

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!



Thoughts from the Pastor



Alabama Baptist Children's Homes

We welcome Steve Sellers, with the Alabama Baptist Children's Homes, to our morning worship hour. He will be sharing about the difference they are making in the lives of numerous children. An offering will be taken at the end of the service. Please pray and give liberally to this wonderful ministry. Remember, that on average, gifts of \$1,000 can provide one week of care in a group home. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to First Baptist Church.

I Believe in the Tithe

Next Sunday, October 4, will be "I Believe in the Tithe" Sunday. This is done once a quarter to remind us of the need to give back to God a tenth (tithe) of what He has blessed us with. On this day, all families are encouraged to come forward and place their tithe in the baskets that will be down front and up in the balcony. The following devotion is worth our consideration as we think about tithing. It was written by David Jeremiah. His text, Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

There's an ancient parable, "The Monkey's Fist," that teaches a profound lesson. Native tribes would catch monkeys by hollowing out coconuts, filling them with bait, then tethering them to trees to lure the monkeys. When the monkey reached into the small opening in the coconut, his hand fit. But once his fist was full of the bait, he couldn't retrieve it—the monkey was trapped. The lesson for all of us is that the coconut was not the monkey's undoing, but rather his greedy unwillingness to let go of the bait.

I know a lot of people like that. They clutch their material possessions so tightly in the attitude of their hearts that worry handicaps them, negatively impacting their faith, their family and friends, and their future. If only they would put God first, giving Him what belongs to Him—their time, talents, and treasures—then they could quit worrying about their future.

If you are grasping something tightly right now, you're in a trap and need to release your grip. There's not a better time to let go. Open your hands now. God has incredible gifts and resources for you—more that you could ever hold in your fists.

Revival

As we approach our scheduled Revival services, Oct 11-14, let's remember an often quoted passage of scripture, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Let's notice that while revival is always the sovereign work of Almighty God, it is also conditional upon God's own people. Let's hear His invitation, "If my people..." The real story behind any revival in history begins when God's own people become convicted of neglect and begin to desire a fresh wind of His Spirit. It only takes one man, one woman, or one student who becomes desperate for God to do something.

It is a joy to serve you. Call if you should ever need me.

—Bro. Larry

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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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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 September 27, 2015

Celebration OF WORSHIP

10:15 AM

Prelude Charlotte Langner
 Song *Forever*
 Hymn No. 426 *Victory In Jesus*
 Special Prayer for Fall Revival
 Welcome/Fellowship Larry Gipson
 Hymn No. 333 *Leaning On The Everlasting Arms*
 Prayer
 Giving of Tithes and Offerings
 Celebration Choir/Praise Band..... *I Will Sing Of My Redeemer*
 Children are Dismissed to First Kids Worship
 Song *Abba Father*
 Song *Amazed*
 Message Steve Sellers
 Song *He Knows My Name*
 Postlude Sara Towns



6:00 PM

Prelude Charlotte Langner
 Song *Surely Goodness And Mercy*
 Welcome/Fellowship Larry Gipson
 Song *I'll Fly Away*
 Prayer
 Giving of Tithes and Offerings
 Instrumental Praise Sara Towns
 Song *Heaven Came Down And Glory Filled My Soul*
 Song *Redemption Draweth Nigh*
 Bible Study Larry Gipson
 Closing Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY this morning are in memory of **Hoyt T. Barron**.

THANK YOU CARDS have been received from Marvin and Kathy Leathers and Craig and Kathleen Sosebee. These cards have been posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Missionary to the Maasai Tribe of Northern Tanzania,
KELLY ZERMULA
 will be speaking
 on September 29 at 10:00 a.m.
 in the Fellowship Hall.
 Everyone is Invited!

SUNDAY SCHOOL LUNCHEON/ FBC ORIENTATION

 Sunday, October 4 everyone is invited to attend our monthly Sunday School luncheon. Also, if you are a member or are considering joining, we have a class for you too. Come and find out about the ministries, beliefs, policies, etc. of FBC. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Call La'Neia in the church office to make your reservation regarding FBC orientation.

RENEW~REFRESH~RESTORE FBC FALL REVIVAL

October 11-14
Sunday am ~ 10:15 am
Sunday pm ~ 6:00 pm
Monday ~ Wednesday ~ 7:00 pm
Dr. Greg Corbin ~ Evangelist
Meals Served Each Night
Sunday ~ 4:30 pm
Monday ~ Wednesday ~ 5:30 pm
Childcare for each service
PRAY FOR A GREAT REVIVAL!

