

The O.U. Reporter



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Worship Schedule

Sunday, July 13

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

Wednesday, July 16

OUUMC closed!

We are having the Activities Center floor refinished Tuesday, July 15. The church will be closed all day Wednesday, July 16, due to the fumes. We will not have Holy Communion.

Sunday, July 20

Fellowship Time—8:30 a.m.
Worship Services— 8:45, 9:00 & 10:55 a.m.
Sunday School—10:00 a.m.
UMYF—4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 23

Dan Phillip's Men's Bible Study—7:00
Growing in Grace Men's Group—noon
Women's Prison Ministry—1:45 p.m.
Holy Communion—5:15 p.m.

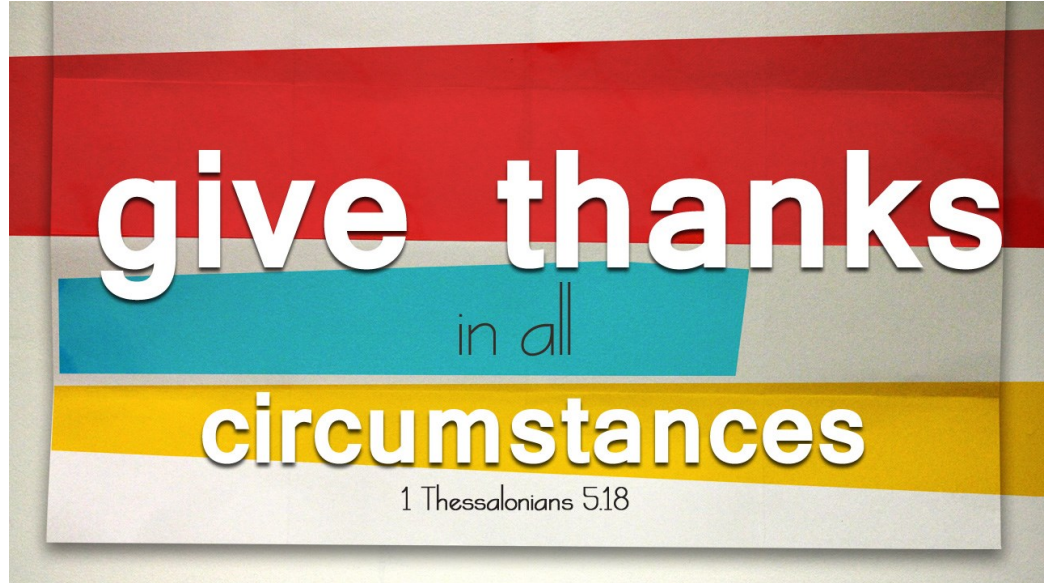
Sunday, July 27

Fellowship Time—8:30 a.m.
Worship Services— 8:45, 9:00 & 10:55 a.m.
Sunday School—10:00 a.m.
UMYF—4:30 p.m.

Transition Team

To help the congregation and our new pastors transition effectively, the Staff-Parish Committee established a Transition Team. This team works with Eddie Rester and Chris McAlilly to answer their questions while also providing helpful feedback to them as they begin their work at O-U. Members of the team are

Liza Fruge (chair)
Merrill Nordstrom
Robert Paine
John Morgan
Patty Tatum
Adrian Shipman



Our family has been overwhelmed by the kindness, concern, and hospitality of the Oxford-University UMC family. From kind notes to gift cards; from welcoming conversations to concern about our daughters, your loving care has helped make our transition unbelievably smooth. Thank you for everything you've done and are doing. I cannot begin to express the gratitude we feel for your care for us.

These first few weeks have been a blur of activity, meetings, and unpacking. Already, though, the sense I get is of a church who understands not only the gift of grace, but how to live that grace and share that grace with others. There is a sense of excitement about what God has done through O-U over the years and a great sense of anticipation for where God is leading us in the new chapter that is beginning.

I feel fortunate to be your pastor during this new season and look forward to building relationships, getting to know the church and community, and sharing in the work of making disciples with you in the years ahead. God has great things in store for O-U.

