

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 Response to Same-Sex Marriage

This article is in response to the fact that same-sex "marriage" was made legal February 9, 2015 after the 11th Circuit of Appeals in Atlanta did not issue an extended stay request from Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange's office over a recent ruling by U.S. District Judge Callie v. Granade. The state waited in anticipation to see if the U.S. Supreme Court would step in to extend the stay, but the waiting ended in disappointment for those supportive of Biblical marriage.

Same-sex marriage is not a political issue. It is a spiritual issue and a moral issue! Therefore, as a church, we cannot just stand by and remain quiet. Where does God and His Holy Word stand on the issue of same-sex marriage?

Marriage is God's idea from the beginning. He created it. We have no right to redefine it (Genesis 2:21-24; Ephesians 5:31). With all due respect to Judges and other leaders, God's Word, the Bible, upon which this very nation was built, states clearly that a man will leave his father and mother and be joined with his wife...not his partner...not his lover...not his significant other...a man will be united with his wife. There is no confusion or ambiguity. Marriage is clearly reserved for a man and woman. And if we disobey the Word of God, make no mistake about it...we will face the judgment of God. This may not be politically correct, but God did not call us, as Christians, to be politically correct. He called us to be obedient to His Word. We cannot, as followers of Christ, go through life determining right and wrong based on who's for it or against it...God has given us one measuring stick... His Holy Word, the Bible!

God does not create homosexuals. Homosexuality is a choice. The Bible clearly teaches in Romans 1:24-27 that the people who choose this lifestyle do so because their sinful nature and desires. A person may be born with a greater propensity to homosexuality just as some people are born with a propensity to violence and other sins. That does not excuse the individual choosing to sin by giving into those sinful desires. If a person is born

with a greater propensity to anger/rage, does that make it right for him to give in to those desires? Absolutely not! The same is true with homosexuality.

However, the Bible does not describe this lifestyle as a "greater" sin than any other. All sin is offensive to God. Homosexuality is just one of the numerous sins listed in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10. According to the Bible, God's forgiveness is just as available to a homosexual as it is to an adulterer, idol worshiper, murderer, thief, etc. God also promises the strength for victory over sin, including homosexuality, to all those who will believe in Jesus Christ for their salvation. Same-sex marriage is sinful and God never blesses sin. However, the good news is, God is full of grace and mercy and if you, as an individual, or if we, as a nation, will turn to Him, He will forgive us our sin and heal us. Proverbs 28:13

Make no mistake about it, FBCO loves homosexuals. We love lesbians. God loves homosexuals. God loves lesbians. We love drunks, murderers, thieves, drug addicts, etc. and so does God. However, God does not approve of those lifestyles, so neither can we. We realize no one is perfect, but God loves us too much to leave us the way He found us. Every time homosexuality is addressed in the Bible it is condemned. But, if you are struggling in this area, hear me clearly...God deeply loves you and so do we. You are welcome to attend this church. However, in this church, you are going to hear the truth in love because the Word says that you know the truth and the truth will set you free!!!

It is a blessing to serve this church. Do not ever hesitate to call me for anything.

- Bro. Larry

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Attendance 2/8/15

Morning

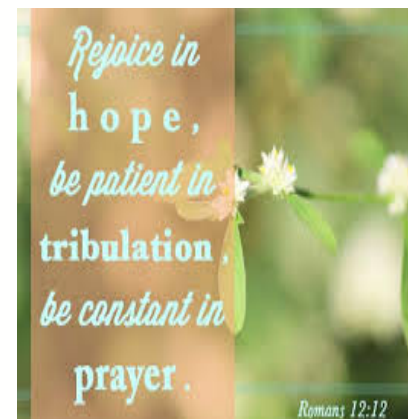
LifeGroups 227
Guests 8
Contacts 134
Worship Attendance 239

Evening

Bro. Larry Bible Study 42
Divorce Care 6
DC4K 6
The Big D 5
Bible Drill 8

Weekly

Men's Bible Study 12
Ladies' Bible Study 23



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 the church office at 205.625.3191 or cindy@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 February 15, 2015

Celebration OF WORSHIP

10:15 AM

Prelude Charlotte Langner
 Prayer Doug Smith
 Welcome/Fellowship Larry Gipson
 Song *Forever*
 Prayer
 Instrumental Worship Sara Towns
 Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
 Children are Dismissed to First Kids Worship
 Song *Sing To The King*
 Song *Thank You, Lord*
 Hymn No. 428 *I Need Thee Every Hour*
 Celebration Choir/Praise Band *I Surrender*
 Soloist ~ Susan Sanderson
 Message Larry Gipson
 Hymn No. 329 *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*
 Special Called Business Meeting
 Postlude Charlotte Langner

6:00 PM

Prelude Charlotte Langner
 Welcome/Fellowship Larry Gipson
 Hymn No. 156 *When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder*
 Prayer
 Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
 Instrumental Praise Sara Towns
 Hymn No. 161 *Crown Him With Many Crowns*
 Song *Jesus We Crown You With Praise*
 Hymn No. 342 *Rock of Ages*
 Song *Oh The Glory of Your Presence*
 Bible Study Larry Gipson
 Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS ARE PLACED in the sanctuary this morning in loving memory of **Steve Boynton** by Charlie & Anne Payton.



