

# The O.U. Reporter

## **Welcome Back, Students!** **Sunday, August 30, 2009**



OPEN HEARTS  
OPEN MINDS  
OPEN DOORS

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### **Worship Schedule**

#### **Sunday, August 16**

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

*Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.*

*Sunday School—9:45 a.m.*

*Jr. High U.M.Y.F.—5:30 p.m.*

*Sr. High U.M.Y.F.—6:45 p.m.*

#### **Wednesday, August 19**

*Holy Communion —6:00 p.m.*

#### **Sunday, August 23**

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

*Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.*

*Sunday School—9:45 a.m.*

*Jr. High U.M.Y.F.—5:30 p.m.*

*Sr. High U.M.Y.F.—6:45 p.m.*

#### **Wednesday, August 26**

*Holy Communion —6:00 p.m.*

*Our Wednesday Night fall programs (Comfort Station Meals, W.O.W., Children's Choristers, Youth Choir, and Chancel Choir) will begin September 2.*



Please join us Sunday, August 30 as we welcome new and returning Ole Miss students to Oxford. Dr. Dan Jones, the new chancellor at Ole Miss, will speak at the 10:55 service.

Dr. Jones was Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, Dean of the School of Medicine and Herbert G. Langford Professor of Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) in Jackson. He worked as the UMMC's CEO for six years. He earned his M.D. from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 1975, and had a private practice in Laurel, Mississippi. In 1985, he worked as a medical missionary in Korea.

We will have our Fifth Sunday Church-wide Potluck Luncheon following the 10:55 service. Come meet Ole Miss's new Chancellor and welcome our students!

### **Church-wide Potluck Luncheon**

Join us Sunday, August 30 following the 10:55 service for a church-wide potluck luncheon welcoming new and returning Ole Miss Students.

**A-F --bring a vegetable**

**G-L--bring a casserole**

**M-R--bring a salad**

**S-Z bring a dessert**

**Check out our new Fall Small Groups  
See page 4 for details!**

## PRAYERS

- Roy Arnold
- Mack Breazeale
- Kay Brewer
- Mildred Davis
- Delma Edwards
- Sherry Felder
- Mary Swayze
  
- Dottie Austin, Matt Austin's mother
- Grant Bradley, Brandee and Audie Branch's nephew
- Ann Logan Edwards, Mary Beth Mobley's sister-in-law
- Eva Grayson, Sandra Kennedy's mother
- Theola Grissom, Janice Martin's mother
- Earl Hampton, Jim Hampton's brother
- Mary Humphries, Cathy Cox's mother
- Elizabeth Jones, Mary Beth Mobley's aunt
- Jerrie Kemp, Brian Jones' grandmother
- Adrian Langendoen, Eddie Langendoen's father
- Ramona Lewis, Becky Bingner's mother
- Laverne McCary, Pat Forrester's aunt
- Bill Miller, Sandy Bennett's father
- Larry Miller, JoAnn Edwards' brother
- Max Mobley, Joel Mobley's brother
- Andrew Moorhead, Barbara Camp's grandson
- Susan Osterberg, Bert Felder's daughter
- Trey Poole, Wanda Poole's grandson
- Tommie Sue Rhodes, Billy Rhodes' mother
- Rebecca Robertson, Jim Taylor's sister
- Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
- Tony Schneider, Chris Schneider's father
- Mitch Schuck, Donna Killen's father
- Winnie Sykes, Jim Hellums' sister
- Deborah Thompson, Pat Forrester's cousin
- Ann Moore Tucker, Laura Parkinson's cousin
- Beverly Tucker, Charlie Black's sister
- Betty Von Kahn, Martha Mitchell's niece
- Rosalie Walker, Diann Coleman's mother
- Marie Wingate, Kevin Wingate's mother
- Martha Witherspoon, Kara Giles' mother
- Kenneth Young, Jerry Young's brother

## Budget Update

Need per week	\$25,646.96
Rec. Sun 8/9/09	\$15,880.61
Need to date	\$820,702.72
Rec. to date	\$677,212.82
Expenses through 8/12/09	\$707,469.42

Total offerings for 8/9/09 including Interfaith Compassion, Specials, Memorials, and Building Fund were \$19,274.34

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of OU's ministries.

