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## Welcome Back, Students! Sunday, August 28

Join us this Sunday in the Traditional Services (8:45 and 10:55 in the sanctuary) with Eddie Willis, Director of the Ole Miss Wesley Foundation. Warren Black will lead *The Journey*.



### Worship Schedule

#### Sunday, August 28

Worship Services—8:45, 9:00, & 10:55 a.m.

Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—10:00 a.m.

No U.M.Y.F. this Sunday!

#### Wednesday, August 31

Wednesday Holy Communion—6:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, September 4

Worship Services—8:45, 9:00, & 10:55 a.m.

Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—10:00 a.m.

U.M.Y.F.—6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, September 7

Children Choristers—4:00 p.m.

Youth Choir—5:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Supper—5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Holy Communion—6:00 p.m.

W.O.W.—6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:00 p.m.

## Church Family Potluck Luncheon

Following the 10:55 service  
Activities Center

We're looking forward to an exciting fall at OUUMC, and we hope everyone will join us to kick off the fall semester.

**A-F—bring a vegetable**

**M-R—bring a salad**

**G-L—bring a casserole**

**S-Z—bring a dessert**

**Everyone is invited! We look forward to seeing you this Sunday!**

*See page 3 for  
information  
about our fall  
programs,  
starting  
September 7.*

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## PRAYERS

- Frank Anderson
- Robert Bennett
- Shirley Black
- Mildred Davis
- Cile Downer
- Kate Hathorn
- Pat Lamar
- Noel Akins, Nicole Boyd's father
- Shirley Ann Bowen, Charlotte Dicus' mother
- Will Campbell, friend of Diann Coleman
- Sandra Collier
- Myrtice DeRuyscher, Lisa Scott and Tamara Austin's grandmother
- Robert DeRuyscher, Lisa Scott and Tamara Austin's father
- Bill Gates, Patty Tatum's brother-in-law
- Christian Haire, Carole Dye's grandson
- Betty Hewitt, Lloyd Hewitt's mother
- Richard King, John King's brother
- Paul Klotz, Cile Downer's son-in-law
- Ramona Lewis, Becky Bingner's mother
- Richard Matsufuji, Reba Matsufuji's son
- Juanita Myrick, Chris Stasny's mother-in-law
- Trey Poole, Wanda Poole's grandson
- Bob Ramay, Virginia Johnson's father
- Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
- Cheri Shack, Toya Bruss' sister
- Phil Sneed, Claire Hardy's brother
- Bob Upson, Maxine Woolsey's brother
- Tommy and Bill Webb, Molly Meisenheimer's parents

### *Congratulations to*

Sally Kate and Jonathan Walker, whose son Thomas Harrison was born August 6. He is the grandson of Beth and Bob Rosson and Mary and Charles Walker.

Ashley and Trey Fava, whose son Brooks Alexander was born July 18. He is the grandson of Buster and Donna McVey and the great-grandson of Betty Jo Gresham.

## BUDGET UPDATE

### General Budget

Need per week	\$27,035.42
Rec Sun 8/21/11	\$19,734.86
Need to date 8/21/11	\$919,204.28
Rec to date 8/21/11	\$815,273.74
Expenses through 8/21/11	\$792,564.82

Total offerings for 8/21/11 were \$25,775.86. Thank you for your continued support of OU's ministries.

## New Adult Sunday School Class

The **SOJOURNERS** is a new class for those who are 55+ who enjoy a supportive group with emphasis on fellowship and lively discussions on contemporary Christian issues.

Our first class will be devoted to meeting each other, choosing our first topic of discussion and setting our social schedule. If you are interested, please join us in Room 205.

## Handbell Choirs

**Handbell choirs** will be starting up again in September. We have a choir for experienced ringers and one for beginners. The beginning choir is for those of limited experience and those who want to experiment to see if you would like to learn to read.

No experience is necessary. Junior and senior high students are also welcomed. For more information get in touch with Mary Poole at franklin.poole@gmail.com or 281-8103.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers on the altar on **October 23 or November 13** please call Toya Bruss, 832-3061.

