



Jacob's Ladder



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The Pastor's Point

by

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"To whom much is given, much will be required"

—LUKE 12:48



If you have heard that line of wisdom, you know it means we are held responsible for what we have. If we have been blessed with talents, wealth, knowledge, time, and the like, it is expected that we use our wisdom and gifts for the glory of God. We, Oxford

First UMC, are getting ready to move in a 1.5-million-dollar facility. It is truly a blessing from God!!! But if we do not use our gifts, talents, knowledge, time and wisdom it will just be a nice-looking empty building. We have been given much, and

God will require much for us to be faithful to Him in making disciples for the transformation of the world. Let's not just celebrate the building of a church facility, but rather let's celebrate God giving us "much" space to do what God has "required" us to do. Please join me in using your talents, wealth, knowledge, time, and wisdom to use

what God has given us to make it a blessing, not only to us, but also to our brothers and sisters in our community. Let us live out our church mission of, **"Regenerating Passion, Reaching People, and Renewing Purpose"** to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

McGlawn Honored



Jimmy McGlawn was honored recently with a plaque and honorarium from Oxford First UMC, presented to him by Sabrina Vaughn and Sharon Calomese (pictured above). Jimmy moved back to Oxford, his hometown after having been gone 40 years. He retired from the VA Medical Hospital after 30 years of service. His position as the Associate Director, managing staff and handling a budget of millions of dollars, has allowed God to use him and the knowledge He blessed him with, to help with the building of His kingdom. Jimmy, as Trustee Chair, has overseen the building of Oxford First UMC's new worship facility.

Jimmy attended church occasionally, but once he moved back home, he decided to reconnect with his home church. Every thing is in Gods perfect timing. This is not to brag on Jimmy but to thank him for his time and

efforts. All praise, honor and glory go to God for what He has allowed him to do. It's like the song *'Lord I'm Available To you'*, the part that says now I'm giving back to You all the tools you gave to me. Thank you, Jimmy, for being obedient, whether you knew it or not.



Saturday, December 28, 2019
6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

This celebration will be at the Hampton Inn Conference Center, 103 Ed Perry Blvd, Oxford, MS 38655. The food will be catered. This celebration is open to ALL members of Oxford First. Tickets are on sale for \$10. If you would like a ticket please see Minnie Milliner. We only have a max of 70 tickets available. This will be a semi-formal event. If you have any picture of any event taken at Oxford First this year please email the picture to Pastor Thomas at gsthomas94@gmail.com by Sunday, Dec. 22 to be included in the presentation at our "God is Good" celebration. Any pictures received after December 22 will not be included.



SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

- 1) Once all the villagers decided to get together to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is **FAITH**.**
- 2) When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is **TRUST**.**
- 3) Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is **HOPE**.**
- 4) We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is **CONFIDENCE**.**
- 5) We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. That is **LOVE**.**
- 6) On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is **ATTITUDE**.**

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and live your life like these six stories. Remember – Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

Sunday Worship Service



Beginning December 1, 2019, Sunday Morning Worship Service is moving to 9:00AM instead of 11:00 going forward. Sunday School will follow at 10:30AM.

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ALL SAINTS' DAY



As part of the All Saints Day celebration at Oxford First UMC, Laura Ann Cancer and Cora Bell Campbell lit a candle in honor of their sister Erma Goolsby, who passed away earlier this year.