

## BRO. LARRY'S SERMON NOTES

Title: Godly Grandparents

Text: Selected Scriptures

Introduction: Oh, the joy of grandparenting! The baby boom has become the grandparent boom. There are now more grandparents in the U.S. than ever before—some 70 million, according to the latest census. That's a 24 percent increase since 2001. (*AARP, Friends & Family Info 2017*) So, there are a lot of grandparents among us in our society and they are very important to the family unit.

The term *grandparent* is a biblical term but is seldom used in Scripture. As a result of its limited use, some scholars claim grandparents appear on the periphery of Scripture. If a researcher is making this conclusion based on the usage of the term *grandparent* or even the term *old age*, such a position may be defensible. For example, the word *grandparent* occurs only two times in the Bible. (1) "And they [locusts] shall fill your houses, and the houses of all your servants and of all the Egyptians; as neither your fathers nor your grandfathers have seen, from the day they came on earth to this day." (Exodus 10:6, RSV), and (2) "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you." (2 Timothy 1:5, RSV).

Despite the limited use of the term *grandparent*, the Bible has other ways of referring to grandparents. The word *grandfather* is taken from two Hebrew words that are equivalent to the phrase "the father of his father." *Grandchild* is the equivalent to "the son of his son." Biblical phrases such as *forefather*, *father's father*, *God of your fathers*, and *children's children*, depending on context, may reference grandparenthood. Thus, references to grandparents are common in the Bible. (*Biblical Grandparenting*, Josh Mulvihill, p65, 66)

Today, our focus will be on two godly grandparents in both the Old and New Testaments. We will consider **Jacob** from the Old Testament and **Lois** from the New Testament. In both cases, we have an account of their importance in the lives of their grandchildren. Why are they important to us?

- I. Grandparents are important because they \_\_\_\_\_ us to the past willingly.
- II. Grandparents are important because they \_\_\_\_\_ us unconditionally.
- III. Grandparents are important because they \_\_\_\_\_ us be a part of their lives happily.
- IV. Grandparents are important because they \_\_\_\_\_ us up in prayer regularly.
- V. Grandparents are important because they \_\_\_\_\_ their faith consistently.
- VI. Grandparents are important because they \_\_\_\_\_ us to God's Word assuredly.

# Honoring Grandparents



## First Baptist Church Oneonta, Alabama

Sunday, May 3, 2020

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Micah Head, Minister of Students  
Gary Morgan, Worship Pastor  
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**Worship**  
**MORNING SERVICE**  
**10:15 A.M.**

**Songs of Praise and Worship**

O Worship the King  
Take the Name of Jesus with You  
Standing on the Promises

**Welcome** .....Micah Head

**Offertory Prayer**.....Wayne Bynum

**Message in Song**.....Gary & Jane Morgan  
Wonderful, Merciful Savior

**Message**.....Larry Gipson

**A Time To Honor**  
Godly Grandparents, Selected Scripture

**Postlude**.....Celebration Band  
Take the Name of Jesus with You

**BIBLE READING MARATHON**

The Annual Bible Reading Marathon will be on Thursday, May 7. The entire Bible will be read by people in Blount County over a 24 hour period. Each person will read at home for approximately 15 minutes, anytime during the day. You will be assigned specific Scriptures. Please call or email Andrea in the office to participate.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER RALLY-LIVESTREAM**

Thursday, May 7, 12:00 noon  
Join us as area church leaders lead in a time of prayer. Go to the church website to livestream, [oneontafbc.org](http://oneontafbc.org).

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**DAILY BIBLE READING**

Scripture for the week of **May3-May 9**  
1 Chronicles 13-16, 2 Samuel 5:11-9, Psalm 1-2, 15, 22-25, 29, 33, 36, 39, 47,  
50, 53, 60, 68, 75, 89, 96, 100-101, 105, 132

**GRANDPARENTS**

Few can bring the warmth  
We can find in their embrace,  
And little more is needed to bring love,  
Than the smile on their face.

They've a supply of precious stories,  
Yet they've time to wipe a tear,  
Or give us reasons to make us laugh,  
They grow more precious through the years.

I believe that God sent us Grandparents  
As our legacy from above,  
To share the moments of our life,  
As extra measures of His love.  
- Author Unknown