

Welcome TO OFBC!

We are so glad you are here! Thank you for worshiping with us today. Please take a moment to complete the guest card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or give it to a staff member as you leave. More information about the church is available in the foyer. Be sure to visit First Baptist Church online at www.oneontafbc.org. If you have questions about our church, feel free to visit our welcome center. Someone will be there to help you!



A Look Back and a Look Ahead

As we look back at 2014, much has been accomplished. This was only possible because of the faithfulness of numerous people. Let's always remember it is a TEAM effort. Together Everyone Achieves More! It was not about me or you, but about us, trying to carry out the will of God.

As we look ahead, there is much to be done. We will be evaluating all of our ministries with the hope we can improve. The Leadership Council will have their first meeting of the new year this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room. As you know, this group is integral in assisting me and the staff in planning, coordinating, and implementing church programs. Please be praying for us.

Also, a "Suggestion Box" has been placed on the table outside the church office. If you should have any thoughts about what you would like to see happen in 2015, share them. All suggestions will be prayerfully considered.

Something to Ponder

"If you have tried to do something and failed, you are vastly better off than if you had tried to do nothing and succeeded." What does that mean? It means that the terms "failure" and "success" are not the most accurate terms to describe the value of our lives.

Are you successful? That's great, but successful at what? If you are successful at piddling tasks but refuse to tackle the big jobs of which you are capable simply because you are afraid you will

fail, then you have missed out on life's best while settling for second best.

Our minds are expanded, our faith is deepened, and the quality of our lives enriched by stretching for those goals that demand our very best. So, set your goals high and go for it, because it is better to try and fail, than not to have tried at all.

A New Sermon Series

Beginning this morning, I will be preaching a twelve week series from the Gospel of John. The overall message of this book is found in John 20:31, "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." Therefore, the study is entitled, "Understanding the Person and Work of Christ." The following topics will be addressed:

- I. What Jesus Wants in Worship (John 2:13-25)
- II. Born Again (John 3:1-21)
- III. A Portrait of Faith (John 4:46-54)
- IV. The Therapy of Jesus (John 5:1-16)
- V. The Marvelous Meal (John 6)
- VI. The Supreme Ophthalmologist (John 9)
- VII. The Good Shepherd (John 10)
- VIII. Death, Up Close and Personal (John 11)
- IX. When Our World is Falling in on Us (John 14:1-14)
- X. The Reality of Failure (John 18:1-27)
- XI. The Death of Jesus (John 19)
- XII. A Helper for Life's Crises (John 20:1-29)

Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

—Bro. Larry

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Attendance 12/28/14

Morning

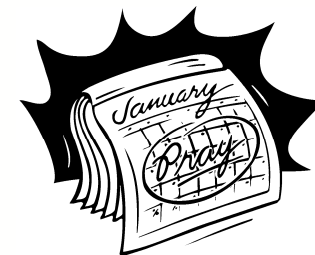
Lifegroups 209
Guests 6
Contacts 121
Worship Attendance 195

Evening

Bro. Larry Bible Study 46
Divorce Care N/A
DC4K N/A
Children's Bible Drills N/A

Weekly

Men's Bible Study N/A



Start the New Year with
Prayer

Our **LifeGroups** meet at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings and each is a small community of people who meet weekly to share their lives, support each other, and study God's Word. LifeGroups are also effective teams using their spiritual gifts and abilities to reach out to our community in service with a purpose, sharing God's love with others. Being part of a LifeGroup can mean the difference between just attending church and being connected with others in a caring church family. At OFBC, we have LifeGroups for all ages, from kids through senior adults. For more details, contact Matt Scott at 205.625.3191 or matt@oneontafbc.org.

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First Baptist Church
exists to demonstrate
the love of Christ
in our community and
our world through worship,
evangelism, discipleship,
missions, and ministry.



First Baptist Church

OF ONEONTA

Finding God in Life & Community

Sunday January 4, 2015

Celebration OF WORSHIP

10:15 AM

Prelude.....Charlotte Langner
 Prayer..... Kevin Faust
 Welcome/Fellowship Matt Scott
 Hymn No. 406 *The Solid Rock*
 Song..... *Sing to the King*
 Prayer
 Giving of our Tithes and Offerings ~ "I Believe in the Tithe"
 Instrumental PraiseCharlotte Langner
 Children are Dismissed to First Kids Worship
What I Know.....Brooke Price
 Song..... *I Give You My Heart*
 Song..... *Holy Spirit, Rain Down*
 Song..... *I Worship You Almighty God*
Take Me to the Cross..... Moses Clark
 Message.....Larry Gipson
 Hymn No. 320 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*
 PostludeCharlotte Langner



6:00 PM

Prelude.....Charlotte Langner
 Fellowship/Prayer.....Larry Gipson
 Hymn No. 138.....*At Calvary*
 Hymn No. 514.....*When We All Get to Heaven*
 Prayer
 Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings
 Instrumental Praise.....Charlotte Langner
 Hymn No. 410.....*It is Well with My Soul*
 Song.....*No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus*
 Song.....*Almost Persuaded*
 Message.....Larry Gipson
 Closing Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU NOTES have been received from Hope House, Michael & Phyllis Ratliff, and Jerry & Camellia Smith. These notes have been posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Also, Rhoda Robinson and family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for the cards, food, and prayers in the death of Joe.

