

The O.U. Reporter

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Worship Schedule

Sunday, January 17

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

Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—10:00 a.m.

Confirmation Mentor Training—4:00 p.m.

Marriage Course—4:45 p.m.

U.M.Y.F. Dinner—6:30 p.m.

Youth Worship—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 20

Children's Choristers—4:00 p.m.

Holy Communion—6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir—6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:00 pm.

Sunday, January 24

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

Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—10:00 a.m.

Confirmation Class—4:00 p.m.

Marriage Course—4:45 p.m.

U.M.Y.F. Dinner—6:30 p.m.

Youth Worship—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 27

Children's Choristers—4:00 p.m.

Holy Communion—6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir—6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:00 pm.

The office will be closed Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Wednesday Night Meals and W.O.W. begin Wednesday, February 3. See page 3 for more information.

THE

MARRIAGE COURSE

How to build a healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime



What is The Marriage Course?

The Marriage Course is very practical, giving any married couple the tools to build a strong and healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime.

Over seven evenings spent together, couples talk about important issues that can get swept under the carpet in the rush of daily life.

Topics covered include:

- recognizing each other's needs
- resolving conflict
- knowing how to make each other feel loved
- good sex
- having fun together
- learning to communicate effectively
- healing past hurt
- relating to parents and in-laws
- making time for each other

Privacy as a couple is always respected. There is no group discussion and no requirement to disclose anything about your relationship to anyone else.

The cost of The Marriage Course is \$100 per couple, including the cost of the meals for two and the course materials. Childcare will be provided for those who register in advance.

What's involved?

Each evening begins with a candlelit meal. There is then a talk followed by an opportunity to discuss the topic together as a couple.

The setting is welcoming, relaxed and unthreatening.

Who is it for?

The Marriage Course is for any married couple who wants to build a strong and lasting relationship, especially:

- those who want to enhance their marriage
- those in the first five years of marriage
- those at a challenging state in their marriage, such as the birth of a child, a career change, teenagers at home, the "empty nest"
- those struggling with issues in their marriage

The course, while based on Christian principles, is very helpful for any couple with or without a Christian faith or church background.

See page 4 to register for the Marriage Course.

PRAYERS

- Bea Bratton
- Lou Breazeale
- Mildred Davis
- Sherry Felder
- Celia Jarvis
- Donna Killen
- Rachel Lewand
- Mary Swayze
- Dorothy Lee Tatum
- Charles Walker
- Margaret Weems
- Amanda Winburn

- Daniel Allen, Lorraine Wagster's nephew
- Grant Bradley, Brandee and Audie Branch's nephew
- Peggy Butler, Beth Rasberry's mother
- Howard Cole, Kevin Cole's father
- Bill Dyer, Craig and Denise Jennings' uncle
- Ann Logan Edwards, Mary Beth Mobley's sister-in-law
- Billie Dove Graham, Susan Winter's mother
- Eva Grayson, Sandra Kennedy's mother
- Earl Hampton, Jim Hampton's brother
- Jackie Houston, Ann Kelly's mother
- Mary Humphries, Cathy Cox's mother
- Elizabeth Jones, Mary Beth Mobley's aunt
- Paul Klotz, Cile Downer's son-in-law
- Adrian Langendoen, Eddie Langendoen's father
- Blanche Miller, Cecilia Marshall's mother
- Lilly Moss, Marcia Garrett's niece
- Susan Osterberg, Bert Felder's daughter
- Trey Poole, Wanda Poole's grandson
- Tommie Sue Rhodes, Billy Rhodes' mother
- Elizabeth Roberts, Susan Thomason's grandmother
- Rebecca Robertson, Jim Taylor's sister
- Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
- Tony Schneider, Chris Schneider's father
- Mitch Schuck, Donna Killen's father
- Lindie Scott, Shea Scott's sister-in-law
- Deborah Thompson, Pat Forrester's cousin
- Melinda Thornburg, Julianna Ross' sister
- Hayden Thornton, Marie Moses' mother
- Ann Moore Tucker, Laura Parkinson's cousin
- Beverly Tucker, Charlie Black's sister
- Kenneth Young, Jerry Young's brother

2010 Stewardship Update

Pledges received by Thursday, January 7, 2010: 239
 \$989,638 pledged to the General Budget
 \$134,454 pledged to the Building Fund

If you have not had an opportunity to estimate your giving to the ministry and mission of the church for 2010, commitment cards are available in the narthex, at the *Journey* service or in the church office. If your financial circumstances change during the year, you can always adjust your estimate.

Thank you,
 John Webb, Stewardship Chair
 Kin Kinney, Finance Chair

Stewardship Team:
 Pat and Patty Tatum Robert and Leighton Mason
 Lloyd and Missy Hewitt BJ and Dixie Jordan
 Richard and Cindy Sinervo

We are in the process of closing the 2009 financial books and will present the 2010 budget to the Administrative Council January 20. We will have year-end closing information as soon it is available.

—The Finance Team

Congratulations To...

