

# The O.U. Reporter

Oxford-University United Methodist Church: Celebrating Methodism in Oxford for 175 Years, 1836-2011

## O-U WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBER

### Youth Minister: Greg Smith

OPEN HEARTS  
OPEN MINDS  
OPEN DOORS

September 29, 2011  
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*Helen, Greg and Megan Smith*

#### *Worship Schedule*

##### **Sunday, October 2**

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

Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—10:00 a.m.

The Journey Anniversary—10:00 a.m.

F.I.S.H.—5:30 p.m.

U.M.Y.F.—6:00 p.m.

##### **Wednesday, October 5**

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, October 9**

Blessing of Animals—10:30 a.m.

*See p. 3 for more details!*

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Greg is the newest addition to OUUMC's staff. As the Director of Youth Ministries, he will head up our ever-growing youth program—U.M.Y.F., prayer breakfasts, retreats, and mission trips.

Greg comes to us with bachelor's degrees in professional biology and nursing from the University of North Alabama and a Master's of Divinity degree from Beeson Divinity School at Samford University. He is a registered nurse. Greg will start full-time with the youth program in November. While he finishes up his current nursing job in Arkansas, he will travel back and forth to Oxford during October to get to know our youth, our youth parents, our staff and congregation. He is also a musician who has played semi-professionally and served on worship teams in a writing, performing, and recording capacity for 26 years.

"We look forward to serving with you at OUUMC as we seek His face and will for our church family, student ministry, and community as we work and worship together to make His presence known in Oxford and beyond," Greg said.

He and his wife Helen have been married for 13 years. Helen has served as an elementary music educator for 14 years and served in a worship context as a music director for 12 years. Their daughter Megan is 18 months old.

"We are so excited to welcome Greg, Helen and their daughter Megan!" said Ed Morgan, chair of the Youth Search Committee "We look forward to his experience and his uniquely kind spirit in leading our youth ministry and to the many contributions he will bring our youth, their families and OUUMC as a whole."

Dorothy Laurenzo, co-chair of the Youth Search Committee, thinks Greg will renew our youth program. "Greg has a wealth of experience in youth ministry, a strong theological education, and, most importantly, a heart for kids," she said.

*Welcome to Oxford and OUUMC, Greg and Helen!  
We are so happy you're here!*

## PRAYERS

- Frank Anderson
- Robert Bennett
- Martin Case
- Clyde Coltharp
- Mildred Davis
- Cile Downer
- Ruth Edwards
- Pat Lamar
- Cecilia Marshall
  
- Flavous Barker, Sarah Hampton's father
- Jim and Marianne Beu, Danielle Ammeter's father and stepmother
- Gwen Booth Wilson, Jolee Hussey's cousin
- 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
- 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
- Betty Jo Patterson, Altie and Pat Patterson's daughter-in-law
- Trey Poole, Wanda Poole's grandson
- Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
- 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

## BUDGET UPDATE

### General Budget

Need per week	\$27,035.42
Rec Sun 9-25-2011	\$33,652.34
Need to date 9-25-2011	\$1,054,381.38
Rec to date 9-25-2011	\$940,740.99
Expenses through 9-27-2011	\$961,362.12
Total offerings for 9-25-2011 were \$41,703.34	

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

**In an effort to meet the needs of our valued church staff, the OUUMC Staff-Parish Relations Committee is soliciting proposals for a comprehensive health benefit package. Please contact our administrator, Russ McLellan, for specific information, 234-5278, [rmclellan@ouumc.org](mailto:rmclellan@ouumc.org).**

*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.

## Spanish Language Service Dinner Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers to serve a light supper to persons of Hispanic origin after a Spanish language service at St. Peter's. This would involve serving a light supper which consists of a main dish or sandwiches, fruit or salad, a simple dessert and drinks. OU is the only church that serves this meal in the month of November. This is a great way for your Sunday school class to serve. There is money available to groups that might want to serve but need help buying food. Please contact Nicole Gladden: [nicole.gladden@hotmail.com](mailto:nicole.gladden@hotmail.com) or 662-701-8952.

## PRESENCE

### Sunday Worship

#### September 18

<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>381</b>
<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>10:55 a.m.</b>	<b>354</b>

#### September 25

<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>341</b>
<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>10:55 a.m.</b>	<b>285</b>

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

**Molly and Ed Meisenheimer** in the death of their grandsons, Patrick Hastings Meisenheimer & Drew Mullins Meisenheimer

**Congratulations to Mary Linley & Jonathan Davis,** whose son Motte Walker was born September 13. He is the grandson of Molissia and Walker Swaney.

**Nancy and Matt Campbell,** whose son Charles Warren was born September 21. He is welcomed by brothers Ben, Bryan, and Hayden.

