redmond; Barbara & Mike Ramsey; Susan & Darryl Traylor; Shirley Walker; Ronnie & Carol Wooten ROBERT RISCH: Leigh Carol, Brock, Brax & Broox Ward				



8/1 Danielle Grace Chanceney Perkins	8/14 Allison Dempsey	8/25 Charles Carter, Jr. Jane Ellen Watkins
8/2 Vicki Hudson Linda McDanell Davis Smith	8/15 Brandon Kemper	8/26 Nathan Connors Lauren Wooten
8/3 Kim Juett	8/16 Andrew Ghent	8/28 Lauren Bielawski
8/7 Brian David Ransdell Zachery Widener	8/18 Seth Kingkade Shawn Power Kenny Widener	8/29 Ruth Kingkade
8/8 Cheryl Chandler Michaela Adkisson Don Hudson Lyndsi McNally	8/19 Phillip Perkins Annette Widener	8/30 Justin Grace Meredith Lewis
8/9 Chuck Harris	8/20 Kendall O'Toole	
8/12 Katelyn Prather	8/21 Kaylah Hadden Jerry Wainscott	
	8/22 Michael Wash	
	8/23 Isaac Wash	

To our dear church family,

Charles, John, and I want to thank you for your love shown to us through your food, flowers, and cards. Above all thank you for your prayers. Your words of kindness have helped us make it through this difficult time. We would also like to thank those who gave to the memorial fund in memory of Charlie and the men for honoring Charlie by wearing suits and ties on Sunday. I am sorry I missed it because of my health. You have always been there for us through all sixty-six years we have been here. We cannot thank you enough.

Love in Christ,
Betty Carter



CHILDREN’S MINISTRY
Meleah Beaty, Nursery Director

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
August 2, 2026
Early—Tonya Jones
SS (0-2)—Becky Shryock
SS (3-4)—Danielle Stephens
Late(0-2)—Lisa McBurney & Emma Blair
Late(3-4)—Katy & Josiah Dial
NO EVENING SERVICE
August 9, 2026
Early—Meleah
SS (0-2)—Krissy Locker
SS (3-4)—Andi & Jared Fitzgerald
Late(0-2)—Blaine & Brianna Forsee
Late(3-4)—Allison & Brent Craigmyle
NO EVENING SERVICE
August 16, 2026
Early—Meleah
SS(0-2)—Mariah Stafford
SS (3-4)—Meleah Beatty & Ashton Moore
Late(0-2)—Gail Forsee
Late(3-4)—Jennifer & Shawn Power
NO EVENING NURSERY
August 23, 2026
Early—Meleah
SS(0-2)—Maison Hedger
SS (3-4)—Lindsay Smith
Late(0-2)—Heidi & Rusty Williams
Late(3-4)—Danielle & Justin Grace
Evening—Melody Stafford
August 30, 2026
Early—Meleah
SS(0-2)—Tara & Jeff Caudill
SS (3-4)—Margaret & Brian Forsee
Late(0-2)—Kelsey & Brian Gognat
Late(3-4)—Karen Dempsey & Aubrey Craigmyle
NO EVENING SERVICE

CHILDREN’S CHURCH
August 2: Older—Danielle Grace
August 9: Older—Kelsey Gognat
August 16: Younger—Tonya Jones
August 23: Younger—Dana Gill
August 30: Younger—Andi Fitzgerald