Matt and Ashley Gray, whose son Ethan Payne was born December 4. He is welcomed by brother Riley.

Toni and Brad Ewing whose daughter Sara Bradley was born December 14. She is the granddaughter of Nancy and Billy Vick and is welcomed by brother Carter.

Veazey and Andy Hilmer, whose son Fletcher Veazey Hilmer was born December 21. He is the grandson of Ann and Jim Greenlee.

Annie and George Haymans, whose son Hugh Hollingsworth was born December 26. He is welcomed by brother George.

Emily and Craig Shaw, whose daughter Briley Boushe was born December 30. She is the granddaughter of Carolyn and Joe Pegram and is welcomed by brother Carter.

Blake and Margaret Tatum, whose son Patrick Blake Tatum, Jr. was born December 30. He is the grandson of Tim and Linda Tatum and is welcomed by sister Marley

Billy and Kay Brewer who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December

Bill and Julia Baker who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December

PRESENCE Sunday Worship

December 20

Sunday School	329
8:45 a.m.	180
9:00 a.m.	106
10:55 a.m.	393

December 24—Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m.	525
6:00 p.m.	271

December 27

10:00 a.m.	256
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January 3

Sunday School	226
8:45 a.m.	98
10:55 a.m.	237

January 10

Sunday School	319
8:45 a.m.	82
9:00 a.m.	71
10:55 a.m.	388

In Memoriam

Larry Robert Butts
 January 22, 1951-January 4, 2010

Christian Love and Sympathy is Extended to

Dave Fair in the death of his
 cousin, Caroline Fair

Miriam Rone in the death of
 her uncle, Rodney "Billy" Ful-
 gham

Betty Gresham in the death of
 her brother-in-law, Golon
 Blunt

Shirley Bennett in the death of
 her mother, Mary Holley

Beverly Butts in the death of
 her brother-in-law and John
 Butts in the death of his uncle,
 Gary Butts

Austin and Lindsey Mitchell in
 the death of their son, Andrew

New Members and Baptisms



Davis Jones and Kate Meacham
10 Gum Tree
259-6502

Davis and Kate joined OU on January 10 from Church of the Village in New York City. Davis teaches performing arts at North Panola High School and sings in our choir. Kate is the Marketing Director at the Ford Center. They have two children, Alex and Elsa.



Roger and Pam Franck
6101 Charleston Court
234-0443

Roger and Pam joined OU on January 10. Pam previously attended First United Methodist Church in Tupelo. Roger is an associate member from St. John's Catholic Church in Oxford. They are both practice managers for physician's offices in Oxford.

Callie and Russell Casteel
117 Camp Lake Stephens Drive
234-3350

Callie joined OU on January 3 from First United Methodist Church in Columbus. She is working on her master's degree in sociology. Russell who joined OU in 2007, works at Camp Lake Stephens.



Will Samuel Franklin Winkle was baptized on December 27. He is the son of Ellen Meacham and John Winkle.

COMING UP AT OU...

Wednesday Night Comfort Station Meals and WOW

It's time to make your reservations for our Comfort Station Meals, beginning February 3. Our first meal will be soup and salad. Make your reservations by Monday, February 1 at 3 p.m. Please join us for a light, healthy meal in the comfort of your church and in the company of your friends. If you would like to volunteer to host a meal, contact Pat Forrester, 234-4293.

The children's portion of Wednesday night (Worship Outreach Wednesdays) begins February 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Activity	Room
Children's Choristers (1-6th grade)	Choir Room (4:00-5:00 p.m.)
Comfort Station Meal	Activities Center (5:00 p.m.)
Music (3 yr-Kindergarten)	111
Music (1st-6th grades)	215
1st and 2nd Grades	213
3rd and 4th Grades	215
5th and 6th Grades	214

Teachers: Lisa Scott, Kelley Norris, Pat Forrester, JJ Collins, Dorothy Lorenzo, Denise Smith, Katie Naron Allison Crane, Adrian Shipman, Bridget Cuneo, Liza Fruge, Sonya Schneider, Lori Chandler



Lenten Luncheons

Lenten Luncheons begin February 24 at noon in the Activities Center. We have an exciting line-up this year, so mark your calendars!

February 24	Neil White, author
March 3	Dan Jones, Chancellor at Ole Miss
March 10	Sam Haskell
March 17	Sue Hale, Assistant Professor and Director of Clinical Education, Vanderbilt
March 24	Rose Flenorl, President of the University of Mississippi Alumni Association and Fed-Ex Executive

Special

Thanks

Thank you so much for continuing to think about me and my family during my deployment. I only have a couple of months left, so it won't be much longer!

The stuffed animals that OU Methodist sent were greatly appreciated, and I hope you will let everyone know they were put to good use. I gave them to our Brigade Surgeon, Major Ghovanni, who took them on a mission into the local hospital. He gave them to the Chief of Staff of the Sharana Hospital to pass out to kids who are treated or have parents there receiving treatment. Major Ghovanni reported that they were very appreciative and was able to give a couple out to kids while he was there.

