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## OU's 100 Active in Outreach

*By means of grace through  
Christian action*



### Worship Schedule

#### **Sunday, June 17**

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

Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—10:00 a.m.

#### **Wednesday, June 20**

Holy Communion—6:00 p.m.

#### **Sunday, June 24**

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

Fellowship Time—9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—10:00 a.m.

#### **Wednesday, June 27**

Holy Communion—6:00 p.m.

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

June 17: **Claire Dobbs**

*Special Music: Men's Quartet  
for Father's Day*

June 24: **Warren Black**

*Special Music: Youth Minister  
Greg Smith & Youth Choir  
Director Helen Smith sing-  
ing with guitar*

This summer, we are challenging all OU members to engage in outreach and service ministries. Our goal is to have at least **100 people participate hands-on with mission-outreach this summer—volunteering time and effort to help others.**

OU will sponsor several group outreach opportunities throughout the summer:  
**Landscaping the Ole Miss Wesley Foundation** (Thursday, June 28, 9:00 a.m.)  
**Drop off and organize supplies to More Than A Meal** (Tuesday, July 10, 10:00 a.m.)

*\*see p. 4 for more details*

**Habitat For Humanity** (Saturday, July 14, 8:00 a.m.)

**Camp Lake Stephens Appreciation** (July 8-14)

**Organize Boys and Girls Club Library** (late July)

If you have questions, contact OU's summer intern Chelsey Overstreet at [overscl@millsaps.edu](mailto:overscl@millsaps.edu) or 662-801-5366. As we participate in outreach, we remember that we encounter Christ when we serve those in need. Please consider participating in this opportunity.

**Sunday, June 17 is the official kick-off for 100 Active in Outreach. Look for specific information related to the following OU-supported ministries in this Sunday's bulletin.**

Awad family at Bethlehem Bible College

Camp Lake Stephens

Doors of Hope

Habitat for Humanity

LOU Home

Ole Miss Wesley Foundation

The Pantry

Salvation Army

Boys & Girls Club

Disaster Relief

Family Crisis Center

Interfaith Compassion Ministry

More Than A Meal

Oxford Medical Ministries Clinic

Red Cross

**Everyone will have the chance to get involved with our missions-outreach programs this summer. Join us!**

**“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can, in all the places you can,  
At all the times you can, to all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can”**

**—John Wesley**

## PRAYERS

- Kathy Allen
- Frank Anderson
- Robert Bennett
- Charlie Black
- Lou Breazeale
- Helen Brinson
- Mildred Davis
- Barbara Green
- Nancy Hampton
- Nancy Carole King
- Pat Lamar
- Dru Le Grand
- Kay McDuffie
- Eugenia McLaurin
- Katie Mae Overstreet
- Madge Stubblefield
- Glenn Woodard
- Dot Zinn
  
- Martha Altfilish, Margaret Fields's sister
- Jan Coppock, Deborah Robinson's mother
- Joe Ann Farley, Bob Farley's mother
- Jean Halford, Lisa Thompson's mother
- Kim Hill, Tina Daniels's cousin
- James Houston, Ann Huggins' brother
- Richard Matsufuji, Reba Matsufuji's son
- Carol Pearson, Ashton Pearson's father
- Trey Poole, Wanda Poole's grandson
- Virginia Rainer, Peyton Self & Ginny Terry's mother
- Joanne Rone, Scott Rone's mother
- Phil Sneed, Claire Hardy's brother
- Donna Thornton, Margaret Fields' daughter
- Jack Walters, Jackie Rozier's father

## Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar July 29; August 5, 19; September 9, 16; or October 7, 14, or 21, please contact Toya Bruss at (662) 832-3061.

