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MEET OUR
PASTORS

Eddie Rester &
Chris McAlilly

Worship Schedule

Sunday, June 15

Fellowship Time—8:30 a.m.
Worship Services—9:00 & 10:55 a.m.
Farewell Reception—10:00 a.m.
UMYF—4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 18

Dan Phillip's Men's Bible Study—7:00
Growing in Grace Men's Group—noon
Women's Prison Ministry—1:45 p.m.
Holy Communion—5:15 p.m.

Sunday, June 22

Fellowship Time—8:30 a.m.
Worship Services—9:00 & 10:55 a.m.
Sunday School—10:00 a.m.
UMYF—4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 25

Dan Phillip's Men's Bible Study—7:00
Growing in Grace Men's Group—noon
Women's Prison Ministry—1:45 p.m.
Holy Communion—5:15 p.m.

Sunday, June 29

Fellowship Time—8:30 a.m.
Worship Services—9:00 & 10:55 a.m.
Sunday School—10:00 a.m.
UMYF—4:30 p.m.

Preaching Schedule

Eddie Rester will lead combined 8:45 & *The Journey* service at 9:00 in the Activities Center & 10:55 traditional service June 22 & 29.

Chris McAlilly will lead the 8:45 & 10:55 services on July 6 & 13, while *The Journey* takes a two-week hiatus.

More new staff!

Meet our Children & Family Ministries Director, Whitney Robinson, p. 2

Senior Minister: Eddie Rester

Eddie Rester comes to OU from Parkway Heights UMC in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where he has served in various capacities over the past 17 years—youth director, associate pastor, church attendee, and, for the last eight years, Lead Pastor. Eddie is a graduate of Ole Miss (B.S., 1993), Duke Divinity School (M.Div., 1997) and George Fox University (M.Div., 2008).

Eddie's ties to Oxford and OU extend beyond just a degree from Ole Miss. He answered his call to ministry while a part of the Wesley Foundation at Ole Miss, and he spent a year (1994-95) as the Youth Minister at OU. During that year, Eddie and his wife, Audra, were married at OU.

During his time in Hattiesburg, Eddie has been deeply invested in the community, taking part in Leadership Pinebelt and serving on the boards of various community ministries and agencies.

As a pastor, Eddie is passionate about church becoming a place that doesn't just exist *in* a neighborhood, but lives passionately *for* its neighborhood and the people of that neighborhood.

Eddie and Audra both have deep roots in north Mississippi, with family members living close by. This fall, Audra will be the new Assistant Principal at Oxford Middle School. Daughters Sydney (13) and Ann Claire (10) are excited about the move to Oxford and look forward to the new adventure.



Audra, Ann Claire, Sydney, and Eddie Rester

Associate Minister: Chris McAlilly



Chris & Millie McAlilly

I am a lifelong United Methodist and the son and grandson of United Methodist pastors. It may seem inevitable that I would "follow in their footsteps," but it wasn't. It's a long story, but if you are interested feel free to ask me about it sometime!

I love sports, especially soccer, which I played in high school and college. I'm really looking forward to cheering on the USA in the World Cup this summer!

I graduated from Birmingham Southern College (2005) and from Candler School of Theology at Emory University (2010).

My wife Millie and I both call the Tupelo area home.

We met at First UMC Tupelo and were married there in 2009. We adopted our first son, Thomas, in 2011. He has been the joy and light of our family. And we are expecting our second child in October.

We are excited to share this special time as a family with you. We are also so very grateful for all the ways in which you have shown us hospitality already. It is an honor and a gift to become a part of OU! Look forward to meeting you! July can't get here soon enough!

