#### ONEIDA BAPIUST



# On Campus

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## Yearbook Queen Pageant

Congratulations to the six senior girls who participated in the annual Oneidian Yearbook Queen Pageant on November 11, 2017. Contestants received points for their resumé, interview, talent, evening gown and on-stage response to an impromptu question. **Aisha Biyo** was named Miss Congeniality and Yearbook Queen and crowned by 2016 Queen **Talia Geerlings**. **Elise Bowen** and **Chasity Stevens** tied for First Runner Up. **Hun Jin** and **Sierra Dunzweiler** provided music between pageant segments.



Contestants and escorts back row (I-r): Andrew Lee, Madison Stanfill, Erin Cushman, Seth Smith, Charlee Mullenix, Mr. Chuck Mullenix. Front row (I-r): Uche Ewurum, Elise Bowen, Aisha Biyo, Jindu Onuaoha, Chasity Stevens, Leul Fufa.

# Merry Christmas

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him **Immanuel**.

15aiah 4:14

#### **Connect International 2017**



Some of our international students attended Connect International 2017 (http://youcanconnect.com/#home), a three-day conference for international students to celebrate their culture, make friends and learn about the Christian faith. The event was sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) and held at Cave City, Kentucky. Hundreds of mostly collegeage students attended.

OBI is one of the only high schools in Kentucky to have an active BCM chapter, and the KBC's international student coordinator reached out to OBI to make sure our students were invited!

#### **OBI sends 32 shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child**



In November, Oneida Baptist Institute donated 32 shoe boxes of toys, hygiene items and school supplies to the Samaritan's Purse project, "Operation

Christmas Child."

Our middle school science students provided the items for their 14 boxes and assembled them in class. The sophomore English classes put together five boxes with items donated by their teacher and added Christmas

greetings written in different languages. The Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) made seven boxes with personal notes and a group photo. A BCM member donated the shipping fees for the group's boxes. Six more boxes came from staff members and the family of two day student siblings.

Orloff Phillips, a junior from Pennsylvania, enjoyed the opportunity to help pack shoeboxes for his group. He said, "I liked the thought of other kids in other countries being happy with something that I put together for them." Krista Throne, a sophomore from Michigan, wanted to participate in Operation Christmas Child and was happy when the BCM voted to make it a group project. "We worked together to make a





difference. It showed us that there are many ways we can make a difference in the world even if it's in small ways," Krista stated.



Senior Aisho Biyo (left) and junior Autumn Emrich were selected to be student ambassadors at the Kentucky Baptist Convention. They greeted visitors and answered questions at OBI's booth in the exhibit hall. Both also shared their personal testimonies as part of OBI's report to the convention.

#### **Spirit Week**



The middle school won the Spirit Week dress-up class competition the week of 11/13! Themed dress-up days (pictured: Professions) led up to the annual Blue & White Scrimmage, the official "kick-off" to basketball season!

#### **BCM's Parents Night Out**



The Baptist Campus Ministry hosted the annual Parents' Night Out on 11/18. Children of OBI staff enjoyed a fun evening of crafts, face painting, snacks, games and movies with the BCM members!



The choir celebrated **Veteran's Day** by singing patriotic songs for Walmart Distribution Center employees on 11/8 and 11/10. They opened



OBI's annual Blue & White Scrimmage with the National Anthem on 11/17. On 11/19, nine OBI vocalists joined over 200 top singers from 20 regional schools for the Southeastern Kentucky Music Educator's Association's All-Festival Choir. Two and a half days of rehearsal with guest conductors culminated in a concert on 11/21 at the First Baptist Church in London, Ky. OBI singers pictured below with OBI choir director, Tim Cochran (boys, I-r): Seth Smith, Teni Onitiri, Noah Pfeiffer, Akkarachai "Win" Prommanok, Seth Shockley, (girls, I-r): Ruth Puributr, Autumn Emrich, Chloe Monday, Madison Stanfill.





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#### **OBI Choir Schedule-Spring 2017**

The choir has 16 performances on the schedule for second semester! Check it out at: www.oneidaschool.org

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The **OBI Drama** fall play, "Moriah Morning," was an original script by Denise Day Spencer, OBI Publications Director, based on "The Crucible," by OBI founder James Anderson Burns. The play was performed during Homecoming week in October. Auditions for the spring play with be held in January. Drama fulfills the after school activity requirement for dorm students.





The FFA hosted the 17th annual "Walk to Bethlehem" on 12/17. In scenes along a candlelit path from the main campus to the farm, FFA members and other students presented the Nativity story.