



Jacob's Ladder



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Chris Bush Named Coach of the Year

Submitted by Evelyn Smith



On behalf of the NFHS Coaches Association Christopher Bush (pictured above with his team) has been selected to receive the 2016 Coach of the Year award at the state level in the sport of Boys Track &

Field (Outdoor). The NFHS Coaches Association is the official national coaches association of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). The NFHS recognizes coaches at the state,

sectional, and national level and notifies recipients by letter of the highest level of award they will receive. He received a Certificate of Recognition from the NFHS.

The pastor and members of Oxford First UMC congratulates Coach Bush on being selected to represent all the deserving coaches from the state of Mississippi.

Soup for Seniors Returns with a Bang



Soup for Seniors returned to Oxford First UMC for the first time in 2017 on Wednesday, February 8th. Pictured above, enjoying a moment, are Laura Ann Cancer, co-coordinator, Pastor Diggs, and Minnie Milliner. There was plenty of soup, sandwiches, salads, desserts and fun and games and prizes for those attending. Soup for Seniors is open to the entire community and is a very popular church ministry.

Janis Blake, co-coordinator, was unable to attend with the passing of her mother, Mrs. Arletha Collins. (see page 4)



Join us this month
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
11:00 a.m.

Oxford First UMC Black History Month Celebration



On Sunday, February 26th, Oxford First held its annual Black History Program. As part of the program, the church recognized two of its own historic living legends with plaques (pictured above), educator, Sister Georgia Bryant and barber, Brother Dwight Johnson. The youth (pictured below) spear-headed the program. At right, the church presented Pastor Diggs with a new robe as a birthday gift with First Lady Lecha as the presenter.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Clarence and Niler Franklin
celebrate 41 years on March 26, 2017

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IN MEMORIAM



We are saddened by the recent death of **Mother Arletha Collins**. Mother Collins was 97 years young and cognitively intact. She will be greatly missed. Please keep the Collins and Blake families in your prayers.

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