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A new undertaking -- Underwood Hall



January 2018 marks the kick-off to a year-long campaign to raise awareness and funds for a new building project -- the Dr. W.F. "Bud" and Kay Underwood Dining Hall. The campaign is called "Come to the Table."

The state-of-the-art dining hall will be situated where the pool building stood. It will seat 450+ people. There will be a dedicated prep kitchen, bulk food storage and refrigeration, and bulk freezer space. A terrace will run around the outside of the dining hall on three sides and will have an outdoor fire pit. The vast windows will allow students, staff and guests to enjoy the mountains and countryside as they dine with family and friends.

Bud and **Kay Underwood** are 1963 Oneida graduates. They returned to serve in 1984, Dr. Underwood as Dean of Boys and Work Program Supervisor and Mrs. Underwood as Administrative Assistant to **Dr. Barkley Moore**. Two of their three children are Oneida alumni. **Laura Underwood Stockton** graduated in 1986, followed by **Missy Underwood Nichols** in 1993. Both daughters and son **Harold**

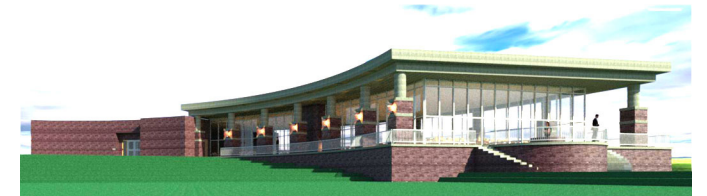
served as Oneida faculty/staff as well. Dr. Underwood was called as Oneida's tenth president in 1994 and served in that capacity until re-

retiring in 2012. The Underwoods worked tirelessly. Staff housing was greatly improved during their tenure. They also helped bring OBI into solid legal standing. Perhaps their greatest legacy was establishing and growing an endowment that would provide Oneida financial stability for many years to come. This commitment to savings is now enabling us to make this much-needed improvement with a new dining facility. Students and staff from Dr. Underwood's time as president can most assuredly recall him often standing at the exit of the dining hall to help ensure food was not wasted. Oneida is grateful for all the Underwoods did to help make Underwood Hall possible.

The first part of the Come to the Table campaign will be to collect stories from alumni, former and current students, former and current staff, visitors, and friends. Stories can be about eating in the dining hall, fellowshiping there, or just being in the dining hall. The following is one example from an alumnus who was a staff student:

Perhaps this memory of my time in the OBI cafeteria will seem odd, but it is one I am compelled to share. Having spent 30 of my 43 years at OBI, I imagine I have eaten just about as many meals in our cafeteria as anyone ever has. My most unique memory stems from some lunches shared with a young man who was a student for a brief time. We were both 16 or 17 years of age. While I don't remember much about what we ate, I do recall conversations about basketball, life, etc. I am not even sure what led us to the same lunch table for a brief period, but I believe the Lord is using it for His good today. This student ran into some serious trouble shortly after leaving Oneida. In the past few years, I have corresponded with him and have had the opportunity to minister to him. Had we not gathered around the Oneida table many years ago, this would not be happening today. Coming to the Oneida table is not really about the food, but rather the life-long bonds and friendships that are made.

The stories collected will be periodically published in the *Alumni News*, *Oneida Mountaineer*, and *On Campus*, as well as on the Oneida Baptist Institute Facebook page and our web site. The second part of the campaign will be to raise funds to complete the dining hall. If you are interested in sending in your story, contact Tamara Cochran at tamara.cochran@oneidaschool.org or Denise Spencer at denise.spencer@oneidaschool.org. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Dr. W.F. "Bud" and Kay Underwood Hall, you may send a check and write "Underwood Hall" on the memo line, or go to www.oneidaschool.org and donate through our "Donate Now" button. ☐



Happy holidays at OBI



The ag department's "Walk to Bethlehem" is always a seasonal highlight.



Above: Our choir (pictured) and Lower School children sang in the annual chapel Christmas program.



Left: Staff, students and guests enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings.

Above center: Students had fun decorating the chapel for Christmas.

Mark your calendar!

It's our second annual **OBI Pastors' Conference and Retreat** July 23-25, 2018. Please spread the word. Tell ministers you



know!

It's FREE!

