



# Jacob's Ladder



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## Oxford First Dance Team Represents



OFUMC Dance Team recently performed at the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. 2018 Miss Debutante Cotillion program on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at the University of Mississippi Union Ballroom. Our young people represented God

and our church family with character, dignity and respect. Please join us and thanking them for representing our church and God in a Christ-like way!!!! Minister Tressie Johnson is dance team coordinator.



PICTURED ABOVE: The Oxford First Praise Dance Team also was a big part of the Pre-Christmas Celebration Program on December 20, 2018 at Oxford First.

## Networking Hearts of Hope for Africa International (LLG)



On Sunday, December 30, 2018, Rev. Dr. Dwight and Solomie Guinn (pictured above), Executive Director and Administrator respectively, of Networking Hearts of Hope for Africa, International (NEHHAI) attended Oxford First UMC's Fifth Sunday

Ecumenical Service. NEHHAI provides educational, social, emotional, physical and spiritual services for destitute, street and abused children. It empowers youth with life skills and provides affordable leadership training to pastors and church leaders in Uganda. NEHHAI is registered in the United States as a Non-Profit 501(c)(3) entity.

The Guinns shared information about the needs of Uganda, and about their organizations' mission there with the congregation. For more information on and how you can support their mission, contact them at the following email addresses:

[nehhai@gmail.com](mailto:nehhai@gmail.com) or  
[dwightguinn@juno.com](mailto:dwightguinn@juno.com).

# Oxford First United Methodist Church

*Regenerating Passion, Reaching People, Renewing Purpose*

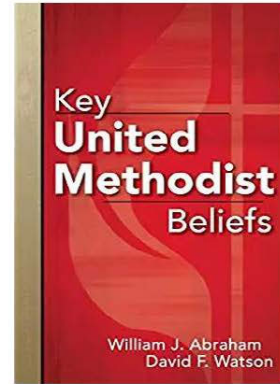
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## Oxford First Ministry Orientation

*January 9 - February 13, 2019*

**6 week study where we will discover:**

- **Oxford** First Mission, Vision, & Core Values
- Our Wesleyan Heritage
- Structure of United Methodist Church
- What we believe as United Methodist



Many people have expressed a need for more teaching and instruction on the structure of Oxford First, the United Methodist Church, and the things we believe. Pastor Thomas will lead a 6 weeks study, January 9 - February 13, that will address each of these questions. We will use the book, "**Key United Methodist Beliefs**" as a foundation on Theological entities we believe. This study will take place every Wednesday night,

January 9 - February 13, 2019, at 6:30 P.M. at the church. Please come out and join us as we embark on this study.

**Soup for Seniors**  
**will return on Wednesday ,**  
**February 13, 2019.**





**UPCOMING EVENTS**



# HEALING SERVICE

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. —JAMES 5:14

**Sunday, January 13, 2019, During  
11:00 A.M. Worship**

We will have a special worship service for God to heal all sicknesses, past hurts, and pray for unity and for God's Spirit to move in our church and in our lives.

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE Meeting

**Monday, January 14, 2019, 6:30P.M.**



**Sunday, January 20, 2019, During  
11:00 A.M. Worship**



## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday, January 28, 2019, 6:30P.M.**