I'll see you Sunday.

Blessings,
Eddie



Pat Forrester

Staff Changes at OUUMC

Pat Forrester has served as the Director of Children's Ministry for over a decade at O-U. As she continues to serve O-U, her role will change. She will work with our **Missions and Outreach Area**, providing staff support and coordination with all of the amazing work we do in our community and beyond. She will also continue to assist with children's ministry, working under the direction of our new Director of Children and Family Ministries, Whitney Robinson.

Sylvia Harvey has worked as our Church Bookkeeper for six years and will retire (again!) at the end of July. She has worked faithfully and tirelessly behind the scenes at O-U providing excellence in the areas of administration and accounting. We thank her for her years of service.



Sylvia Harvey

PRAYERS

- Frank Banks
- Lee Bolen
- Gene Bramlett
- Roy Brinson
- Jonnie Butler
- Morris Lovelady
- Cindy Lucas
- John McCauley
- Doris Murry
- Peggy Muse
- Lucy Robinson
- Peyton Self
- Suzanne Spruiell
- Molissia Swaney
- Ray Turman
- Bob Tyler
- Charles Walker
- Dot Zinn

- Shirley Bowen, Charlotte Dicus' mother
- Sandra Collier
- Susan Brady, Annabelle Covington's sister-in-law
- Janie Cromeans, John Cromeans mother
- Bill Edwards, Mary Beth Mobley's father
- W.D. Flaherty, Anita Ludlow's father
- Tom Foley, Toya Bruss's brother-in-law
- Jean Halford, Lisa Thompson's Mother
- Peggy Rahain, Tracy Morgan's mother
- Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
- Robert Earl Siedell, Cindy Summerlin's father
- Bob Smith, Brent Smith's father
- Phil Sneed, Claire Hardy's brother
- Wilson Stribling, Sloan Hunter's brother
- Katie Stubblefield
- Kay Southern, Diann Coleman's sister
- Chance Tetrick (local 4th grader)

Plus One Program

If you are a customer of Oxford Electric Company or Oxford Water Company, the Board of Directors of Interfaith Compassion Ministry encourage you to add \$1 each month to your bill. This is the city's **Plus One Program**, which is administered through ICM and helps the eligible needy with their utility bills.

Jean Brammer
ICM Board Member Representing OUUMC

Budget Information: July 6

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the many ministries of OU!

Expenses YTD Date	\$	833,353.91
Received Sunday	\$	36,915.80
Received YTD	\$	804,053.61
Needed Each Week	\$	32,045.75
Budget Needed to Date, 2014 (Shortage), 2014	\$	(61,181.64)
Budget Needed to Date, 2013	\$	810,601.83
Shortage, 2013	\$	(25,928.98)

Interim Choir Director:

Brooke Worthy



Brooke Worthy

Brooke Worthy received her bachelor and master degrees in music at The University of Mississippi. She studied in Kecskemét, Hungary for a year as a Fulbright Scholar. She has served as the Artistic Director of the Oxford Civic Chorus since 2009 and is a Realtor with Marchbanks Real Estate in Oxford, MS. Brooke is married to Michael Worthy, an Associate Professor in the Ole Miss music department and director of the Mississippians Jazz Ensemble. They have one son, Bennett.

Brooke has had the pleasure of singing many times with the OU Methodist choir under the direction of Lee Uhlhorn and looks forward to serving as interim director.

If you have questions about the choir or would like to get in touch and say hello, you can email her at choir@ouumc.org. Welcome to OU, Brooke!

Activities Center Floor Refinishing

We will have the MAC floor refinished Tuesday, July 15. **The church will be closed all day, Wednesday, July 16 due to the fumes. We will not have Holy Communion that Wednesday.**

If you have a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, please call Emilie Bramlett in the church office to reschedule, 662-234-5278.

