

The O.U. Reporter

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O-U WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBER

OPEN HEARTS
OPEN MINDS
OPEN DOORS

September 15, 2011
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Church Administrator Russ McLellan

Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 18

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 21

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.

Celebration Ringers—6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 25

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 28

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.

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Lee, Michael, Reese, Carol, and Russ McLellan

Russ McLellan of Madison, MS, will be OUUMC's Church Administrator. He is a graduate of Ole Miss whose professional background is in banking and finance. He and his wife Carol, a homemaker, have been married for 29 years, and are members of Madison United Methodist Church. They have three adult sons, Reese, Michael, and Lee. Reese and his wife live in Jackson. Michael and Lee are both students at Ole Miss.

"I am excited about this new opportunity, and I'm looking forward to working with folks and getting to know them," Russ said.

He will be responsible for managing the business and administrative operations of the church and its property, oversee the church finances, serve as the human resources officer for the staff, and supervise the use and maintenance of all church property.

Brent Smith, OUUMC Lay Leader and chair of the Business Administrator Search Committee, would like to thank Laura Kinney, Robert Paine, Niles Norris, Lisa Mullins, Robert Mason, Jim Lear and members of Staff-Parish for their hard work and discernment during this very important time in our church.

"Russ has the background and experience to make him a great fit as our administrator," Brent said. "We look forward to welcoming Russ and his family into our church."

*Welcome to Oxford and OUUMC, Russ and Carol!
We look forward to getting to know you both!*

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PRAYERS

- Frank Anderson
- Robert Bennett
- Mildred Davis
- Cile Downer
- Ruth Edwards
- Pat Lamar
- Noel Akins, Nicole Boyd's father
- Marianne Beu, Danielle Ammeter's stepmother
- Jim Beu, Danielle Ammeter's father
- Gwen Booth Wilson, Jolee Hussey's cousin
- Shirley Ann Bowen, Charlotte Dicus' mother
- Will Campbell, friend of Diann Coleman
- Sandra Collier
- Myrtice DeRuyscher, Lisa Scott and Tamara Austin's grandmother
- Betty Hewitt, Lloyd Hewitt's mother
- Natalie Tropp Howard, Sylvia Tropp's daughter
- 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
- Ed Moore, Betty Sue Moore's son
- Juanita Myrick, Chris Stasny's mother-in-law
- Trey Poole, Wanda Poole's grandson
- Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
- Billy Russell, Tina Daniels' father
- Cheri Shack, Toya Bruss' sister
- Phil Sneed, Claire Hardy's brother
- Bob Upson, Maxine Woolsey's brother
- Tommye and Bill Webb, Molly Meisenheimer's parents

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

BUDGET UPDATE

General Budget Comparison to Last Year

	9/11/2011	9/12/2010
Need per week	\$27,035.42	\$25,646.96
Rec Sun	\$14,460.17	\$10,375.03
Need to date	\$1,000,310.54	\$948,937.52
Rec to date	\$890,858.95	\$826,065.09
Expenses through	\$889,729.36	\$910,010.37

Total offerings for 9/11/11 were \$17,321.17, compared to \$13,258.03 in offerings for 9/12/10

Thank you for your continued support of OU's ministries.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF NORTH MISSISSIPPI

Boys and Girls Club Fundraiser

B&G is having an on-line auction. There are many wonderful items, including Grizzlies courtside tickets, Ole Miss sports items, portrait painting, Ford center tickets, Orpheum tickets, teeth whitening, golf and bridge lessons, Square shopping spree, dog training, luxury package, etc.

Auction closes midnight Sept 30. Find it at bgcnms.org or google North Mississippi Boys and Girls Club. Once there, click on AUCTION. This is a fundraiser for our local club and all money raised stays here.