## BUDGET UPDATE: Sunday, June 10, 2012

Expenses YTD Date	\$	608,462.41
Received Sunday	\$	16,332.00
Received YTD	\$	626,446.54
Needed Each Week	\$	29,071.58
Budget Needed to Date, 2012	\$	697,717.92
Shortage, 2012	\$	(71,271.38)
Budget Needed to Date, 2011	\$	648,850.48
Shortage, 2011	\$	(60,355.64)

## Primetimers' Potluck

Primetimers, a ministry to senior adults, will meet Friday, June 22, at noon in Wesley Hall. Federal Judge Mike Mills (back by popular demand) will speak on "Natural Law and Legal Positiveness." Bring your favorite dish and join the group. Meat and Drinks are provided. For any details and future programs, contact Jean Brammer @brammers6454@att.net or check the church's web site.

## Fun in the Country Fair

O-U Plans to have a booth in this year's Fun in the Country Fair to be held on **Labor Day, September 3, 2012.**

Anyone interested in working on the committee for the Fair, please attend a **meeting on Monday June 18 at 10 am at the home of Jean Shaw, 207 St Andrews Circle.** Call or email Jean for more information: 234-1053 or [jmshaw2@bellsouth.net](mailto:jmshaw2@bellsouth.net).

## Kudzu Zoo: bring your stuffed animals

The Kudzu Zoo will be part of the Fun in the Country Community Fair which will be held on Labor Day. (Last year O-U participated in the Fair and earned more than \$1100 which was contributed to Leap Frog and ICM.) O-U members and friends with stuffed animals that need a new home are invited to donate them to the fair. The animals will be used in the Kudzu Zoo, a game for children. Please bring to the Church any clean and new or gently used stuffed animals and place them in a box in the Wesley Hall Kitchen. Thanks!

## Children's Church

**We will be taking a break from Children's Church during July. Children's Church will start back the first Sunday in August.**

June 17: Room 309—Carrie & Jimmy Traylor

## PRESENCE

### Sunday Worship

<u>May 27</u>	
8:45 a.m.	80
9:00 a.m.	74
10:55 a.m.	252
Sunday School	219
<u>June 3</u>	
8:45 a.m.	91
9:00 a.m.	86
10:55 a.m.	263
Sunday School	281
<u>June 10</u>	
8:45 a.m.	98
10:55 a.m.	237
Sunday School	214

### In Memoriam

**Ernest William McLellan**  
*October 30, 1932-May 29, 2012*

### Congratulations to Sara Love &

**James Whitney Rawlings**  
whose daughter Mary Linley was born May 24. She is the granddaughter of Molissia and Walker Swaney.

### Jill & Drew Stevens

whose daughter Miley Evelyn was born May 28.

**Megan & Mark Robinson**  
whose son Mark Rowan was born May 31. He is the grandson of Bruce and Rachel Robinson and the great-grandson of Sarah Robinson. He is welcomed by sister Reese.

**Nicole & Lamar Hickman**  
whose son Garner Reed was born June 4. He is the grandson of Kathy and Garner Hickman.

## NEW MEMBERS &



**Emily, Will & Ella Saylor Brigtsen**  
804 Oak Hollow Drive  
801-3377

The Brigtsens joined OU on May 27. Emily and Will are both pharmacists with Wal-Mart; Emily works in Batesville and Will in Oxford. They met while attending pharmacy school

at Ole Miss. Emily is the granddaughter of OU member Hazel Kinney. Their daughter Ella Saylor was baptized on May 27.

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP PREACHING SCHEDULE

June 17: **Claire Dobbs**

June 24: **Warren Black**

July 1: **Claire Dobbs**

July 8: **Warren Black**

***The Journey is on summer break.***

*Please join us in our 8:45 & 10:55  
traditional services.*

***Journey services resume Sunday, August 5.***

## 2012 Annual Conference Wrap-Up

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Mississippi Conference met June 7-10 in Jackson, MS, at the Jackson Convention Center. Oxford-University UMC's delegates were Warren Black, Claire Dobbs, Polly Williams, and John Webb. The MS Annual Conference raised \$247,000 dollars (as of June 10) for the mission offering, O For A Thousand pre-82 pension effort. 250,000 meals were packed for Stop Hunger Now.

