



Oxford First UMC Pastor's Appreciation



Oxford First UMC Pastor Christopher C. Diggs and family will be honored at this year's Pastor Appreciation program which will be held Sunday, November 13, 2016 at the 11:00A.M. morning worship service. The speaker for the event will be Minister Laura Gillom. A Fellowship Dinner will follow the service.

Mrs. Annie Lee Burt Honored



North Mississippi Rural Legal Services (NMRLS) held "The Quest for Justice Gala, Celebrating 50 Years of Service to North Mississippi" on October 27, 2016 at BancorpSouth Conference Center in Tupelo, MS. Special recognition was given to our very own Mrs. Annie Lee Burt (above center) for her many years service to NMRLS as a Community Worker and Paralegal. Pictured above with Mrs. Burt (l. to r.) are daughter, Rosie Davis, Wilhelm Joseph, former NMRLS Director and current Director of Maryland Legal Aid, daughter, Annie Confer, former MS Governor Ronnie Musgrove, NMRLS Board Chair Willie J. Perkins, and Supreme Court Justice Ann Lamar.

New Albany District Hold Lay Servant School

Ripley First UMC hosted the Fall 2016 Lay Servant School on Oct. 15, 2016. The school is designed to give participants the opportunity to explore their call to service on the local and district level. Four participants completed the basic course, while 11 leaders completed the advanced course. The basic course, taught by Ms. Gordon Marie Crowe, focused on the 3 basic tenants of lay servant ministries: leading, caring, and communicating. The advance course entitled "New Wine, New Wineskins, taught by Rev. Diggs, focused on the

generational shifts in the African American church and the church's relevance in the lives of our youth and young adults. Minister Laura Gillom also spoke on the importance of music in the worship setting. Ms. Effie Burt and Mr. Johnnie Blake completed the basic course of instruction. Ms. Terry Vaughn continued her studies by completing the advanced course.

Barbara and Kenneth Wortham currently serve as the Co-Directors of Lay Servant Ministries for the New Albany District.



Ms. Crowe presenting Certificate to Johnnie Blake.



Ms. Crowe presenting Certificate to Effie Burt.



Terry Vaughn receiving her Certificate from Pastor Diggs.

Kashaun Wortham Inducted Into Phi Kappa Phi



Kashaun Wortham (pictured above center with parents, Barbara and Kenneth) was among representatives from each school at the University of Mississippi to be honored at the Phi Kappa Phi induction on Oct. 16 at the Ford Center.

The ceremony included words of encouragement from Dr. Marvin P. King, Jr., Associate Professor of Political Science. Each new member signed the roll book and were awarded a ribbon and paperwork stating their membership in the society. Phi Kappa Phi is a honor society which celebrates the academic accomplishments of the nation's college upperclassmen.

Kashaun is a senior majoring in Vocal Music Education. He participates in the LOU Orchestra, the Ole Miss Men's Glee, the University Choir, and the UM Opera Theatre.

Homeownership Seminar

On October 13, 2016 BancorpSouth put on the Right at Home Homeownership Learning Seminar at Oxford First UMC. The event featured several speakers from Habitat for Humanity, LOU Home, North Mississippi Rural Legal Services, REMax Realty, and BancorpSouth Mortgage. The speakers presented information about the availability of affordable housing in Oxford, the role of a realtor in the home buying process, how to build and maintain credit, mortgage and financing options, and a question and answer session. The seminar had a great turn out with over 25 in attendance.

Pictures courtesy of Dr. Donald Cole.



Soup for Seniors

Wednesday, November 9, 2016
11:00 a.m.



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Congratulations Ms. Bishop

by Barbara Wortham

Congratulations to Ms. Norma Bishop on obtaining her GED diploma. Ms. Norma participated in the GED Program at Oxford First UMC which is funded through the efforts of the Lafayette County Literacy Council, 2nd Chance MS, the United Way, and Dollar General. Best wishes



and continued success to Ms. Norma as she continues to strive for excellence.

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