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A Place of Radical Hospitality

“Jesus welcomed them, and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and healed those who needed to be cured.”

—Luke 9:11 (NRSV)

Worship Schedule

Sunday, June 16

Worship Services—8:45 & 10:55 a.m.
Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.
Sunday School—10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 19

Growing in Grace Men's Group—7:00
Dan Phillip's Men's Bible Study—
7:00 a.m.
Women's Prison Ministry—1:45 p.m.

Sunday, June 23

Worship Services—8:45 & 10:55 a.m.
Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.
Sunday School—10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 26

Growing in Grace Men's Group—7:00
Dan Phillip's Men's Bible Study—
7:00 a.m.
Women's Prison Ministry—1:45 p.m.

**Come *cool & casual*
to the 8:45 service
this summer!**

June 16: **Warren Black**
Special Music: Kevin Gwinn
Kevin Gwinn from Olive Branch has been a member of OU's Chancel Choir for 2 ½ years. In July, he will be attending Music Theater Bavaria, a month-long opera workshop in the mountains of southern Germany. While in Oberaudorf, Kevin will be staging scenes from operas by Mozart and Copland. When he returns, Kevin will be moving to Colorado to begin a Master's Degree in Vocal Performance at the University of Denver.

June 23: **Greg Smith**
Special Music: Youth Choir

June 30: **Warren Black**
Special Music: Courtney Bennett
& patriotic music in celebration of Independence Day.

July 7: **Warren Black**
Special Music: Rachel West

July 14: **Warren Black**
Special Music: Early Morning Trio

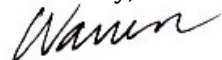
If there is anything we pray our church will be, it is a **place of radical hospitality**. Newcomers, visitors—indeed, all of us—want to be a part of a church where we are **welcomed, wanted, cared for**, and can **share our gifts**. That's why people join a church. That's why people come here. As we plan for the fall, we want to be more intentional about being **that** kind of church. Allyson Willis, Julianna Ross, & Russ McLellan are putting together a team to help this happen.

Here are some thoughts:

- If we practice **hospitality with each other**, then we are primed for welcoming and including those guests and strangers who arrive at our door... and they come in ever increasing numbers. Churches in which people enjoy one another's company have a far better chance of sharing the love of Christ with others.
- **Radical hospitality** means risking **introducing ourselves** to life-long members on the chance that they may be a visitor.
- It means **not glaring** at the “visitor who has accidentally taken someone's ancestral seat.”
- It means **having ushers** who welcome people proactively, make eye contact, give them a program, escort them to a seat, and assist if needs arise.
- It means **having greeters** who welcome visitors, even in the parking lot, take them to a Sunday School class, and introduce them.
- It means having the **signage** to help people get where they are going. Is it possible for a father with a diaper bag in one hand and a wiggly toddler who doesn't like her church clothes in the other to find the nursery without embarrassment?
- It may mean **valet parking** for older persons, persons with handicapping conditions, persons just over surgery or moms with young children.
- It means being a place where people can **grow in their faith**—in classes that nurture, care, and follow up with their members and welcome new people.

All of us are searching for a church that lifts up a Savior who can take what's wrong with our lives and make them turn out right—a church that offers Hope. A church that offers radical hospitality and grace points us in that direction.

Gratefully,



Warren Black



PRAYERS

- Lee Bolen
 - Billy Brewer
 - Roy Brinson
 - Bill Caldwell
 - Clyde Coltharp
 - Reba Matsufuji
 - Sarah Robinson
 - Charles Walker
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- Shirley Bowen, Charlotte Dicus' mother
 - Tommy Bufkin, Sandra Northern's brother
 - Ben Carraway, Helen Carraway's husband
 - Carolyn Collier, Ken Collier's mother
 - Egan Bramlett Delaney, Purves & Eugenia McLaurin's great-granddaughter
 - John Fox, Millie Meader's brother
 - Jean Halford, Lisa Thompson's mother
 - Tina Heath, Earl Dismuke's mother
 - Drew Knight, Greg and Cindy Summerlin's nephew
 - Terry Landrum, Glenda Carroll's father
 - Linn Parkinson, Ken Parkinson's father
 - Christy Price, Susan Thomason's sister-in-law
 - Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
 - Gloria Scott, Shea Scott's mother
 - Bob Smith, Brent Smith's father
 - Ronny Smith, Blake Smith's father
 - Phil Sneed, Claire Hardy's brother
 - Jessica Taylor, Dianne & Glenn Woodard's niece
 - Lois Thornton, Suzanne Spruiell's mother
 - Roy Vaughan, Trish Cousley's brother
 - Josephine Vaughn, Betty Young's mother
 - J.D. Wagster, Larry Wagster's father
 - Jack Walters, Jackie Rozier's father
 - Nolie Yates, Travis Yates' father

Church Office Summer Hours

The church office will close at noon Fridays, until August 23.