On Friday evening, Bishop James Swanson, Sr. of the Holston Conference, preached a heartfelt service with over 1,200 people in attendance. Following this service the Conference had a fish-fry to celebrate Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts – 14,000 homes repaired, 160,000 new homes built, \$175 million worth of work accomplished by 172,000 United Methodist volunteers.

Dr. Joseph Bishman, Shawnee Valley District Superintendent from the West Ohio Conference, led a couple of bible studies at Conference, reminding his faith audience that the work of God's kingdom is done one shovel at a time, one basket at a time, and one wheelbarrow at a time. He also served as the guest speaker for the Small Membership awards banquet. This year's Small Membership Church recipient from the New Albany District was Pine Flat UMC.

Adam Hamilton, of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, serves an 18,000 member church with an average attendance of 8,500 in worship each week. He preached three sessions at Annual Conference focusing on effective leadership, inspiring worship, and reaching out to the un-churched. "Effective leaders," Hamilton taught, "are people their followers can be proud of. They reach out to encourage others, and they live out their faith with authenticity and integrity."

At the helm of Conference was Bishop Hope Morgan Ward. The first woman to ever lead a mainline denomination in the state of Mississippi, Bishop Ward has served our Conference for eight years with great courage, compassion, and effectiveness. Tributes were made in her honor as she presided as our bishop for the last Annual Conference. In a final sharing, Bishop Ward said: "In this windy season of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit refreshes our lives for this transition, enlivens our memories and beckons us onto the next season of our lives." She also quoted a blessing by John O'Donohue, *To Bless the Space Between Us*, that she received as a gift from our church after speaking at one of our Lenten Luncheons this spring, "On Waking" (see sidebar).

At the close of the Conference, Bishop Ward prayed for the 2012 appointments. Warren Black and Claire Dobbs will return for another year of ministry at Oxford-University UMC.

Thanks be to God for our shared ministry in Jesus Christ!

### *On Waking*

I give thanks for arriving  
safely in a new dawn,  
for the gift of senses  
to perceive the world,  
the gift of mind  
to feel at home  
in my life.

The waves of possibility  
breaking on the shore of dawn,  
the harvest of the past  
that awaits my hunger  
and all the furtherings  
this new day will bring.

—John O'Donohue,  
*"To Bless the Space Between Us"*

# COLLEGE MINISTRIES

The following OU students are ministering in other places this summer. Take the time to write and encourage them and let them know OU supports them!

**Jennifer Varner and Katie Ethridge**

They will be two of the Student Ministry Interns this fall!

Mike Ditka Resort  
Cru-Jennifer Varner  
2935 Vineland Road  
Kissimmee, FL 34746

**Katie Ethridge / 3.0 Missional Internship**

c/o Saraland UMC  
P.O. Box 415  
Saraland, AL 36571

**Rocky**, one of our members at OU, will be an associate at the Wesley Foundation this fall and will begin his seminary career online at Asbury Theological Seminary.

Rocky Shack / 3.0 Missional Internship  
c/o Saraland UMC  
P.O. Box 415  
Saraland, AL 36571

**DK**, who played the piano this year in the Journey Service, has returned to South Korea. You can FaceBook DK under the name "DK Dokyung Kim"

## Summer Schedule

Thursday, June 14 - 9:00 a.m. Coffee at Highpoint downtown

Sunday, June 17 - Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Prayer Room; Traditional Worship 10:55

Tuesday, June 19 - Wesley Foundation - Worship/Fellowship 7:00 - 425 W. Jackson Ave

Wednesday, June 20th - 3:00 YaYa's

Sunday, June 24 - Sunday School 10:00 am - Prayer Room; Traditional Worship 10:55

Friday Afternoon, June 22nd - Sardis Lake Day

Tuesday, June 26 - Wesley Foundation - Worship/Fellowship 7:00 - 425 W. Jackson Ave

\*\*All college students who are back in town from your university, please join us and feel free to bring friends!