## PRESENCE

### Sunday Worship

#### August 2

<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>273</b>
<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>10:55 a.m.</b>	<b>307</b>

#### August 9

<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>390</b>
<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>10:55 a.m.</b>	<b>327</b>

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

Marian Miller in the death of her mother, Marian (Pat) McCallister

Patrick Bradley in the death of his grandmother, Florence Lamborn

### *Special Concerns*

- Allen Koch, Afghanistan
- Allison Bingner, Coast Guard
- Will Jones, Brian Jones' brother, Iraq
- Our National Guard Unit

## Mission Outreach Moment: Leap Frog

Leap Frog, started in the late 1980's, is an after-school program for at-risk 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in the Oxford and Lafayette County school systems. Each Tuesday and Thursday of the school year, 30 Oxford students arrive by bus at O-U and 30 more at St. Peter's. Once there, trained volunteers (mostly from the university) seek to help them develop and enhance the necessary skills for academic success, build productive and ongoing relationships with adults, and improve their self esteem...and often carpool them home afterwards. During the 2007-2008 school year, 82% of those who participated progressed to the next grade level. They had each received approximately 44 hours of one-on-one tutoring and enrichment.

O-U and St. Peter's are the supporting churches of this organization. An O-U member and staff member serve on Leap Frog's Board. In addition to providing one of the sites, O-U members volunteer to provide healthy snacks for the children. Starting in January 2009, O-U began also providing the site for 30 children from the Lafayette County school system on Mondays and Wednesdays when their other site was deemed unfit. In 2009 O-U Missions Outreach has budgeted \$6000 for this ministry.

# New Members



**Chris and Maureen Thomas**  
346 Hayat Loop  
259-2943

The Thomas family joined OU on August 9. Chris is a professor in the Ole Miss

School of Business. He transferred from First United Methodist Church in Lauringburg, North Carolina. Maureen joined by profession of faith and is a stay-at-home mother. Their daughter Becca will be 2 in December.

**Sherry Felder**  
137 Edgewood Blvd.

Sherry Felder joined OU on August 2 from First United Methodist Church in New Albany. She teaches in the nursing school at Ole Miss and is married to OU's former District Superintendent Bert Felder. She has two grown daughters and a grown son.

## Sunday School Donations

Members of the Double Circle Sunday School class recently donated \$1,440 to Camp Lake Stephens for assistance with the landscaping around the Chapel. The class members also donated \$160 to the Oxford Medical Ministries Clinic.

## Armed Forces Support Group

Informational/Organizational Meeting  
Sunday, August 16  
2:00 p.m.  
Conference 327

If you have loved ones currently serving overseas, please join us. We will be offering support to each other as well as support to our family and friends in the armed services through prayers, letters, and care packages. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Frega (816-1569 or [susanfrega@yahoo.com](mailto:susanfrega@yahoo.com)).



*Pastor Aaron Escamilla of the Star of Bethlehem Church in Hampolol with his wife Magdalena and children Claudia, Dalmaris, and Ada*

## Living Waters for the World Update

Our Living Waters team just returned from a successful survey trip to Mexico.

Jean Shaw, Scott Rone, and Danny Kelly visited four churches on our trip. We visited our system at the Mount of Olives Church in Iturbide, Campeche and we pleased that the system continues to function wonderfully. The generator that we helped them purchase has solved their one major problem and they are using their savings after giving away water and donating 10% to the Presbytery to build a larger storage building and an additional children's classroom space.

We also visited with two churches with functioning systems that need refurbishment to meet the new Mexican requirements. These systems are in Hampolol, Campeche, and Suc Tuc (pronounced "Sook Took"), Campeche. We will be in further conversation with them concerning their construction needs and new system parts.

Our last visit was with the Door of Salvation in Merida, Yucatan. We had visited them on a previous trip. They want to install a water system so they can operate a preschool at their church. This is a congregation that is already involved in mission work themselves. While we were there members of their congregation left on a mission trip to Chiapas.

