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“Outside the box” at the KBC OBI visits the Kentucky Baptist Convention



On November 13 our school had a unique opportunity to share our mission with friends and supporters at the Kentucky Baptist Convention (KBC). The entire student body and most of our adult ministry team traveled to Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington, Kentucky for a special presentation at the KBC’s annual session. OBI President **Dr. Paul Davidson** had been allotted five minutes to speak to convention staff and messengers, and our choir had been given ten minutes to sing. Dr. Davidson wanted to show them the many faces that make up our Oneida family. The KBC graciously accepted his request and worked closely with the school to organize all of the details of our taking such a large group to the meeting.

OBI faculty, staff and students sang three songs and carried 56 flags representing nations and states that have sent students to Oneida. Dr. Davidson also made some comments. Convention attendees responded by giving our group three standing ovations.

Dr. Davidson later stated, “Outside-the-box thinking, under the Lord’s leading, resulted in our entire student body and ministry team saying, ‘Thank you’ for the KBC’s support through a display...designed to visually and aurally communicate the worldwide scope and spiritual focus of the Lord’s ministry at OBI.” □



The Oneida Players helped us celebrate the holidays with The Twelve Months of Christmas, by **Scott Icenhower**. See page 4 for more seasonal photos.

Reaching out both off campus and on



(Above) Baptist Campus Ministry hosted a bake sale in November. They raised \$645 for victims of Hurricane Sandy. BCM donated the money to Kentucky Baptist Convention Disaster Relief.

(Below) In December the FFA had an open house at the Campus Ministry Center. They offered refreshments, prizes, and a chance to learn more about FFA.



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Five students sing in All-Festival Chorus



In November five Oneida students joined other top vocalists from 14 different schools in our district to participate in the annual Southeastern Kentucky Music Association All-Festival Chorus. This chorus gives our students an opportunity to sing college-level music in an honors choir alongside other talented young people in our region, all under the leadership of a noted guest conductor.

Seniors **Beth McBride** and **Beimnet Kebede** sang soprano and alto, respectively, in the SATB chorus (soprano, alto, tenor, bass), under the direction of **Dr. Greg Detweiler**, Director of Choral Studies at Morehead State University.

Senior **Rebekah Roughton** and juniors **Savannah Fallis** and **Taylor Cochran** were altos in the SSA chorus (soprano, soprano, alto), which sang under the baton of **Ms. Raye M. Hurley**, Choir Director at Franklin County High School.

Singers were selected for the All-Festival Chorus by audition and were expected to learn the music before the event. Our students prepared with extra rehearsals led by OBI choral director **Tim Cochran**. At All-Festival they participated in three days of intensive practice before performing in a concert in London, Kentucky on November 20. □

Bits and tidbits

Our mission statement

The mission of Oneida Baptist Institute is to provide a Christian living, learning and working environment in which each of its students, Christian or non-Christian, is diligently challenged to grow mentally, physically, socially and spiritually in order to acquire an *Education for Time and Eternity*.

OBI continues to participate in these special programs:

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Choir schedule on the web site

Check out the school choir schedule on our web site. Are they coming to a church near you? See www.oneidaschool.org

Need to contact us?

Phone: 606-847-4111 Fax: 606-847-4496

OBI is one of the institutions of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.




OBI Drama Presents

THE RANSOM OF MISS ELVERNA DOWER
by Laurie Bryant

April 4-6, 7:00 PM in the Chapel

You are also invited to the annual Alumni & Friends Dinner on Saturday, April 6 at 5:30 in the OBI Dining Room.

Please R.S.V.P. to Alumni Director Myrtle Cooke at: 606-847-4111 ext. 268 or email: myrtlewebbcooke@yahoo.com



What do our students say about OBI?