PRAYERS

- Frank Banks
- Lee Bolen
- Jonnie Butler
- Ann Hamric
- Morris Lovelady
- Cindy Lucas
- Reba Matsufuji
- John McCauley
- Doris Murry
- Peggy Muse
- Lucy Robinson
- Peyton Self
- Suzanne Spruiell
- Molissia Swaney
- Ray Turman
- Bob Tyler
- Charles Walker
- Dot Zinn
- Shirley Bowen, Charlotte Dicus' mother
- Gary Caccazole, Debbie Paine's brother-in-law
- Sandra Collier
- Susan Brady, Annabelle Covington's sister-in-law
- Janie Cromeans, John Cromeans mother
- Bill Edwards, Mary Beth Mobley's father
- W.D. Flaherty, Anita Ludlow's father
- Jean Halford, Lisa Thompson's Mother
- Paul Klotz, Cile Downer's son-in-law
- Lila McRight, Meghan Feltenstein's grandmother
- Peggy Rahain, Tracy Morgan's mother
- Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
- Betty Rosson, Bob Rosson's mother
- Robert Earl Siedell, Cindy Summerlin's father
- C.D. Shorter, Shannon McLaughlin's grandfather
- Jan Shorter, Shannon McLaughlin's mother
- Bob Smith, Brent Smith's father
- Phil Sneed, Claire Hardy's brother
- Wilson Stribling, Sloan Hunter's brother
- Katie Stubblefield
- Charlene Webb, John Webb's mother
- Nolie Yates, Travis Yates' father

Budget Information: June 8

“Just because something is impossible, doesn't mean you shouldn't do it.”

– Kassie Temple

What task is calling to you – at home, at work, in the larger world - that you need to embrace?

Expenses YTD Date	\$	705,804.37
Received Sunday	\$	23,128.71
Received YTD	\$	677,177.50
Needed Each Week	\$	32,045.75
Budget Needed to Date, 2014 (Shortage), 2014	\$	737,052.25 (59,874.75)
Budget Needed to Date, 2013	\$	690,512.67
Shortage, 2013	\$	(20,935.81)

Children & Family Ministries Director: Whitney Robinson



We welcome Whitney Robinson as our Director of Children and Family Ministries.

A native of Tupelo, Whitney received her undergraduate degree from The University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee.

She has served as a youth director at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in

Guntersville, Alabama and the director of youth formation with the Cathedral Parish of St. Andrew in Jackson, Mississippi. Some of our congregation may remember Whitney when she served as the director of children and youth ministries at St. Peter's Episcopal Church here in Oxford from 2008 until 2011.

Whitney and her husband Chris have recently moved to Oxford from McComb, Mississippi. They and their two precious dogs are settling in to Oxford.

We are excited for Whitney to be a part of our church staff.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar June 29; August 3, 17; September 14, 21; or October 5, 12, 26, please call Toya Bruss at 832-3061.

PRESENCE

Sunday Worship

June 1

8:45 a.m.	102
9:00 a.m.	126
10:55 a.m.	387
Emeritus (Azaleas)	27
Sunday School	266

June 8

8:45 a.m.	95
9:00 a.m.	63
10:55 a.m.	268
Emeritus (Azaleas)	28
Sunday School	226

Christian Love & Sympathy is Extended to

Cecil Locke
in the death of his sister-in-law
Joyce Locke

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Jessica Boyd
in the death of her grandmother
Francis Upton

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George Haymans
in the death of his stepfather
Hugh Redhead

•
Jeff Triplette
in the death of his brother
Michael Triplette

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Laura Kinney, Lynn McElreath, & Beverly Butts
in the death of their uncle
J.P. Baker

Congratulations to

Libby & Nick Nabors
whose son Matthew Nicholas was born May 27. He is the grandson of Marilyn & Bob Newton.

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Elise Halford & Blane Sellers
who were married June 7

NEW MEMBERS & BAPTISM



Matt Wallace
7 Gum Tree Drive
662-380-0992

Matt joined OU on June 1 from a sister denomination in Oxford. He works as a crane operator for Seacor Liftboats and is recently married to OU member Kate Sinervo. His daughter Madi Kate is 9.