PRESENCE

Sunday Worship

August 28

Sunday School	384
8:45 a.m.	118
9:00 a.m.	100
10:55 a.m.	399

September 4

Sunday School	317
8:45 a.m.	99
9:00 a.m.	71
10:55 a.m.	282

September 11

Sunday School	407
8:45 a.m.	116
9:00 a.m.	78
10:55 a.m.	372

In Memoriam

**Ida Katherine Patterson
"Kate" Hathorn**

March 2, 1916 – August 28, 2011

Christian Love and Sympathy is Extended to

Tim Peeples
in the death of his mother
Cherie Peeples

Katie Naron
in the death of her grandmother
Charlotte Yarborough

Betty Bexley
in the death of her husband
Bill Bexley

Congratulations to

Megan & Shawn Tomes, whose son Beau Hudson Tomes was born August 11. He is welcomed by siblings Cole & Eliza.

Sarah Moses & Will Schenck, whose son William Harbert Schenck was born August 30. He is the grandson of Ree and Jack Moses.

Meredith & Preston McAlexander, whose son William Preston McAlexander was born August 29. He is the grandson of Emily & Phil Bailey and is welcomed by sisters Emily Kate & Eva.

You are invited to celebrate the

Fifth Anniversary

of

The Journey

Sunday, October 2

Activities Center

during the Sunday School Hour

Join us any time during Sunday School for light refreshments as we honor the hard work and dedication of those involved in this amazing service.

NEW MEMBERS



Jane Wicker

96 CR 277
601-657-0612

Jane joined OU on August 28 from Liberty Baptist church in Liberty, Mississippi. She teaches first grade at South Pontotoc Elementary School. Jane has three adult sons Trey, Kyle, and Britt,

who are members of OU, and seven grandchildren. Welcome, Jane!



Nikki Hunt

45 CR 224
662-238-7874

Nikki became a member of our congregation on August 28. She joins us from Trinity UMC in Dalton, Georgia. Nikki works in sales with United Medical and Magnolia Carpet and is the mother

of OU member Tracey Wicker. Welcome, Nikki!



Cindy, Grace & Guy Summerlin

824 Maplewood Drive

Guy and Cindy come to us from another Christian denomination. Natives of Pascagoula, they move to Oxford from Bourne, TX. Guy is a director of quality

engineering with Dekko, Inc., and Cindy is a housewife and teacher and member of the Friendship Circle. Their daughter Grace joins us from FUMC in Bourne and is a freshman at OHS. Their son Wes attends Texas Tech.



Mary and Lauren Johnson

704-607-8882

Mary and Lauren join OU from Charlotte South Fellowship in Matthews, North Carolina. Mary is a project manager with Payliance and Lauren is a student in the School of Education and works as a nanny. Mary is the daughter of

Reba and Riki Matsufuji.



Hunter and Bettie Parham

1001 August Dr.
816-0075

Hunter and Bettie joined on September 4 from FUMC in Grenada. Bettie is retired but still teaches economics at Holmes Community College and works with the

Wesley Foundation there. Hunter is retired from sales. Bettie has two sons and one daughter and four grandchildren.

BAPTISMS



Lily Belle Spencer

was baptized on Sunday, September 4. She is the daughter of Amanda and Justin Spencer.



Lynnleigh Kate Hopkins

was baptized on Sunday, September 11. She is the daughter of Sarah and Brian Hopkins.

Blood Drive

Sunday, September 18 • 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. • Youth Center

Please sign up in any of the following ways for the time you wish to donate:

1. Use the United Blood Services on-line scheduler at www.bloodhero.com. The sponsor code to be entered when requested is OUM;
2. Sign up with Larry Brookhart by sending an email, along with your requested donation time, to lmsail@att.net; OR
3. Sign up on the sheet provided to your Sunday School class, and list your preferred time and contact information on the sign-up sheet. Thanks for giving the Gift of Life!

MISSIONS MOMENT



Oxford Medical Ministries Clinic currently serves more than 600 patients who are the working uninsured adults that live in Lafayette and Yalobusha counties. These patients range from ages 18 to 62 and must work a minimum of 30 hours per week. The majority of our patients are minimum wage workers in convenience stores, restaurants, cleaners and other establishments that do not provide health insurance for their employees.