"I am glad I am at Oneida because I get a good private education at a Christian school where I am not abused by bullies and I can more easily stay out of trouble."
~ Jordan, ninth grade

"I'm thankful that we are able to work on the farm and have FFA and 4-H opportunities to build our knowledge of agriculture."
~ Gabrielle, eighth grade

"My coaches help me better myself not only in sports; they uplift me. I am thankful for the opportunity to participate in almost anything I want."
~ Jacob, seventh grade



"An amazing and God-honoring experience"

What do OBI ministry team members do on their time off? **Katy Price**, our main office receptionist, spent her fall break on mission in Haiti. In October she accompanied 13 others from across the U.S. for a ministry week with World Orphans. Price called her trip "an amazing and God-honoring experience."

She attended Sunday worship, helped with child care for a marriage seminar, assisted in leading a VBS for children, made home visits, distributed backpacks

full of school supplies, visited an orphanage, spent some time in a home for special-needs children, and worked in two free medical clinics. "The people we saw in the clinics had no means for medication," Price explained. "This was one of their chances to get medicine for themselves and for their families."

She also toured a museum and learned about the history of Haiti. "I was heartbroken to hear about what they have gone through," she said, "but delighted to learn how they have overcome." Price also heard stories of overcoming hardship firsthand when she visited in some of the children's homes. "In one home we met a lady named 'Mama Jean,'" she recalled. "She is a very special lady. She lost her home and husband in the earthquake and is raising five kids alone. She told us that whatever her family needs, God provides. She does not rely on anyone else. Her one prayer request was that she would be able to stay in God's will and that her kids would grow up knowing God."

Price witnessed some of the earthquake's aftermath. "Whenever we were in the van, we saw what they called 'tent cities' all through Haiti," she said. "Because of all the devastation, many people have lost their homes, and so the government put them in tents. It costs \$200 to get a family out of a tent and into an apartment. They don't have that kind of money, so many will live there for years in the tent." Price concluded with a challenge: "Please pray with us for the people in Haiti." □



Athletic Hall of Fame nomination criteria

The purpose of the OBI Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor our outstanding coaches and athletes. The Hall of Fame Committee consists of the President, Principal(s), Athletic Director and coaches who have coached a state-recognized sport for five years or more at OBI and are still employed by our school. Nominations may be made by any person. The inductees will be chosen by the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.

Requirements for eligibility for nomination of an athlete:

1. The nominee must have been outstanding in one or more sports while a student at OBI.
2. The nominee must have left OBI in good standing.
3. A nominee must have graduated from high school--not necessarily from OBI--at least five years before he/she is inducted into the Hall of Fame. Only his/her OBI achievements will be considered.

Requirements for eligibility for nomination of coaches:

1. Any coach whose team wins a KHSAA-sanctioned state championship is automatically considered for induction.
2. Any other coach to be considered must have been a varsity head coach at OBI for at least three years.

Additional requirements for eligibility for nomination:

1. Nominee must be present at the induction ceremony. If unable to attend due to illness, the nominee may be represented by a family member.
2. The nominee may be someone already deceased. In this event, he/she will be represented by a family member at the induction ceremony. Persons interested in nominating a former OBI athlete or coach should send information such as newspaper clippings, statistics, a picture of the nominee (preferably a photo made at or around the time the person was at OBI), and/or other items of documentation that make the nominee worthy of consideration. Enclose information with the nomination form on page 4.

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If so, ask if they will put a link to Oneida Baptist Institute on their site.
www.oneidaschool.org



Christmas at OBI included (clockwise) a musical by our staff children and sixth graders; FFA's "Walk to Bethlehem;" our annual concert featuring choir, band, guitars and vocal ensemble; and a girls' dormitory open house complete with a door decorating contest.

Oneida Baptist Institute Athletic Hall of Fame 2013 nomination form
Deadline for nomination is April 1, 2013

Name of nominee _____

Decade of participation: 1930's 1940's 1950's 1960's 1970's 1980's 1990's 2000's

Sport(s) nominee participated in or coached _____

Your name _____

Your complete address _____

Your phone number _____

Why you are nominating this person (awards, records set, etc.) _____

See criteria on page 3. Fill out the above form, clip and mail to OBI, Attn: Laura Stockton, Athletic Director.