

# O'Brien Baptist Church

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Time is surely passing by quickly. I guess as you get older time speeds up or it seems to. I pray you are doing well as our weather changes from spring to summer. The number of sicknesses in our church seems to have dwindled and for that we can be grateful. Keep in prayer Ms. Bonnie Barnett who is in rehab in Dowling Park. Bro. Terry Ryals will have a procedure on 4-9 to replace a heart valve. Bro. Ed Moreau will have a procedure 4-3 to help his pain management. Bro. Richard Crummitt is home and undergoing therapy at home. The current Prayer List for our church is either at the front door or the door on the west side of the sanctuary. If you need more copies, let me know.

The sermon series out of the letter to the Ephesians is going well and I pray you are growing from this exciting book. God is certainly teaching me as I study on Thursday mornings. Thank you for your prayers as I seek the Lord from week to week.

Thanks to all the workers who helped with the annual Easter Egg Hunt. You will notice that on Resurrection Sunday we moved chairs into the sanctuary to help with seating. The choir will stay in their loft if seating is a problem. Please, when you find your seat, move toward the walls to make room for any visitors that might attend.

For the Pantry workers who helped last Pantry Day, you are indispensable. That ministry would not continue if not for you. May God bless you for giving to Him.

Debbie and I drove to Dowling Park by going on 349, and we noticed several new homes that have been set up. Our area is growing, and we have been put here to make a difference. Take every opportunity to invite others to our church. God will use anything we do or say to help His children on their way.

I pray for you as a church family. Some come to me and ask for prayer, and I do not take this lightly. I am honored to lift anyone up to God for any reason. Prayer is our means of not only communicating with God, but prayer often is the means God uses to heal, encourage or to bless.

Wednesday evenings we are studying the different views of what is called "the end times." There are more than just one view and it helps to consider other views in order to clarify what Scripture says. Come and join us at 6 pm each Wednesday evening.

We are approaching summer, and the temperatures will cease to be as comfortable. That is to be expected. We have Children and Youth camp the first of June and I thank you if you have volunteered to help guide our children and youth. I pray as we continue to move towards summer, that you will take advantage of the springs that are in our area. God has placed us here and we ought to use what He has given us. Keep your focus on Him and watch what He does! God bless you all! Pastor Keith

April 2024



Turn West off US 129 at CR 349 in O'Brien. Three blocks on left

**Children's Camp is a major aspect of OBC's ministry. Please consider making a donation to this important program to reach our young people.**



## Senior Meal Train

Our Senior Meal Train is open to anyone needing meals, we are presently supplying meals to many people in our community, some who has disabilities and when someone in our church family is sick, cancer patients (they love our soups) and Seniors over 70. We are so thrilled to be Servants of Christ and thank you all who prepare meals for our group. If you know of anyone in need, please let us know how we can help.

What our Meal Train does...

We take enough meals for a month for each Senior Family to put in their freezer. It makes it easier to heat up and they are having a hot delicious meal.

If you are able to help with foods or donations, please sign up with the... Also, if you know of anyone needing meals, please let Debbie J or Debbie B know.

(mealtrain.com) or see Debbie Baldwin to sign up.

- Meals you can sign up for will be ready the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Putting meals together and delivery will be Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:30am

## Children/Youth

We are collecting empty Drink Cans! To help pay for both Camps.

**We are now taking orders for Candy Bouquets.**

\$20 and up. (Depending on what you  
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order)

For Birthdays, Mother's day, Just a pick me up, Get Well or any occasion. This will help pay for our cabins at camp. See Debbie J or Cheryl for more information.

### **Sunday Funday**

Every Sunday evening 5:00-7:00pm

We begin with a meal at 5:00.

- Classes begin at 6:00
- Van rides available

We average 51-60 children and youth (teens). Our Bible Classes, crafts, cooking classes are out of this world! So come join the fun!

### **Annual Country Egg Hunt**

Thank you everyone for all your prayers, donations, and hard work to make this a successful event.

I pray many seeds were planted to build the Kingdom.

Pictures to come next month.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Camp Fund Raiser**

At the Corner

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

11:00 – 1:00

Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Potato Salad, BBQ Beans, Dessert and sweet Tea.

Cost is \$6.00 a plate

### **Youth Beach Trip**

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

5:30 am until?

See Mike for more information.

### **Ladies and Girls Banquet**

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:00

Theme:

"Daughter of the King"

Colors:

Glitter Diamonds, Silk Purple, Red, Gold & Blue  
There will be special music, A huge salad bar, the most delightful dessert, a special gift for you, A fantastic speaker, and so much more. Everyone welcome.

O'Brien Ladies: Sign up board will be in the fellowship hall for our meal.

### **Camp Dates**

### **Reagan's Family Campground Madison, Florida**

Sunday, June 2 through Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

Children: (completing first grade through children completing fifth grade)

Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

Youth (Completing 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

## *Music Notes...*

Recently, Bro. Keith has mentioned several times that "Hallelujah" is a transliteration of a Hebrew word. It comes from the word "Hallel", which means "Praise". It's an imperative verb instructing the hearers to praise. "Jah" is a form of Yahweh. So put together we have a command to praise the Lord. The Hallel Psalms are Psalms 104-150. "Hallel" is one of 16 different words used 309 times in the Bible for the word "praise". I would say that praise is very important to God, wouldn't you? So, lift up your Hallelujahs in your private and corporate worship!!

April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, join us for an old-fashioned 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Sing, except it will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. We will be having a night of testimony and praise. If you would like to give your testimony (5 minutes or so), please see Tom Plesser. He will get you added to the itinerary. We will be singing our favorite songs, so bring your favorite for all of us to sing together. This will be a fun and enjoyable time together. Remember April 28<sup>th</sup>!! See you there.

