



Jacob's Ladder



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Mother's Day Celebration



Oxford First United Methodist Church held its Mother's Day Celebration on Sunday, May 14, 2017 as part of its Sunday morning worship service. The program included recognition of all the mothers present. They were given cards and

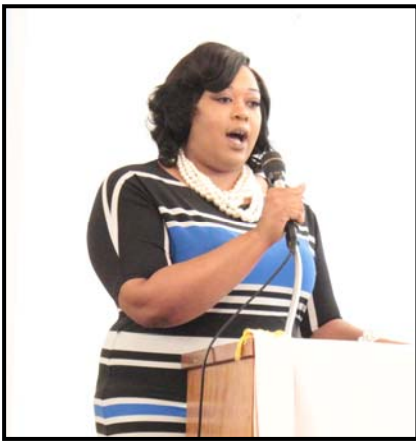
roses by the children of the church (mothers pictured above). The program was coordinated by Minister Laura Gillom and Sister Sherrita Campbell. The youth had Mother's Day speeches to perform. There were also solos sung as tributes

to mothers. Listed below is a photo review of the program.

Pictures provided are courtesy of Clarence H. Franklin.

Minister Gillom and Sister Campbell





Minister Gillom's daughter, DeLeah (left) and Effie Burt (right) blessed the church with beautiful solos, and Pastor Diggs (center) closed it out with an inspirational sermon. **EDITOR'S NOTE:** On June 9th, at this year's Annual Conference, Pastor Diggs will be sworn in as a UMC Elder in full connection.

Minister Chris Bush's First Sermon



On Sunday, May 21, 2017, Oxford First UMC was blessed with Minister Chris Bush's first sermon. Taking his text from the book Genesis, chapters 39-50, Minister Bush, using as a subject, "Don't Give Up," preached about the life of

Joseph, about his perseverance, and about his faith and trust in God. Seeming to be totally relaxed and at home in the pulpit, Minister Bush (pictured above with wife, LaJada) delivered a powerful message that edified the congregation.

He had a presence about himself, and the favor of God seemed to shine all around him.

Pastor Diggs had the following to say: “We thank God for Coach Bush giving us a mighty word today. Twenty years ago my pastor, Rev. Benjamin Wax, Sr., guided me through the candidacy process in The United Methodist Church. I'm honored to assist Chris Bush and Laura Gillom, I praise God for these two very humble servants.”

God is already blessing Minister Bush and expanding his territory as he was recently named Assistant Principal of Oxford High School. Congratulations, Chris.

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2017 Birthday Celebration

Oxford First UMC is holding its Annual Birthday Celebration on Sunday, June 25, 2017 as part of morning worship service.

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