



The Voice of Appalachia

Southern Baptists on Mission in the Appalachian Region

Success at the Fair



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In June the agriculture students from Oneida Baptist Institute brought home lots of ribbons from the Laurel County Regional Ag Fair. A dozen students placed first in their various categories, with many others earning other places.

OBI students showed goats, swine and cattle. Each variety of animal was judged by showmanship and by weight class.

Ag students at Oneida begin working with the show cattle during the winter. They feed, bed and groom the animals, as well as teach them to lead and set up squarely on all four feet while holding their heads high and staying alert.

Around the first of May students begin learning how to show hogs and goats. Then in mid-May the ag program sponsors an on-campus livestock show. Students are evaluated on their ability to properly show the animals and demonstrate courtesy to other showmen.

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In The Spotlight

We don't need a call; we need a kick in the pants. We must begin thinking in terms of 'going out,' and stop weeping because 'they won't come in.'

—Jim Elliot

2008 Summit



When school ends for the year and students arrive for summer classes, participants get a crash course in feeding, care and showmanship before going to the fair.

Oneida Baptist Institute is a boarding school for students in grades 6-12. The school raises all of its own beef and pork. OBI's agriculture program with a working farm gives students an opportunity to gain hands-on experience with both crops and animals.

For more information about Oneida Baptist Institute go to www.oneidaschool.org

Reports from the field

From Eastern Pennsylvania

Barry Whitworth, Church Planter Strategist writes regarding the Partnership between the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Baptist Men. **"We've had 30 NC mission teams enlisted for the Central Region this year. Thanks for all you did to help make this happen it has made a tremendous difference in our church plants. Many NC churches are already inquiring about coming next year."**

Hillcrest Baptist Church, Spencer, WV

Pastor Barry Miller writes, "We held a tent revival in the town of Spencer. It was a great week. We had VBS during the day and there were 9 salvation decisions. One evening A 22 year-old man heard that his former babysitter was singing and come to the revival and got saved. Another man in his 60's started down the aisle before the invitation started in tears and while I was praying with him and thinking about how rare it is that a man this age gets saved, three other pastors were praying with another man. This man after trusting Christ as his Savior told the crowd that he had lived 75 years of wasted living and "now if he only lived one more day he would spend it praising God!" Barry concludes, "A 75 year old man! God is Good!"

Berean Baptist Church, Morgantown, WV

Ernie and Beverly Little, a couple from New Mexico who serve with Camper's on Mission are volunteering at Berean Baptist church and write, "We are watching the Lord work here. Two people walked off of the street when they heard the hammers, etc. to see what was going on. Both are looking for church homes where they can serve, not just worship. One, a lady, who left the area after graduation and has returned to take care of her aging mom, was thrilled at the weekday ministry opportunities, and shared several successful ideas that she had experienced in the past. It was exciting to talk with both of them; the lady is a Christian, the other person is not. One of the members was able to share with the man that Berean Baptist Church is a Southern Baptist Church. I think he will be here on Sunday.

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