For more info about these events contact: Allyson Willis - 662.231.9929; aewillis@bellsouth.net



## More Than A Meal Supply Drive

As a part of OU's 100 Active in Outreach program, we will host a supply drive for More Than A Meal, which is an organization that serves the people of Oxford with good food, encouragement and a sense of community. It began as an outreach program for the homeless, but anyone is welcome to come and share a meal and fellowship with others. Join them every Tuesday at 5:00PM during the school year at The Stone Center on Washington Avenue for a warm meal, fellowship, tutoring for children and much more. For questions contact 662-801-4712. You can also support them financially, by donating supplies, or by serving a meal.

**More Than A Meal is not meeting this summer, but they want to build their supplies for the fall. Listed below are items they need. Drop off items in the prayer room until Monday, July 9. Contact Chelsey Overstreet (662-801-5366, overscl@millsaps.edu) for more information.**

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|---|----------------|----------------------|--|---------------|-------------------|
| Toilet paper                            | Dental floss   | Paper towels         | Name tags                                      | Shampoo       | Dish washing soap |
| Clorox wipes                            | Washing powder | Women's deodorant    | Infant diapers                                 | Shaving cream | Size 5 diapers    |
| Facial tissue                           | Baby wipes     | Plastic table cloths | Backpacks and school supplies to use in August |               |                   |
| Plastic gloves to use when serving food |                |                      |  |               |                   |

## Jr. High UMYF Mission Trip to Guntersville, Alabama

June 3-8 a group from OU traveled to a Team Effort camp in Guntersville, Alabama to help with tornado relief efforts. Maya Langendoen, Sabrina Crain, Annie Forgette, Lily McElreath, Lynn McElreath and Helen Smith worked at the home of Brenda and Mike Casey. The Casey's mobile home had been destroyed by the April 27th tornado. Their new home is almost complete but a lot of clean-up was needed. This group of students and adults cleared weeds and grass that had grown waist high, picked up trash, stained a porch swing, and painted new planters (5 cinder blocks and an old bathtub!). They then planted new and colorful plants into the planters they had created. Brenda and Mike expressed their gratitude for all the work that had been done.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### Terrific Tuesdays

Parents and children up to sixth grade are invited to join us for Terrific Tuesdays this summer starting June 19. For more information, contact Sonya Schneider, 801-8836.

June 19, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon: **Avent Park**

June 26, time T.B.A.: **Spray Park, New Albany**

July 10: **Movie**—“Charlotte’s Webb”

July 17: **Pirate Adventures** (\$8 per child plus credits on game card. Located at 726 Hwy 6 West in Oxford.)

July 24: **Waterslide Fun at OUUMC**

July 31, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon: **Skate Place**

### Vacation Bible School Adventures on Promise Island



Circling up with Ms. Kara



Arts and Crafts with Ms. Julie



Learning the VBS dance!



Fun with Ms. Pat at the Lifeguard Lagoon



## STUDENT MINISTRIES

### UMYF Summer Schedule June & July



#### June

Sun., June 17: **No UMYF**—  
Father’s Day

June 17-23: **Discovery Ministries  
Adventure Camp**

Tues., June 19: **No Prayer Lunch**

Sun., June 24: **Pool Party & Cook-  
out** at Blake & Denise Smith’s  
house—details t.b.a.

Thurs., June 28: **Day Trip on the**

**Sipsey River**—Meet at the church at 8 a.m. to travel to the Sipsey River for a half-day of canoeing. The cost is \$25.00 per person. We will also eat twice on this trip so plan accordingly.

#### July

Prayer Lunch – Every Tuesday at Phillips Grocery (*unless otherwise noted*)

Sun., July 1: **No UMYF**

Tues., July 3: **No Prayer Lunch**

Sun., July 8: **Sketch Comedy Night at OU**—We will meet at 6 p.m. during our normal time. Students come with your game face on with skits and funny stuff to perform for all those that are present.

