



BE STILL,  
AND KNOW  
THAT  
I AM GOD.  
  
PSALM 46:10



# OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

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## The First Family

October 2026

### FROM YOUR PASTOR

#### FAITHFUL SERVICE, FRESH OPPORTUNITIES

October brings opportunities to serve our community, grow in God's Word, and pray for the work of our church.

Our Fall Festival is planned for Saturday, October 31, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. You may begin bringing candy now, and we will share more details in the weekly bulletins. For 25 years, faithful members have given time and energy to make this event possible. Thank you!

As we look ahead, we are considering ways to build on that foundation. Possibilities include holding the festival on a day other than Halloween and making greater use of our facilities and property. Whatever changes we make, the heart of the event remains the same: meeting our neighbors, building relationships, and representing our church and our Savior. We hope to build on last year's gospel presentation and find additional ways to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

In worship, we are wrapping up I Thessalonians on Sunday mornings and beginning II Thessalonians on Sunday evenings. On October 11, we look forward to hearing from Dylan Duvall while he is home from the mission field in Panama.

Please pray for the upcoming deacon selection and for the nominating, personnel, and finance committees as their work begins this month. May the Lord give each person wisdom and guide our church in all we do.

Blessings,  
Bro. Brad

*Bonjour Bébé*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
**BABY SHOWER**  
HONORING PARENTS-TO-BE  
*Ross and Alli Ford*

Saturday, November 7th at 11:00am  
Fellowship Hall of Owenton First Baptist Church

Given by Susan Traylor, Susan Sutherland, Brooke Kapfhammer, and Lindsey Traylor

The Fords are registered at [my.babylist.com](https://my.babylist.com)

WEDDING SHOWER IN HONOR OF  
**Nicollette Mielecki  
& Paul Banks**  
SUNDAY, OCT. 25 — NOON

**WEDDING SHOWER**

Please help celebrate the upcoming wedding of Nicolette "Nikki" Mielecki and Paul Banks on Sunday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> following the 11:00am service. The couple is registered at Amazon and on Zola at <https://www.zola.com/wedding/paulandnicollette>

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# Fall FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 • 6:00-8:00PM

# WORSHIP & MEDIA MINISTRY

## MORE THAN A SONG

September was a great month in the life of our worship ministry, filled with opportunities to worship, serve, and praise the Lord together. Our FBC Worship Choir continues to work hard each Wednesday as we prepare for the months ahead, and I’ve been so encouraged by their faithfulness each week.

September was also a special month for our FBC Kid’s Choir as they helped lead in their very first worship service! I am so proud of these kids and the work they’re doing each Tuesday. Yes, we’re teaching them songs and helping them grow musically, but my prayer is that we’re teaching them something much greater – that worship is not simply about the songs we sing. It’s about a life that belongs to Jesus.

This month, our Kid’s Choir will also begin really digging into rehearsals for our Christmas musical, *We Knead A Little Christmas*. There will be plenty of music to learn, lines to memorize, and probably enough bread puns to last us well into the new year! But through all the fun, our goal remains the same: to point these children – and everyone who will eventually hear them – to the good news of Jesus Christ.

Last month, I shared a little about the definition of worship I’ve been developing through my seminary studies. At the heart of that definition is a phrase that I keep coming back to: **worship is our whole-life response to God.**

I think that’s something worth reminding ourselves of again and again, because it’s so easy to reduce worship to music. We say things like, “The worship was great Sunday,” when what we really mean is that we enjoyed the music. But worship is so much more than what happens while we’re singing.

Paul writes in Romans 12:1 (CSB), *“Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.”*

True worship happens when we respond to who God is and what He has done with all of our lives. We worship through our obedience. We worship through the way we serve others. We worship through our generosity, our attitudes, our relationships, our work, and the way we represent Christ when nobody else is watching.

So yes, let’s keep singing – and let’s sing with everything we have! But when the music stops and we walk out the doors on Sunday, let’s remember that our worship hasn’t ended.

In many ways, that’s where it’s just beginning. Looking forward to what the month of October has in store!

