

# NEWSLETTER



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## HEALING IN MOTION: Community, Compassion, and Connection

At Owen Funeral Home, being family-owned means more than a name—it means being actively involved in the life of our community in ways that bring comfort, connection, and even a little joy.

The Owen family’s commitment to service doesn’t end at the funeral home door. It’s woven into everyday life.

The Owen family has a strong history of community involvement:

- Leading church choirs, playing the organ and singing for worship services
- Singing in local bands
- Gardening and beautifying community spaces
- Healing-centered interior design and Kentucky Fashion
- Serving on community ministry boards and non-profits like Kosair Shrine, Shively Area Ministries, Harbor House and Bluegrass Center for Autism
- Customizing and restoring vehicles and “showing out” in car shows
- Participating in Golf Scrambles to raise money for community causes

The list could go on and on. These passions reflect a deep belief in celebrating life, creativity, and connection—values that carry into the care we provide every family we serve.

Whether through music, service, or outreach, we believe in showing up for our community in ways that matter.

*“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”*



Pam Owen



Rachel Owen & Jerry Davenport



David Owen



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Coming Together for a Cause:

# OPERATION

## Santa's Helpers

### Car Show



Saturday, October 3,  
2026

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Hillview Community Church, 5319 Dixie Highway

#### Operation Santa's Helpers – "Give the Gift of a Smile"

One of our most meaningful traditions is supporting **Operation Santa's Helpers**, which provides toys to children of military families at Fort Knox.

This year, we are excited to host a **Car Show Toy Drive**, combining community fun with a heartfelt purpose.

Bring a new, unwrapped toy and enjoy:

- Food Trucks
- Classic and custom cars
- Music and fellowship
- A chance to support military families

#### Admission:

New Toy Donation for Operation Santa's Helpers

Operation Santa's Helpers provides toys to children of military families at Fort Knox. Join Owen Funeral Homes as we appreciate our Fort Knox military families by adding a smile on a child's face this Christmas.

#### Car Show Awards:

Best Old School • People's Choice •  
Patriot's Choice • Best Club Participation -  
Santa's Helpers • Best Modern

Together, we can help ease the burden for our military families while ensuring every child experiences the joy of the holiday season.

Collecting toy donations until **December 1** at both Owen Funeral Home locations.

For more information, please contact Genene Nisbet at 502-447-7759 or [genene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com](mailto:genene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com)



## EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS AT THE RYMAN



Join us on Saturday, **December 19, 2026**, for a festive day trip to Nashville, TN, to see the beloved holiday concert "**Christmas at the Ryman**" with **Vince Gill and Amy Grant**. Held in the iconic Ryman Auditorium, this unforgettable show is filled with holiday spirit, world-class music, and cherished traditions.

Before the concert, you'll have time to explore **Fifth + Broadway**, Nashville's exciting downtown district, full of shops, live music, and dining options at the Assembly Food Hall.

**Cost is \$169 per person**, and space is limited—your payment holds your seat. Checks should be made payable to **Miller Transportation**.

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact **Genene Nisbet** at 502-447-7759 or [genene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com](mailto:genene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com).

## SAVE THE DATE! Niagara Falls 2027

We are excited to announce that plans are underway for a memorable trip to **Niagara Falls in 2027!**

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# Stepping Stones 2026

Join Us for an Uplifting Day of Music, Food, and Community Support!

**Thursday, September 3, 2026, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Valley View Church (8911 Third Street Road – Valley Station)

The Owen Family invites you to join us for our annual **Stepping Stones Program**, proudly sponsored by Owen Funeral Homes.



*Brian Free & Assurance*

This special day brings our community together for encouragement, connection, and inspiration. We are honored to welcome the uplifting music of **Brian Free and Assurance** and **Allison Speer**, along with a delicious lunch and an opportunity to support three meaningful community ministries.

## Supporting Our Community

We proudly partner with (3) local ministries that provide vital support to individuals and families in need. As part of this luncheon and concert event, we invite you to participate with us by donating personal care items such as:

- Shampoo & conditioner
- Soap & body wash
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products

These simple items can make a powerful difference in someone's life. Together, we can extend care, compassion, and dignity throughout our community.

## Lunch & Fellowship

Come hungry! A delicious buffet will be provided by **Mark's Feed Store**.

If you plan to enjoy lunch, a **reserved lunch ticket is required** to ensure we have adequate food for all attendees.

Reserved tickets may be picked up beginning **August 24th** at any Owen Funeral Home location.

## Register by contacting:

Gene Nisbet at 502-447-7759 or emailing: [gene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com](mailto:gene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com)



**KYLE O'BRYAN**  
*Licensed Funeral Director & Embalmer*  
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Kyle O'Bryan is a Licensed Funeral

Director and Embalmer with 20 years of dedicated service to the Owen Family Funeral Homes. Since beginning his career with the Owen family, Kyle has remained committed to providing compassionate care and guidance to the families he serves. In 2025, he became Manager of the Jeffersontown location.

Outside of work, Kyle enjoys traveling and spending quality time with his wife, Lindsey, and their three children. He is an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers and the University of Kentucky Wildcats, although his wife proudly supports her alma mater, the University of Louisville.

## MIMI'S RASPBERRY THUMBPRINT COOKIES BY KYLE O'BRYAN

### Ingredients

- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon fine salt
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 2/3 cup sugar, plus extra for rolling
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 vanilla bean, seeds scraped from pod or 1/8 teaspoon vanilla bean paste or 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup raspberry, cherry, or strawberry jam

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, and salt.
3. In a large bowl, beat the softened butter and 2/3 cup sugar until light and fluffy.
4. Beat in the egg and vanilla until well combined.
5. Then add gradually flour, baking powder and salt mixture until a soft dough forms.
6. Scoop dough into small balls, about 1 inch each. Roll each ball in sugar and place dough balls on the prepared baking sheet about 2 inches apart. Press your thumb or the back of a small spoon into the center of each ball to make an indentation.
7. Spoon a small amount of jam into each indentation, being careful not to overfill.
8. Bake for about 12 to 15 minutes, or until the edges are lightly golden.
9. Cool. Let the cookies cool on the baking sheet for 5 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.



*Allison Speer*



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Rachel Owen

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## Grief Support Groups

Provided by Owen Funeral Homes as a Free Public Service

### “Now and Beyond”

For Those Who Lost A Spouse/Partner

Every 3rd Wednesday | 2:00pm | Owen Funeral Home, Jeffersontown

Every 3rd Friday | 2:00pm | Southwest Regional Library

### “A Parent’s Grief”

For Those Who Lost A Child

Every 1st Wednesday | 11:00am | Owen Funeral Home, Jeffersontown

Every 3rd Tuesday | 11:00am | Owen Funeral Home, Dixie

### Lunch with the Gang

Every 1st Friday | 2:00pm | Contact Owen for Location

### Walk with the Gang

Every 1st Tuesday | 10:00am | Contact Owen For Location

## Mark Your Calendar

### August 26, 2026

Bardstown Dinner Train at Lunchtime

### September 3, 2026

Stepping Stones 2026 Luncheon & Concert  
Valley View Church, 8911 Third Street Rd.

### October 3, 2026

Operation Santa’s Helpers Car Show  
Hillview Community Church  
(next to Owen Dixie)

### November 17 – December 1, 2 pm

Tuesdays, Surviving the Holidays,  
Southwest Regional Library

### November 18 – December 2, 1 pm

Wednesdays, Surviving the Holidays,  
Owen Jeffersontown

### December 19, 2026

Vince Gill & Amy Grant at the Ryman

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