PRESENCE

Sunday Worship

June 15

9:00 a.m.	264
10:55 a.m.	318
Emeritus (Azaleas)	33

June 22

9:00 a.m.	191
10:55 a.m.	425
Emeritus (Azaleas)	15
Sunday School	241

June 29

9:00 a.m.	172
10:55 a.m.	289
Emeritus (Azaleas)	23
Sunday School	231

July 6

8:45 a.m.	147
10:55 a.m.	290
Emeritus (Azaleas)	26
Sunday School	150

Christian Love & Sympathy is Extended to

Mary Beth Mobley
in the death of her grandmother
Maxine Edwards

•
James Huggins
in the death of his brother
Grover Huggins

•
Mark Huelse
in the death of his mother
Barbara Huelse

In Memoriam

**Emma Frances McKee
Landrum**

*October 11, 1919-
June 21, 2014*

Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar on October 5, 12, 26; November 2, 16, 23, 30; or December 7, please call Toya Bruss at 832-3061.

NEW MEMBERS



Nikki Akhundi
1711 Anderson Road
Lafayette Place 23082
864-986-1477

Neghar “Nikki” Akhundi was baptized and joined OU in *The Journey* on June 22. She is from Iran and is a graduate student at the University of Mississippi.



Audra, Sydney, & Ann Claire Rester
9014 Bristol Cove

Audra, Sydney, & Ann Claire joined OU on June 29 from Parkway Heights UMC in Hattiesburg. Audra is married to OU’s new Senior Minister Eddie Rester. She is the assistant principal at Oxford Middle School. Sydney is 13 and Ann Claire is 10.



Josh, Timeka, Reagan, Farryn, & Brooklyn Davis
110 Ridge Cove, Abbeville, MS
662-513-3809

The Davis family joined OU on June 22 in *The Journey*. Josh is an executive with the nonprofit company Delta Health Alliance. Timeka is an audiologist at the North Mississippi Regional Center. They were members of OU’s Bahamas Habitat Mission Trip in January.

They have three daughters: Reagan, 11; Farryn, 9; and Brooklyn, 5.



Gates Allen
(with mom and OU member Krisi Allen)

Gates professed his faith on June 15. He is 8 years old and is an active participant in our Children’s Ministries. His mom Krisi has been a member of OU since 2007.



Jimmy & Brenda Palmer
778 Shady Oaks Drive
662-234-7180

Jimmy and Brenda joined OU on June 22 from Galloway UMC in Jackson. Jimmy is a former civil engineer and now has a private law practice in Oxford. Brenda is a retired teacher. They have three adult children, two daughters and a son.

COLLEGE MINISTRIES

Be a Part of Making a College Student's Church Experience Extraordinary

Consider joining our college ministry Host Family Program for this academic year. Many families and students have been blessed. The following includes the Barrett Family & Student experience.



Richard shares, "For any member of OUMC considering being a host family who reaches out to our college students, the answer is a resounding, 'Yes! You should.' My family has very much enjoyed getting to know and welcome the two fine young men, Caleb and Ryan, that Allyson blessed us with two years ago, and I completely believe that we have received the better end of the bargain getting to know them since our children get to see great examples of young men grounded in faith while still enjoying the fullness of college life.

"Moreover, being a host family is super easy, too. All you have to do is open your hearts and arms just enough for this next generation of our church leaders to get in. They will take care of the rest naturally."

Host Student Caleb Robinson said, "The Host Family program has been an awesome experience for me over the past two years. Through the program my friend Ryan and I have been able to meet and spend time with the Barrett family, which has been an absolute pleasure. Knowing and seeing them at the church and spending time with them has definitely made me feel more connected to OU, and I have greatly appreciated their support and love during this time at college!"

Requirements of the Program: Be intentional about getting to know the student to whom you are assigned. This includes showing the love of Jesus through things such as sitting with them at church occasionally, having them over or out to eat a meal with you, texting to see what you might pray for them, sending a card on their birthday, including them in things you are already doing with your family, etc.

