



2025 Session of the Mississippi Annual Conference

When Believers Pray...



JUNE 4 - 7, 2025

The 2025 Session of the Mississippi Annual Conference will be held **June 4-7** on the campus of Millsaps College located at 1701 North State Street in Jackson. The theme for this year's conference is "When Believers Pray..." The theme scripture is Matthew 21:13a.

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The Morning Doves Shine Bright: A Month of Learning, Recognition, and Planning



by Carol McGee

This past month, our vibrant girls' group, The Morning Doves, came together for a series of enriching and inspiring activities that highlighted our commitment to growth, community, and sisterhood. Despite some challenges with bad weather, we made the most of our time, diving into meaningful discussions, celebrating achievements, and laying the groundwork for exciting future endeavors.

One of the highlights of the month was our deep dive into the world of Black female

investors. The Morning Doves explored the stories of trailblazing women who have broken barriers in the financial world, learning about their strategies, challenges, and triumphs. This session sparked lively conversations about financial literacy, empowerment, and the importance of representation in industries where women, particularly Black women, are often underrepresented. The girls left the discussion inspired, with newfound knowledge and a sense of possibility for their futures.

We also took time to celebrate the incredible efforts of our members. The Morning Doves are not just about personal growth but also about uplifting others, and this month, we recognized several girls for their outstanding good deeds in school. From helping classmates with projects to showing kindness and leadership in their communities, these young women exemplified the values of our group. Each awardee received heartfelt praise and tokens of appreciation, reinforcing the importance of compassion and service. The smiles and pride on their faces were a reminder of why The Morning Doves is such a special sisterhood.

While we had hoped to host outdoor activities, Mother Nature had other plans. Bad weather kept us indoors, but it didn't dampen our spirits. Instead, we turned the time into a cozy fellowship session, filled with laughter, bonding, and reflection. Over

snacks and warm drinks, the girls shared stories, discussed their goals, and strengthened their connections. This unexpected change of plans also gave us the perfect opportunity to plan for the future. We brainstormed upcoming events, from community service projects to workshops and outings, ensuring that the months ahead will be packed with opportunities to learn, serve, and grow together.

As we look back on this month, The Morning Doves are filled with gratitude for the chance to come together, learn from inspiring figures, celebrate each other's kindness, and plan for a bright future. Though the weather may have kept us inside, our spirits soared, and our bond grew stronger. Here's to the next chapter of our journey, where we'll continue to rise, shine, and make a difference as The Morning Doves!

OFUMC Easter Celebration



On April 20th, Oxford First UMC's Easter Celebration was led by the young people, coordinated by Youth Minister Tressie

Johnson. Pictured above, they performed a skit entitled "The Accused." The celebration also included several praise



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dances. Overall, it was a day overflowing with praises and blessings.

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