## PRESENCE Sunday Worship

### August 7

<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>425</b>
<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>10:55 a.m.</b>	<b>278</b>

### August 14

<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>340</b>
<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>10:55 a.m.</b>	<b>302</b>

### August 21

<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>370</b>
<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>111</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>10:55 a.m.</b>	<b>456</b>

### *Christian Love and Sympathy is Extended to*

**Lisa Carrothers**  
in the death of her nephew,  
George McEwen

•  
**Eric Graeber**  
in the death of his grandmother,  
Jewell Graeber

•  
**Baker Thurlow**  
in the death of his grandmother,  
Nova Thurlow

•  
**Tina Daniels**  
in the death of her grandmother  
Clara Rikard Russell

•  
**Brenda Norman**  
in the death of her uncle,  
Howard Harrell

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**Chester McClarty**  
in the death of his brother  
Jack McClarty

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**Brad Walsh**  
in the death of his aunt  
Margaret Nordine

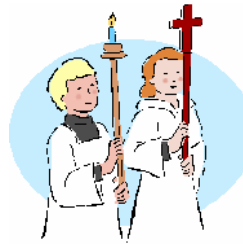
# BAPTISM



Layla Vivian Farese was baptized on Sunday, August 21. She is the daughter of Lea and Jason Farese and is welcomed by siblings Luke and Alexa.

# Acolyte Training

**Saturday, August 27  
10:30 a.m., Choir Room**



Lee Uhlhorn will offer acolyte training for any youth 6th grade and up who would like to serve as an acolyte this year. Contact Ms. Lee (234-7102, leeuhlhorn@gmail.com) for more information.

## *Fall Programs at OU Begin Wednesday, September 7*

### Children Choristers

4:00 p.m.  
Choir Room

### Youth Choir

5:15 p.m.  
Choir Room

### Holy Communion

6:00 p.m.  
Sanctuary

### Wednesday Night Supper

5:00 p.m.  
Activities Center

### Worship Outreach Wednesdays

*For kids three years old-sixth grade*  
6:00 p.m.  
Activities Center

### Chancel Choir

7:00 p.m.  
Choir Room

*Everyone is invited. Let's make this a fall to remember!*



Leap Frog is a non-profit after-school tutoring and enrichment program that began in Oxford, Mississippi, in the late 80's as an outreach ministry through St. Peter's Episcopal Church. At that time, the program only served 12 second graders, on Tuesdays and Thursdays; today we serve 95 first and second graders, Monday through Thursday. The students we serve are at-risk first and second graders from the Oxford city and Lafayette county schools. The students attend Leap Frog at St. Peter's and Oxford-University Methodist Churches. The students spend one hour working one-on-one with a volunteer tutor on academics; afterwards they are given a healthy snack and participate in enrichment hour. Leap Frog begins at OU on Wednesday, September 7 in the Activities Center.

**If you are willing to provide snacks one afternoon (or a few!), please contact Adrian Shipman, abshipman@gmail.com. Let me know if there is a certain day you CANNOT do it. I will assign days & let you know your date (or dates!). This is a dynamic program that our church is proud to support, and we appreciate you giving your time to make it happen.**

Bring your food and drinks to the kitchen before 1:00 p.m. on your day. Be sure to LABEL the snacks as Leap Frog and the date! Any healthy snack makes them happy! We have 30 students at the site. 2 Gallons of juice or 30 boxes or bags will cover the drinks. Apple, OJ, HI-C, or any other fruit drink. **\*\*\*NO MILK OR SODAS, PLEASE!\*\*\*** Try to bring a combination of fruit and a carbohydrate. Some ideas: grapes, cheese and crackers, juice, oranges, pretzels, bananas, Goldfish crackers, apples, yogurt, pudding cups, peanut butter crackers, trail mix, etc. We do ask that you not bring chips or any junk food, as we are trying to encourage healthy eating habits.