How to Sign Up: Contact Allyson Willis - 662-231-9929 or aewillis@bellsouth.net

Senior Adult Recognition: Anita & Morris “Preacher” Lovelady

Not many professional people attend school, spend their professional career, and retire in the community of their childhood. In fact, the first time Morris had been away for any length of time was when he served in the U.S. Navy. He attained his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Ole Miss, served a short time with a consulting engineering firm and as a teacher before beginning his lifetime career with the Physical Plant Department at his Alma Mater.

He and his wife Anita have been married for 63 years and have 5 children, 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Anita was a stay-at-home mom until their youngest started high school. After that, she opened a ceramics shop, then worked at First National Bank, and then was a real estate agent for 25 years.

Morris served for 33 years on the University of Mississippi Volunteer Fire Department where he set up the Department and trained all the volunteers. The City of Oxford now operates this Fire Department. He was the Supervising Civil Engineer on the original University Golf Course, which was completed in 1965. He was the responsible engineer for the development of the University/Oxford Airport. He sold the idea, handled the planning and acquired the money, land and design work plus supervising the construction.

Morris and Anita are active members of Oxford-University United Methodist Church. They both served on the Board of Trustees, Administrative Board and as Youth Sunday School Teachers. At age 6 Morris's first job at the church was pumping the organ.

As part of the Community Morris was active in the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and the Lions Club. He and his brother Bill were two of the originators of Little League Baseball in Oxford. They spent many late afternoons and weekends building the little league field (where Skate Park on Bramlett Blvd. is now located) He served as coach of the American Legion Team for 10 years. He was a member of the original Oxford Park Commission.

Morris's real passion and dedication was with Boy Scouts. For over 60 years he has been active in the Yocona Area Council, BSA, where he served as Scouting Coordinator for Troop 44 and on the Executive Board for over 30 years. He has been awarded the Scout's Award, District Award of Merit and in 1972 he was awarded the Silver Beaver Award for BSA. His engineering and land surveying expertise came in handy during he many years Camp Yocona was being updated. Anita was a den mother and active in Girl Scouts.

The Loveladys are dedicated members of the church, community servants, and friends of scouting.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

VBS Volunteers—THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to Julie Wilson and Jenny Addy for directing our Elementary and Preschool VBS this summer! They coordinated the many volunteers, supplies and more that went into providing two fun and meaningful weeks for our children. We had around 150 children learn that God is our Creator, Provider, Protector, Savior and King. We are grateful for their time and talents!

-Whitney Robinson
Director of Children & Family Ministries

Elementary VBS: Barbara Jim Turner, Stephanie Young, Melanie Thompson, Kate Green, Julie Bergeron, Brenda Norman, Barbara Purdon, Sonya Schneider, Carol McLellan, May Frazier, Katie Pearson, Leslie Butts, Jordan Walker, Haley Moore, Kate Abouko, Tammi Walton, Jessica Arnold, Molly Griffin, Mary Beth Austin, Amanda Winburn, Kenna Armstrong, Leighann Martin, Pat Forrester, Tamara Austin, Julie Montgomery, Elizabeth Paine, Shannon McLaughlin, Elizabeth Gates, Jenny Rayner, Leighton Mason, Helen Smith, Greg Smith, Whitney Robinson, Liza Fruge, Katelyn Bachmeyer, Camille Murphy, Scarlet, Nicole
Youth Helpers: Neal Norman, Carter Young, Connor Bradley, Alex Johnson, Ella Armstrong, Isabella and Hannah Talavas, Meg Anderson, Noah Langendoen, Anna Kate Barrett, Ann Claire Rester, Mary Cannon Barrett, Lila Grace Lara, Elly Purdon, Lily Kate Austin

Preschool VBS: Adair Laney, Rachel West, Emily Suber, Lainey Kemp, Reed Toms, Jenny Addy, Elizabeth Paine, Shannon McLaughlin, Jenny Rayner, Helen Smith, Barbara and Elly Purdon, Carol McLellan



STUDENT MINISTRIES

Mission Trip: **Belmopan, Belize**



summer bible study series

Becoming A Good Samaritan

juststart.org

Youth will meet on Sunday nights in the Youth Center at 4:30 p.m.
(when youth aren't at camp!)