Thurs., July 12: **Geyser Falls**—Meet at the church at 8 a.m. to travel to Philadelphia, MS for a day of fun in the sun at Geyser Falls. The cost is \$38.00 per person (\$30.00 if we get a group of 20 plus – so let’s do that). Please plan accordingly for breakfast, lunch, and dinner expense. We will probably be home late...

Sun., July 15: **Mud Volleyball/Slip-in-Slide/Cookout at the Webb’s place**—details T.B.A.

Sun., July 22: **High Ropes at Camp Lake Stephens**—We will meet at Camp Lake Stephens (time t.b.a.). Cost is \$30.00 per person. If you haven’t seen the new High Ropes video...check it out on CLS website, [www.camplakestephens.com](http://www.camplakestephens.com)

Fri., July 27: **Paintball at Rebel Paintball Company**—time t.b.a. Cost is \$30.00 per person. Please plan accordingly for one meal.

Sun., July 29: **Intramural Game Day**—Please meet after church to travel to the Intramural Fields at Ole Miss for a few hours of Flag-Football/Soccer/Softball/Volleyball... who knows what we’ll come up with!!! We’ll play from noon until 4 p.m.

## Notes from the Past

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO:** Frank Anderson and Mary Courtney were married by J. A. George at the home of the bride on June 9, 1942.

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**SIXTY YEARS AGO:** In June 1952 the Reverend Joe Elmore replaced Harold Fair as Wesley Foundation Director and associate minister. He was a graduate of SMU and Yale Divinity School.

On June 1, 1952, members of the official board were told that "air-conditioning plans had been shelved following the decision to purchase the Sanders property."

Reverend Archie Meadows was appointed as our minister in June 1952. He preached his first sermon here on June 22.

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**FIFTY YEARS AGO:** Blanton Doggett was assigned to a different church, and he was replaced by Roy Grisham in June 1962.

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**FORTY YEARS AGO:** Mrs. Lowell Grisham was guest organist on June 4, 1972.

Bill Youngblood was named associate minister in June 1972 and preached his first sermon here on June 11, 1972.

New handrails were installed at the 10<sup>th</sup> Street entrance in June 1972.

Jean Spell, Sarah Grace Kelly, Jerry Robbins, and Harry Spell sang as a quartet on June 25, 1972.

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**THIRTY YEARS AGO:** The June 22, 1982, newsletter reported that work was progressing in the renovation of Wesley Hall into a conference room.

Acolytes in June 1982 were Chris Marquis, John Tettleton, Mary Ann Connell, Jane Connell, Ben King, and Charles Owens.

John Benjamin Cofield joined the church in June 1982.

Jonathan Taylor Nash was baptized on June 20, 1982.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knight were married in the sanctuary on June 12, 1982.

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**TWENTY YEARS AGO:** On June 14, 1992, the sign on the west side of the sanctuary was dedicated. It is a memorial to Edgar Harold Overstreet.

Regina Pierce-Newton, David Newton, and Ginger Jones Holland were ordained as elders at the annual conference in June 1992.

New minister Dr. Ken Morrison and his family moved into the parsonage on June 17, 1991.

Previous member Heard Butler re-joined the church on June 7, 1991.

Lee Barnes began his work as Youth Director on June 1, 1992.

At the annual conference in June 1992 Jean Brammer was elected to serve as a lay person on the Board of Diaconal Ministry, and Merrill King was elected president of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries for the district and secretary for the state.

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**TEN YEARS AGO:** A number of members of the church participated in a Nicaragua Mission Trip June 9-26, 2002.

On June 16, 2002, several members of the UMYF went to Tampa Bay, Florida to help with the construction of Deaf Community Mission project.

The wedding of Bill Myers and Brittany Aldy was noted in the June 5, 2002, newsletter.

High school graduates David Witt, Ben Shaw, Todd Paine, Emma Howorth, Isabel Tropp, Leigh Ann Martin, Jarrett Kincade, Sally Kate Rosson, and Lindsey Mackie were pictured in the June 5, 2002, newsletter.

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