

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - 5:00 PM

Message in Song	<b>God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen</b>	Jamie Germana, piano
Welcome		Gary Morgan
Praise & Worship	<b>Angels We Have Heard On High Away In A Manger</b>	
	<b>THE CHRISTMAS STORY</b> <b>The Reality Of Jesus Coming Into Our World</b>	
Children's Message & Scripture Reading	Luke 2:1-20	Jim Henderson
Praise & Worship	<b>Joy To The World</b>	
	<b>THE CHRIST STORY</b> <b>The Reason Jesus Came Into Our World</b>	
Scripture Reading	John 1:1-10	Patrick Dalstra
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 53:1-10	Laura Navarro
Praise & Worship	<b>O Come, All Ye Faithful</b>	
Message in Song	<b>A Christmas Hallelujah</b>	Valerie Marquez
	<b>THE COMMUNION</b> <b>The Rejoicing Of Jesus In Our Lives</b>	
Scripture Reading	Luke 23:32-49; Hebrews 9:11-14	Jesús Navarro
Message in Song	<b>O Holy Night</b>	Wanda Gipson & Cindy Graham
The Lord's Supper		
	<b>THE COMMISSION</b> <b>The Reaching Of Others For Jesus</b>	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 5:14-16, John 3:19-21	Larry Gipson
	<b>LIGHTING OF CANDLES</b>	
Praise & Worship	<b>Silent Night</b>	
Closing Comments and Prayer		Larry Gipson
Post Service Music	<b>O Come, All Ye Faithful</b>	Celebration Band

## CHRISTMAS EVE LOVE OFFERING

A love offering will be taken after the service tonight. It will be divided between the Blount County Children's Center and the Dream Center. The Blount County Children's Center in Oneonta "is a Child Advocacy Center, working to prevent child abuse and provide help to victims and their families." The Dream Center is in Gadsden and "provides kids a safe place to go for recreation, mentoring, learning life skills, tutoring, and growing in the knowledge of Jesus Christ."

## PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS

Be in prayer for Patrick, the Students, and the Adult Leaders as they attend the Strength To Stand Conference, December 28-30. Pray for their safety as they travel, and that God will touch their hearts through the music and the message they hear.

## BIBLE READING PLAN BEGINS JANUARY 1

Join the First Baptist Family as we read through and experience the Bible together in 2026. The **One Year Chronological Bible** provides an intriguing way to easily read through the Bible in one year . . . in only fifteen minutes per day! Experience the Bible in a fresh way by reading it in the order the events actually happened. You don't have to be a Bible historian to appreciate the fascinating new perspective waiting for you. It's like reading some of your favorite passages for the very first time! You can use the Church App with all the readings included along with an option to listen to the passages read to you. You can also pick up a printed 2026 Daily Reading Plan at the Welcome Center or Sanctuary Foyer. We are excited to see all God will teach us as we commit to read His Word this year!

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Church Office will be closed December 25 and January 1.

## NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

We will not have our regular Wednesday Activities on December 31. We will resume our regular Wednesday schedule on January 7. Make plans to join us!

## 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.***

**Lottie Moon Envelopes** are available on the tables outside the sanctuary.

## 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.

## LAP BLANKETS AVAILABLE

As we experience colder temperatures, there are lap blankets available to use during church. Pick one up from the baskets and return it after the service.

## ASSISTED LISTENING IS AVAILABLE AT FBC

Need a little help with hearing the service each week? WaveCAST allows you to use your own smartphone and headphones to enhance your listening experience during the worship service. Pick up a flyer in the foyer or outside the church office and follow the simple steps to connect and enjoy clear, high-quality audio. If you need assistance, please see a member of our Audio/Visual Team before the service starts. We are happy to help!

**SAMFORD/MTI CLASS**  
**THE BOOK OF JOB**

**Mondays at 6 PM, Jan 19-Mar 9**  
**First Baptist Church, Oneonta**

**Class Description:** This course will assist participants in answering the deepest questions about human suffering and God's allowance of it. The course is designed to follow the story of Job and his tragedies, relational interactions, and his grand conversation with God. Why would a loving God allow his followers to endure difficult trials? This question will be paramount to this exegetical study. **NOTE:** This location will offer Zoom as an option for attending classes.

**Instructor:** Larry Gipson

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*Register on the church website/app.*

**Registration is now available.**

**YEAR END NOTES FROM YOUR**  
**FRIENDLY FINANCIAL MINISTRY**  
**ASSISTANT**

As 2025 comes to a close, please keep this in mind when making your contributions:

**Contributions** can only be claimed in 2025 for tax purposes if received by the church prior to **12/31/25**. The only exception is if mailed (postmarked) on or before **12/31/25** or given at church on Sunday, **12/28/25**.

**2025 Contribution Statements** will be mailed to home addresses in January 2026. If you have moved or have a change of address, please notify the church office.

**The 2026 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.



*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

*Isaiah 9:6*

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**DECEMBER 24, 2025**

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**LARRY GIPSON, PASTOR**  
**GARY MORGAN, WORSHIP PASTOR**  
**PATRICK DALSTRA, STUDENTS & YOUNG ADULT PASTOR**  
**LAURA NAVARRO, CHILDREN'S COORDINATOR**  
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