Budget Information: June 12

Expenses YTD Date	\$	631,816.29
Received Sunday	\$	28,630.71
Received YTD	\$	669,576.81
Needed Each Week	\$	30,022.29
Budget Needed to Date, 2013	\$	690,512.62
(Shortage)/Surplus, 2013	\$	(20,935.81)
Budget Needed to Date, 2012	\$	668,646.34
Shortage, 2012	\$	(58,531.80)

Special Offerings

Our most recent Finance Committee meeting celebrated the generosity of the OU congregation. There was fruitful discussion and excitement as we sense the great things taking place in our church. The long awaited Master Plan is getting closer to fruition, and financially, we are blessed to be on sound footing. Because of your generosity we were able to make the following unbudgeted gifts:

Bishop's Annual Conference Offering	\$2,571.60
Disaster Relief in Oklahoma	\$1,000.00
Mississippi Methodist Senior Services	\$1,407.00

Gratefully,
Russ McLellan
OU Administrator

Primetimers' Potluck Luncheon

Friday, June 21
12:00 noon, Wesley Hall

Primetimers will meet Friday, June 21 for their monthly Potluck Luncheon. This month's speaker, **Grey Tollison**, will talk about charter schools. Meat and drinks provided, and as a special treat, **Hermitage Gardens is bringing dessert**, so bring your favorite side dish and join us!

Activities Center Floor Refinishing Beginning July 29

We will have the MAC floor refinished beginning Monday, July 29. Due to fumes, the church will be closed Tuesday, July 30. If you have any meetings scheduled Tuesday or Wednesday that week, please call Emilie Bramlett in the church office to reschedule, 662-234-5278.

Wednesday Night Holy Communion Summer Break

Wednesday Night Holy Communion services resume August 7.

PRESENCE

Sunday Worship

<u>May 26</u>	
8:45 a.m.	101
9:00 a.m.	68
10:55 a.m.	229
Emeritus (Azaleas)	31
Sunday School	193
<u>June 2</u>	
8:45 a.m.	96
10:55 a.m.	302
Emeritus (Azaleas)	27
Sunday School	200
<u>June 9</u>	
8:45 a.m.	97
10:55 a.m.	275
Emeritus (Azaleas)	29
Sunday School	197

Christian Love & Sympathy is Extended to

Pat & Bill Forrester
in the death of their
brother-in-law
Thomas Patrick Daniel
"Silky" Sullivan

Sandra Kennedy
in the death of her father
Lelon Grayson

Patrick Brown
in the death of his cousin
Maxine Harper

Congratulations to Leah Bridge & Steve Wooten

who were married in Hawaii

Lauren Crum & Kelly Duncan
Who were married June 5.

Neil & Julie Cole
whose son Joseph Asher was
born May 23. He is the grand-
son of Kevin & Beverly Cole.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar on August 25, September 15; or October 6, 13, 20, 27, or November 3 or 17, please call Toya Bruss, 832-3061.

NEW MEMBERS



Gant Boone
335 Windsor Drive North
662-310-0204

Gant joined OU on June 2 from First Baptist Church in Winona. He is pictured with his fiancée Jessica Caldwell, long-time member of OU and daughter of Judy & Bill Caldwell. Gant is a

2009 graduate of the University of Mississippi and works at University Bank.

Annual Conference Mission Offering: Eurasia Area UMC

This year's Annual Conference Mission Offering went to three programs for creating new leadership within the United Methodist Church: Discipleship Formation for Laity, Creating New Places for New People in Mississippi, and a **partnership with the Eurasia Area of the United Methodist Church**. OU members Connie and Tom Lilly have ties to Eurasia and wanted to share information:

We were both very glad to see that this year's Conference Mission Offering includes support for the Eurasia Area UMC, which covers 11 time zones and includes Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Ukraine, and other former Soviet republics. Methodism had



existed in Russia since the late 19th century but was stamped out, along with other churches, after the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917. The church was reborn in the early 90s after the collapse of the Soviet Union, with strong support from Methodist churches in the US, including several in Mississippi. Establishment of new churches after the church's rebirth was very slow in the beginning, with much suspicion and distrust against any church that was not Russian Orthodox. While still faced with many difficult challenges, including financial, there are now some 125 UMC churches in the Eurasia Area, with a UMC Theological Seminary in Moscow.

