



Jacob's Ladder



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The Glory Train Presentation



On Sunday, February 26, 2023, the women of Oxford First UMC performed their rendition of the play, *The Glory Train*, a play about a group of friends who board a train for Glory, but everyone doesn't get to make it that far. Betty Jo Young was the Conductor, with Pastor Wilson playing the Angel and Carl Goolsby, the Demon. Everyone performed admirably and it was enjoyed by all in attendance.



BLACK | HISTORY MONTH MOMENTS WITH YOUTH



OFUMC Youth presented "Moments in Black History" as well as praise dances, as part of the church's Black History Month Celebration.



Special Recognition: Sabrina Vaughn and Pastor Wilson (center) presented special recognition gifts to Debra McClawn (left) and Minnie Milliner (right) for their outstanding service to OFUMC finances.



the LORD's Prayer

submitted by Sister Georgia Bryant

Leader: Our Father.
PEOPLE: A REAL PERSON, WHO CARES FOR AND LOVES ME
Leader: Who art in heaven
PEOPLE: LIVING HIGHER THAN I AM, UNDERSTANDING MORE THAN I
Leader: Hallowed be thy name
PEOPLE: WE HONOR AND PRAISE YOUR HOLY NAME
Leader: Thy Kingdom Come
PEOPLE: YES, COME QUICKLY LORD JESUS, LIVE IN OUR LIVES
Leader: Thy will be done
PEOPLE: YOU ALWAYS KNOW WHAT IS BEST FOR US
Leader: On Earth as it is in heaven
PEOPLE: AS YOU ALWAYS HAVE AND ALWAYS WILL
Leader: Give us this day our daily bread
PEOPLE: YOU HAVE ALWAYS SUPPLIED OUR NEEDS
Leader: And forgive us our debts
PEOPLE: IN THE NAME OF CHRIST
Leader: As we forgive our debtors
PEOPLE: SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN, LORD
Leader: And lead us nor into temptation
PEOPLE: GIVE US STRENGTH TO RESIST
Leader: But deliver us from evil
PEOPLE: WHEN WE FAIL, YOU COME THROUGH
Leader: For thine is the kingdom
PEOPLE: IN WHICH WE SHARE
Leader: and the power
PEOPLE: GREATER THAN ANYTHING WE HAVE EVER KNOWN
Leader: and the glory
PEOPLE: BRIGHTER THAN THE SUN
Leader: Forever
PEOPLE: FOR ALL TIME TO COME
Leader: Amen
PEOPLE: AMEN

This prayer comes from Report of the Fifth Session Mississippi Annual Conference, Trade Mart Center Jackson, MS, June 7-10, 1993, Bishop Marshall L. Meadors Jr. Presiding
Theme: Celebrating and Witnessing God's Grace for Jesus Christ

6 Things You Need to Learn...

1. The less you say, the more your words will matter.
2. When you focus on problems, you'll have more problems. When you focus on opportunities, you'll have more opportunities.
3. No matter how much it hurts now, someday you will look back and realize your struggle changed your life for the better.
4. There will always be a reason why you meet people. Either you need them to change your life, or you're the one that will change theirs.
5. Once you begin to take note of the things you are grateful for, you begin to lose sight of the things that you lack.
6. Life is a mirror and will reflect back to the thinker what he thinks into it.

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Special Prayer for Niler P. Franklin

**God's love
is enough.**

When I fall, He catches me. When I am sad, He holds me. When I cry, He wipes my tears. When I am broken, He puts me back together. Thank You, **God**, for always loving me.

Amen