We will continue our conversations by email and hope to return this winter to complete two if not all three projects. Please continue to keep our Living Waters project in your prayers as well as our brothers and sisters in Mexico.

The Living Waters for the World Team

To sign up for any of the new fall groups, call the church office (234-5278) or contact Claire Dobbs (cdobbs8@gmail.com) by September 1.

## Introduction and Overview of the Bible Study

This study will provide an overall introduction of the bible as a whole. Even if you think you know the bible through and through, this may be a helpful refresher course. Adults are invited to participate in this basic-orientation course of the bible.

**Facilitators:** J Johnson and Claire Dobbs

**Course Length:** 5 weeks

**Time and Place:** TBA

**Classification:** Adults

**Cost:** participant's book

## Freed-Up Financial Living by Good Sense

This study is designed to help individuals at every stage of their lives effectively deal with day-to-day issues related to finances. The *Freed-Up Financial Living* Curriculum outlines biblical essentials on earning, giving, saving, spending and reducing debt, while providing practical tips to help participants achieve their own financial, personal, and spiritual goals. The setting will provide a safe, guided, and confidential opportunity to become more confident stewards of your resources.

Pre-work is required and will be mailed or e-mailed to you. You will receive a participant's guide when you arrive.

**Facilitators:** Kin and Laura Kinney

**Course Length:** 6 weeks

**Time and Place:** 6:00 p.m., Room TBA, beginning Sept. 13

**Classification:** Adults

**Cost:** participant's book

## Sunday Night Reading Group

This group meets on two Sundays each month to discuss books on religion and spirituality chosen by majority vote. The group's reading has tended to focus on contemporary, non-traditional views of Christianity. Among the authors previously read are Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, Elaine Pagels, Joan Chittister, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Reinhold Niebuhr, Frederick Buechner and Barbara Brown Taylor. Anyone is welcome to join the group at any time.

**Facilitators:** Brenda Eagles, Fred Laurenzo, and Frank Poole

**Course Length:** meets year round, 2x each month

**Time and Place:** 6:00-7:30, Conference 107

**Classification:** Adults

**Cost:** participants purchase or borrow their own books

## Beth Moore Study—Following John to the Heart of Jesus

This in-depth video-based interactive Bible study, filmed on location in Greece and Turkey, explores the life of John—the one often referred to as the “beloved disciple.” Learn how John's deep love relationship with Christ influenced his own thoughts and actions—and how Christ influenced his own thoughts and actions—and how Christ desires the same kind of trusting relationship with his disciples today.

**Facilitator:** Angelita Morris

**Course Length:** 11 weeks

**Time and Place:** September 8-November 17, Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in Conference 107

**Classification:** Adult Women

**Cost:** participant's workbook

## Faith in Literature

If you enjoy reading, and you want to explore how literature addresses questions of faith and spiritual development, then consider joining Mike Mills' *Faith in Literature* 7-week reading group. Participants will be invited to explore how authors deal honestly with the human condition, which searches for meaning not only in this life, but forever, for eternity. Selected writings and/or authors most likely will include: creation stories from the Bible, Koran, and Book of Mormon; Mark Twain; Leo Tolstoy, Flannery O'Connor, George Elliot, William Faulkner, James Joyce, Graham Greene, and others.

**Facilitator:** Mike Mills

**Course Length:** Sept. 16-Oct. 28

**Time and Place:** Wednesdays at 6:45 pm in Wesley Hall

**Classification:** Adults

**Cost:** Reading materials provided except for 1 paperback, \$10.00 -\$15.00

## Weavings:

### A Journal of the Christian Spiritual Life Reading Group

*Weavings* journal is a quarterly publication that addresses and explores questions of the contemporary life from a spiritual point of view. Organized by themes, this journal provides essays that help illuminate one's spiritual path. Participants will be invited to subscribe to the quarterly journal and then meet 4 to 5 times during the year to discuss and share spiritual insights gleaned from the *Weavings* journal.

