

The Messenger

"God's People on Mission in Marion County and Around the World"

Foxworth First Baptist

August 2025

A NOTE FROM THE HEART OF YOUR PASTOR

...you were like one of them.
Obadiah 1:11c

The book of Obadiah, the shortest book in the Old Testament, focuses on the nation of Edom - who were descendants of Esau (Jacob's brother). They had acted violently, pridefully, and contrary to God's way against Judah (who descended from Jacob). And God condemns them for their arrogance, betrayal, and violence against their "brother nation."

Obadiah, the prophet who God used to write the book bearing his name, declares that Edom's pride will lead to its downfall. It's all pointing to the coming of the Day of Lord - when God will bring His righteous judgment on all nations but provide deliverance and restoration for His people. God's Kingdom is the only kingdom that is supreme and everlasting.

All others will fail and fall and be judged. So, this book:

- warns us of the danger of pride and false security
- warns of (& brings comfort His people) God's coming justice against those who harm His people
- tells of God's sovereignty over all nations
- and speaks of the hope of restoration those who are the Lord's

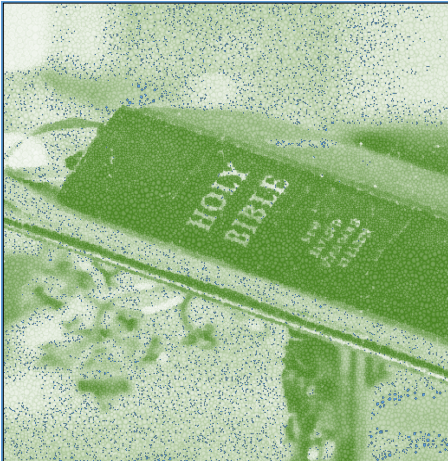
While there is clarity concerning the judgment prophesied by Obadiah, there are also practical applications for all of us. Years ago, Charles Spurgeon wrote the following based on verse 11 of Obadiah:

"Brotherly kindness was expected from Edom toward Israel in their time of need, but instead, the men of Esau sided with Israel's enemies. The emphasis in this passage is on the word you, as if God were saying, 'Even you acted this way,' much like when Caesar turned to Brutus and said, 'And you, Brutus?' ***A sinful action becomes even worse depending on who commits it*** [emphasis, mine].

When we, who are the chosen and favored of heaven, sin, we sin with special emphasis. Our offenses are particularly grievous because we have been given so much. If an angel were to stop us while we were doing wrong, all he would need to ask is, 'You? How can you be doing this?' ***We have been forgiven much, delivered much, taught much, blessed much - how could we possibly stretch out our hand toward evil? May God forbid it!*** [emphasis, mine]

Take a few minutes for self-examination... Have you ever been like the wicked? Perhaps at a party, when someone told an inappropriate joke, you didn't entirely reject it. Maybe you even laughed, making you no different from them. Or when harsh things were spoken about the ways of God, you stayed silent out of fear or embarrassment, blending in with the crowd. ***In the marketplace, when the worldlings were making sharp deals, were you just like them, chasing after gain with the same intensity?*** [emphasis, mine].

It's time to be honest with yourself. Make sure you are a new creation in Christ, and once that is certain, walk carefully so that no one can say, 'Even you were just like them.' ***You wouldn't want to share their***



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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Tyler Chavis

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Choir Director: Ellen Ball

Associate Pastor: Jonathan Pittman

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE SUNDAY

9 am - Small Group/Sunday School for all ages

10 am - Gathered Worship

5 pm - Adult and Children's Choirs

Discipleship Training for Students and Adults

6 pm - Gathered Worship; Pre-Bible Buddies;

Bible Buddies (1st-3rd); Bible Drills (4th-6th)

WEDNESDAY

5:15 pm - Fellowship Meal (Donations only)

5:45 pm - Children's Kick-off Celebration

6:10 pm - Kids groups, Student Ministry

(FLIGHT), Adult Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Time

eternal fate, so why imitate them here on earth? [emphasis, mine] Don't join in their schemes, lest you share in their ruin. Stand with the afflicted people of God, not with the world."

Church...if you are in Christ...we are urged (commanded):

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Rom. 12:2

May the LORD bless & lead us as we seek Him.
Friendly. Faithful. Focused. For the Glory of the LORD!

Pastor loves you!

And I'm honored to serve HIM alongside you.

Bro. Tj

Nursery	July Financial Summary General Fund (thru 7-24-25) \$17,591.16 Family Life Center Given to Date: \$798,647.33 Given in July \$555.00	Wednesday Night Supper Menu Aug. 13: Taco Salad Aug. 20: Meatball & Spaghetti, String Beans Aug. 27: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy
August Birthdays	Announcements August 1- WMHS Senior Breakfast – The meal will be in FLC at 6:30 am. August 3 - Kidzville/MVP – These activities are held during preaching portion of the morning worship. Children are welcome to bring an offering. August 5 – Neal and Brenda Foxworth's Anniversary August 5 – Circle of Prayer – Ladies will meet in the FLC at 6 pm. August 6 – Jan (Russell) Oliver's Anniversary August 7 – Anniversaries of Chad and Lesa Becnel and Bobby and June Nichols August 7 – Gideons Meeting – The meeting is slated at 6 pm in the FLC. August 10 – Observance of Lord's Supper – Communion will be held during morning worship. August 14-21 – Guatemala Mission Trip August 19 – Keith and Angela Armstrong's Anniversary August 20 – Jesse and Jean Elmore's Anniversary August 24 – Brotherhood Breakfast – The meal begins at 7 am in the FLC. August 31 – Night of Praise – Contact Bro. Donovan if you'd like to participate. August items – OCC – Paper, colored markers, folders, and protractors. August items – Food Pantry – biscuit, pancake, waffle mixes, syrup/jelly,	
1: Ila Ramshur 2: Jerry Carney, Elvis O'Bryant, & Brandon Turnage 3: Courtney Shaw 4: Sarah Singley 5: William Smith 6: Scott Reid 7: Keagan Turnage & Ryleigh Turnage 8: Kim Ramshur 9: Travis Turnage 10: Emma Claire Thomas 14: Zachary Robbins 16: Justin Baughman & Randy Smith 17: Kinsleigh Turnage 19: Ray Rowell 20: Jeff Armstrong 21: Jamie Hilburn & Travis Williams 22: Vivian King 24: Beth Lee 25: Allie Jameson 26: Nolan Magee & Bryan McCain 27: Hope Rowell 28: Cade Carroll, Patrick Foxworth, & Beth Goar 30: Janet Loftin	Upcoming... September is Margaret Lackey (State) Missions Emphasis Sept. 1 -Labor Day- Church office closed. Sept. 2 - Circle of Prayer Sept. 7 - Kidzville/MVP Sept. 9 - David & Judy Spiers Anniversary Sept. 10 - Kim & Paula Ramshur's Anniversary Sept. 11 - Gideons Meeting (6 pm) Sept. 14 - David & Jan Turnage's Anniversary Sept. 15 - ACP information due to church office. Sept. 15 - Kevin & Melanie Heurtin's Anniversary Sept. 17 - Patrick & Monica Foxworth's Anniversary	