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Update

Worship Schedule

Sunday, July 14

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

Wednesday, July 17

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, July 21

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

Wednesday, July 24

Growing in Grace Men's Group—
noon
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!**

July 14: **Sam Davis**

Special Music:

Early Morning Trio

July 21: **Warren Black**

Special Music:

Greg & Helen Smith

July 28: **Warren Black**

Special Music: **Davis Jones**

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LOU Habitat is completing their 13th home in Oxford. OUUMC has provided the longest, continuous support of any church or organization in Oxford. For more than 10 years, OU has included \$15,000 per year for Habitat in our budget. Many OU members have volunteered their time and effort. Student volunteers from Ole Miss, people from Volunteer Oxford, and most recently the Flying Elephants from North Oxford Baptist Church have helped finish out the construction of this home.

Darryail Whittington continues to coordinate the building effort. Only a few touchups and installing the fixtures and flooring are in need of completion. The homeowner is Nakai Carrothers. She is a single mother with two children, one boy and one girl. Her daughter is in Jr. High and the son is in high school. Both attend Oxford schools.

A dedication ceremony is planned for later this month or in early August. Thank you, OUUMC members, for your continued support of Habitat for Humanity.

Come be a part of OU's Music Ministry!

Children's Choir

Led by Lisa Scott; For children grades 1-6

Adult Choir

Led by Phillip Stockton; For all ages

Youth Choir & Youth Band

Led by Helen Smith; For youth grades 6-12

Handbell Choir

Led by Mary Poole; For all ages

"I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving."

—Psalm 69:30

PRAYERS

- Lee Bolen
- Roy Brinson
- Clyde Coltharp
- Donna Killen
- Reba Matsufuji
- Sarah Robinson
- Bob Tettleton
- Mavis Tubb
- Charles Walker

- Neva Blake, Miriam Rone's mother
- Shirley Bowen, Charlotte Dicus' mother
- Joann Brown, Patrick Brown's mother
- Tommy Bufkin, Sandra Northern's brother
- Kay Churchill, Chris Adamson & Karen Cople's mother
- 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
- 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
- Josephine Vaughn, Betty Young's mother
- J.D. Wagster, Larry Wagster's father
- Jack Walters, Jackie Rozier's father
- Nolie Yates, Travis Yates' father

Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar on October 6, 13, 20, 27, or November 3 or 24; or December 1 or 29, please call Toya Bruss, 832-3061.

Church Office Summer Hours

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

Budget Information: July 7

Thank you for your response to our request last week on behalf of the Good Samaritan Fund! We are again back in the black and able to offer assistance to those who are in need!

Expenses YTD Date	\$	748,393.37
Received Sunday	\$	34,861.61
Received YTD	\$	784,672.79
Needed Each Week	\$	30,022.29
Budget Needed to Date, 2013 (Shortage)/Surplus, 2013	\$	810,601.77 (25,928.98)
Budget Needed to Date, 2012	\$	784,932.66
Shortage, 2012	\$	(49,891.49)



Special Guest Preacher: Sam Davis Sunday, July 14

Sam Davis is Jamie L. Whitten Professor of Law at the Ole Miss Law School. He is former Dean of the Law School, serving as Dean from July 1997 to July 2010. He is married to Carolyn Davis. He grew up in Pascagoula, MS, where he graduated from high school. His undergraduate degree is from The University of Southern Mississippi in history and political science. He received his J.D. degree from Ole Miss in 1969, following which he received an LL.M. degree from The University of Virginia Law School. He is a Certified Lay Speaker in the United Methodist Church. He presents the devotional every third Sunday at Emeritus (formerly Azalea Gardens).



OU member Beth Rosson is the first female president of the Mississippi Funeral Directors Association (MFDA). She has been a licensed funeral director since 1998. Beth and husband Bob own Waller Funeral Home here in Oxford, which her parents established in 1983. Bob has been a licensed funeral director for more than 20 years and is currently serving as the president of the National Funeral Directors Association (the first Mississippian to hold this position). We are very proud of the Rossons and all that their hard work and dedication has accomplished.

Congratulations on these honors, Beth and Bob!



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.