The pastor of the First UMC in Moscow, Ludmila Garbuzova, is our friend, and we have attended services there, as well as an annual conference of the Eurasia UMC. Ludmila, a hymn-writer and co-editor of the *Russian Methodist Hymnal*, has traveled to the US, including Mississippi, on several occasions with her choir, the Gloria Singers of Moscow. We know that support of this mission effort by the Mississippi Conference is very much needed and appreciated. You can learn more about the history of Methodism in Eurasia and its rebirth by watching on YouTube the video "Methodism in Eurasia: A Century of Darkness and Light."

—Connie and Tom Lilly

Fred Lorenzo Named Citizen of the Year



Fred Lorenzo was named one of Oxford's 2013 Citizens of the Year. This award is given by the Chamber of Commerce and recognizes people who have made positive contributions to Oxford, Lafayette County, and the University of Mississippi.

Fred is a dedicated volunteer here at OU. He is the retired chairman of the University of Mississippi History Department. He has worked with Habitat for Humanity, the Amos Network, The Pantry, United Way, Burns Belfry, and with Second Baptist Church and St. Peter's Episcopal Church on racial reconciliation. He is the chairman of LOU Home, a program that provides homes to people who have never owned a home before.

Congratulations, Fred! Thank you for all your hard work in the Oxford community and here at OUUMC!

Previous Citizens of the Year from OUUMC

Fred joins several other OU members honored as Oxford's Citizen of the Year:

- Frank Anderson, 1976
- C.M. Murry, 1977
- Travis King, 1979
- James Mann, 1983
- William N. Lovelady, 1987
- Robert C. Khayat, 1989
- Harry Sneed, 2004
- Darryail Whittington, 2005
- Dan Phillips, 2006
- Jean Shaw, 2010

Annual Conference Appointments

Greg Smith was officially **appointed** to OUUMC as our Youth Minister. He is in the candidacy program of the United Methodist Church.

Rev. Gene Bramlett is the minister of the Lafayette Central Parish, which includes Pine Flat UMC, Cambridge UMC, Christ United UMC, and Abbeville UMC. His wife Kirk is now a Certified Lay Minister for the parish. Kirk and Gene are former members of OU.

Please keep Greg, Kirk, and Gene in your prayers as they officially begin their ministries in the Oxford community.



Session One

Campers really had a blast “discovering our community” this week - we all did! From learning about local cuisine to voting on the square, from Ole Miss athletics to Oxford’s artists we put in some miles on our tennis shoes!

Wiley Morris of *Party Waitin’ to Happen* treated campers to a “Farm to Table” cooking demonstration before letting each camper experience the difference between savory and sweet using locally grown fruits, vegetables, rosemary and thyme to make individual pies for snack. What a yummy start to our week!

Square Books, Jr. manager Jill Moore did story time for DDS campers on Election Tuesday. Before returning to count our own votes, we enjoyed trail mix on the Courthouse

lawn. The Camp Discovery vote was close, (14 to 12) with Holli’s Sweet Tooth the winner for Friday’s treat.

Ole Miss Rebels Baseball Coach Head gave us the recruitment tour on Wednesday. Campers agreed they really thought the locker room recliners and flat screen televisions were cool, but the smell in the cleat room wasn’t! After a Q & A session with Coach Head in the stadium’s box seats, we went out on the diamond to run the bases, and cooled off in the dugout with our popcorn snack.

The rain held off Thursday so we could enjoy our walk to the University Museum. We saw the difference between abstract and realism by comparing Glennray Tutor’s paintings of fireworks to a painting by Georgia O’Keefe. Our curator, Emily Dean, was impressed that DDS students already recognized Theora Hamblett’s paintings and could answer her questions about Hamblett’s painting of her dreams and trees! After viewing and discussing collage artist Marty Vinograd’s use of metallic foils in her tree series, campers created their own foil collage masterpieces.



Our Double Decker ride on Friday was a huge hit! We concluded our tour of Oxford with a treat at Holli’s Sweet Tooth. The week was over too soon! **We have enjoyed each and every camper and look forward to seeing some of you again June 17-21!**



Wednesday, July 3
7:30-11:30 p.m.
The Lyric
\$25/person

Tickets can be bought at the door or at St. Peter’s, OUUMC, LuLu’s Shoe Store, and Oxford Floral beginning June 12. **Benefits The Leap Frog Program!**

Entertainment by The Mustache Band

* Silent Auction
* Mr. & Mrs. America Contest
leapfrogdirector@gmail.com
www.theleapfrogprogram.org

Coming this fall to OUUMC
...
Puppet Theater Ministry!

Interested in being part of an exciting new ministry? This fall we will be starting a puppet ministry. We will be performing programs at Children’s ministry events and other opportunities in the church and community. Anyone in grades 6-12 who is interested in being a part of this program or who would like more information, please email Sinclair Rishel at sinclair.rishel@gmail.com or call or text her at (228)363-1955.