The clinic currently offers Tuesday clinic beginning at 1:00pm and ending around 7:00pm. Dr. Susan Gunn, our clinic medical director sees patients and reviews patient charts and lab work on Wednesdays. The clinic is staffed by physicians and nurse practitioners from our community. On the average 45 patients are treated at the clinic each week and all patients are provided with free medications for any prescription written at the clinic.

The cost of prescription medication is one of the largest expenses for the clinic. The clinic operates a Patient Assistance Program to obtain free medications through the pharmaceutical companies for our patients. As of today the value of prescription medications that we have provided to our patients at no cost is \$1,978,866.00.

To make all of this work possible Oxford Medical Ministries relies on private donations from the Oxford and Water Valley communities. OU Methodist Church has been one of our main donors providing \$179,106.92 since the beginning in 2002. These contributions represent a tithe from the OUUMC Building Fund. Oxford Medical Ministries sincerely appreciates all the hard work and efforts to help make this mission possible.

COLLEGE MINISTRIES

Upcoming Events

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Monday, September 19, 7:00 p.m.
Bring a friend and meet us there!

Gathering at Melody & John Webb's Home

701 Faulkner Woods Place
Wednesday, October 5th at 8:00
Bring a friend for a time of fellowship!

Questions? Contact: Allyson Willis—aewillis@bellsouth.net
662.231.9929

Thank you - Thank you - Thank you - To the congregation!!

The Student Lunch in August was wonderful. Students were welcomed by you with warm smiles, great conversation, and fantastic food. Thank you all for the time and love you put into making an effort to greet them and prepare the food you brought.

A special notice of appreciation goes to the amazing Fellowship Team. You worked so hard and served so joyfully. Your work was noticed, and we realize the event would not have been the same without ALL that you contributed! Watching you serve reminded me of how that is what Jesus came to do, Serve!

Now, when we see the students we met this week return, it is our job to let them know we are so glad they came back! Remind them about the College/Grad Sunday School class at 10:00 in the Prayer Room next to the Main Office.

Thank you again for making the Student Lunch meaningful to many!
Allyson Willis
College Ministries Coordinator
aewillis@bellsouth.net

OLE MISS WESLEY FOUNDATION



Thanks to the help of OUUMC members, the Wesley Foundation at Ole Miss has experienced an influx of students as the new year has begun. The "**Growing and Grace**", the "**Salt and Light**" classes, and individual members from the church staffed, volunteered, and donated towards the Wesley's "Big Push" outreach events the first two weeks of school. These events included an Ice Cream Social and "Burgers and Blues" cookout the first week and a worship/concert with Kristian Stanfill the second. **Chancellor Dan Jones** spoke to the Wesley students in the Paris-Yates Chapel Thursday, Sept. 8. Hundreds of students have responded to the invitation from the Wesley during September and the Wesley is looking forward to October.



Eddie Willis • Director of the Ole Miss Wesley Foundation • (c) 662.402.2427 • www.olemisswesley.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

First In Serving Him

For 5th and 6th graders
Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Wesley Hall

Our first F.I.S.H. meeting was a huge success! We are focusing on service work this year, and we started by painting the choir risers used for the Children's Christmas pageant. David Rock and Pat Forrester are leading the group this year. If you'd like to help, contact Pat, pforrester@ouumc.org.

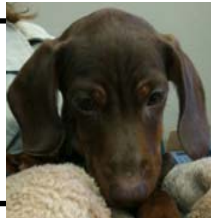


W.O.W.
Worship Outreach Wednesdays
6:00 p.m.
Children ages 3 years-old through 6th grade

Children Choristers
Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m.
Choir Room

Youth Choir
Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room

Children's Sabbath
Sunday, October 9



SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, October 8
Blessing of the Pets Ceremony



YOUTH MINISTRIES



Football Parking Passes

For several years, our youth have been parking cars in our parking lots at church for Ole Miss football games. This year we have been asked if we would have a reserved parking area, so we have decided to try this.