FROM GIRLS IN ACTION: Thank you to everyone who supported Lattes for Lottie. We were able to raise \$370.22 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

NOTE FROM THE FRIENDLY FINANCIAL LADY: The 2015 Offering Envelopes are available in the hallway outside the church office. It is very important that these envelopes be used to insure your contributions are posted properly. If you need assistance locating yours, please contact Belynn in the church office.

NEW WOMEN ON MISSION GROUP starting soon. If you are a woman with a heart for missions and your schedule doesn't allow you to make the day WOM meetings, this is the group for you! We are excited to announce that Stephanie Scott will be the leader for the night group. The first meeting will be Monday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Nancy Hopewell, 220 Twin Oaks Dr., Oneonta.

IF YOU PURCHASED A POINSETTIA and have not picked it up, please pick it up today. They are located in the breezeway to the right of the sanctuary.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT will be at Ken's BBQ Tuesday, January 13, at 6:30 p.m.

WOMEN ON MISSION (GREEN) will meet at 10:00 a.m. on January 13.

**GREATER VISION
 IN CONCERT
 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 ONEONTA, AL
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 ~ 6:00 PM
 FREE ADMISSION
 (A love offering will be taken)**

THE VISION IS CONTINUING!
 Total Received: \$25,592.00
 (Since 06/01/2014)

**LOTTIE MOON
 CHRISTMAS OFFERING**
 National Goal: \$175 Million
 Our Goal: \$22,000.00
 Received to Date: \$19,192.01

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL:
 Serving begins at 5:15 p.m. Join us for food and fellowship. **Please call the church office for reservations.**

Menu for Jan. 7: Baked Potato Bar, BBQ Pork & Chicken, Salad, Rolls, Dessert & Drink.

Children: Hot Dogs, Chips, Dessert & Drink.

Menu for Jan. 14: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert & Drink.

Children: Pizza, Dessert & Drink.

JOIN US FOR A SHOWING OF HEAVEN January 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Death comes to all, but when it comes to you or those you love, will you be ready? Do you have the hope of heaven? Watch the true stories of two people who came face to face with death and hear from Billy Graham about what happens when this life is over.

THE GAS ARE IN NEED of the following items for an upcoming project: new/used wreath forms (all shapes, sizes, styles), ribbon (wired, non-wired, spring/summer colors), any spring/summer wreath embellishments. If you have any of these items to donate, please bring them to the church office by February 1.

HONOR CHOIR PARENTS need to meet with Pam Dean Thursday, January 7, at 5:00 p.m.

A YOUTH THAILAND FUNDRAISER LUNCH will be held next Sunday, January 11, immediately following the morning worship. A group of 6 youth will be traveling to work with the Shan people. 100 % of the money raised will go directly to the students' costs for the trip.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, January 4

9:00 a.m. LifeGroups
 10:15 a.m. Worship/I Believe in the Tithe
 4:30 p.m. Leadership Council
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study/Bible Drills

Tuesday, January 6

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, January 7

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Praise Band/Children's Choir
 6:30 p.m. Youth 180
 6:45 p.m. Bible Study/Celebration Choir/RA/GA/Mission Friends

TODAY, JANUARY 4, 2015

Audio..... Wayne Shaddix

Visual..... Daryl Wheeler

Deacon Visitation Team..... Glen Whited & Steve Anderton

Nursery Workers

Babies & Toddlers..... Jason & Leslie Russell
 2s & 3s Tim & Rebecca Dewald
 Evening..... Tammy & Mike McMinn

Security Team..... Richard Walker

Welcome Center..... Pam Dean, Kenny Branch & Bob Harvey

Worship Invitation Assistant..... Kenny Branch & Belinda Miller

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2015

Audio..... Richard Walker

Visual..... Garry Willingham

Deacon Visitation Team..... Gene Blakely & Wayne Bynum

Nursery Workers

Babies & Toddlers..... Steven & La'Neia Wilkinson
 2s & 3s Daniel & Robin Nash
 Evening..... Wanda Gipson

Security Team..... Steven Wilkinson

Welcome Center..... Teresa Hall, Wanda Gipson & Bob Harvey

Worship Invitation Assistant..... Judy Camp & Bill Hopewell

ON THE HORIZON

Jan. 11	11:30 p.m.	Youth Fundraiser Luncheon
	4:30 p.m.	Deacon's Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Heaven video (Fellowship Hall)
Jan. 13	10:00 a.m.	Women on Mission (Green)
Jan. 18		Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
	11:30 a.m.	Honor Choir Fundraiser Luncheon
	5:30 p.m.	Divorce Care, DC4K, Big D Orientation
	6:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
Jan. 20	10:00 a.m.	Women on Mission (Barron)
Jan. 25	6:45 a.m.	FBA Men's Prayer Breakfast
	4:30 p.m.	CDC Committee Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Greater Vision Concert
Jan. 31	9:00 a.m.	Upward Basketball Games Begin