

## NEXT BOOK CLUB

**Jan 18 | 5:30 PM | Sargent Home**

Purchase and read Ken Harrison's *A Daring Faith in a Cowardly World: Live a Life Without Waste, Regret, or Anything Unfinished*. Sign up on the app if you plan to attend.

## DOWNLOAD OUR CHURCH APP

Just search **Oneonta FBC** on Google Play or the iTunes App Store. Available on iPhone and Tablet. Stay connected to your church. Watch services online and stay up to date on what's happening at FBC.

## LIGHT/VISION 23

We are embarking on a faith-based vision to update our stage lighting, video and assistive listening systems, called "Light/Vision 23." The total estimated cost for "Light/Vision 23" is \$60,000. We are determined not to borrow money to accomplish "Light/Vision 23." To be good stewards of the resources that God has entrusted to us, we have a plan to minimize costs. Prayerfully consider how you can participate.

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Monthly Budget Needs	\$66,117.21
Monthly Budget Receipts through December 10	\$48,659.41
Light/Vision 23 (Goal: \$60,000)	\$33,945.86
Lottie Moon Offering	\$6,012.16

## WAYS TO GIVE



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## YEAR END NOTES FROM YOUR FRIENDLY FINANCIAL MINISTRY ASSISTANT

As 2023 comes to a close, please keep this in mind when making your contributions.

- **Contributions** can only be claimed in 2023 for tax purposes if received by the church prior to 12/29/23. The only exception is if mailed (postmarked) on or before 12/31/23 or given at church on Sunday, 12/31/23.
- **2023 Contribution Statements** will be mailed to home addresses the week of January 22, 2023. If you have moved or have a change of address, please notify the church office.
- **The 2024 Offering Envelopes** are available outside the church office. If you are unable to locate yours, please contact Sarah Blakely in the church office for assistance.



*And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.  
1 John 4:14*

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## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

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**LARRY GIPSON, PASTOR**  
**GARY MORGAN, WORSHIP PASTOR**  
**PATRICK DALSTRA, STUDENTS & YOUNG ADULT PASTOR**  
**SHANA TOWNS, CHILDREN'S COORDINATOR**  
**DAN SIMS, PASTOR EMERITUS**

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*Connecting People to Jesus by  
Evangelizing, Equipping, Gathering, Serving, and Sending*

## MORNING WORSHIP - 10:15 AM

Praise & Worship

**Joy To The World (Shout For Joy)**  
**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Message in Song Celebration Choir and Band

**I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day**  
Rick Renshaw, soloist

The Great Pursuit

Scripture and Prayer David & Jo Stewart

Children's Message Sara Hester

Message in Song Celebration Choir and Band  
**Emmanuel**  
Wanda Gipson and Tommy Morgan, soloists

Message Larry Gipson  
**Jesus The Savior**  
1 John 4:14

Time of Response  
**What Child Is This?**

Giving of Tithes and Offerings Offertory Prayer

Offertory Celebration Band  
**Sing We Now Of Christmas**

Closing Comments and Prayer Larry Gipson

Post Service Music Celebration Band  
**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

## TODAY AT FBC

8:00 AM Band & Worship Team Rehearsal  
9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:15 AM Worship Service  
11:30 AM Alaska Mission Trip Meeting  
6:00 PM Music & Memories Dinner

## ALASKA MISSION TRIP MEETING

There will be an Alaska Mission Trip Meeting TODAY in the Choir Room immediately following the Worship Service to discuss the upcoming fundraiser event on January 7.

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC & MEMORIES DINNER

**Tonight | 6:00 PM**

Join us for this heartwarming time of sharing some Christmas music along with favorite memories that are held dear to us. Everyone is invited. A free dinner is included. On the menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, and Dessert. Make reservations for dinner for you and your family at [oneontafbc.org](http://oneontafbc.org) or on the church app.

## WOMEN ON MISSION PARTY

**Dec 19 | 11:30 AM**

The Women on Mission's Christmas Party will be at the home of Anne Payton.

## SPIRITS OF PRAISE CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Dec 19 | 5:00 PM**

The bus will leave the church parking lot at 5:00 PM for the Brandin' Iron Steak House in West Point. Afterwards, the bus will drive through to see the lights at Sportsman Lake Park. Call the church office to make your reservation.

## LOTTIE MOON POST OFFICE

The annual Lottie Moon Post Office is set up outside the church office. You can "mail" your Christmas cards and give your "stamp" donation to the IMB Offering. Also, check the boxes for your mail!

**The FBC Lottie Moon Goal is \$12,000.**

Received to date...\$6,012.16

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**Dec 17** Music & Memories Dinner | 6:00 PM

**Dec 24** Morning Worship Only | 10:15 AM

**Dec 24** Christmas Eve Service | 5:00 PM

**Dec 27** No Wednesday Activities

**Dec 31** Morning Worship Only | 10:15 AM

**Jan 3** No Wednesday Activities

## CDC AND OFFICE CLOSURES

The CDC will be closed on December 22, December 25, and January 1.

The Church Office will be closed on December 25 & 26, and on January 1.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE CAROLS, CANDLES, & COMMUNION Dec 24 | 5:00 PM

Bring your family and friends and enjoy singing your favorite Christmas hymns, reading of the Christmas story, and sharing in the Lord's Supper. This informal service is a highlight of the Christmas season each year and begins at 5:00 PM. It is a brief and a wonderful way to celebrate our Savior's birth with your family! A love offering will be taken for the Hope House.

## POINSETTIAS

If you purchased a poinsettia, it can be picked up after the morning service on December 24.

## ALASKA MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER PRE-ORDER TAMALES FOR PICK UP Jan 7 | 11:30 AM

Place your order for tamales! You may order them by the dozen in your choice of pork with red sauce or chicken with green sauce. The tamales may be picked up after the morning service on January 7. Donations will be accepted for the upcoming Alaska trip. Place your order on the app or call the church office. The deadline to order is **January 3**.