*Soli Deo Gloria,*  
Bro. Chuck

## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Dear Church Family,

I am so excited about the growth in our family. There are so many new smiling faces. Let’s be intentional about building relationships and helping them find a place at FBC. It can be scary to step into a new place, or to take the next step to really get plugged in to all that is happening. I know stamps are crazy expensive these days, but imagine getting a note in the mail amidst the bills and junk mail. Just a quick “thinking of you” can go a long way!

There are many activities coming up that are perfect for inviting families to join you. The Fall Festival will be happening at the end of this month and November 21st will be our 3rd annual Women’s Event. Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to this special evening. Details will be coming out very soon! And of course December will find us in the Christmas spirit with the children’s musical kicking off the month on the 5th and 6th!

Let us not, however, forget the thread that is running through all these “activities” is to know Jesus and make Him known. Let all we do be done in love and as unto the Lord. I am so grateful to be a part of First Baptist, my church home. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of leading your kiddos and families. It is my joy! And thank you to all the volunteers who help lead, pray, give financially or even just smile at the kids in the hallways. Even that simple gesture shows them they are loved by all in the church whether they could actually articulate that sentiment or not.

I pray you are enjoying the changing of seasons and are staying close to the One who never changes.

Peace and joy,  
Kiley

## STUDENT MINISTRY

Hello Church Family,

And just like that, Fall is here! It seems like yesterday that we were preparing to take the students to summer camp. Time sure flies by when you’re having fun! In the past few weeks we have begun our Sunday night small group studies, and they are going great. It has been exciting to watch our students engage, ask questions, and grow together in their faith. These times of fellowship and Bible study are so important as we encourage one another and grow closer to Christ.

On Wednesday nights, we have been learning how to tell the difference between earthly wisdom and Godly wisdom. We are talking about what the Bible says about where true wisdom comes from and how it should shape the way we live, think, and make decisions. My prayer is that our students will not simply know about God’s wisdom but will choose to live by it each day.

I am so blessed and thankful to serve our youth as their youth pastor. Watching these students grow in their relationship with Christ is one of the greatest privileges God has given me. Please continue to pray for our youth, that they would grow in faith, stand firm in God’s Word, and be a light for Christ wherever they are.

Blessings,  
Ross

### 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



| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                     | MONDAY | TUESDAY                              | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                            | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY                                                                                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOU!<br><b>THANK YOU</b><br><i>Pastors</i>                                                                                             |        |                                      |                                                                                                                                                      | 1        | 2      | 3<br>10:30a Clontz Baby Shower                                                                             |
| 4<br>9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services<br>10:00a Sunday School<br>6:30p Evening Service<br>7:30p Deacons' Mtg.                                                | 5      | 6                                    | 7<br>10:00a Manna in the Morning<br>5:00p Mid-Week Meal<br>6:15p Corporate Prayer<br>6:30p Mid-Week Gatherings                                       | 8        | 9      | 10                                                                                                         |
| 11<br>9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services<br>10:00a Sunday School<br>4:30p WKALC Practice<br>5:30p Trustees' Mtg<br>6:30p Evening Service<br>7:30p Business Mtg | 12     | 13<br>4:30p FBC Kid's Choir Practice | 14<br>10:00a Manna in the Morning<br>5:00p Mid-Week Meal<br>6:15p Corporate Prayer<br>6:30p Mid-Week Gatherings<br>6:30p FBC Worship Choir Rehearsal | 15       | 16     | 17                                                                                                         |
| 18<br>9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services<br>10:00a Sunday School<br>4:30p WKALC Practice<br>4:30p Outreach<br>6:30p Evening Service                            | 19     | 20<br>4:30p FBC Kid's Choir Practice | 21<br>10:00a Manna in the Morning<br>5:00p Mid-Week Meal<br>6:15p Corporate Prayer<br>6:30p Mid-Week Gatherings<br>6:30p FBC Worship Choir Rehearsal | 22       | 23     | 24                                                                                                         |
| 25<br>9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services<br>10:00a Sunday School<br>12:00p Wedding Shower: Nikki & Paul<br>4:30p WKALC Practice<br>6:30p Evening Service       | 26     | 27<br>4:30p FBC Kid's Choir Practice | 28<br>10:00a Manna in the Morning<br>6:00p Family Night<br>6:45p Mid-Week Gatherings<br>6:45p FBC Worship Choir Rehearsal                            | 29       | 30     | 31<br><br>6:00-8:00pm |