Ellen Lackey
P.O. Box 1021
662-550-4699

Ellen joined OU on June 8 in *The Journey* from Forest Baptist Church in Forest, MS. She is a mechanical engineering professor at the University of Mississippi, where she has worked for 18 years.



Gary & Melanie Dobbs
102 Cedar Hill Drive
662-701-7604

Melanie & Gary joined OU in *The Journey* on June 1. Melanie comes from First UMC in Dothan, Alabama. She is an attorney with Smith & Dobbs, PLLC in Oxford. Gary works in sales with Sunshine Homes in Red Bay, Alabama.



Jeffrey Leland Kilgore
Was baptized on June 1. He is the son of Taylor & Jeff Kilgore and the grandson of Ann & Jim Greenlee.

PEACE BE WITH YOU.

farewell reception honoring Claire Dobbs

Sunday, June 15
10:00 a.m.
Wesley Hall

Sunday School will not meet June 15 so that everyone can share a farewell with Claire.

Worship Services: Combined 8:45 & *The Journey* at 9:00 in the Activities Center and 10:55 Traditional Service in the Sanctuary.

Join us for an
Open House
in honor of

Bryan & Holly Gaston

Drop by to meet the newlyweds!

Saturday, July 5
2:00-5:00 p.m.
Wesley Hall

Everyone is welcome.
No gifts, please.

Questions? 662-234-2011
Sue & Gary Gaston

COLLEGE MINISTRIES

Freshman Orientation



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We have already begun Freshman Orientation at Ole Miss. **If you know of any Freshman or transfer students coming to Ole Miss this fall, please let me know, so College Ministries can reach out to them.** (Allyson Willis - aewillis@bellsouth.net)



If you are missing **sunglasses, reading glasses, keys, jewelry, umbrellas, or gloves**, please come by the church office and see if anything in



Free Handbell Concert Thursday, June 19 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

OUUMC has a rare opportunity to host one of the premier handbell choirs in the country. The Agape Ringers, an auditioned choir of 16 ringers, have a collective ringing experience of over 430 years and perform on 76 Malmark handbells and 73 handchimes. They will present a free concert in our sanctuary on Thursday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. A free will offering will be taken.

Adults and children will be entranced by the ensemble's energy, precision, and musicality. The group has given over 300 concerts across North America, Puerto Rico, and England. This will be their first trip to Mississippi.

Come enjoy an exciting concert and give them a warm Mississippi welcome!

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Subject: **Email Prayer List Sign-Up**

If you would like to receive our new email prayer list, please let Barbara Camp know (bcamp@ouumc.org, 662-234-5278). This prayer list will be for individual emergency prayer requests—surgeries, deaths, illnesses, etc.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Sunday School Summer Schedule

Date	Grade	Class	Subject
June 15—No	Sunday School		
June 22	2nd & 3rd 4th & 5th	Cooking Art	Creation Creation
June 29	2nd & 3rd 4th & 5th	Games Cooking	Rebekah Rebekah
July 6	2nd & 3rd 4th & 5th	Art Video	Rebekah Rebekah
June 13	2nd & 3rd 4th & 5th	Video Art	Rebekah Rebekah



Vacation Bible School

K-5: June 16-20
Pre-K: June 23-25

STUDENT MINISTRIES

summer bible study series



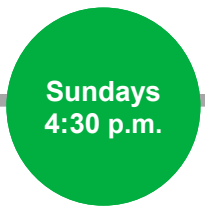
Becoming A Good Samaritan

juststart.org

We will have a service project associated with each lesson that will take place during the week after each lesson is complete.

"Love thy neighbor is not advice - it's a command. Who is our neighbor in the global village?"

— Bono



Youth will meet on Sunday nights in the Youth Center at **4:30 p.m.** (when youth aren't at camp!)
 Sunday, June 15th
 Sunday, June 22nd
 Sunday, June 29th
 Sunday, July 20th
 Sunday, July 27th
 Sunday, August 3rd

Notes from the Past

SIXTY YEARS AGO: On June 4, 1954, the Official Board voted to acquire a water fountain to be installed in the church.

