

# The O.U. Reporter

## 2013 High School Graduates

OPEN HEARTS  
OPEN MINDS  
OPEN DOORS

May 23, 2013  
Issue No. 139

### Worship Schedule

#### Sunday, May 26

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

#### *The Journey*

May 26: **Greg Smith**,  
Music Service Celebration

*The Journey* will take a summer break June and July and will resume August 11.

Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—10:00 a.m.

#### Wednesday, May 29

Growing in Grace Men's Group—7:00

Dan Phillip's Men's Bible Study—7:00 a.m.

Women's Prison Ministry—1:45 p.m.

Holy Communion—6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, June 2

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

Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—10:00 a.m.

#### Wednesday, June 5

Growing in Grace Men's Group—7:00

Dan Phillip's Men's Bible Study—7:00 a.m.

Women's Prison Ministry—1:45 p.m.

**Come cool & casual to the 8:45 service this summer!**

June 2: **Warren Black**

Special Music: Helen & Greg Smith

June 9: **TBA (Annual Conference)**

Special Music: **Early Morning Trio**  
(Sarab Hampton, Ginger Patterson, Lee Uhlborn)

June 16: **Warren Black**

Special Music: **Rachel West**

June 23: **Greg Smith**

Special Music: **Youth Choir**



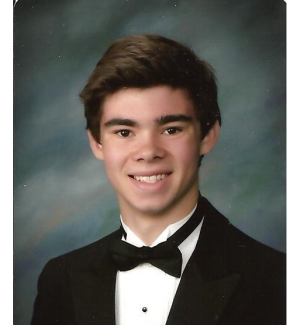
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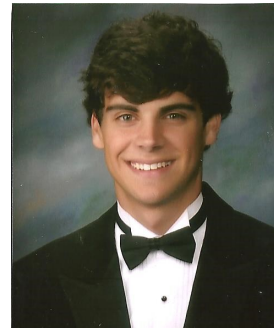
Chase Gladden



Leland Graeber



Forrest Murphy



Robert Nance



Noland Parham



David Rozier



Eli Ryan



Edward Terry



Cody Thomason



Noel Walsh



Henry Webb



John Arlis  
Williams

*Not pictured:*  
Wesley Self

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*Congratulations,  
Class of 2013! We  
are proud of you and  
all you have  
accomplished!*

## PRAYERS

- Lee Bolen
- Billy Brewer
- Bill Caldwell
- Clyde Coltharp
- Reba Matsufuji
- Susie Reagan
- Mavis Tubb
- Charles Walker
- Anna Baladi, Vicki & Harry Sneed's granddaughter
- Jo Ann Bradshaw, Camille Murphy's mother
- Shirley Bowen, Charlotte Dicus' mother
- Mary Lou Boyles, Frances King's mother
- Tommy Bufkin, Sandra Northern's brother
- Ben Carraway, Helen Carraway's husband
- Carolyn Collier, Ken Collier's mother
- Egan Bramlett Delaney, Purves & Eugenia McLaurin's great-granddaughter
- John Fox, Millie Meader's brother
- Jean Halford, Lisa Thompson's mother
- Tina Heath, Earl Dismuke's mother
- Drew Knight, Greg and Cindy Summerlin's nephew
- Terry Landrum, Glenda Carroll's father
- Mark Massey, Linda Williamson's father
- Linn Parkinson, Ken Parkinson's father
- Jessie Phillips
- Christy Price, Susan Thomason's sister-in-law
- Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
- Ann Sayle, Johnny Sayle's Stepmother
- Gloria Scott, Shea Scott's mother
- Bob Smith, Brent Smith's father
- Phil Sneed, Claire Hardy's brother
- Jessica Taylor, Dianne & Glenn Woodard's niece
- Roy Vaughan, Trish Cousley's brother
- J.D. Wagster, Larry Wagster's father
- Jack Walters, Jackie Rozier's father
- Nolie Yates, Travis Yates' father

## Church Office Summer Hours

The church office will close at noon Fridays, until August 23.