You can get a reserved pass to park for the last five home games for \$100. You will receive a card to put on your dash so anyone who is parking cars will know that you have a reserved spot. All reserved parking will be in the front lot and will be held until an hour prior to game time.

Passes will be sold at church this Sunday morning before and after the 10:55 service. If you have any questions, you may call Denise Smith at 607-1508.

Money will be used for the youth room renovation. Thanks for your support!

Jr. High Prayer Breakfast: Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m., Phillip's Grocery
Sr. High Prayer Breakfast: Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m., Phillip's Grocery
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m., Jr. High--Room 201, Sr. High--Youth Center
U.M.Y.F.: Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Youth Center

Notes from the Past

NINETY YEARS AGO: On September 12, 1921, the minister reported to the Quarterly Conference that “There are many infallible evidences of a genuine Christian conception and activity on the part of a good percentage of our church. Though many more are inactive and destitute of good works and seem to have no part or lot with us, yet we have no right to offer a chilling criticism of the church as a whole. But on the other hand we have some very active, earnest, consecrated people who are doing a wonderful work with the children, adolescents, and teen age as well as with the more mature men and women.”

SIXTY YEARS AGO: Dr. Mack B. Stokes of Emory University was the speaker at the 1951 Preachers’ Conference which began Sep. 3.

FORTY YEARS AGO: The John McCauley family and James Box joined the church in September 1971.

THIRTY YEARS AGO: The September 1981 newsletter thanked John Ramey for repairing entrances to the church parking lot, Cliff Nash for clipping and trimming the sidewalk bordering the parking lot and the front of the church, and Harvey and Brian Lewis for repairing the ceiling in the new Education wing.

Acolytes during September 1981 were Charles Owens, Laurie Lewis, John Tettleton, Tom Glasgow, Ben King, Dennis Wilson, Holly Horton, and Margaret Weems.

TWENTY YEARS AGO: Lee Uhlhorn and Riki Matsufuji sang “Wondrous Love” on September 1, 1991.

A rose on the chancel rail on September 1, 1991, celebrated the birth of Amy Louise Nichols.

Acolytes in September 1991 were Jonathan Walker, Allison Martin, Jon Harris, Sara Love Swaney, Heather Bruner, Margaret Cousley, Jeremy Bruss, and Tommy Tosh.

Krista Vernon, Carol Dale, and Sue Gaston performed as a flute and cello trio on September 8, 1991.

Dr. Jim Fleming conducted a seminar in September 1991.

Margaret King, Taylor Maddux, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, Rusty and Beth Rasberry, and Carol Dale joined the church in September 1991.

TEN YEARS AGO: Acolytes in September 2001 were Charles Collier, Graham Dotty, Cliff Kinney, Benjamin Eagles, Lee Paine, Graham Rone, Mary Margaret Collier, Cody Parham, Brett Faulkner, Taylor Maddux, Kate Sinervo, Rachel Abrams, Emily Barnes, Christina Williams, and Cliff Kinney.

Crucifers in September 2001 were Kirsten Cole, Lindsey Denton, Courtney Hawkins, Christina Williams, and Katherine Graham.

Caleb Wright Boyer, grandson of Margaret Anne Boyer, was born on September 3, 2001.

Readers in September 2001 were Elizabeth Fortune, Gene Gratz, Ginger Thurlow, Kelley Norris, Sarah Hampton, Randy Richardson, Isabelle Kagen, Margaret Cousley,

Infants Mary Alice Cantrell and Jack Bentley White were baptized on September 16, 2001.

Ira Christian Morgan, son of John and Tracy Morgan and grandson of Ed and Linda Morgan, was born on September 17, 2001.

Call for photos: Share your pictures as we celebrate OU’s 175th anniversary!

If you have pictures of the church or church functions you’d like to share, bring them to Emilie Bramlett in the church office. She will scan the photos and return them to you.

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