PRESENCE Sunday Worship

June 16	
8:45 a.m.	98
10:55 a.m.	325
Emeritus (Azaleas)	31
Sunday School	175
June 23	
8:45 a.m.	114
10:55 a.m.	260
Emeritus (Azaleas)	34
Sunday School	184
June 30	
8:45 a.m.	134
10:55 a.m.	293
Emeritus (Azaleas)	34
Haven House	8
Sunday School	189
July 7	
8:45 a.m.	117
10:55 a.m.	270
Emeritus (Azaleas)	30
Sunday School	187

In Memoriam

Charles Carroll Scott
August 15, 1934-
July 1, 2013

Christian Love & Sympathy is Extended to

Trish Cousley
in the death of her brother,
Roy Vaughan

Jonnie Butler
in the death of her sister
Elizabeth Young

Melody Webb
in the death of her brother
Greg Smith

Suzanne Spruiell
in the death of her mother
Loise Thornton

Dan Miller
in the death of his father
Fred Miller

Faye Burton
in the death of her daughter-in-law,
Telecia Burton
Loise Thornton

Ashley Windham
in the death of her grandmother

Diann Coleman
in the death of her son
Kevin Coleman

Bill Hamric
in the death of his sister
Wiggy McDonald

NEW MEMBERS & BAPTISM



Pat, Krisden, & Maier Jernigan
909 Olde Creek Lane
662-832-8791

The Jernigans joined OU on June 16 from Hyde Park UMC in Tampa, FL. Pat is head football trainer at the University of Mississippi. Krisden is a homemaker. Maier is four-years-old and attends Discovery Day School.



Mary-Baldwin, John, & Jack Albriton

PO Box 2850
601-672-8070

The Albritons joined on June 16 from Marvin United Methodist Church in Tyler, TX. John is in real estate and franchises restaurants in the Southeast and in Texas. Mary-Baldwin is a homemaker.

Their son Jack is 20 months old.



Linda & Buddy Williamson
2205 Holcomb Street
601-972-4305

Linda & Buddy joined on June 23. Buddy comes from First United Methodist Church in Tupelo, and Linda is from First Baptist Church in Jackson. They were both active in their churches. Buddy is a recently retired surgeon from Tupelo and

has four children and six grandchildren. Linda is a homemaker and has three daughters and three grandsons. Both look forward to traveling.



Sidney & Callie Kidder
662-292-0939/662-614-3673

The Kidders joined on July 7. Sidney comes from First United Methodist Church in Senatobia and works for Always Care Benefits. Callie comes from First Presbyterian Church in Greenwood and works for Boston Scientific

Corp. They have been married three years and moved back to Oxford from Nashville.



Drew and Margaret Baker
233 Hwy 6 East
662-832-0774/662-934-0327

Drew joined OU on July 7 from First United Methodist Church in Batesville. His wife Margaret is a long-time member of OUUMC. Drew graduated in May from the University of Mississippi with a degree in physical therapy and

works at Baptist Memorial Hospital.



Bill Thomas was baptized on June 30. He is the son of Carlyle and Preston Thomas.

Senior Adult Recognition: Sue Robinson



After Sue graduated from Millsaps in 1951, she began her missionary service in Constantine, Algeria. She loved it, staying in Constantine most of the 36 years of her life as an active missionary. Her responsibilities were varied: teaching sewing classes and Bible study to young Algerian girls who at that time were not allowed to go to school, serving as treasurer for her area, administering social and physical aid to women and children, teaching in a boys' high school and later at the University of Constantine. In summers she became a counselor and/or director for camps for girls in France and Algeria.

Twice the General Board of the Methodist Church called Sue to New York to serve as an area executive. Her area was North Africa, sub-Saharan Africa, and the Middle East. In her second stint as area executive her assignment also included Russia and eastern Europe when the breakup of the Soviet Union occurred and worshipping God openly was no longer illegal.

For a few years she taught French and Arabic at Ole Miss. She used to be somebody. Sue was very smart, spoke English, French, and Arabic fluently. During her many visits to friends in Norway she picked up Norwegian as well. She earned a Master's Degree from Harvard at a time when there were few females attending. She got her degree in one year despite being told it was a two year process.

When she was in the United States on furlough and afterwards, she was much in demand as a speaker. She was a member of OUUMC board of stewards, a conference officer, district officer, and a member of the group that united church aid efforts into one agency—Interfaith Compassion Ministry in Oxford. Now that Alzheimer's has control of her life she can do very little for herself and has lost most of her ability to communicate with others. But... at Christmas when I visited her with an armload of brightly wrapped gifts in my hands and the latest editions of *Response* and *The New World Outlook* tucked under my arm, she ignored the gifts and snatched the magazines....

She is still in there somewhere. She is still somebody.