## Budget Information: May 19

Expenses YTD Date	\$	537,950.35
Received Sunday	\$	15,544.48
Received YTD	\$	581,908.93
Needed Each Week	\$	30,022.29
Budget Needed to Date, 2013 (Shortage)/Surplus, 2013	\$	600,445.76 (18,537.23)
Budget Needed to Date, 2012 Shortage, 2012	\$	581,431.60 (51,387.28)

## Special Guest Preacher This Sunday:

### Rev. Martin Case



Rev. Martin Case will preach at the 8:45 and 10:55 traditional services this Sunday, May 26.

Martin was born and grew up in Jackson, MS. He earned degrees from Millsaps College, Asbury College, and Asbury Theological Seminary. He also studied at Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, Penn. He was ordained a deacon in the Mississippi Conference in 1957 and an elder in 1959. He served in eight appointments in Mississippi, including Galloway UMC in Jackson and as the District Superintendent of the Meridian District. He also served as a pastor in the Baltimore Conference.

Martin and his wife Betty have a son and a daughter, three grandsons, and three granddaughters. He retired from full-time ministry in 2000, but continues to preach as a pulpit supply.

## Wednesday Night Holy Communion Summer Break

Wednesday Night Holy Communion will take a break this summer beginning June 5. Services will resume August 7.

## Annual Conference Mission Offering Sunday, June 2

Annual Conference is June 6-9. An important part of Annual Conference is the opportunity to prayerfully and generously contribute to the mission offering. This year, our Mission Offering will go to three programs for creating new leadership within the United Methodist Church: **Discipleship Formation for Laity, Creating New Places for New People in Mississippi**, and a **partnership with the Eurasia Area of the United Methodist Church**.

**OU will take a special collection Sunday, June 2 for these endeavors.** Please designate "Annual Conference Mission Offering" on the note line of your check.

## PRESENCE

### Sunday Worship

<u>May 12</u>	
8:45 a.m.	116
9:00 a.m.	98
10:55 a.m.	371
Emeritus (Azaleas)	20
Sunday School	238
<u>May 19</u>	
8:45 a.m.	96
9:00 a.m.	111
10:55 a.m.	377
Emeritus (Azaleas)	23
Sunday School	255

## Christian Love & Sympathy is Extended to

**Kent and David Magee** in the death of their son and **Mary Halley and Hudson** in the death of their brother **William Magee**

### Terry Morris

in the death of his mother **Adelia Fay Purnell Morris**

### Beverly Butts, Laura Kinney, & Lynn McElreath

in the death of their mother **Esther Mize**

## Congratulations to Chelsey Overstreet

who received the Don Fortenberry Award at Millsaps College for her notable, meritorious, diligent and devoted service to the college with no expectation of recognition, reward, or public remembrance

**Leighton and Robert Mason** whose son Robert Talmadge was born May 10. He is welcomed by sister Mims.

## Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar on August 25, September 15, 29; or October 6, 13, 20, 27; or November 3, please call Toya Bruss, 832-3061.

## NEW MEMBERS & BAPTISM



**Rosson Eli Walker** was baptized on May 12. He is the son of Sally Kate and Jonathan Walker and the grandson of Beth & Bob Rosson and Charles and Mary Walker. He is welcomed by brother Tom.



**Tim Noss**  
218 Chandler Avenue  
662-701-7978

Tim joined OU on May 12. He was previously a member of First Baptist Church in Wilmington, Illinois, a church served by his father, but attended Athens First United Methodist Church in

Athens, Georgia for the past three years. He is an Ole Miss graduate and is a development officer at the university's business school.



**Evan Pascoe**  
2100 Old Taylor Rd. #123  
662-607-6759

Evan joined OU on May 15 by profession of faith. He is originally from Minnesota and has attended services at OU for the past year. He is an independent property manager and is a member of the Wesley Explorers Sunday School class.



