



# Jacob's Ladder



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## 2019 Laity Day Program by Niler P. Franklin



Oxford First United Methodist Church Annual Laity Day Program was held on October 20, 2019 at 11:00AM. Our Guest Speaker (pictured above in red) was Mrs.

LaToya Redd-Thompson, Lay Speaker for the Mississippi Annual Conference of Jackson, Mississippi. Taking as her text HABAKKUK 3:17-19, her subject was "Go

With Hope Through Purpose.” She gave very valuable information on the subject and how we should endeavor to live. Mrs. Thompson gave an awesome message and was given a standing ovation. Afterward, she was presented a token of Appreciation from the Church and presented a Certificate of Appreciation.

She and her Mother were later taken on a tour of our new church location and then to McAlister's Deli for a meal of her choice. Afterward, they departed for home in Madison, Mississippi.

Our Laity Day Program was set up where we gave the Pastor and any clergy person in the church a day of rest. Our members took charge and let the pastor see that his work is not in vain. The teaching of his ministry can be carried on in his absence.

As program coordinator, I would like to thank all the program participants and church members for their beautiful decorations, food sent for refreshments, and Chris Spearman for his Praise Dance presentation. You all were a blessing. Amen.





## Changing Times at Oxford First UMC

"But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,"

—PHILIPPIANS 3:13

Beginning on December 1, 2019 Oxford First UMC will be changing the hour of its regular Sunday Worship Service moving forward from the current time of 11:00A.M. to 9:00A.M. Sunday School will follow immediately after Worship Service. We are

looking forward to everyone remaining after service and participating in Sunday School. This change had been discussed for years, but after a church vote Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> we are finally committed to moving forward with it.

## Prayer Ministry and Biblical Enrichment

Please join us for these God centered opportunities available to you on Wednesday nights at Oxford First UMC. At 6:00P.M. we have our weekly **Prayer Ministry**, led by Minister Gracie Spearman. That is followed by a **Biblical Enrichment Bible Study** at 6:30P.M., led by Pastor Sepada Thomas. We are delving into a study on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Remember, an opportunity means nothing unless it is acted on and embraced. Amen.

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On Sunday, November 3, 2019 (First Sunday), Oxford First UMC will celebrate All Saint's Sunday. This is a day in which we remember the saints who've passed from this life to the Church Triumphant. We will recognize all members of our church who have passed within the last year. Members were asked to submit names of any family members that had passed between November 1, 2018 and September 30, 2019 to Vantessa Thompson so that they could be included in the bulletin on First Sunday. Join us in this Memorial Service.

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