## Adult Sunday School Young Adult Classes

College Class: *Prayer Room*

Growing in Grace: *Room 409*

CrossTalk: *Library, Room 411*

## Mixed/Middle Adult Classes

Aldersgate: *Room 206-A*

Stragglers: *Room 207*

Spirit Class: *Conference 327*

Salt and Light: *Room 404*

Sneed's Shepherds: *Room 410*

Behold: *Room 416*

Women of Hope: *Room 418*

Faith and Fellowship: *Room 419*

Sojourners: *Room 205*

## Older Adult Classes

Double Circle: *Wesley Hall*

Eureka: *Room 405*

Wesley Explorers: *Conference 107*

# COLLEGE MINISTRIES

## Get Involved with College Ministries



1. Bring light breakfast snacks for College Sunday School class.
2. Host a dinner in your home for 15-20 students.
3. Serve on College Ministries Support Team.
4. Adopt a student: *This is an effort to bring students into the OU congregation. Families are asked to connect with a student—invite them to lunch, sit with them at church, check in with them once in a while.*

For more information about these programs, or to volunteer to get involved, contact Allyson Willis, 662-231-9929 or [aewillis@gmail.com](mailto:aewillis@gmail.com).

## College Sunday School Class

OU's College Sunday School class meets in the Prayer Room during the Sunday School hour (10:00 a.m.)



## Children's Retreat

October 15-16, 3-6 grades  
\$75 per person

CLS's first-ever Children's Retreat is for children's groups from churches, individual children, and summer campers. The retreat is a chance to experience God and be reminded of the importance of our spiritual lives during the school year.

**Events:** capture the flag, praise and worship, Bible study, bonfire, canoeing, zipline.

**Schedule:** Saturday, Oct. 15—Registration, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Session 1, 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday, Oct. 16—10:00 a.m. Closing Session, 11:00 a.m. depart

**Worship Leader:** Philip Salter, longtime CLS staffer and Youth Director at Gautier FUMC.

**Session Leader:** Russell Casteel, CLS Program Director

For more information, email Russell, [russell@camplakestephens.com](mailto:russell@camplakestephens.com). Brochures are available in the church office.

## Special Thanks...

I will not forget my experience at OUUMC nor the many friends I have made in the past six years. It has been an honor to have been a part of the Wednesday Communion service, and I will miss being there with you. thank you for your blessings for my future journey.

God bless you all,  
*Bubba Brame*

# OLE MISS WESLEY FOUNDATION

Wesley is bracing for a busy semester. OU members can join in with prayer, volunteerism, and support for the following activities:

Thursday, September 1:

**OUTREACH EVENT WITH KRISTIAN STANFILL**  
(Nutt Auditorium)

## 100 X \$100 CHALLENGE

The Wesley Foundation is looking for **100 persons to give \$100** toward first semester programming.

For more information or to get involved with the Wesley Foundation and its activities, visit <http://olemisswesley.org/>, or contact Eddie Willis, [wesley904@hotmail.com](mailto:wesley904@hotmail.com).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### Children's Sunday School—10:00 a.m.

<b>2 Year Olds:</b> Room 112	Stephanie Kennedy Bethany Kennedy
<b>3 Year Olds:</b> Room 111	Susan Gunn, Marcia Garrett, Ashley Windham, Melanie Thompson, Elizabeth Gates
<b>4 Year Olds:</b> Room 316	Stephanie Young, Samantha Weathersbee, Leighton Mason, Megan Feltenstein, Julie Montgomery, Claire Williamson
<b>Kindergarten:</b> Room 315	Liza Frugé, Amy Dennis, Mandi Tosh, Betsy Smith, Anna Windham, Margaret Seicshnaydre
<b>First Grade:</b> Room 309	Corrine Williamson, Susan Bradley, Tina Daniels, Shelly Diaz, Maggie Fair

### Rotation Sunday School, 2nd Grade-5th Grade

Second graders through fifth graders, check the board upstairs in the Education Wing to find your Rotation class.