The June 6, 1954, bulletin announced that Wesley Foundation Director Joe Elmore and his family would be leaving for New York, where Mr. Elmore would begin work on his doctorate.

The June 13, 1954, bulletin reported that the Million for Millsaps campaign had been so successful that work would begin immediately on the library.

The June 27, 1954, bulletin carried this announcement: "Last Sunday it was decided by a majority vote of the congregation present to hold the morning worship service at 9 o'clock to avoid suffering from the extreme summer heat which is so keenly felt in our Sanctuary."

FIFTY YEARS AGO: For a number of years there were no Sunday morning services at the church when the University had commencement. At the Official Board meeting on June 16, 1964, "Mr. Sneed moved that services be held on graduation Sundays. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously."

At the June 16, 1964, meeting of the Official Board Reverend Clark brought up the policy "concerning the seating of Colored people if they should attempt to attend services." Much discussion followed. "Mr. Gafford moved that the board commend the pastor [Duncan Clark] for his leadership and pledge its support during the crucial months ahead. The motion passed unanimously."

Wesley Foundation Director Don Anderson preached on June 28, 1964, "while Reverend Clark is studying in Boston University."

FORTY YEARS AGO: The June 2, 1974, bulletin reminded members that "Tens of thousands lost all their possessions on April 3 when tornadoes hit eleven states" and that there were places in Africa that had had no rain in six years. The Bishop asked all to contribute to the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

THIRTY YEARS AGO: The June 17, 1984, bulletin reported that "John Garrott, one of our own, was ordained Deacon last week at the Annual Conference. We are proud of John and congratulate him. His appointment is to Iuka-North."

Reverend Wallace Roberts, director of the United Methodist Hour of Mississippi, was our preacher on June 24, 1984.

TWENTY YEARS AGO: Those received by profession of faith and confirmation on June 5, 1994, were Lollie Britt, Flynn Flesher, Eriika Paine, Mary Linley Swaney, and Lydia Wright-Jackson.

TEN YEARS AGO: The June 13, 2004, bulletin welcomed "our newly appointed associate pastor, Claire Dobbs, who comes to us from First United Methodist Church in Columbus. Claire, a native of Amory, is a graduate of Ole Miss and Duke Divinity School. We are delighted to have her at O-U and look forward to her ministry with us."

Shirley Perry gave the program at the Primetimers' meeting on June 18, 2004.

On June 6, 2004, altar flowers were given in memory of Christopher Bond by Carolyn Bond and Todd and Rebecca Garner; on June 13 in honor of Vera Thomas and in memory of Palmer Thomas and Fred and Josephine Laurenzo by Fred and Kathy Laurenzo; in honor of Charlie Buckley and Amber Nichols on June 20; on June 27 in memory of Betty and R. G. Houston by Mark and Becki Huelse.

Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday, June 15: Combined 8:45 & *The Journey* at 9:00 a.m., MAC (Claire Dobbs) 10:55 Traditional, Sanctuary (Warren Black)
10:00 Farewell Reception, Wesley Hall (no Sunday School)

Sunday, June 22: Combined 8:45 & *The Journey* at 9:00 a.m., MAC (Eddie Rester) 10:55 Traditional, Sanctuary (Eddie Rester)

Sunday, June 29: Combined 8:45 & *The Journey* at 9:00 a.m., MAC (Eddie Rester) 10:55 Traditional, Sanctuary (Eddie Rester)

Sunday, July 6: 8:45 a.m. & 10:55 a.m. Traditional (no *Journey* service) (Chris McAlilly)

Sunday, July 13: 8:45 a.m. & 10:55 a.m. Traditional (no *Journey* service) (Chris McAlilly)

Regular Sunday services (8:45, 9:00 *The Journey*, & 10:55) resume Sunday, July 20.

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