



# Jacob's Ladder



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## A Word of Thanks to Members of Oxford First UMC by Pamela Flemmons



As many of you are aware, I have been in recovery. I completed my radiation treatments



and received a certificate of completion from the Margaret West Clinic recently (pictured above). Praise the Lord!!!!

Hello Oxford First. I pray that all is going well with you all. I thought I would share a very thoughtful moment with the Jacob's Ladder. My family and I give thanks to Fannie Goolsby, Janice Brown (pictured above with me), and the Oxford First Church family for the love, support, & prayers shown to my family during our time of bereavement with the recent passing of my uncle.

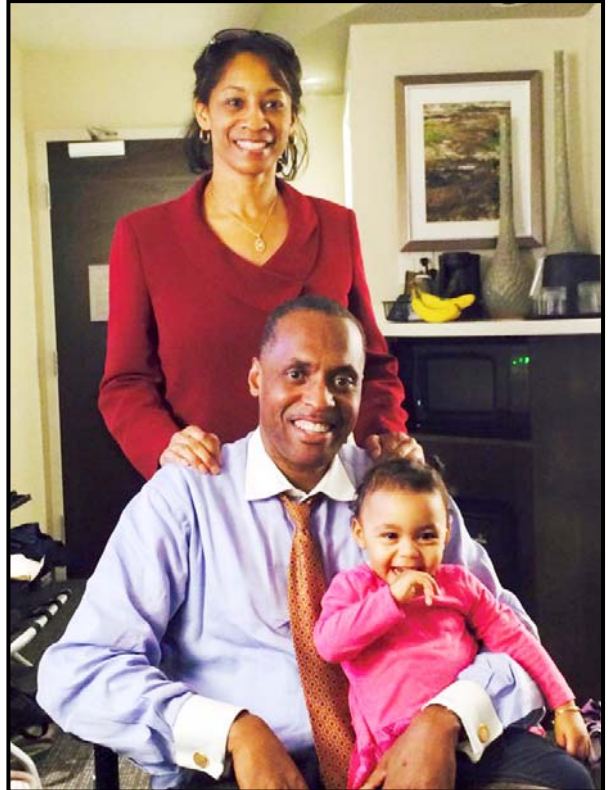
I would also like to combine this amazing blessing from God with an expression of appreciation, thanking the church family for all their prayers and the following members for their additional support: Willie Mae Barry, Betty Jo Young, Mrs. Jimmie Nell Smith, Sharon Calomese, Carrie Vaughn, Tressie Johnson, Janice and Fannie.

# Keith Searcy Retires



Keith Searcy recently retired from the Finch-Henry Job Corps Center in Batesville, MS after 35 years of service. Finch-Henry Job Corps Center provides on-the-job training and help youth find careers that are right for them. Job Corps is the nation's largest and most comprehensive residential education and job training program for at-risk youth, ages 16 through 24.

Oxford First UMC celebrated his retirement with cake (pictured below) and ice cream after worship service on Sunday, September 10th.



As part of Pastor's Appreciation Month Oxford First will hold Pastor and Family Appreciation on Sunday, October 29th, 3:30 P.M. Rev. Roosevelt Gage and Wesley UMC of Kosciusko, MS, will be special guests. Pastor Christopher C. Diggs (pictured above with wife, Lecha and daughter, Madelyn) celebrates four years with us.

Please review the menu on the bulletin board and sign up for your dish of choice. Each member is asked to give \$25.

# Soup For Seniors Returned

by Terry Vaughn

On Wednesday, September 13, 2017, Oxford First UMC resumed their monthly "Soup for Seniors" Ministry. Under the leadership of Elder Christopher C. Diggs, we welcomed 30 people. The menu every 2nd Wednesday



coordinators. We say "soup for seniors," but everyone is welcomed. Mark your calendars for the second Wednesday of each Month except November. You will be welcomed with awesome words of encouragement from Elder Diggs, Bingo where everyone wins, and a Wonderful lunch. Activities begin at 11am. God Bless.



consist of 4-6 different hot soups, a variety of sandwiches, salad, dessert, and drink. This ministry is held during the fall and winter months. Ann Cancer and Janis Blake are the



**SERVERS ABOVE:** (l. to r.) Minnie Milliner, Janis Blake, Cassandra Johnson, Terry Vaughn, Laura Ann Cancer and Jimmie Nell Smith.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to increase awareness of this terrible disease that takes away our daughters, sisters, mothers, and even a few men. We will provide valuable information and wear pink during our 11 a.m. Worship on October 15th to bring awareness to the disease.

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# Soup for Seniors

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017

11:00 A.M.



**Laura Ann Cancer and Janis Blake**  
Coordinators