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Nine OBI singers in All-Festival Chorus



On November 19, 2017, nine OBI vocalists joined over 200 top singers from 20 regional schools for the Southeastern Kentucky Music Educator's Association's All-Festival Chorus.

Two and a half days of rehearsal with guest conductors culminated in a concert on November 21 at the

First Baptist Church in London, Kentucky.

All of OBI's singers were placed in the mixed chorus (SATB). Oneida singers are pictured with OBI choir director, **Tim Cochran**. Boys: **Seth Smith, Teni Onitiri, Noah Pfeiffer, Akkarachai "Win" Prommanok, Seth Shockley**. Girls: **Ruth Puributr, Autumn Emrich, Chloe Monday, Madison Stanfill**.

Madison has been in the OBI choir for three years, but this was her first experience with All-Festival Chorus. She said, "We practiced in our sections and then came together to make music. We sounded great! It was awesome." □

Do you know someone to nominate for our Athletic Hall of Fame?



Watch for full criteria & a nomination form in the next *Oneida Mountaineer*.

Oneida well represented at KBC

Senior **Aisha Biyo** (left) and junior **Autumn Emrich** were student ambassadors at the November Kentucky Baptist Convention meeting. Both shared testimonies as part of OBI's convention report.

Oneida choral director, **Tim Cochran**, sang in the Kentucky Baptist Men's Chorale. □



Schedule for summer 2018

Summer school and summer work program will both be May 21 - June 22.



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*.

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If so, ask them to link to OBI:

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Tyson's "Project A+"™

Send entire labels from specially marked Tyson chicken products. They are worth 24 cents each, and return to us as cash. <http://projectaplus.tyson.com/>

General Mills "Box Tops for Education"™

Send specially marked box tops, each worth 10 cents with points-to-cash. <http://www.bboxtops4education.com/>

Oneida Baptist Institute is proud to be an institution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.



Oneida takes on "Operation Christmas Child"



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from Pennsylvania enjoyed packing shoeboxes for his group. He said, "I like the thought of kids in other countries being happy with something that I put together for them."

The Operation Christmas Child effort was led by **Susette Clark**, OBI Student Coordinator. She was one of 80,000 volunteers who sorted the shoeboxes at eight locations. For the second year in a row, Clark spent Thanksgiving weekend at the North Carolina processing center. This year, she was accompanied by Oneida staffers **Mike** and **Martha Taylor**. Clark explained, "I like Operation Christmas Child because it is a simple path to evangelism. Ordinary items that we take for granted make a huge difference in other parts of the world and show the love of Jesus."

In a chapel service, Clark displayed the completed shoeboxes and explained the Samaritan's Purse program. She acknowledged the student groups and classes who contributed, and led a prayer for the boxes and their recipients.

Krista Throne, a sophomore from Michigan, was happy when BCM made it a group project. She said, "We can make a difference in the world even if it's in small ways." □

In November, OBI staff and students joined together to send 32 shoeboxes to Samaritan's Purse's "Operation Christmas Child."

Donating all of the items for their boxes, our middle school science students packed 14 boxes. 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 made seven boxes and included personal notes and a group photo. One BCM member donated the shipping fees for the group's boxes. Six more boxes plus the remaining shipping costs came from faculty, staff and the family of OBI day students.

Junior **Orloff Phillips**

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Media lab enters the world of podcasts

Our Media Production class has expanded its focus to include podcasts, with other kinds of projects on the horizon. Teacher **Joel Miller** stated, "I felt a strong desire to add an audio production component to the class...It adds another element that gives students a way to determine if this is something they want to pursue as a career."

The first podcasts were with OBI staff alumni. Miller wants some of them to feature Christian international students. He said, "This provides a way for them to share their testimonies to the world without fear."

The steps in creating a podcast include finding an interview subject, crafting the questions, scheduling and doing the interview, adding music, then exporting the file to an mp3 file type.

Miller has many plans for the future, such as compiling audio stories. Students will script the stories, recruit and record the voice talents, record sound effects, and edit the final compilation. He hopes to also produce music, audio dramas, and a variety of other audio projects.

The Media Lab would love to upgrade their equipment, and welcomes donations. To hear the podcasts: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=oneida-baptist-media-lab> □

OBI Drama
presents

IF THE GOOD LORD'S WILLING AND THE CREEK DON'T RISE

by Pat Cook

April 5, 6, 7
7:00 PM
OBI Chapel
All are invited!
Admission is free!

