

THIS IS ONEIDA TRAVELING AND TELLING THE ONEIDA STORY

I find myself on the road quite a bit these days, telling the Oneida story. These speaking engagements range from two minutes to 40 minutes. I can talk all day about what the Lord is doing at Oneida. I recently made a three-day, two-night trip I would like to tell you about.

I left home on a Sunday morning and headed north to Jackson County. I visited Second Blackwater Baptist Church, which I had pastored in 2003-2004. A sweet friend in that church -- who had spoiled and loved on my family in our previous time there -- knew I was coming. She introduced me to the pastor. He asked if I wanted to preach, and I told him I could speak about the Lord and Oneida for as long or little as he desired. I spoke for nearly 40 minutes, and then visited my friend's house for a wonderful home-cooked meal.

I then headed for Shelbyville, where I attended the annual Shelby Baptist Association meeting. I was given 10 minutes to share about Oneida. At that meeting, I learned that the director of missions had a daughter who had attended Oneida.

Then I headed for Georgetown to take advantage of some free lodging with friends and a hot bowl of chili. The following day I visited several churches and met several great men who lead those churches. They were very gracious to sit and listen to the Oneida story, especially considering my visit was unannounced.

I then headed for Frankfort to visit a surplus store to check out some used items we might possibly need. Their prices were a bit hefty for my liking, so I returned to Georgetown and tried to visit Toyota. I was unsuccessful in securing a meeting, but will continue to work on this possibility. I then returned to my lodging and had another bowl of chili, which, by the way, was just as good as it was the night before.

The following morning I headed into Louisville, where I attended chapel at the seminary. The speaker gave a powerful message about adultery, warning against the perils that ministers of the gospel face.

After grabbing some "Christian chicken" for lunch at Chick-fil-A, it was over to the KBC for a meeting. There I was able to chat with my good friends Dr. Jim Taylor and Dr. Donnie Fox. It was good to be encouraged by two men of God. I also was able to chat for a bit with Dr. Paul Chitwood, and I am appreciative of his support and care for Oneida.

After returning to campus, I played a little catch up in my office and then attended our girls' soccer game, which we won 10-0. It is a privilege to tell the Oneida story, and I may one day soon be coming your way.



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