If you are interested in being a part of the team which runs the sound on Sunday mornings, please contact Russ McLellan, rmclellan@ouumc.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Oh! You Kids Matter!

Elementary Vacation Bible School



Preschool VBS: A Three-Day Event!

July 10, 11, 12; 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

For potty-trained 3-4-year-olds. Due to Safe Sanctuary guidelines there will be limited space available for preschool kids, so please pre-register. We must meet requirements of two teachers per 12 students. **Registration forms are available in the church office.**

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Please keep our youth minister Greg Smith, our youth and their chaperones in your prayers. They will be at Lake Junaluska in North Carolina at the M-28 retreat camp June 15-19.

Coming up in July...

Laser Quest & Sky Zone

When: Tuesday, July 9; leave OU at 8:00 a.m.

Where: Memphis, TN

Details: \$30/person for Laser Quest

\$15/hour for Sky Zone

Bring money for lunch and dinner.



High-Low Ropes Course

When: Sunday, July 21, 2:00 p.m.

Where: Camp Lake Stephens

Details: Drop-off and pick-up at Camp Lake Stephens.

Senior High Pool Party & Cookout

When: Sunday, July 14, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Where: Blake & Denise Smith's house, 110 St. Andrews Road

Geyser Falls

Where: Choctaw, MS (meet at church)

When: Tuesday, July 23, Time TBA

Details: \$35 admission (plus tax).

Bring money for food.



Also in July, OU Youth will work on service projects (two yard work days for homebound and visiting nursing homes). Details to come.

Youth will also visit children at LeBonheur's Children Hospital in Memphis at the end of July or the beginning of August. Details to come.

For more information about any of these events, contact Youth Minister Greg Smith, gsmith@ouumc.org.

Notes from the Past

EIGHTY YEARS AGO: At the Official Board meeting in June 1933, there was discussion of “the matter of fixing the organ.” [At that time the church was on Jackson Avenue. Morris Lovelady once had the job of pumping the organ there.]

SIXTY YEARS AGO: On June 5, 1953, Dean Guess announced that “three members of the A. B. Lewis family were attending Annual Conference as delegates—Arthur and Mary as student delegates and Dr. Lewis as Alternate Delegate.”

The June 5, 1953, bulletin reminded members that “We need an average of \$1,900 per month in order to meet all of our obligations.”

FIFTY YEARS AGO: The June 2, 1963, bulletin reported that “Mrs. R. B. Ellis will be our organist for the summer. Mr. Donald C. Berggreen will be our choir director for June, July, and August.”

Lay Leader Dr. C. M. Murry attended the North Mississippi Annual Conference in Greenwood on June 4-7 1963.

FORTY YEARS AGO: On June 3, 1973, the church welcomed Donald Lewis as Associate Pastor and Wesley Foundation Director.

The June 17, 1973, bulletin thanked these persons for their work in the Vacation Church school the preceding week: Mrs. F. D. Fisk, Mrs. Robert Khayat, Mrs. Bill Champion, Mrs. Gordon Baird, Mrs. Warner Alford, Mrs. Stanley Hathorn, Mrs. James Mann, Mrs. J. E. Roe, Mrs. Bill Rogers, and Mrs. James Rayner

THIRTY YEARS AGO: Ms. Vada Baird and Ms. Sue Robinson attended the North Mississippi Annual Conference in Greenville June 7-10, 1983.

On June 12, 1983, OU held a reception in Wesley Hall for Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Davis, who were moving to Greenville. His last sermon at O-U was on June 19.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Glenn Miller moved into the parsonage on June 16, 1983. Mr. Miller preached his first sermon at O-U on June 26, 1983.

TWENTY YEARS AGO: Acolytes in June 1993 were Jeremy Bruss, Margaret Cousley, and Emily Tatum (June 6); Heather Bruner, Drew Fair, and Tommy Tosh (on June 13); Lynne Appleton, Veazey Greenlee, and Will Matthews (on June 20); Jennifer Bruner, Heather Bruner, and Drew Smith (June 27).

Pastor and soloist Ken Morrison sang “All Things” on June 27, 1993.

TEN YEARS AGO: Taylor Maddux sang “My Lord, What a Morning” on June 1, 2003.

The Miracles from the Baddour Center provided music at the church service on June 1, 2003.

Dr. Tim Lamb led a group to Nicaragua June 7-14, 2003. The group provided “medical and dental care, medications, eyeglasses and other items to those under served people.”

The June 18, 2003, newsletter announced that Warren Black would be returning to O-U: “Warren’s reappointment, which begins his eighth year of ministry to our congregation, marks a significant milestone both for him and our Church, in that he will now begin his longest tenure at one Church during his entire ministry. No one has served our Church as senior pastor longer than Warren’s seven years with us.”

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