



## Revival 2016

by Rev. Christopher C. Diggs

Again, we had a very successful revival at Oxford First UMC on August 15-17, 2016. Our guest evangelist for the week was Rev. Kevin Carter. Rev. Carter is an ordained elder in The Mississippi Annual Conference and Senior Pastor of Canton United Methodist Church in Canton, MS. Rev. Carter started the first night of revival by preaching from a very familiar text, Psalms 23:6, the topic of his sermon was, "A Sheppard That Really Cares." The Spirit of God was very high as several people came to the altar for prayer, more importantly the word of God was preached and received with open minds, hearts and souls.

Each year we attempt to strive to have a revival that revives us to a point where we are strengthened and encouraged by God's word. Ultimately, our prayers are for everyone to have a tremendous revelation by the word of God that will both motivate and challenge us. Additionally, I would like to thank everyone who put forth the effort to



attend our revival. No successful events occur without many people behind the scenes working hard to ensure success. Everyone who cooked food, ushered, sang in the choir along

with our music ministry, I would just like to say thank you very much as we look forward to the future to experience the bountiful blessings of Jesus Christ.



**PICTURED ABOVE:** Dr. Ed Meek, a friend of Oxford First UMC, presented an autographed copy of his book *RIOT: Witness to Anger and Change*, to the evangelist for our revival, Rev. Kevin Carter.

## Supporting Our Sister in Her Grief

by Niler P. Franklin

Fellow Church Members of Oxford First United Methodist Church travelled to Nashville, Tennessee to

attend the funeral of Mrs. Ora Lee (Oddie) Johnson in support of sister member Evelyn Smith in her hour of



bereavement for her Mother on Saturday, August 27, 2016.

Attending were: Pastor Christopher Diggs, Sister Effie Burt, Sister Teeny Costley, Sister Barbara Wortham, Brother Kenneth Wortham, Sister Fannie Goolsby, Sister LaJada Bush, Brother Chris Bush, Sister Janice Blake, Sister Carnelia Fondren. and myself.

## Another Blessed Day at Oxford First



**PICTURED ABOVE:** Sunday, August 28, 2016 was another blessed day at Oxford First where our children and youth led Worship. The message for the day was a lesson in humility from LUKE 14:11-14, "You are Blessed!"



# Letting "Self" Go

by Clarence H. Franklin

The word "ego" is defined as "the 'I' or self of any person; a person as thinking, feeling, and willing, and distinguishing itself from the selves of others and from objects of its thought; your self-image." Have you ever wondered what would happen if you were able to let your ego go? When you let go of your ego, you not only let go of your perception of yourself, you also let go of your perception of what is *not* yourself. You begin to see how you are not just an entity unto

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yourself. You start to see how you are a part of everything, and everything is a part of you. You become one with the universe. You realize that nothing is about you. You are not the center of the world. It is all about God and what you can do for Him, not just about what He can do for you. You are no longer limited to your small world, but your eyes, your heart, and your mind are open to everything the universe has to offer. When you do for others, and not just for yourself, you open yourself up to the full glory of God's grace and mercy. You encounter blessings you never ever imagined. When you "let go, and let God" order your steps, order your tongue, guide your feet, wash your heart, show you how to walk and how to talk in *His* word, you offer yourself to Him as a holy and living sacrifice to do His blessed will.

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