**Kenny, Kaytee, & Maggie Hazelwood**  
Address  
662-832-9975

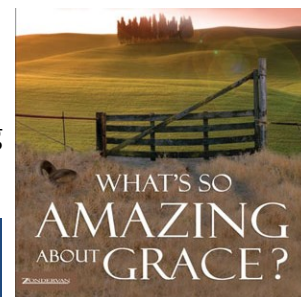
The Hazelwoods joined OU on May 19. They were confirmed in the Episcopal church. They have attended services here for a year.

Kenny works with Sysco Foods, and Kaytee is a homemaker. Maggie is seven years old.

## Adult Sunday School Summer Changes

Stay focused on your spiritual growth this summer by attending Sunday School. This summer we will be having an **Adult Sunday School Program with a new flavor!** Some Sunday school classes will remain the same throughout the summer, but some will be combining. This will allow classes to get to know each other and provide people who are not currently attending a class to start attending in a new environment.

Our **Combined Class** will include: **Growing in Grace, Faith & Fellowship, Young Adult Class, CrossTalk, and Salt & Light.** This group will be studying the DVD series "What's so Amazing About Grace?" by Philip Yancy. There will be group discussion at the end of the video. They will be meeting in the Growing in Grace classroom (*Room 409*).



Class	Teacher(s)	Room #
<b>Combined Class</b> <i>Growing in Grace, Faith &amp; Fellowship, Young Adult Class, CrossTalk, Salt &amp; Light</i>	Eddie & Allyson Willis <i>coordinators</i>	Room 409
<b>Aldersgate</b>	Sam Cousley & Robert Northern	Room 206-A
<b>Stragglers</b>	Jim Greenlee	Room 207
<b>Wesley Explorers</b>	Fred Laurenzo	Conference 107
<b>Sojourners</b>	Tony Spruiell	Conference 327
<b>Eureka</b>	Heard Butler	Room 405
<b>Double Circle</b>	Ron Vernon & Carole Dye	Wesley Hall

You may remember my sabbatical thesis: wilderness exploration and spiritual formation. With this theme in mind, I have immersed myself completely in three distinct experiences: a **10-day silent meditation retreat**, a **bike tour of The Natchez Trace Parkway**, and a **Wilderness First Responder course**.



The silent retreat was incredibly challenging. The silence was the easy part. What was difficult was learning to sit completely still without moving and with good posture for 8-10 hours a day for 1-1 ½ hours at a time. It often takes this long to quiet the mind and to focus on nothing but one's breathing – in and out. I kept thinking, "Air provided by God." My focus for 10 days was simply to pay attention. "Everything," we were taught, "even misery is impermanent." Nothing lasts. So, the message was not to cling to positive experiences and not to be averse towards that which is negative. "Just observe and experience equanimity." Equanimity is a word that means having an even mind. It is a psychological state where one is neither elated nor depressed. In time, even the worst experiences fade and so do the best ones. Balance or happiness comes when we accept what is and stop running from bad feelings and stop craving the good ones. The insight is helpful, and I am still giving my attention to the wisdom learned through this powerful time exploring my internal landscape.

Biking the entire Natchez Trace Parkway, 444 miles, I gave my attention to a part of the world where I grew up and have lived most all of my life. Slowing down and riding on a bike, I was able to appreciate places like the Tennessee and Tombigbee rivers, the gravesite of Meriwether Lewis (of the Lewis & Clark expedition), Chickasaw and Choctaw burial mounds and boundaries, Witch Dance, French Camp, cypress swamps, farmland, the golden gilded finger pointing to the skies on the steeple of Port Gibson Presbyterian Church, and the wide mouth of the Mississippi River in Natchez. Native Americans used the trail as they settled the land, causing it to become a well-worn path. Before the invention of the steamboat, the Trace was the primary route for pioneers, farmers, traders, government officials, postal carriers, circuit riders, and soldiers to find their way from the Southwest to the Northeast. It was a dangerous 3 to 4 week long journey by horse and on foot. Mosquitos, snakes, poison ivy, illness, hunger, inclement weather, and bandits often made the trip impossible. Today, The Natchez Trace is a southern treasure. The Trace has been named one of the top 10 road biking destinations in the United States. People from all over the world come to travel this road via bicycle. During my tour, I met cyclists from South Carolina, Iowa, Minnesota, Colorado, Switzerland, and the UK. In the spirit of Mississippi hospitality & Christian compassion, when traveling past a cyclist, remember to slow down and give the person(s) at least 3 feet of wide berth. In other words, please "Share the Road!"