<b>Cooking:</b> Activities Kitchen	Dorothy Laurenzo, Lauren Renfroe, Donna Martin, Judy Riddell
<b>Art:</b> Room 214	Lynn McElreath, Sloan Hunter, Raina McClure
<b>Story/Video:</b> Room 212	Camille Murphy, Missy Hewitt
<b>Games:</b> Room 213	Carolyn Davis, Toya Bruss, Julie Wilson, Brenda Norman
<b>Sixth Graders:</b> Room 210	Amy King, David Rock, Denise Smith, Pat Forrester

## First In Serving Him

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, begins Sunday, September 11**  
**It's time to cast our nets and capture our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders for F.I.S.H. Help us get our youth fired up about serving others!**

F.I.S.H. is a service group that meets Sundays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., in Wesley Hall. We plan to get our hands dirty this year, so kids need to wear work clothes and bring your Bibles! Our projects will include painting, light yard work for shut-ins, and helping with luncheon fundraisers. A light supper will be provided for all our F.I.S.H. kids.

We need parent volunteers to feed our F.I.S.H. and to help with our work projects. If you would like to help, contact the Children's Ministries Office, 234-5278 or pforrester@ouumc.org.

## TEACHERS WANTED

For

### Worship Outreach Wednesdays

**W.O.W. is a weekly program for children ages 3-sixth grade that meets Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. following our Wednesday Night Meal. W.O.W. begins September 7. Call the Children's Ministry Office 234-4293, 832-5624.**

## MOTHER'S MORNING OUT

September 6 – MMO Classroom Visit Day (Parents/students drop in between 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM)

September 8 – MMO First day of school

**Discovery Day School:** For children aged three and four; Monday-Friday, 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Mother's Morning Out:** For children aged eighteen months to two years old; Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:45-11:45 a.m.

For more information, contact Susan Phillips, OUUMC Director of Preschool Programs, at 662-234-3371 or dds@ouumc.org.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Jr. High Prayer Breakfast

Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m.  
Phillip's Grocery

### Sr. High Prayer Breakfast

Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.  
Phillip's Grocery

**F.Y.M.I.N.**

U.M.Y.F. will have its fall kickoff Sunday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. This semester, Lloyd Hewitt, Darrell Whitaker, and Claire Dobbs are teaming up to work with OU's youth.

It's going to be an exciting year at OU, and we're looking forward to seeing all our youth!

begins Sunday,  
September 11

Jr. High Sunday School: Room 201

Sr. High Sunday School: Youth Center

## Notes from the Past

**Sixty Years Ago:** Ann Roy, Walter Jean Lamb, and Mary Lewis [Poole] left for a conference at Purdue University on August 26, 1951.  
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**Fifty Years Ago:** Melissa Lovelady [Swaney] transferred her membership to Jackson, Tennessee, in August 1961.  
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**Forty Years Ago:** The August 22, 1971, bulletin announced that "Our new minister is The Reverend Lavelle Woodrick." His wife, Pat, and their children, Amy, Woody, and Debbie, were welcomed also. The J. W. Carrolls moved to Atlanta.  
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**Thirty Years Ago:** Dr. and Mrs. James Web gave the altar flowers on August 23, 1981.  
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**Twenty Years Ago:** Third graders who received Bibles in August 1991 were Callie Ann Bennet, Mamie Dean, Ed Gillenwater, Taylor Greenlee, Jonathan Prewitt, Bart Smith, Tony Vick, and Nico Watson.

Dave, Julie, Emmett, and Chloe Nichols joined the church in August 1991.

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**Ten Years Ago:** Third graders receiving Bibles on August 19, 2001, were Carson Banks Allen, Sterling Bowie Davis, Sally Sebree Farrington, Felicity Kay Flesher, Michael Hunt Halford, Clara Louise Kinney, William Walton Lorenzo, Matthew Cooper Nichols, Michael Christopher Prevost, Ian Harris Rone, Kaylee Elizabeth Saunders, Jordan Blake Smith, Ryan Michael Smith, Kevin O'Connor Stephens, Rebekah Britt Turner, Samuel Hardage Webb, and Zachary Wallace Wilder.

Keith Tonkel was the preacher at the annual Oxford Campground Meeting in August 2001.

Emily Barnes, Mary Katherine Graham, and Jane Lutken were acolytes on August 19, 2001.

Reina Swatkowsky and Casey Bozeman were married in the sanctuary on August 25, 2001.

**Yoga resumes Tuesday, September 6 at 5:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall. \$5 per class.  
For more information, contact Lisa Blaxton, lisablaxton@hotmail.com or 901-335-7786.**

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