*Keep Singing, Beth*



Thank you to our all volunteer Choir members. Your voices and participation are very much appreciated by the OBC congregation!

## ***We Thought You'd Like To Know:***

As most of you know Mary Little now lives in Dowling Park and recently lost her husband Clarke. By the wonderful hand of God, He is helping her through these tough times. Last Friday 3/22, Beth, Janice, Elmer and I went to visit her. We had a great time. Her family Debbie and Ed joined us. We had lunch at a great little restaurant in the park, but the best part was our time together. We had lots of Giggles and Laughter and great fellowship. Mary said she really needed that and it lifted her up. She said she keeps thinking about all the laughing we did and that it really helped her. So please share the laughter and joy that our Lord gives.

Also on the next Monday 3/25 Elmer and I and Alice Rumbaugh ( a lady that was a member of our church for a long time and lives at Dowling also ) went with Elmer and me to visit Bonnie Barnett, (Sheila Dean's mother) Bonnie is at Dowling Park now for rehab. Bonnie was sleeping but at least we could be with her. She is weak and needs our prayers and also Sheila and the rest of the family. From the Lord's blessings to you.... Judy

### Ladies Retreat

Regans Family Camp  
September 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

Let me know if you are interested in going!

- Bible Studies (Joy in Jesus)
  - Scavenger Hunt
  - Out to eat Mexican
    - Craft
    - T-Shirt
    - Extra Specials
- You can come for the day or stay the night  
Cost TBA

### Prayer Journals

Please be praying for our children who are taking on the 21-day prayer challenge.

The children Preschool thru fifth grade will be participating in the challenge. Each day they will learn to pray, listen, and act on the things of God. Building a closer relationship with our Father.

### Thank You Volunteers Spotlight...Our Van Drivers

Rick and Julie  
Mr. Clark  
Seth

Every Sunday you give your time and energy to our children and youth faithfully picking them up for church and taking them home.

We appreciate you ALL

### Thankful for the people of God...

This is a busy time in our church, Its just wonderful! I get excited just waking up knowing I get to Serve the Lord, be a part of a thriving church, and being able to share Jesus in all the ministries we have. Thank you all for giving to Christ in so many ways.

Proverbs 15:15 says it best...

For the despondent, every day brings trouble; for the happy heart, life is a continual feast.

*I pray you all have a fantastic month...  
Thanks, Debbie*

## Roadside Dogs... A Camp Fundraiser!

Thank you our church family and community!  
We collected over \$800 for camp.



## Ladies Day Progress Meal

We had a great turn out for the March Progress Meal with the theme of Southern. We started at my (Sharon Golding's) house for Deviled Eggs & Cocktail Sausages as the appetizer. Then we traveled to Renee's house for a beautifully displayed Salad Bar, along with Dinner Rolls. Next, we were at Beth Johnston's house for the main course of Fried Chicken Cutlets, Baked Beans, & Potato Salad. We ended at Toma Sue Jones' house for a wonderful assortment of different Desserts & Sweets. Thank you to all the ladies who cooked, hosted, & attended our Progress Meal back on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

All ladies are invited to attend our April Ladies Day Event scheduled for Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Fellowship Hall for a Salad Bar Lunch starting @ 1pm. Please take the time to sign-up to bring something on the Ladies Day Poster on the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board. After lunch, devotional time, & fellowship we will form small times to do a Digital Scavenger Hunt. So, ladies get your fun completeive spirits out & ready to play. I'm sure we all will have a great time!

Thanks, Sharon Golding



**Progress Meal**



# OBC Pantry...*Making a Difference in the Community*

March has come and gone. Wow, that went fast. But we look forward to bright blue sky and warmer weather. Our Pantry continues to operate a 110% because of our dedicated volunteers. I am thanked for what I do. I really need no thanks, it's you, the volunteers who keep this ministry running! I thank you!



Last month we had a banner month. We served a total of 151 cars. Of the 151, we had 20 new applicants. At least 5 or 6 of those families had 9 or more in their households. As I have said in previous articles, I believe this is because of the worsening economy. Families in general are in trouble. I learn of all kinds of ways Satan is destroying lives and families. I am happy we are here ready to help those in need. This is our mission statement!

The pantry fed a total 466 people. This is a lot of mouths to feed. We were able to serve additional produce by receiving a delivery from Second Harvest, 4 pallets of Cabbage and 4 pallets of Potatoes, pictured right. You may have noticed them in front of the pantry if you were by the church after Monday morning. Because of this organization complete boxes of cabbage and potatoes were handed out. Besides those two items, we had canned Corn, Garbanzo beans, Rice and Grits as well as Milk and Cereal for the children! I again want to thank our anonymous donor of cereal. There were 14 items in total and we also received eggs to give out too!



We have the food needed to continue our mission for next month. But, we always are concerned with future months. In providing my report to the USDA, I indicated will need more meat, even if it is pork or chicken. Presently, I am also writing to major box stores to see if we could get some of the food, they discard due to "sell by" dates. This is still edible foods but cannot be sold legally. I'll keep you all up to date as to my results.

In conclusion, David and I are most grateful for all your efforts. Without you, this congregation and our hard-working volunteers, David and I could not make this ministry as successful as we have been. Thank you! Tom Plesser



## O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday Morning Worship\*\* 10am

Sunday evening service 5:45pm food 5pm

Mid-Week Service 6pm

\*\*Children's Worship During the sermon

Choir Practice: Sundays after morning service

Women's Bible study: Paused Currently

Men's Bible Study: Saturday 11am

MONTHLY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

Food Pantry

Building Fund

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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