— Lucy Robinson, Sue's sister

"To the lover of pure wildness Alaska is one of the most wonderful countries in the world."

—John Muir in his book *Travels in Alaska*, 1879

Conservationist John Muir was the founding president of the Sierra Club. He was also well-known for getting the ball rolling for the establishment of many of America's national parks. He once said of Southeast Alaska that young people should not visit the region. Muir warned that if they did, they would have to stay in Alaska or know that every other place they visited for the rest of their lives would never be as beautiful.

On June 19, I returned from a 24-day sea kayaking trip in the Glacier Bay National Park and Icy Strait area, one of the most majestic regions I have ever seen. Our group of 11 people kayaked 225 miles. We carried enough food for 12 days in bulky, plastic bear proof containers. All food and scented toiletries had to be packed in these canisters, which we diligently fastened after each use. A shuttle boat resupplied us with the rest of our food (another 12-day supply) halfway into our trip. We did not see that many people during our backcountry travels, but we did see impressive amounts of gorgeous wildlife: black and brown bears (at least 20 sightings), moose, seals, sea lions, sea otters, wolves, mountain goats, bald eagles, puffins, hummingbirds, arctic terns, oyster catchers, dolphins, and humpback whales. Many nights we were lulled to sleep by the sound of whales breathing. We paddled within 25 yards of mother whales and their calves. One whale breached seven times in a row. Breaching is when a whale propels 3/4's of its body out of the water. Incredible!

We slept three to a tent. When desperate for some personal space, I slept outside on the beach, but when the tides rose in the middle of the night I could hardly tolerate the insect sized shrimp jumping all over me. The weather was mercurial: when it was cold, it was freezing; when it was hot, it was blazing. We had five days of non-stop rain, five cloudy days, and 14 sunny, clear days. While kayaking, I contracted a painful hand rash colloquially called, "Gator Paw." Open, oozing blisters formed on the tops of my hands. Too much wind, glacier water, and sun exposure were the culprits. Thankfully, my hands began to heal after I started wearing gloves.

The trip was physically challenging, especially when kayaking in high winds, large waves, and strong currents. The tides were extreme, sometimes changing as much as 18 feet. We frequently had to carry our heavy gear and boats long distances to keep them from being swept out to sea. Many times I thought of my OU church family back home. There were days I imagined that if you knew what I was experiencing you would think I had lost my mind.

Our kayak group was quite diverse in age (17 to 40) and background. One member was from Taiwan; two others were from Canada. The rest were from Alaska, New Jersey, Oregon, Utah, and California. I was the only person from the South. I was also the only practicing religious person in the group except for the person from Taiwan who was Buddhist. Early on I was asked what I did for a living, and I felt the tension rise when I said I was a pastor. But, with time this sentiment waned. We all had a love for the wilderness in common and a need to be supported by the entire group while in the backcountry. We grew to trust and to depend on each other. I realized once again that the best spiritual witness rarely insists on strict creeds or dogmas, but rather conveys open and gracious respect and compassion. My hunch is that we all left the Glacier Bay/Icy Strait area more like what our Creator intends.

I may never be fortunate enough to return to the breathtaking place of Southeast Alaska, but I have been shaped by its sacred wildness. I am stronger, braver, and more willing to open my heart to unknown territories.

I continue to give great thanks for your generosity in allowing me to spend this extended time on sabbatical doing precisely what makes my heart sing!



Gratefully,
Claire

Claire's Sabbatical Schedule:
Travels to Ireland & Scotland, June 28-July 24

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Toddler Time is a time of fellowship and fun for parents and younger children. They meet Wednesdays beginning May 22, 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the Activities Center. Jenny Addy is the coordinator, jzaddy@hotmail.com.

July 17: **Gym Play & Mini-activity—gym treasure hunt** (Lesson Sheet: Heaven is the greatest treasure)

July 24: **Gym Play**

July 31: **Gym Play & Mini-activity—bubbles & ice cream** (Lesson Sheet: Jesus feeds 5,000)

Rotation Sunday School Summer Schedule

For the summer, our rotation classes will all meet as one big class (grades 2-5).

The schedule for July is:

July 14 - games

July 21 - cooking

The Rotation theme for July is **"The Good Samaritan."**

Main Idea: Through the Good Samaritan, Jesus teaches us to love God and other people. When we follow Jesus' teachings, we show God's love to other people, whether they live close to us or far away.

