

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here! 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 info is available in the foyer. If you have questions about our church, feel free to visit our welcome center. Someone will be there to help you!



A Matter of Prayer: Internationally, Nationally & Locally

Internationally, we all need to pray for the people of Nepal. Despite advanced planning for such an event, the people of Nepal are reeling from damage in the aftermath of a massive 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Kathmandu Valley April 25. As the death toll rises, aftershocks hinder rescue efforts and cause more uncertainty. Our International Mission Board can confirm that all personnel in South Asia are safe (Nathan Carroll out of our church is part of this group). Some are now involved in relief efforts in Nepal.

Baptist Global Response, The Southern Baptist Humanitarian Organization with which IMB partners, released \$50,000 for initial relief efforts in the aftermath of Nepal's massive earthquake. This quick response provides hurting people with basic survival needs like water, shelter, food and health care. However, more funds are needed. Anybody wanting to donate may do so by giving to Baptist Global Response's Nepal Earthquake Response Fund or by giving it to the church and we will make sure it is sent to them.

Nationally, we need to pray for the United States Supreme Court (John Roberts, Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayer, Elena Kagan, and Anthony Kennedy). They heard oral arguments for and against redefining marriage in America this past Tuesday, April 28. On Thursday, May 9, we will be in 30 days of prayer for moral and spiritual awakening, focusing on biblical marriage. If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office or sign up in Sunday School. Be sure to tell us if you would like to receive the daily prayer focus via text or mail.

Also, The National Day of Prayer Rally will be held on the front steps of the Blount County Courthouse on Thursday, May 7, at noon. Lunch will follow in the fellowship hall.

In case of rain, the rally will be moved into our sanctuary. The theme this year is **Lord, Hear Our Cry**. We hope to see you there.

Locally, we need to pray for each House member and Senator in the State of Alabama. The Alabama Legislature is about to introduce massive pro-gambling legislation that will possibly include a state-wide lottery, full-fledged casinos and/or a compact with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. In addition, we need to contact our House member and Senator immediately and ask him/her to oppose every pro-gambling bill that has been or might be introduced. If the pro-gambling crowd is successful, they will own this state for many years to come. A list of our representatives are available on the table outside the church office and in the vestibule.

If I understand the New Testament at all, and if I comprehend what it means to be a Christian in even the slightest degree, I believe that God has called everyone of us as followers of Jesus Christ to make prayer a priority!

"Watch and pray," Jesus told the disciples, "so that you will not fall into temptation" (Mt.26:14). In Luke 18:1, the Bible says: "Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up." To the Ephesians, Paul wrote: "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests" (Eph. 6:18). To the Philippians, Paul wrote: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Php 4:6). To the Colossians, Paul wrote: "Devote yourselves to prayer" (Col 4:2). To the Romans, Paul wrote: "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (Ro 12:12).

James 5:16 *"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."*

Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor. It's an honor to serve you.
— Larry Gipson

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It is our desire for every person to become a disciple of Jesus Christ who loves God and people. We believe this happens best in a biblical community in which people are learning God's Word, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, ministering to each other, and serving together. At FBC, **Sunday School** allows you to connect with people in a similar season of life as you seek to live a lifestyle that looks more and more like Jesus. Join us on Sundays at 9 a.m. to find a class that is right for you. For more info, pick up a Sunday School brochure in the vestibule or outside the church office. Questions? Call 205-625-3191 or email Cindy at cindy@oneontafbc.org.

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exists to demonstrate
the love of Christ
in our community and
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evangelism, discipleship,
missions, and ministry.



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Finding God in Life & Community

Sunday May 3, 2015

Celebration OF WORSHIP

10:15 AM

Prelude Charlotte Langner
 Prayer Bill Hopewell
 Welcome/Fellowship Larry Gipson
 Song *Jesus Saves, Jesus Saves*
 Song *Mighty to Save*
 Prayer
 Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
 Children are Dismissed to First Kids Worship
 Celebration Choir/Praise Band *Calvary*
 Hymn No. 330 *Amazing Grace! How Sweet The Sound*
 Song *Amazed*
 Message Larry Gipson
 Hymn No. 329 *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*
 Postlude Charlotte Langner

6:00 PM

Prelude Charlotte Langner
 Welcome/Fellowship Moses Clark
 Hymn No. 516 *When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder*
 Prayer
 Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
 Instrumental Praise Sara Towns
 Song *Oh How He Loves You And Me*
 Hymn No. 333 *Leaning On The Everlasting Arms*
 Hymn No. 187 *In The Garden*
 Bible Study Larry Gipson
 Closing Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY this morning are in loving memory of **Louie and Lucille Evans and Earl and Flora Gargus** by Polly Gargus.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION DAY will be Sunday, May 17, during the 10:15 a.m. worship service. We will be honoring all high school and college graduates. Following the worship service, we will have a special luncheon for the graduates and their immediate families. You may call La'Neia for more information or pick up a form located on the table outside the church office. Please have all materials turned into the church office by **Friday, May 8.**

