



# Jacob's Ladder



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## OFUMC Musicians' Appreciation

Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

--PSALM 150:4 KJV



Oxford First UMC hosted a musicians' appreciation program on Sunday, Sept, 29 sponsored by our Music Director, Rodnie Buford. Brother Buford and the Inspirational and Male choirs wanted to thank our musicians, LaDwan Pratt and Jatyus (JT) Gillard for their dedication to Oxford First. Sister Rhondalyn Peairs served as the Mistress of Ceremony for the occasion. The Inspirational choir ushered in the spirit with three rousing selections. Brother Pratt and JT were joined by Brother Pratt's father who accompanied them on the bass. We were also graced with the presence of Brother Pratt's family and church members from Bridges Chapel in Pittsboro, MS.

Brother Pratt's sisters invited the choir to sing two uplifting selections with them. The Shining Stars then treated us to several selections. We were also happy to see Brother JT's family members and special supporters come out to support him. Brother JT and Brother Pratt thanked Oxford First for their gifts, and Brother Pratt encouraged JT to continue to allow God to use him. Brother Pratt also talked about how loving a congregation we have at Oxford First and that he hopes to continue with us for years to come. After the program, we enjoyed a fellowship meal prepared by our wonderful kitchen committee.

—Barbara Wortham





# Batesville Author Festival

The Batesville Author Festival, held on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Batesville Public Library was a huge success. A total of 17 local authors from across the state participated. Clarence Franklin would like to thank his family, church members, co-workers, and friends that came out to support him. Here are a few pictures from the event.





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