



## "100 Years of Love & Laughter"



Mrs. Hattie Lee Davidson, a member of our sister church, Beverly UMC, and a regular at our Soup For Seniors Ministry, celebrated her 100th Birthday on November 24, 2017 at a special celebration at the Lafayette Civic Center, sponsored by her family with 250 guest in attendance.

How does one define 100 years? For Mrs Davidson it can be defined as 36,525 days, 876,000 hours, 52,596,000 minutes, 6

amazing children, 8 beautiful grandchildren, 6 loving great-grandchildren, a multitude of doting nieces and nephews, and even more adoring great-nieces and great-nephews. The celebration was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> but her actual birth date was November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Pastor Christopher C. Diggs and the members of Oxford First UMC congratulate Mrs. Davidson on this incredible milestone, and wish her nothing but continued blessings.

# Children's Church



Oxford First UMC now has Children's Church every first through third Sunday. Children's Ministry leaders are Lecha Diggs (pictured above), Minnie Milliner, Marilyn Barnes and Terrica Milliner.

## Pegues Receives GED

Chauncey Pegues received her High School Equivalency Diploma in September 2017. Chauncey wrote this about her experience in the Oxford First/Lafayette County Literacy Council ABLÉ Program:

My involvement with the ABLÉ program was didactic (a learning experience). Barbara Wortham made it even more worth the

while. She gives you that drive to come back and not give up. The learning tactics she gives you in the classroom setting is more than enough. Overall, I loved every minute of my experience. I came to better myself, learn, and accomplish my dream. My goal is to attend Northwest Ms. Community College in January 2018 for Cosmetology and later on pursue a degree in Social Work. This is the best early Christmas present I could ever have. I also worked to show my children to never give up on your dreams and to keep God first. Also, most importantly, have faith in yourself and believe



## Free Legal Clinic



On Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, Oxford First UMC partnered with Red Cloud Law Firm, LLC, for a **Will and Estate Planning Seminar**. It was very informative, and we thank Attorneys Charles and Nathan Yow for taking the time to come and share with us.

# What A Day at Oxford First

This is what happens when God does something different. On Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Diggs preached a challenging Word: “Are you ready to be exalted?”

(JOSHUA 3:7-17) “God is ready to take us to the next level, but we don’t want to do anything to get there. We become lazy and stagnant, expecting God to come to us. In order to be exalted, reach higher heights, and do things we’ve never done before, we have


to change our route, obey God, recognize our seasons, make sacrifices, and trust God to lead us.”

Bro. Lorenzo Searcy (pictured below center with Min. Bush and Pastor Diggs) was welcomed back home as a new member, and the men gathered at the altar in prayer. To God be the Glory!







**Jesus is the Reason...**

**Christmas Eve Worship**  
 Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
 9:00 a.m.  
 600 Molly Barr Road



**Oxford First**

The Children & Youth will lead Worship and present their Christmas Program. Everyone is invited to join us!

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# Shining Lights



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As part of the morning worship service on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> Madelyn, Diggs, Kase Bush, and Rose Barnes (pictured above, l. to r.) were "shining stars" as they gave their rendition of *This Little Light of Mine* with candles.

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