



### LADIES CRAFT NIGHT

All ladies-- make plans to join us **Saturday, March 11** at 6PM for a night of fun and fellowship! The cost is \$20 per lady. You can call the church office to register. We will be making Easter door hangers! Contact Katie Dalstra or Shana Towns (205-332-9106) for more information.

### SOUTH DAKOTA MISSION TRIPS

The South Dakota mission trip is April 29-May 6. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due on March 1. There is one spot available for the July 22-29 South Dakota mission trip. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due on March 5. For more information, please call the church office.

### WINTER JAM YOUTH EVENT

Any youth who would like to attend the Winter Jam Concert, please be in the church parking lot on Friday, March 10 by 4:15 pm. The bus will be leaving the lot at 4:30 pm. The cost is \$15 per student. Extra money for food is recommend. You must have a medical release form on file with the church office before attending. Contact Patrick Dalstra with any questions.

**Ways to Give** *Giving*

- Place it in the offering plate
- Place it in the basket as you exit
- Online: [oneontafbc.org](http://oneontafbc.org)
- Text FBCO to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483)
- Mail to FBC  
300 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave E.  
Oneonta, AL 35121

### Our Response to God's Faithfulness Our Tithes & Offerings

Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$66,117.21
Budget Receipts to Date in Feb.....	\$44,127.81

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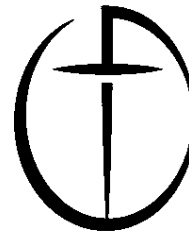
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**ONEONTA**  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



## Sunday, February 26, 2023

*"To connect people to Jesus by evangelizing, equipping,  
gathering, serving, and sending."*

*Larry Gipson, Senior Pastor*

*Gary Morgan, Worship Pastor*

*Patrick Dalstra, Students & Young Adults Pastor*

*Shana Towns, Children's Coordinator*

*Dan Sims, Pastor Emeritus*

## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

**Welcome**.....Gary Morgan

### Praise and Worship

Down at the Cross  
I Will Sing the Wondrous Story  
Living Hope

**Message in Song**.....Celebration Choir and Band  
Song of Worship

**Children's Message**.....Patrick Dalstra  
(After the Children's Message, children will be dismissed  
to First Kid's Worship in Room 160.)

**Message**.....Larry Gipson  
The Voice from the Cross  
Luke 23:39-43

### Time of Commitment

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**.....Celebration Band  
You Are My All in All

**Closing Comments**.....Larry Gipson

**Post Service Music**.....Celebration Band  
Down at the Cross



## SANCTUARY & VESTIBULE FLOWERS

are in memory of Nell Freeman and Olen Stone  
placed by First Baptist Church.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

**March 1:** Chicken breast in cream sauce, potato casserole, green beans, rolls,  
and assorted desserts.

*thank  
you*

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with our Marriage  
Enrichment Weekend!

A thank you note from Melonia & Everett Tidwell has been received and  
placed on the bulletin board outside the church office.



## NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Please join us tonight at 6:00 pm for A Night of Worship featuring our very  
own Celebration Choir and Band along with choirs from the Friendship Baptist  
Association singing powerful songs of praise and worship. We will also be  
singing your favorite hymns of the faith as we worship our Lord and Savior  
through a time of wonderful congregational singing! There will be a time of  
fellowship following the worship service in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a  
finger food, for the fellowship after! NO SMALL GROUPS TONIGHT.

## VBS INFORMATION LUNCHEON

**Sunday, March 5** immediately following the church service. If you are  
volunteering for Vacation Bible School or would like to, please plan to attend  
this luncheon! *Call the church office to make a reservation.*

Title: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Text: Luke 23:39-43

Date: February 26, 2023

Introduction: The story of the dying thief on the cross has much to teach us, not only about deathbed conversions but about any conversion. However, before examining that, let's consider the conversation of the thieves. The Lord and the two other criminals had a conversation. The first criminal "hurled insults at him" (v39). He's hanging on the cross receiving his own death sentence and, with his final breath, he decides to mock the Lord along with the crowd. "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" Some people go all the way to their condemnation being ignorant and unrepentant.

The second criminal has much better sense. He rebukes the first.

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Then, showing how much sense this man has, he adds, "Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom." This man in the last hours of his life came to believe that Jesus was, indeed, the Christ, the Son of the living God. He came to believe that Jesus really did have a kingdom, one that he could possibly enter. He saw his sin and admitted his wrong. He did the only thing he could do—the only thing he needed to do: plead with Christ for forgiveness and mercy. Aside from Jesus, this thief is the only humble man in the entire scene! He's humble enough to admit his sin and humble enough to turn to Jesus for forgiveness. (*Christ Centered Exposition Exalting Jesus in Luke*, Thabiti Anyabwile, p 346-347)

The Lord speaks only one line in the entire conversation. "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise" (v43). What do we need to learn from the dying thief on the cross about conversion?

- I. Conversion is a wonderful experience.
- II. Conversion is an immediate experience.
- III. Conversion is an open experience.
- IV. Conversion is a complete experience.
- V. Conversion is a simple experience.
- VI. Conversion is an abundant experience.