ON FEBRUARY 15 at 2:00 p.m. K-6TH will meet in the fellowship hall to bake and decorate cookies and make Valentines to deliver to some special friends in our church.

WOMEN ON MISSION (BARRON GROUP) will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17 at Charlie B's.

**SPIRITS OF PRAISE
 GAME NIGHT &
 COVERED DISH SUPPER
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20
 FELLOWSHIP HALL
 6:00 P.M.**

**Bring your favorite dish
 & board game.**

**Don't miss out on the food, fun &
 fellowship!**

**ALL WOMEN SAVE THE DATE!
 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE WITH
 PRISCILLA SHIRER
 APRIL 25, 2015
 HUNTSVILLE, AL**

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

**RA RACER EVENT
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015
 PARK AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**

Registration is 5:00-6:00 p.m. and competition begins at 6:00 p.m. There is a \$1.00 entry fee per car for all categories, including Wildcat. All classes will have a 5 ounce maximum weight limit. Trophies will be awarded. Suggested \$2.00 donation for meal. Race cars can be ordered from: Royal Racers, 192 Lovejoy Rd., Sparta, TN 38583 or email: www.royalracers.com.

**SAVE THE DATE!
 ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL
 ONEONTA FIRST BAPTIST
 FEBRUARY 27, 2015
 7:00 PM**

THE VISION IS CONTINUING!

Total Received: \$26,866.03
 (Since 06/01/2014)

**LOTTIE MOON
 CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

National Goal: \$175 Million
 Our Goal: \$22,000.00
 Received to Date: \$22,241.01



Serving begins at 5:15 p.m. Join us for food and fellowship. **Please call the church office for reservations by Wednesday morning.**

Menu for Feb. 18: Spaghetti, Salad, Rolls, Dessert & Drink.

Children: Pizza, Dessert & Drink.

Menu for Feb. 25: Soup and Salad, Dessert & Drink.

Children: Mac & Cheese, Dessert & Drink.

**ATTENTION GRADES 4TH-12TH
 Wednesday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m.
 JEREMY TOWNS with the
 NFL Team BUFFALO BILLS**
 will be sharing his inspirational story of his road from High School to the NFL. Jeremy graduated from Wenonah High School, attended Samford University and now plays for the Buffalo Bills. **Invite your friends and don't miss this incredible evening of encouragement!**

THE CHURCH DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED!
 If you had your picture made, you may pick up your free directory after the service today. Tables will be located in the vestibule and in the hallway located outside the church offices.



WE HAVE A CHURCH MEMBER SERVING IN SOUTH ASIA WITH THE IMB. He and his national partner are working on a water bottling project that will help ease the burden of the financial needs for pastors and churches. If you would like to donate to this water project, please note this on your envelope.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, February 15

9:00 a.m. LifeGroups
 10:15 a.m. Worship
 4:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting ~ Choir Room
 5:30 p.m. Divorce Care, DC4K & Big D~Rm 220
 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study ~ Morrison ~ Rm 170

Monday, February 16

10:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study ~ Camp ~ Rm 210
 6:00 p.m. Sunday School Visitation~Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 17

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission (Barron Group) ~ Charlie B's

Wednesday, February 18

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Praise Band/Children's Choir
 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study ~ McMinn ~ Rm 210
 6:30 p.m. Youth 180
 6:45 p.m. Bible Study/Celebration Choir/RA/GA/Mission Friends

Thursday, February 19

3:00 p.m. Honor Choir travels to Decatur

TODAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015

Audio Wayne Shaddix
Visual Daryl Wheeler

Deacon Visitation Team..... Wayne Gibbons & Mike Miller

Nursery Workers

Babies & Toddlers..... Ken & Karen Phillips
 2s & 3s Jerry & Susan Sanderson
 Evening Kay Gordon

Security Team..... Ronnie Baker

Welcome Center Pam Dean, Kenny Branch & Polly Gargus

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

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015

Audio Richard Walker
Visual Gary Willingham

Deacon Visitation Team..... Jim Henderson & Frank Langner

Nursery Workers

Babies & Toddlers..... Steven & La'Neia Wilkinson
 2s & 3s Michael & Holly Brown
 Evening Karen Clark

Security Team.....

Welcome Center Teresa Hall, David Reeves & Bob Harvey

Worship Invitation Assistant..... Sammy & Kim Lee

ON THE HORIZON

Feb. 22 4:30 p.m. CDC Committee Meeting
 Feb. 23 6:30 p.m. Women on Mission (Hopewell Group)
 Fe. 25 6:30 p.m. Jeremy Towns Speaks to 4th-12th
 Feb. 27-28 3:00 p.m. Honor Choir travels to Mobile
 Feb. 27 7:00 p.m. Associational Music Festival
 First Baptist Oneonta
 Mar. 1 10:15 a.m. "I Believe in the Tithes"
 Guest Gideon Speaker
 11:30 a.m. Sunday School Luncheon
 Mar. 4 5:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
 Mar. 1-8 Week of Prayer for North American Missions