



OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

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The First Family

September 2026

FROM YOUR PASTOR

“DON’T BE ASHAMED”

The author of the following statement was a Rwandan man in 1980 who was forced by his tribe to either renounce Christ or face certain death. He refused to renounce Jesus and was killed on the spot. The night before he had written *“The Fellowship of the Unashamed.”* I feel it is helpful to pause from time to time to read it again. Paul wrote, *“I am not ashamed of the gospel....”* Romans 1:16.

“I am part of the ‘Fellowship of the Unashamed.’ The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I won’t look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and my future is secure. I am finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, chintzy giving, and dwarfed goals. I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I now live by presence, lean by faith, love by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power. My pace is set, my gait is fast, my goal is Heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my Guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, deterred, lured away, turned back, diluted, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I must go until Heaven returns, give until I drop, preach until all know, and work until He comes. And when He comes to get His own, He will have no problem recognizing me.”

Oh, that God would raise up an individual and a church that lives this motto. Will you be that one? Will our church be that one?

Bro. Brad

To our beloved First Baptist Family,

Machele and I are so thankful for all the kindness and care you all extended to us during our recent move.

Our Sunday School Class showered us with a surprise party with coffee and donuts and gift cards. Many came to the house and helped us pack and load.

We never thought we would ever leave Owen County, but it is so wonderful to be so close to our precious kids and grandkids.

We can honestly say the hardest part of moving was leaving our wonderful First Baptist family. We love and miss you all.

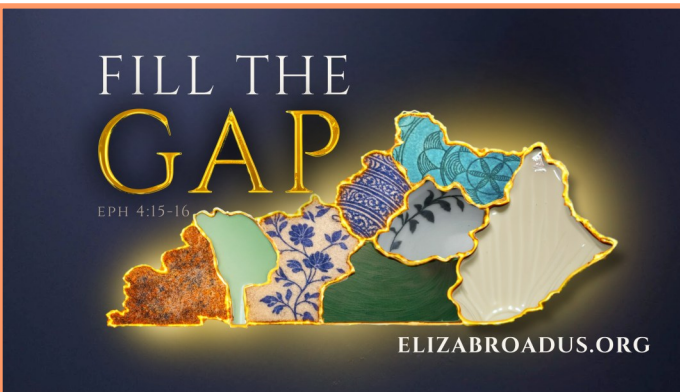
If you’re in Richmond please stop by, we’re at 534 Champion Way, Richmond, KY.

Love,
Machelle and Mark Bess



CHURCH-WIDE OUTING TO BI-WATER FARMS

Bonfire, Hot Dogs, S’mores provided
Bring your own drinks



We will be collecting for the Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering on September 20th.

PRAY AND GIVE AS THE LORD LEADS!

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

WORSHIP & MEDIA MINISTRY

WORSHIP BEYOND SUNDAY

September is here, and our music ministry is officially back in full swing! It has been wonderful having the FBC Worship Choir back together. We meet each Wednesday at 6:30pm in the choir room, and in just a few weeks, we'll begin working on our Christmas cantata. If you've thought about joining us, now is a great time to jump in. There's always room for another voice!

Our FBC Kid's Choir has officially kicked off as well! We meet each Tuesday from 4:30–5:30pm in the choir room, and the choir is open to all children in grades 1–6. It has already been exciting to see our kids learning that singing is about much more than getting the right notes – it's another way we can learn God's Word and respond to who He is.

Speaking of our kids, we're also getting ready for Christmas! There will be an informational meeting for kids and parents interested in participating in our Kid's Christmas musical, *We Knead A Little Christmas*, on Sunday, September 13, at 5:30pm in the choir room. The musical is open to all children in grades 1–6. We'll share more about rehearsals, the musical, and how your child can be involved. And yes, with a title like that, I'm sure there will be plenty of Christmas cheer – and probably more than a few bread puns along the way!

With choirs rehearsing and Christmas music just around the corner, it would be easy to think about worship primarily in terms of the music we sing. But worship is so much bigger than that.

One thing the Lord has really been pressing on my heart lately is how easy it is for us to think of worship as something that mainly happens on Sunday morning. We sing, we pray, we hear the Word, and those things are absolutely part of worship. But I keep coming back to the truth that worship is so much bigger than an hour on Sunday.

As I've been studying and thinking through this more deeply, I've come to describe worship this way: "Worship is the whole-life response of God's redeemed people, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to God's revelation of who He is and what He has done, exalting Him for His greatness, holiness, and majesty."