Sunday, July 20th

Sunday, July 27th

Sunday, August 3rd

Notes from the Past

ONE HUNDRED TEN YEARS AGO: At the July 1904 Quarterly Conference the minister reported thus: "The attendance at preaching services is good. Nevertheless there are burdens on the heart of the pastor that can only be removed by decided improvement in the lives of some of the members of the church."

NINETY YEARS AGO: At the July 24, 1924, meeting of the Quarterly Conference the members of the Official Board expressed to the Presiding Elder "our hearty appreciation of the devoted service and efficient leadership of our pastor, Brother Dorsey. He has faithfully preached the word. He has gone in and out among us in an exemplary life. He has kept before the membership the material interests of the church. He has visited the sick and those in distress. Under his pastorate the church has made marked progress."

SIXTY YEARS AGO: On July 2, 1954, the Official Board learned that the cost of air conditioning the sanctuary "would run between twelve to fifteen thousand." (At the next meeting, though, it was announced that the air conditioner in mind "would cool only the body head generated in the Sanctuary and that additional capacity would be required to cool the Sanctuary itself." In October 1954 one company "made a bid of \$10,600 to do the job." In January 1955 the company "lowered their bid for the installation to \$9,900.")

At their July 2, 1954, meeting, the Official Board heard a report that "a minister's robe is needed for those occasions when the church has visiting preachers. A motion was made and seconded authorizing the purchase of a robe."

FIFTY YEARS AGO: The July 19, 1964, bulletin reported that the new Bishop of the Jackson area was Dr. Edward Julian Pendergrass, Jr. "Bishops are assigned to an area for 4 years."

FORTY YEARS AGO: Acolytes in July 1974 were Robert Tettleton and Tim Henry (the 7th); Swayze Alford and Joey Mistilis (the 14th); Robert Tettleton and Philip Tate (the 21st); Edward Boyer and Joey Mistilis (the 28th).

Soprano soloist Lucy Hathorn sang "O Lord Most Holy" on July 14, 1974. Tenor soloist Larry Smith sang "The Lord is My Shepherd" on July 21, 1974.

Carpet was "installed in the hallway of the first floor in the old education building" in July 1974, at a cost of \$616. Five hundred of the amount was paid by the Business and Professional Women's Sunday School class.

The movie "Faulkner's Mississippi" was shown in Room 17 of the church education building on July 21, 1974.

THIRTY YEARS AGO: On July 1, 1984, altar flowers were given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Selby Downer; on July 8 to the glory of God by the Walker Swaney family; on July 15 in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sneed by Harry Sneed; on July 22 in memory of C. V. Bruce by the C. V. Bruce family; on July 29 to the glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Russell Stokes.

Liturgists in July 1984 were Melinda McCafferty (July 8th), Vada Baird (the 15th), Kathy Brun (the 22nd).

TWENTY YEARS AGO: The July 3, 1994, bulletin reported that Jacob Cade Cumberland was born on June 23, 1994; that David and Kecia Long joined the church on June 26, 1994; and that Camilla Jones was elected First Youth Service Fund Chairperson for the Mississippi Annual Conference.

Skip, Joan, and Camilla Jones were lay liturgists on July 3; Billy Rhodes on July 10; Heard Butler on July 17; Judith Cole on July 24; Sue Hale on July 31.

Joel William Forrester III was baptized on July 10, 1994.

Joe McCaskill gave the Primetimers program on July 15, 1994.

TEN YEARS AGO : The July 1, 2004, newsletter reported that Meg Sinervo had joined the church on June 6 and that Mike and Jodi Dougherty had joined the church on June 20 and Corrine Williamson and Tanya King on June 27.

The July 1, 2004, newsletter congratulated Harry Sneed for being named Citizen of the Year and Karen Epermanis for being named Teacher of the Year. The newsletter also carried a statement by Claire Dobbs, who began by writing, "With great joy I want to thank everyone for helping make my move here to O-U a delightful experience." (Claire became senior pastor at First Methodist in Gulfport in June 2014.)

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