**Facilitator:** Janis Black

**Course Length:** 4 to 5 sessions throughout the year

**Time and Place:** Orientation Meeting—Sunday, October , 5:30 p.m., at the home of Janis and Warren Black

**Other meeting times:** TBA

**Cost:** *Weavings* Journal Subscription, \$20.00

## Faces on Faith:

### A Small Group Study Celebrating All Saints

“...*Saints stretch our imaginations and stand as imperatives, calling, wooing us into a higher, holier life.*” – James Howell

For 4 weeks, around the holiday of All Saints (Nov. 1), participants will be invited to learn from 20<sup>th</sup> century leaders, giants of faith, through a DVD interview series called, *Faces on Faith*. Topics include life goals and accomplishments, the meaning of prayer, the problem of evil, and role of faith in daily living. Each interview is about 25 minutes long and after each viewing there will be discussion. There is much to learn from the saints, people of faith, like you and me, who have taken what they can from the gospel, and lived it out in their own lives and in the world.

**Facilitator:** Claire Dobbs

**Course Length:** 4 weeks

**Time and Place:** October 21 – Nov. 11 at 6:45 in Conference 107

**Classification:** Adults

**Cost:** None

## Young Women's Group

This new group will do a 10-week study of Beth Moore's “Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit.” The study concentrates on the fruit of the Spirit as presented in Galatians 5:22-23. Beth Moore walks participants through each trait listed in the fruit and encourages women to know the freedom of a Spirit-filled life.

**Facilitators:** Stephanie Berry and Eason Futch

**Course Length:** 10 Weeks

**Time and Place:** Mondays beginning September 14, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Conference 327

**Classification:** Adult Women

**Cost:** participant's workbook

## CHILDREN'S MESSENGER

# Mississippi Child Identification Program

Saturday, August 22, 2009

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Activities Center

Sponsored by the OD Smith Lodge # 33

MSCHIP is free for parents of children four weeks to 18 years old. Parents will receive a computer disk with digital photos of your child, a set of digital fingerprints, information about your child (hair and eye color, any identifying marks or scars), parent/guardian contact information, dental impressions and a DNA sample. You will also receive a laminated ID card with your child's information and photograph. **Parents must accompany all children.**

*All identifying information collected at the event is given to the child's parent or guardian. The MSCHIP program retains only the permission slip that must be signed prior to participation. All other data is permanently erased after the child's document is prepared.*

### Children's Ministries Fall Schedule

- August 16: F.I.S.H. Blowout, Camp Lake Stephens  
*The final F.I.S.H. party for the '08-'09 class. The '09-10 class will meet September 13.*
- August 22: Child Identification Program
- August 30: Church-wide potluck luncheon
- September 2: W.O.W. begins
- September 13: F.I.S.H. begins
- October 28: LAVINRAC, last W.O.W.
- November 22: Third-Grade Bible Presentation
- December 2: Advent Wreath workshop
- December 2: Children's Christmas Pageant

**F.I.S.H. Blowout!**  
**Sunday, August 16**  
**4:00-7:00**  
**Camp Lake Stephens**

Members of the '08-'09 F.I.S.H. are invited to the final F.I.S.H. blowout this Sunday. The new F.I.S.H. class begins September 13.

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

**YOUTH PARENTS MEETING**

**Tuesday, August 18**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Wesley Hall**

If you would like to receive THE WHISTLE, the monthly youth email newsletter, please send your email address to [j@theoxu.org](mailto:j@theoxu.org).

# Missionary Dinner

Thursday, August 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall

Alex and Brenda Awad are missionaries with the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. Alex is the minister at an international church in East Jerusalem. The Awads work with the Bethlehem Bible College. Everyone is welcome to join us August 20 as we welcome the Awads, who will give an update on their ministry in Jerusalem.



# Comfort Station Meals

Come for the food, stay for the fellowship  
Begin September 2!



Be sure to make your reservations ahead of time. Call the church office (234-5278) to reserve your spot—one time or full semester reservations. Look for the September menu in the coming weeks. Adults: \$6 each; children: \$3; \$20 maximum per family.

If you would like to volunteer to cook or help set up, please contact Jacky Sparks, [jacky.sparks@gmail.com](mailto:jacky.sparks@gmail.com) or call 238-2682.

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