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Elder Christopher C. Diggs, Pastor

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“Called With A Purpose”

by Rev. Laura Gillom



Pastor's Appreciation Sunday! This is the day we set aside to honor Elder Christopher C. Diggs and his family. As of the Mississippi Annual Conference 2017, Pastor Diggs began his 5th year with us and 20th year in ministry. Minister Tressie Johnson was the Program Guide for this spirit-filled Worship experience, and EVERYONE took an active part in the service. The celebration consisted of the Children's Choir singing Jesus Loves Me, and the Youth Choir singing Hallelujah! The Year in Review consisted of a compilation of events WE, along with our pastor, have accomplished throughout the year. The Mass Choir also provided uplifting music to set the atmosphere for the Word to be preached. Rev. Roosevelt Gage was the

guest speaker, preaching from 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-4, "A Special Pastor; A Gospel Preacher". He identified Pastor Diggs as "A man chosen by God to preach the Word, and well-equipped through his seminary studies to lead our congregation where God would have us to go". We shared our talents and monetary gifts, and the children and youth performed an up-beat praise dance to Show Jesus to exhibit their appreciation. We were blessed to have Pastor Diggs' family and friends visiting with us to make the celebration complete. The evening was climaxed with a fellowship meal. The smiles and laughter indicated their gratefulness to God and to us. We are blessed to have a leader who instills spiritual prosperity in each of us.

Oxford First October Highlights



WE CONGRATULATE GREEK MARION, a 7th grader at Oxford Middle School who made the honor roll the first nine weeks. Greek's favorite subjects are science and social studies. She loves hanging out with friends, playing basketball and running track. Although Greek is involved in several extra curricular activities, she realizes that she has to manage her time and study and to consistently do her best. When Greek was asked why it is so important to make good grades, she said "so that she can succeed in life and to get my education." Greek is already wise. Congratulations Greek for making the honor roll the first nine-week.

—Evelyn Smith



The Oxford School District recently recognized Transition Specialist Trudie Perry-Mister as **Employee of the Week**. The Oxford School District weekly recognition feature highlights faculty and staff members who make the district a great place to be!



BETTY YOUNG RETIRES: It was a day of celebration at Oxford First on Sunday, October 22nd.. This is what it means to be a church FAMILY! We were happy to honor Sis. Young (pictured above with Pastor Diggs) on her retirement from Baptist Memorial Hospital after 30 years with cake and ice cream.

—Sherrita Young





Our Call to Worship on Sunday, October 15, 2017 challenged each of us to serve. Keetan Phillips, Semaj Leach, D'Quard Henry and Greek Marion, (Pictured above with Rev. Gillom) participated in the Rise Against Hunger meal-packing event at Oxford-University UMC as a part of their service to others. More than 20,000 meals were packed by a group of approximately 100 people.

—Rev. Laura Gillom



Minister Chris Bush and Rev. Laura Gillom, along with Rev. Chris McAlilly and Minister Tony Caldwell, participated in a panel discussion Wednesday, October 25th, during Pop-Up Worship at the Powerhouse about how Christians can be a light in a community that faces bullying and abuse.



OXFORD FIRST UMC PARKING MINISTRY is off to a great start. Ministry members pictured above (l. to r.) are Evelyn Smith, Barbara Wortham, and Cora Campbell. Inset: Ocie Cook and Clarence Franklin.

Soup for Seniors

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017

11:00 A.M.



Laura Ann Cancer and Janis Blake
Coordinators

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FREE ESTATE PLANNING LEGAL CLINIC

Join us as we co-sponsor a legal clinic with Red Cloud Law Firm, LLC, of Oxford, MS. Attorneys Nathan A. Yow, Esq., and Charles E. Yow, II, Esq., will provide a general session and discuss common estate planning matters including powers of attorney, advanced medical directives, wills, and trusts beginning on **Saturday, November 4th at 8:00 A.M.** The general session will be followed by the opportunity to consult with an attorney and complete a client intake form for a last will and testament free of charge. Registration at the door is possible, but space may be limited.

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