**Billy Brewer** who was inducted into the 2011 M Club Hall of Fame at the University of Mississippi

## BAPTISMS



**Lynnleigh Kate Hopkins** was baptized on September 11. She is the daughter of Sarah and Brian Hopkins.



**Emily Kathryn Peeples** was baptized on September 18. She is the daughter of Kristi and Tim Peeples and is welcomed by sister Elizabeth.

## *Journey Toward the Light The Integration of Ole Miss*

Monday, October 3

Bishop Hope Morgan Ward invites you to a service of prayer and hope at the James Meredith Monument at 2:00 p.m., followed by a conversation with James Meredith and OUUMC's own Charles Eagles at 3:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

For more information: [www.mississippi-umc.org/events/detail/961](http://www.mississippi-umc.org/events/detail/961)



## CAMP LAKE STEPHENS

### Luncheon Fundraiser

Sunday, October 16

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Activities Center

A lunch fundraiser in support of Camp Lake Stephens and to celebrate the Mississippi Conference's Camping Ministries Sunday, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., in the Activities Center.

Join us after the Sunday School hour or after the 10:55 service to enjoy red beans and rice or gumbo for the adults, and hot dogs for the kids, as well as drinks, bread, and dessert. All donations will benefit Camp Lake Stephens.

## Blessing of Animals



Saturday, October 8,  
10:30 a.m.  
Courtyard next to the  
Sanctuary

Blessing of Animals witnesses to God's and the Church's love, care, and concern for creation. We will hold an animal blessing outside in the courtyard beside the sanctuary on Saturday, October 8. Area residents are invited to bring their well-mannered pets to the service. In the event of rain, the service will be held the following Saturday (Oct. 15).

The blessing of animals is an outdoor worship service held near the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and ecology, to honor his appreciation for all God's creatures, great and small. Water will be available.

## Raising Healthy Children Series

Sunday, October 16

10:00 a.m., Activities Center

U.S. Attorney Paul Roberts will discuss Cyber Crime and Keeping Your Children Safe, as part of OUUMC's Raising Healthy Children series, at 10 a.m. in the Activities Center.

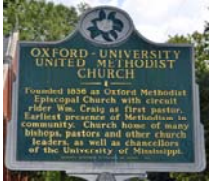


BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF NORTH MISSISSIPPI

## 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](http://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.

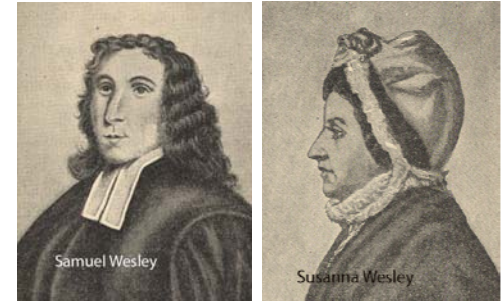


As our historical marker (prepared by Frank Anderson, Dana Brammer, and Leland Roy) points out, the Methodist church in Oxford began in 1836—before the city of Oxford was formally founded and well before the University of Mississippi began. This year we will celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary and combine that Legacy celebration with our stewardship efforts. This will be the first of a series of essays about Methodism and our church.

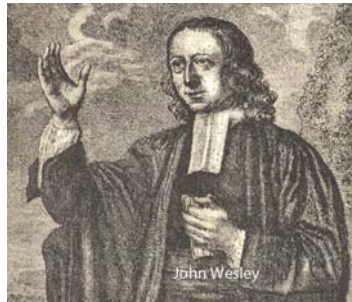
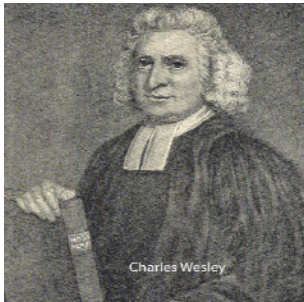
## An Outline of John Wesley's Life

As Methodists are aware, the father of the Methodist Church was John Wesley. Before we learn more about the history of our Oxford-University United Methodist Church, it will probably be helpful to for most of us to have at least an outline of the main events in John Wesley's life.