Ray Tannehill

Happy New Year, Shoe Box People!

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard for another good year for Operation Christmas Child. We didn't reach our goal of 4000, but we were able to reach 3507 children with the Good News of Jesus. We had three groups pack over 200 gospel opportunities. Once again, Anchor Baptist Church topped our list and delivered 355 shoe boxes. Covenant Church came in with 303 shoe boxes, and First Baptist Church of Oxford delivered 215.

The Oxford collection center has set our goal for 4000 in 2010.

Mae Stone

Oxford Relay Coordinator, Operation Christmas Child



Urgent Need for Altar Flowers!

If you would like to place flowers on the altar January 31 or February 7, 14, 21, or 28, please call Becky Hipp (236-2626.)

Keep that New Year's Resolution— Sign up for Yoga!

It's not too late to sign up for the five-week yoga class taught by Lisa Schaffer. The class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays in Wesley Hall at 5:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join. The fee is \$50. Contact Julianna Ross for more information, 234-5278 or juliannaross@hotmail.com.



Administrative Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 20

7:00 p.m.

Activities Center

Marriage Course Registration Form

Please fill in the form and send it with your \$100 payment to OUUMC at 424 South 10th Street, Oxford, MS 38655 by January 14, 2010. the Course runs from Sunday, January 17-Sunday, March 7 (but does not meet on Sunday, February 7), from 4:45-7 p.m. in the Activities Center at Oxford-University United Methodist Church.

Names: _____

Address: _____

Daytime phone: _____ email address: _____

How long have you been married? _____ Do you belong to a church? If so, which one? _____

Will you require childcare? Y N If so, please list ages of children: _____

Questions? Contact Stephanie and Will Berry at 662-281-9956 or stephanie.s.berry@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S MESSENGER

Confirmation Schedule

Mentor Training	January 17	4:00 p.m.	Wesley Hall
Lesson One: Getting Acquainted	January 24	3:30 p.m.	Wesley Hall
Confirmation Retreat	January 29-31		Camp Lake Stephens
Lesson Two: God	January 31	3:30 p.m.	Wesley Hall
Field Trip	February 6	7:45 a.m.	Temple Israel, Memphis
Lesson Three: Jesus	February 7	3:30 p.m.	Wesley Hall
Lesson Four: Holy Spirit & Catholic Mass	February 14	3:30 p.m.	Wesley Hall
		5:00 p.m.	St. John's Catholic Church in Oxford
Lesson Five: The Bible	February 21	3:30 p.m.	Wesley Hall
Lesson Six: Worship, Sacraments & United Methodist History	February 28	3:30 p.m.	Wesley Hall
Lesson Seven: Saints, Gifts, Ministry & United Methodist Theology	March 7	3:30 p.m.	Wesley Hall
Lesson Eight: Life in the Church & United Methodist Church Structure	March 21	3:30 p.m.	Wesley Hall
Lesson Nine: Death and Resurrection	March 24	4:15 p.m.	Waller Funeral Home
Lesson Ten: Baptism & Exploring Our Role in Church	March 28	3:30 p.m.	Wesley Hall
Camp Out	April 9-10		Camp Lake Stephens
Confirmation Sunday <i>followed by Confirmation Luncheon in the Activities Center</i>	April 11	10:55 a.m.	Sanctuary

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Upcoming Events



*If you need to get in touch with J Johnson, Director of Student Ministries, you can email him at j@theoxu.org.
 Check out www.theoxu.org for more information*

Notes From the Past

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY YEARS AGO: At the First Quarterly Conference on January 12, 1880, the pastor announced that “The Sabbath School is increasing both in number and interest. The average attendance is about 135. And within the last month there have been 10 conversions among the pupils.

ONE HUNDRED TEN YEARS AGO: In January 1900 church had one pastor, 264 members. The house of worship was valued at \$8,000. The parsonage was valued at \$2,000. The minister reported that “We have two Sunday Schools and two Leagues,” both “doing fine work.”

SIXTY YEARS AGO: On January 22, 1950, it was announced that “the members of the Organ Committee are making trips both to see and hear some organs comparable to the one which we will purchase for our new Church” [the current church].

Discovery Day School and Mother’s Morning Out Registration

It’s that time! Registration for the **2010-2011 Discovery Day School and Mother’s Morning Out** classes will begin Monday, February 1. Registration packets are available in the preschool office for anyone wishing to register a new student for either program.

Church members and other priority registrants must return completed registration packets before noon on Friday, February 5. Non-priority registrants are encouraged to turn in their registration packets as soon as possible beginning February 1 as most programs fill early. Any places not reserved by priority registrants by the February 5 deadline will be filled with new students.

Please spread the word to any friends or neighbors who are interested in Discovery Day School or Mother’s Morning Out for next year. Mother’s Morning Out, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, is open to children 18 months and older. Discovery Day School, for three- and four-year-olds, offers the choice of three mornings a week or five mornings a week. For more information, please contact Susan Phillips any weekday morning at 234-3371 or come by the preschool office.

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