The phrase that keeps sticking with me is *whole-life response*. That means worship follows us out the church doors. It's our response to God on Monday during the drive to work, on Tuesday while sitting in class, on Wednesday while meeting with customers or coworkers, and in all the ordinary moments in between. Romans 12:1 (CSB) calls us to *"present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship."*

So yes, let's sing loudly on Sunday. Let's rehearse faithfully on Tuesday and Wednesday. But even more importantly, let's be people whose entire lives point to the greatness, holiness, and majesty of our God.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Bro. Chuck

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Dear church family,

Thank you for the awesome support of our Back to School Bash! Please continue to pray for our students, our schools and our leaders! I am praying that our students will be a light in our schools and our community. As Ross said, I want others to see us and know there is something different. That is an open door to give a reason for the hope we have. (1 Peter 3:15)

Ready your pencils and calendars...or your phones!

This year our Annual Church Family Outing to Bi-Water Farms will be on September 26th! We will meet in Georgetown at the pumpkin patch at 4:00pm. Sign up at the welcome desk so I know how many to expect for hot dogs and s'mores at our firepit area. You may pay individually at the gate.

During the month of September the kids will be learning some new songs to share with some of our church family and community on Wednesday nights. We will visit and share the songs on Wednesday night October 7th. Please make plans to be involved this September and especially on October 7th. Parents are encouraged to go with us as we visit.

As we move into (hopefully) cooler temperatures may we all remember that even in the changes of life God is always in control. He sees us, He knows us and He loves us.

Peace and joy,
Kiley

STUDENT MINISTRY

Hello church family,

As we begin a new school year, we are excited about all that the Lord has in store for our students! Our Sunday night small group studies will begin September 13, and we look forward to gathering together each week to grow deeper in God's Word.

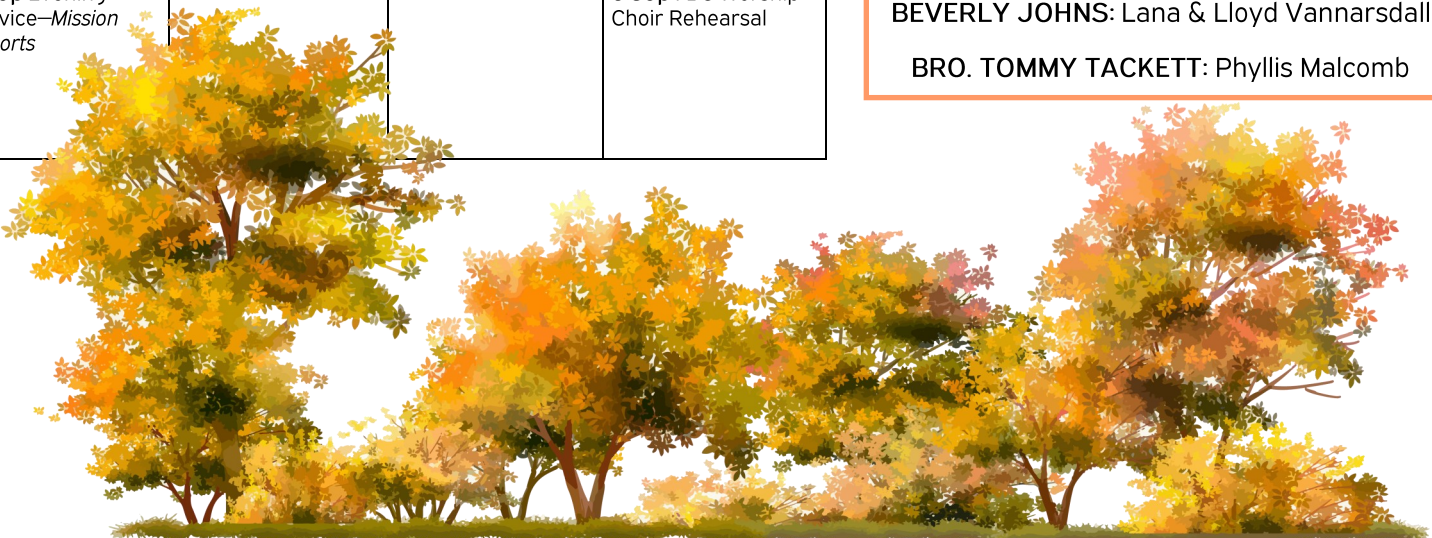
As a church family, we also want to encourage everyone to pray for our students as they begin a new school year. School is more than a place for our students to learn, it is a mission field where they have the opportunity to live out their faith and be a light for Christ.