Objectives: Children will have the opportunity to:

- explore the story of the Good Samaritan;
- answer for themselves the question, "Who is my neighbor?"
- experience being a good neighbor

Elementary VBS: Thank you, Volunteers!

Julie Bergeron	Leigh Lowery	Martha Huckins
Amelia Huckins	Emma Webb	Elizabeth Gates
Emilie Bramlett	Pat Forester	Tamara Austin
Brenda Norman	Carolyn Davis	Maggie Fair
Helen Smith	Simsie Shaw	Kenna Armstrong
Annie Haymans	Jennifer Erwin	Mary Beth Austin
Megan Tomes	Timeka Davis	Amanda Winburn
Kelley Notestone	Patty Tatum	Nancy Campbell
Sonya Schneider	Laurie Walker	Grace Summerlin
Scarlet McCombs	Avery Duke	Graham Nance
Julie Laurenzo	Anna Laurenzo	Hannah Talavas
Stephanie Young	Jenny Rayner	Barbara Jim Turner
Shannon McLaughlin	Heidi Gatlin	Gretchen Higgins
Barbara Michael	Mrs. Paine	Melanie Thompson
Bo Gatlin		

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Coming up in July...

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

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.

Geyser Falls

When: Tuesday, July 23, Time TBA **Where:** Choctaw, MS (meet at church)

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.



COLLEGE MINISTRIES

Upcoming Events:

College students please join us for **Sunday School** at 10:00 in Room 409 as we study about the Grace of God this summer.

Student Ministries Cook-Out - Wednesday, July 17, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Eddie & Allyson Willis, (101 Leggett Lane)

Girls' Coffee - Monday, July 15th 4:00 - Highpoint Coffee Downtown

Guys interested in **playing basketball** contact Rocky Shack (662-610-9831).

Notes from the Past

EIGHTY YEARS AGO: At the July 7, 1933, meeting of the Official Board “Judge Hemingway reported that the leak in the roof over the organ had been repaired.” (The church was then located on Jackson Avenue.)

SIXTY YEARS AGO: On July 12, 1953, an evening worship service was held “on the lawn with Mr. Don Rushing as speaker.” Rushing was a member of the Wesley Foundation at the University.

The July 26, 1953, bulletin welcomed “our minister [A. L. Meadows] home after an absence of four Sundays. He has been visiting relatives in South Mississippi on his vacation. We are glad to have him back with us again.”

FIFTY YEARS AGO: At their meeting on July 16, 1963, members agreed that Pastor Clark be granted a month vacation and that the pulpit be filled during the month by Don Anderson, Bill Pennington, S. L. McCullouch, and Ellis Finger.

The July 28, 1963, bulletin expressed “our gratitude to our organist this past year, Mrs. Robert Ellis, for her loyal and inspiring service. This is her last Sunday with us.” (Mrs. Ellis later became our longtime organist.)

FORTY YEARS AGO: On July 14, 1973, Reverend Frank Roughton appeared to “huge crowds of young people gathered here for the annual Youth Day of the North Mississippi Conference.” Roughton was “nationally known for his acting role as Christ in presentations of the Lord’s Supper and the Sermon on the Mount.”

The July 31, 1983, bulletin reported that “Mrs. Jenny Kemp will assume her new duties as Choir Director next Sunday.” Andy Ramsey had accepted a new job in Jackson.

The July 31, 1983, bulletin reported that “The 113th Annual United Methodist Camp Meeting will be held at Old Methodist Campground during the week of August 7 through August 12. The Reverend Larry Goodpastor, Minister of the Como United Methodist Church, will be the preacher.” (Goodpastor later became minister of O-U and is now a Bishop.)

TWENTY YEARS AGO: Acolytes in July 1993 were Heather Bruner, Emily Tatum, and Margaret Cousley (July 4); Jeremy Bruss, Scott Hale, and Olivia Foshee (July 11); Jeremy Bruss, Drew Fair, and Will Matthews (July 18); Brett Rosson, Shannon Shipley, and Veazey Greenlee (July 25). Lay Liturgists were Jerry Montgomery, Sue Hale, Jim Greenlee, and Skip Jones

Congratulations to

Chelsey Overstreet & Christopher Hedglin who were married on June 15.

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Ashley Farrell & Eric Folk who were married June 29.

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Jessica & Todd Windham whose daughter Molly-Michael was born June 13. She is welcomed by sister Pressley.

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Dena & John Moses whose daughter Renna Taylor was born June 19. She is the granddaughter of Ree & Jack Moses and is welcomed by sister Maria.

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