



Jacob's Ladder



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Rev. Christopher C. Diggs, Pastor

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Appreciation Program for Pastor Diggs A Huge Success

The Pastor's Appreciation program on Sunday, October 11, 2015 at Burns UMC was great! Members of Hammitt Hill, Burns, and friends showed their appreciation to Pastor Christopher Diggs and family through gifts and acts of love. According to the occasion, he has 7 more years with us.

The message delivered by Rev. Bobby Dailey was from MARK 7:24-30, "Living in the Exception of God." "Don't ever think you got anywhere on your own. If it had not been for the Lord protecting you, there's no telling where you'd be," he said. Below are pictorial highlights from the program.



NBC News Visits Burns UMC

by Barbara Wortham

For the past years, Second Chance Mississippi (a collaborative effort with Mississippi's Community Colleges to raise awareness and funding for those seeking a second chance at a diploma or skill certification), Burns UMC, and the Lafayette County Literacy Council (LCLC) have been in partnership to provide adult education services for the citizens of the Oxford community. Second Chance Mississippi founder, Mr. Dickie Scruggs, has given his voice, time, and finances to the cause. Mr. Scruggs has donated computers and workbooks for the Burns GED Program. He has also provided funds to the Lafayette County Literacy Council to assist in paying GED testing fees for the participants in the Burns program and the one on one coaching program at LCLC.

On October 26, 2015, Ms. Claire Duffy of NBC News visited the Oxford area to find out what efforts Second Chance Mississippi is making in the adult education community. One of her stops was Burns UMC. She interviewed Pastor Diggs about the church's relationship with Mr. Scruggs and his contributions to the Burns GED Program. The crew also filmed the Burns GED class. The footage will be featured on an upcoming episode of a NBC News presentation. (Hopefully we will be able to inform the church when it will be aired.)The filming was an exciting experience for the GED participants and their instructor. It was a great opportunity to share with the country the ways that our church is trying to affect lives and carry our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.



PICTURED ABOVE: Dickie Scruggs, Barbara Wortham and Pastor Christopher C. Diggs.

Niler Franklin Retires After 28 Years from The Ole Miss Law Center

Burns and Hammit Hill United Methodist Churches held a Retirement Reception for Niler P. Franklin after worship service on Sunday, October 25, 2015. Niler recently retired from the University of Mississippi School of Law after 28 years of service. Pastor Christopher C. Diggs thought 28

years was a big deal and that her church should celebrate this accomplishment with her. Niler wanted everyone to know that she appreciated the fellowship, food, calls, cards, flowers, and gifts she received.

The following pictures are from this reception.





PICTURED ABOVE: The Law School also held a Retirement Celebration for Niler. Inset above is Effie Burt who composed and performed an original song for her. This celebration was organized and coordinated by Pamela Gordon.

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Get Well Soon Jimmie Nell Smith



We
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You

May the Lord himself, who is our source of peace, give you peace at all times and in every way.

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