In Milledgeville, GA at Georgia College & State University, I participated in a nine-day Wilderness First Responder (WFR) course, learning how to respond to medical emergencies in wilderness settings. In the wilderness, there is often little or no medical equipment available. Definitive care may be several miles or hours/days away, and so the WFR needs to know how to improvise with the gear one has and make the best decisions possible for the well being of those involved. I learned about how to manage in the wilderness things like open wounds, dislocations, fractures, insect and animal bites, anaphylactic reactions, hypothermia, and heat stroke. We were trained and tested on how to perform a full patient assessment, including a focused assessment of the spine to determine whether or not to take long-term spinal precautions. We learned wilderness CPR and other basic rescue considerations in remote environments because all patients in these settings require answers to these questions: Can they stay or go, and should it be fast or slow?

The course reminded me how fortunate we are to have people serving in the medical profession all around us. I am grateful for the invaluable service, which many of you provide day in day out. What a gift it is also to have a registered nurse on OU's staff, Greg Smith, who serves as our church's youth minister.

As I reflect on the first month and a half of my sabbatical, I am especially appreciative for the gift of time. As a minister, I am often multi-tasking and trying to be in many places at the same time (Impossible! But, I still try.). I have luxuriated in being able to focus wholeheartedly on one thing at a time – breathing, biking, and binding bumps and bruises in the backcountry. Thank you for the splendid opportunity.

May you also find this summer... time to focus on "one thing at a time."

My kindest regards,

Claire

*Up Next on Claire's Sabbatical:*  
**Sea Kayaking in Glacier Bay, Alaska**  
**May 24-June 19**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



### Vacation Bible School

June 11-14—For children entering kindergarten-5th grade

Our VBS theme for 2013 is a stepping off point to awareness of the many opportunities we have through Christ to make a difference in our community, family, and church. By focusing on stories in the Bible and reaching out to make connections in the community, children will see and understand con-

crete ways to serve Jesus so that they will see they matter and make a positive difference in the world. Please pray for O-U's children's team as we proceed with plans for VBS. VBS is a volunteer driven program and simply cannot happen without lots of hands and hearts, so think about volunteering to help out. OU needs you to show the children how much they matter to God by showing them how much they matter to you, by volunteering for VBS JUNE 11-14. Our VBS Director is Julie Wilson, juliemwilson@bellsouth.net.

Register online today at [www.vacationbibleschool.com/oxforduuc](http://www.vacationbibleschool.com/oxforduuc). Deadline for registration is May 5.



### Preschool VBS: A Three-Day Event!

July 10, 11, 12; 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

For potty-trained 3-4-year-olds. Due to Safe Sanctuary guidelines there will be limited space available for preschool kids, so please pre-register. We must meet requirements of two teachers per 12 students. **Registration forms are available in the church office.**

**VBS Supplies:** VBS needs toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, 20-oz. green plastic bottles with tops, and 16-oz. plastic water bottles with tops. If you have any, please drop them off at the church!

You can donate any **gently used children's books** into drop boxes located by the Children's Ministries office. These will be used in a project for Vacation Bible School and the Literacy Council.

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

### Summer Camp Registration—If you're already registered, invite a friend!

**Mission-Fest 2013** - Galloway United Methodist Church in Jackson, Mississippi - June 2nd through 6th, 2013. Cost is \$125.00 per person. \$100.00 non-refundable deposit required. .

