

THIS IS ONEIDA
DR. BARKLEY MOORE – REMEMBERING 20 YEARS LATER

I have had the privilege of personally knowing a few great men in my life, and Dr. Barkley Moore was most definitely one of those great men. As I grew up as a faculty kid at Oneida, Barkley Moore was not only the intimidating and passionate man at the helm of my school, but he was also a part of my family. His late night visits and meals, stories about Oneida's history, discussions with my parents about school issues and challenges are indelible images seared on the Oneida Baptist Institute portion of my brain. Even as a child, I knew whenever I was in the presence of Dr. Moore I was indeed in the presence of greatness.

Basketball was a huge part of my Oneida experience. In March of 1993, my Oneida basketball playing experience came to a close as we were defeated by Corbin High School in the regional tournament at Bell County High School. As I sat in the shower area of the locker room and wept like a child, the first person on the scene to comfort me was my coach and father. Dr. Moore soon followed with his own support. His words were comforting and his care for me as a young man meant so much. He knew

I wanted to travel with the Kentucky Baptist Sports Crusaders that summer and that the trip to China would be far more expensive than my family could ever afford. As I cried that night in that locker room Dr. Moore said, "I am going to pay for your trip to China." That trip cost \$2500 and Dr. Moore wrote me a personal check for the trip. In the fall of 1993, Dr. Moore had me speak in chapel to the current student body about my trip. Even as an 18-year-old kid, I could clearly see how proud he was of me and what I had learned on that trip. That trip and my subsequent mission trips had such a major role in making me who I would become, and Dr. Moore had a major part in that. In the summer of 1994 I would return to China, and the Lord used that trip to teach me lessons about trusting the Lord that I still carry with me today. Had Dr. Moore not sent me on that first China trip in 1993, I am sure I would not have gone in 1994. Dr. Moore's generosity changed my life.

Each of the thousand upon thousand young people and adults who have passed through this little place we call Oneida could probably tell you their own Dr. Moore stories. I could tell you story after story about my encounters with this great man named Glen Barkley Moore.

Dr. Barkley Moore lived, ate, breathed, and slept Oneida Baptist Institute. Now two decades removed from Dr. Moore's death, people tied to Oneida still talk about the man known as "Barkley." Please join us on Wednesday, January 29 at 11:00 a.m. for a special chapel service in which we will remember Dr. Barkley Moore. If you knew Dr. Moore or would like to see and hear more about him and the school he loved, we would love to have you as our guest that day for chapel, lunch, and a tour of our campus.



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