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

As October approaches we start thinking about cold weather, holidays and SHOEBOXES! Yes, it is that time again. In the coming days you will be hearing how you can share the gospel with a child who has never heard of our Lord and Savior. We will once again be holding a packing party (or two) so start looking for those shoebox items. Please take note that we DO NOT need TOOTHBRUSHES or CRAYONS as we have enough left from last year. We will also be collecting money to buy soccer balls so that is another way you can help. Remember...IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

It's time to Fall Back!  
Make sure to set your clocks BACK on October 31<sup>st</sup>





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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>10/1</u><br>Bethany Mills  | <u>10/13</u><br>Linda Allnutt   | <u>10/23</u><br>Andi Fitzgerald |
| <u>10/2</u><br>Kelsey Gognat  | Betty Whitehead                 | <u>10/24</u><br>Sawyer Stewart  |
| Heidi Williams                | <u>10/15</u><br>Janice Riddle   | <u>10/28</u><br>Jacob Osborne   |
| <u>10/3</u><br>Quinn Ford     | <u>10/16</u><br>Terri Ghent     | <u>10/30</u><br>Lesa Marston    |
| Anita Wainscott               | Blake Traylor                   | Bill Turner                     |
| <u>10/4</u><br>Lindsay Smith  | <u>10/17</u><br>Terry Patterson | <u>10/31</u><br>Ross Ford       |
| Shirley Walker                | <u>10/18</u><br>Alli Ford       | Sarah Hanson                    |
| <u>10/5</u><br>Don Allnutt    | Hannah Hanson                   | Cason Locker                    |
| Josh Cumberland               | <u>10/19</u><br>Morgan O'Brien  |                                 |
| Adam Greene                   | Aaron Sutherland                |                                 |
| Brad Jones                    | <u>10/20</u><br>Teena Gamble    |                                 |
| Brian Jones                   | Katie Hollingsworth             |                                 |
| <u>10/6</u><br>Richard Greene | Nick Sharp                      |                                 |
| Donna McDonald                | <u>10/21</u><br>Michelle Cobb   |                                 |
| <u>10/8</u><br>Susan Stowe    | Paul Huetten                    |                                 |
| <u>10/10</u><br>Daniel Banks  | <u>10/22</u><br>David Hill      |                                 |
| Kalem Juett                   |                                 |                                 |

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**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

***NURSERY VOLUNTEERS***

OCTOBER 4, 2026

Early—Tonya Jones  
SS (0-2)—Gail Forsee  
SS (3-4)—Carol & Ronnie Wooten  
Late(0-2)—Becky Shryock & Carol Perkins  
Late(3-4)—Tara & Jeff Caudill  
Evening Service—Meredith Lewis

OCTOBER 11, 2026

Early—Lisa McBurney  
SS (0-2)—Krissy Locker  
SS (3-4)—Kristen & Jared Penell  
Late(0-2)—Sherry & Tim Craigmyle  
Late(3-4)—Libby Banks & Jenn Dales  
Evening—Kay Bush

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Early—Leah & Logan Fields  
SS(0-2)—Jessi & Chris Williams  
SS (3-4)—Jenna & Lucas Shelton  
Late(0-2)—Lesa & Todd Marston  
Late(3-4)—Margaret & Brian Forsee  
Evening—Rebecca Mills

OCTOBER 25, 2026

Early—Tonya & Brad Jones  
SS(0-2)—Debbie Sigretto  
SS (3-4)—Brooke & Jaden Treichel  
Late(0-2)—Tayler Williams & Maison Hedger  
Late(3-4)—Allison & Brent Craigmyle  
Evening—Lesa Marston

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS:

10/7—Tonya & Brad Jones  
10/14—Kelsey Gognat  
10/21—Brooke & Jaden Treichel  
10/28—Krissy Locker

***CHILDREN'S CHURCH***

October 4: Karen Dempsey  
October 11: Carianne Bush  
October 18: Jessi Williams  
October 25:

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