Pray that the Lord would give them boldness, wisdom, and opportunities to share His love with their friends, families, teachers, and coaches. May God use each of our students to make a difference for His kingdom right where He has placed them!

Blessings,
Ross

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 4:30p FBC Kid's Choir Practice	2 10:00a Manna in the Morning 6:30p Mid-Week Gatherings 6:30p FBC Worship Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5
6 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School No Evening Service	7 Church Offices & FLC Closed 	8 4:30p FBC Kid's Choir Practice	9 10:00a Manna in the Morning 6:30p Mid-Week Gatherings 6:30p FBC Worship Choir Rehearsal	10	11 	12
13 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School 5:30p Trustee's Mtg 5:30p Children's Christmas Info Mtg 6:30p Evening Service 7:30p Business Mtg	14	15 4:30p FBC Kid's Choir Practice	16 10:00a Manna in the Morning 6:30p Mid-Week Gatherings 6:30p FBC Worship Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19
20 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services State Missions Offering 10:00a Sunday School 5:00p Outreach 6:30p Evening Service—Lord's Supper	21	22 4:30p FBC Kid's Choir Practice 	23 10:00a Manna in the Morning 6:00p Family Night 6:45p Mid-Week Gatherings 6:45p FBC Worship Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26 Bi-Water Farm Church Outing 4:00-7:00pm 
27 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School 6:30p Evening Service—Mission Reports	28 	29 4:30p FBC Kid's Choir Practice	30 10:00a Manna in the Morning 6:30p Mid-week Gatherings 6:30p FBC Worship Choir Rehearsal	MEMORIALS CHARLIE CARTER: Lana & Lloyd Vannarsdall BEVERLY JOHNS: Lana & Lloyd Vannarsdall BRO. TOMMY TACKETT: Phyllis Malcomb 		





<u>9/3</u> Judy Cull	<u>9/20</u> Pat Patterson Holder Smith	<u>9/28</u> Tamera Martin Susan Traylor
<u>9/6</u> Lindsay Gill Smith Phyllis Malcomb Leigh Ward	<u>9/21</u> James Hanson Linda Seniors	<u>9/29</u> Corey Cobb Stephanie Harvey
<u>9/7</u> Harry Johns	<u>9/23</u> Josh Lawson	<u>9/30</u> Lacy Cobb Anderson Katey Cobb Preston Trevor Smith
<u>9/10</u> Robbie Craigmyle Lonnie Stewart	<u>9/24</u> Tara Caudill Jean Allen Kemper Judy Poe	
<u>9/11</u> Abigail Lilly	<u>9/26</u> Josh Caudill Mike Cobb Danni Williams Diane Wooten	
<u>9/14</u> Dallas Stafford Gabi Stewart	<u>9/27</u> Sandy Gibson Ashton Moore Briana Perkins	
<u>9/15</u> Mark Bess Heather Risch Jolie Williams		

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
Early—Kennedi Hon
SS (0-2)—Susan Traylor
SS (3-4)—Sarah Cobb
Late(0-2)—Leah & Logan Fields
Late(3-4)—Meredith & Blake Lewis
NO EVENING SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
Early—Kay Bush
SS (0-2)—Brooke & Jaden Treichel
SS (3-4)—Tonya & Brad Jones
Late(0-2)—Karen Wash
Late(3-4)—Rebecca & Ella Mills
Evening—Libby Banks

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
Early—Dana Gill
SS(0-2)—Patty Greene
SS (3-4)—Kelsey & Brian Gognat
Late(0-2)—Susan & Jimmy Sutherland
Late(3-4)—Jennifer & Shawn Power
Evening—Andi Fitzgerald

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
Early—Annette Widner
SS(0-2)—Kendall O’Toole
SS (3-4)—Jenna & Lucas Shelton
Late(0-2)—Dana & Chuck Gill
Late(3-4)—Jodie & Nash Glacken
Evening—Melody Stafford

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS:
9/2—Krissy Locker
9/9—Sherry Craigmyle
9/16—Brian Blair
9/23—Karen Wash
9/30—Meredith Lewis

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

September 6: Lindsey Smith
September 13: Meredith Lewis
September 20: Libby Banks
September 27: Ellie Blair



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