VBS CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE will be on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir will still meet the next few weeks before VBS. It is important that every child is there. We will rehearse all the VBS songs and begin preparing for our family night program. We will have a **special prize drawing each week** and every child who attends will receive a treat or prize. Come join us and bring a friend ~ VBS Music Director Wanda Gipson

LET'S ALL WEAR OUR VBS T-SHIRTS ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 & WEDNESDAY, MAY 13. On both of these days, hand out invitations to as many different people as you can! If you wear your VBS shirt to church on those nights, you will receive a prize. You can give invitations to kids on the bus, kids in your grade, or anyone. If another friend from church is in your class, invite a different class! Just remember to share the exciting news of VBS with everyone. We want all the kids in Oneonta and Blount County to learn about listening to God's direction in our lives. We have posters for parents to display in their cars as well. Volunteer to help with VBS!

VBS Movie Night
 May 31~5:00 p.m.
 VBS~June 1-5
 9 am-12pm
 Grades K-6th

THE VISION IS CONTINUING!
 Total Received: **\$30,246.03**
 (Since 06/01/2014)



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 May 6: BBQ Pork & Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Bread, Dessert & Drink.

Children: Pizza, Dessert & Drink.

Menu for May 13: Baked Chicken, Baby Roasted Potatoes, Field Peas, Salad, Rolls, Dessert & Drink.

Children: Chicken Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Dessert & Drink.

(((MIX))) MUSICAMP @ SHOCCO
 July 13-17
 Shocco Springs, Talladega
 3-5th ~ 6-7th ~ 8-10th graders
 \$285 per student by May 1
 \$295 per student after May 1

A MISSION TRIP is planned to Atlanta, Georgia, July 19-July 25. We will be doing sports camps, feeding the homeless, and canvassing the area for a new church plant. We will be working with Connect Church. The cost will be \$250. This includes: 16 meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), lodging, transportation and a t-shirt. Scholarships are available. Also, fundraisers will be done to defray the cost. Please call the church office if interested.

WE STILL HAVE SOME CHURCH DIRECTORIES available if you did not receive yours. Just stop by the church office and pick one up during office hours. Get acquainted with your church family.



THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, May 3
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:15 a.m. Worship
 11:30 a.m. Sunday School Luncheon
 VBS Training
 4:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
 4:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting
 4:30 p.m. Prayer Blanket Ministry ~ Fellowship Hall
 5:30 p.m. Divorce Care/DC4K/The Big D (Last Meeting)
 5:15 p.m. Ladies Bible Study ~ Morrison ~ Rm. 170
 6:00 p.m. Worship/Bible Drills

Monday, May 4
 6:00 p.m. Sunday School Visitation~Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 5
 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, May 6
 5:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Praise Band/Children's Choir
 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study ~ McMinn ~ Rm 210
 6:30 p.m. 180 Youth Room
 6:45 p.m. Bible Study/Celebration Choir/RA/GA/Mission Friends

Thursday, May 7
 12:00 p.m. National Day of Prayer ~ Courthouse

TODAY, MAY 3, 2015

Audio Michael Towns
Visual Daryl Wheeler
Deacon Visitation Team..... Wayne Bynum & Gene Blakely
Nursery Workers
 Babies & Toddlers..... Jimmy & Andrea Register
 2s & 3s Jerry & Susan Sanderson
 Evening..... JoJo Holt
Security Team..... Wayne Bynum
Welcome Center Penny Gebbs, Paige Nash & Ellis Reid
Worship Invitation Assistant..... Sammy & Kim Lee

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2015

Audio Wayne Shaddix
Visual Linc Marcum
Deacon Visitation Team..... No Visitation
Nursery Workers
 Babies & Toddlers..... JoJo Holt & Deana Pesnell
 2s & 3s Michael & Holly Brown
Security Team..... Mike McMinn
Welcome Center Pam Dean, Wayne Bynum & Polly Gargus
Worship Invitation Assistant..... Sonya Walker & Brad Hall

ON THE HORIZON

May 10 10:15 a.m. Mother's Day/Parent/Child Dedication
May 12 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission (Green)
 6:30 p.m. Girls' Night Out
May 17 10:15 a.m. Graduation Recognition/Luncheon
May 18 6:30 p.m. Women on Mission (Sanderson)
May 19 9:00 a.m. Women on Mission (Barron)
May 20 5:15 p.m. Last night for Wednesday Night Supper
May 24 4:30 p.m. CDC Committee Meeting
May 25 **Memorial Day ~ Church Offices & CDC Closed**
May 26 10:00 a.m. Spirits of Praise Singing
May 29 6:00 p.m. Spirits of Praise Cookout at Palisades Park