- Born to Samuel (Anglican rector of Epworth, Lincolnshire) and Susanna Annesley Wesley on June 28, 1703. (He and Charles, born in 1707, were two of ten surviving children.)
- When he was five years old, he was rescued from a major fire at the rectory; was deeply impressed and felt like a “brand plucked from the burning” (Zechariah)
- Was taught to read and write at home and when eleven years old, entered Charterhouse School in London
- Entered Christ Church in Oxford, England. Ordained as a Deacon
- Elected in 1726 as Fellow of Lincoln College.
- Worked with his father at Epworth from 1727 to 1729 and was ordained as a priest, in Church of England, in 1728
- Went to Oxford, where Charles had founded Holy Club. Worked with Charles and others in establishing in British Isles what came to be Methodism
- In 1735 went with brother Charles to Savannah, Georgia, to be minister and kind of missionary; formed fellowship societies. While there, he experienced big storm and was greatly impressed with Moravians, who seemed to have an “inner strength” he did not have.
- Not very successful in convincing Native Americans to accept Christianity



All photographs are of portraits, all from A. B. Hyde's *The Story of Methodism Throughout the World*



- On trip to Georgia met Sophia Hopkey, who said he promised to marry her. She and the man she did marry and then sued Wesley; there was a mistrial, but his reputation was greatly damaged.
- Returned to England in 1737
- On May 24, 1738, had his “Aldersgate experience” at a Moravian meeting in London. He wrote that “I felt my heart strangely warmed” and began preaching sermons about salvation by faith and God’s grace.
- In 1738 began studying at Moravian society in Germany.
- In 1739 began preaching “open air” sermons, sometimes called field preaching, to people who would probably not attend church—in fields, houses, chapels, etc. He said, “I look upon all the world as my parish”
- In 1739 he, “without any previous plan, began the Methodist Society in England” and Scotland, Wales, etc.
- Himself ordained, he began approving local preachers who were not ordained by the Anglican Church
- Began visiting the Societies on a quarterly basis. Traveled, mostly on horseback, and preached as Church of England clergyman; probably preached more than 40,000 sermons
- In 1743 wrote “General Rules” for the Societies, the beginning of our present Discipline, a kind of legal constitution for Methodist Societies. Emphasized “*doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind,*” “*doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible, to all,*” and “*attending upon all the ordinances of God*”
- In 1744 called the first Methodist Conference
- Married widow Mary Vazeille in 1751. Not happy marriage; she left him
- published widely
- In 1773 First Methodist conference in America, at Philadelphia
- After Revolutionary War the Church of England was disestablished in the United States. In 1784 Wesley ordained Thomas Coke to be a bishop in America.
- In 1778 Wesley began the publication of *The Arminian Magazine*. Brother Charles died
- Died on March 2, 1791, at age eighty seven. His dying words were “**The best of all is, God is with us.**”

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Worship Outreach Wednesday kids (3-years-old through 6th grade) are studying the Fruits of the Spirit this semester. W.O.W. meets Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 in the Activities Building.

### W.O.W. CHOIR

Worship Outreach Wednesdays now has a choir for children in preschool-first grade. Kara Pinkins leads the choir every Wednesday during the first half of W.O.W. (6:00-6:30 p.m.) Thank you for taking this on, Kara, and welcome to OUUMC!

### CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Children's Sabbath is Sunday, October 9. Fifth and sixth graders will read scripture, and the Children Choristers will sing at the 10:55 service. Children will process in carrying banners and will sit together during the service. All children who wish to participate will meet outside in front of the sanctuary (or in Wesley Hall if it rains). Contact the Children's Ministries office for more information, 234-4293, 832-5624.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Spiritual Life Retreat, Camp Lake Stephens

Jr. High: October 1-2 meet at the church at 9:30 a.m.

Sr. High: October 8-9

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

## COLLEGE MINISTRIES



### Upcoming Events

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](mailto:aewillis@bellsouth.net)  
 662.231.9929

## OLE MISS WESLEY

### Bible Studies

**Freshmen Bible Study: The Basics**—Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Led by Rocky Shack and Katie Smith

**Men's Study**—Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Led by Eddie Willis

**Women's Study**—Sundays, 7:00 p.m.

Led by Allyson Willis

**Coed Study for All Ages**—Fridays, 8:00 a.m.

Led by Katherine Brock and Josh Pinkard

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## Notes from the Past

**ONE HUNDRED AND TEN YEARS AGO:** On September 22, 1901, the minister stated that “The general state of the church is as good as the average sum of our churches. The great body of the membership are orderly and fairly consistent in their lives and pretty punctual in attendance on the stated means of grace. In the main they are at peace among themselves. Few of them, comparatively, are given to open and reproachable sin. Our house of worship and the parsonage are in good repair. A small debt for lights is yet to be paid.”

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**TWENTY YEARS AGO:** Dale, Tonya, and Flynn Flesher gave chancel flowers on September 15, 1991.

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**TWENTY YEARS AGO:** Lee Uhlhorn, Kay McDuffie, Riki Matsufuji, and Walker Swaney sang as a quartet on September 22, 1991.

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**TEN YEARS AGO:** Kelley King and Lee Notestone were married in the sanctuary on September 22, 2011.

### Call for photos: Share your pictures as we celebrate OU's 175<sup>th</sup> 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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