



Jacob's Ladder



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Nathan Hodges, Jr. Honored



On Monday, January 30, 2023, a crowd braved the cold weather at 1606 Highway 30 East (site of the old Hodges Funeral Home on Hwy 30) at 10:30 am to witness the Dedication of the Nathan Hodges, Jr., Memorial Highway by the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

Nathan Hodges, Jr. was a trailblazer in the Oxford/Lafayette County community as well as the state of Mississippi. Though small in stature, Nathan was a "GIANT" who fought for what he believed in, human rights and equality. His unwavering dedication to the civil rights movement paved the way for many others to come. His legacy will continue to live on through those who loved him most. It was appropriate that this great honor took place on January 30th, his birthday.



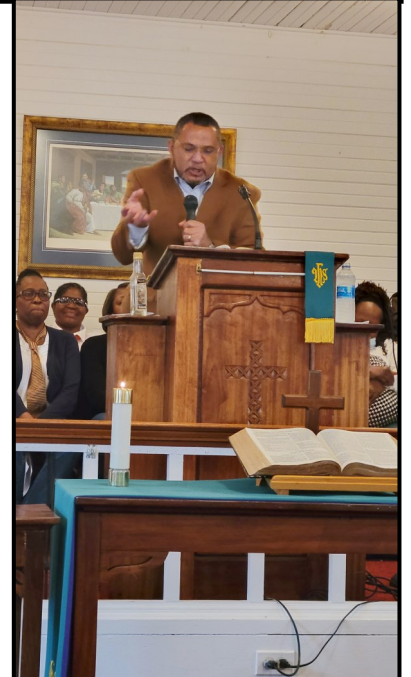
5th Sunday Ecumenical Service



So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. —Romans 12:5

The congregations of Oxford First UMC and Beverly UMC came together at Salem UMC for an ecumenical 5th Sunday service.

OFUMC Pastor, Rev. Roger Wilson (pictured right and left.) preached the sermon for the day, as the service was hosted by Rev. Dr. Mary LeSure, Pastor of both Salem and Beverly. Music was provided by the OFUMC Choir (above).





Attending the Ecumenical Service: (l. to r.) Rev. Herman Flemons, Pastor Wilson, Rev. Frank Gipson, Rev. Mattie Gipson, Pastor LeSure, and her friends, the Andersons.



On Saturday, March 4, 2023, a Chat & Chew with Bishop Sharma D. Lewis will be held at First United Methodist Church, 412 West Main St., Tupelo, MS sponsored by the New Albany and Tupelo Districts. In order to accommodate everyone desiring to participate in fellowship and food, RSVP to the New Albany District Office by calling 662-534-7793 or emailing newalbany@mississippi-umc.org by Thursday, February 23, 2023.

Saturday., March 4, 2023

CLERGY:

10:00 -11:30am - Clergy meet with Bishop.

CLERGY / LAITY:

11:30AM -12:00NOON -Worship with Communion

12:00noon -1:00pm – Meal

1:00PM -1:10PM - Break

LAITY:

1:10PM-2:20PM – Laity meet with Bishop Lewis



2023 Women's Conference

Oxford University UMC welcomes Rev. Dr. Raigan Miskelly, New Albany District Superintendent, to their **2023 Women's Conference!** Come out for a weekend exploring what it means to Lead Like Jesus and how we can take that leadership into our homes, workplaces, and communities.

Friday, February 10th, 5:30-8:30 PM
Saturday, February 11th, 9 AM-12:00 NOON

The conference is \$25, and you can register at the link below. Childcare will be available Saturday (9 AM-12 NOON).



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