A Mission Trip to Nepal

We are considering taking a mission team to Nepal in March of 2016. The cost is approximately \$2,000. and the week is still to be determined. Fundraising will take place to help with the cost. We can only take ten people. Presently we have six committed to the trip. The work will include, but not be limited to, the follows: medical, evangelism, Bible studies with children and adults, etc. If interested, please call the church office.

THE VISION IS CONTINUING!

Total Received: **\$35,053.53**
 (Since 06/01/2014)

Kathleen Mallory Mission Offering Statewide Goal: \$475,000

Our Goal: \$2,500
Amount Received: \$1,055.00

HOPE HOUSE IS ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THEIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. If you or your class are interested in adopting an individual or family for Christmas, please contact Zach Buse at 625-4673, ext. 300, for more information.



Serving begins at 5:15 p.m. Join us for food and fellowship. **Please call the church office for reservations by Tuesday afternoon. Ask about the meal ticket which is being offered.**

Menu for Sep 30: Taco Salad, Dessert & Drink.

Children: Pizza, Dessert & Drink.

Menu for Oct 7: Breakfast Bar



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ITEMS FOR OCTOBER: Toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, Kleenex, floss, etc. Drop off your items at the Donation Station located in the stairwell next to the church office.



JOIN US ON OCTOBER 25 FOR FOOD, FUN AND GAMES! Go ahead and start cleaning those trunks, begin thinking how you want to decorate, and get ready for our annual Fall Festival. We will begin accepting candy donations at the Donation Station. We always have a great turn out and appreciate everyone's help.

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

will be returning in January to FBC. This is a great ministry and we had an awesome response last year. Once again you will be able to donate items to be packed and/or come help pack the bags. A list of items is available outside the church office. Watch the bulletin for the schedule in January 2016 for the opportunity to bless others!



THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, September 27

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:15 a.m. Worship
 4:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 4:30 p.m. CDC Committee Meeting
 5:30 p.m. Divorce Care, DC4K, Big D (Teens) ~ 3rd Floor
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study/Ladies' Bible Study ~ Room 210

Monday, September 28

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study (Camp) ~ Room 210

Tuesday, September 29

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Miller's Soda Shoppe
 10:00 a.m. Missionary Kelly Zermula from Africa ~ Presentation in the fellowship hall ~ everyone is invited!

Wednesday, September 30

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
 6:00 p.m. Praise Band/Children's Graded Choirs
 6:30 p.m. 180 Youth Room
 6:45 p.m. Bible Study/Celebration Choir/RAs, GAs, & Mission Friends

TODAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

Audio Michael Towns

Visual Linc Marcum

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

Nursery Workers

Babies & Toddlers.....Ray & Sara Dean
 2s & 3s JoJo Holt & Deana Pesnell
 Evening..... JoJo Holt

Security Team..... Richard Walker

Welcome Center Nancy Hopewell, David Reeves & Ellis Reid

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

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015

Audio Wayne Shaddix

Visual Daryl Wheeler

Deacon Visitation Team..... Michael Towns & Daryl Wheeler

Nursery Workers

Babies & Toddlers..... Steven & La'Neia Wilkinson
 2s & 3s Scott & Alicia Howard
 Evening..... JoJo Holt

Security Team..... Ronnie Baker

Welcome Center Karen Clark, Jim Henderson & Polly Gargus

Worship Invitation Assistant..... Mollie Anderton & Jimmy Register

ON THE HORIZON

Oct 4 10:15 a.m. "I Believe in the Tithe"/Lord's Supper
 11:30 a.m. Sunday School Luncheon
 4:30 p.m. Leadership Council

Oct 6 6:30 p.m. Girls' Night Out

Oct 7 5:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting

Oct 9 Youth Lock-In

Oct 11 4:30 p.m. Revival Meal
 6:00 p.m. Revival

Oct 12-14
 5:00 p.m. Revival Meal
 7:00 p.m. Revival

Oct 13 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission (Green)

Oct 18 11:30 a.m. Greeters & Security Meeting
 4:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Business Meeting

Oct 20 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission (Barron)
 6:00 p.m. Guys' Night Out