**Discovery Ministries** - June 7th through 13th, 2013. Cost is \$200.00 per person. \$50.00 non-refundable deposit .

**M-28 Camp** - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina - June 15th through 19th, 2013. Cost is \$200.00 per person. \$75.00 non-refundable deposit

## WE STILL NEED CHAPERONES!

We need **one female chaperone for MissionFest** (June 2-6, Galloway United Methodist Church in Jackson) and **one female and one male chaperone for Discovery Ministries Adventure Camp** (June 7-13 in Eminence, Missouri). Contact Greg Smith if you'd like to help, [gsmith@ouumc.org](mailto:gsmith@ouumc.org), 662-816-5763. We can't take these trips without chaperones, so please prayerfully consider helping out our youth this summer. Thanks!

## Notes from the Past

**SIXTY YEARS AGO:** OU members who graduated from high school in May 1953 were Norma Dickson, William Sparks, Roger Lewis, Ollie Kate Malone, Buford Babb, Martha Garrett, Betty Jo Overstreet, John Young, Walter Jean Lamb, Jimmy Grace Hayles, Jeannice Garrett, Martha Davis, Elaine Hoffman, Anne Posey, Billy Cole, and Faye Sanders. The Reverend F. M. Purser delivered the high school commencement service in our sanctuary on May 24, 1953.

There was no church worship service on May 31, 1953, so members could attend the University commencement service instead.

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**FIFTY YEARS AGO:** Our minister, Roy Grisham, gave the high school baccalaureate sermon at the First Baptist Church on May 19, 1963.

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**FORTY YEARS AGO:** Mrs. R. L. Nolan honored our high school graduates at her house for breakfast on May 13, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Jent Mitchell III were married in the sanctuary on May 19, 1973.

Bennie Crouch and J. D. Williams represented the church at the North Mississippi Annual Conference in May 1973.

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**THIRTY YEARS AGO:** Altar flowers were given by Mr. and Mrs. Wade Crouch on May 1, 1983; by Miss Q' Miller Collins on May 8; by Dr. and Mrs. Russell Stokes, on May 15; by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Overstreet on May 22; and by the James R. Stephens family on May 29.

Ed Temple, Wesley Foundation Director, served as Liturgist on May 29, 1983.

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**TWENTY YEARS AGO:** The May 11, 1993, newsletter stated that members could contribute to a retirement fund for Bob Whiteside, who was leaving the Senatobia District.

Judge Kenneth Coleman was the speaker at the May 21, 1993, meeting of the Prime Timers.

High school seniors Ginny Dean, Merrill King, and Fletcher Whitwell were recognized on May 23, 1993. Merrill King, Melanie Tatum, and Lynn Morrison sang "Be Still, My Soul" that Sunday.

The May 25, 1993, newsletter announced that Lee Barnes was leaving to attend school at Asbury Theological Seminary and that the new Youth Director would be Erryn Barkett.

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**TEN YEARS AGO:** A May 2003 newsletter thanked Harry Sneed "for building a beautiful kneeling bench. It will be used in the sanctuary on various occasions and by the prayer team. The kneeling bench is in honor of Harry's parents, Payne and Sue Sneed."

On May 11, 2003, the following youth joined the church by profession of faith: Mary August Phillips, Amy Louise Nicols, Austin Myles Smith, and Emily Revere Lutken. Austin Creely Davis, Jacqueline Grace Boyce, Kathryn Lindsey Copple, and Shelby Elizabeth Briscoe joined by profession of faith and baptism. On May 18, 2003: Mallory Anne Moore, Chelsey Lynn Overstreet, Hugh Johnston Sloan IV, Andrea Leigh Williams, and Kristina Kathryn Williams joined by profession of faith.

Graduating high school seniors were recognized on May 18, 2003: Ashley Diann Allen, Robert Clayton Barnes, Daniel Charles Eagles, Lindsey Elizabeth Gillenwater, Emily Brooks Lamb, Hallie Landon Marshall, Beau Lawrence Martin, Nathan Alan Rone, and Whitney Leigh Woodlington.

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