



"Let Your Love Show"

by Minister Laura Gillom

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

—1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-13

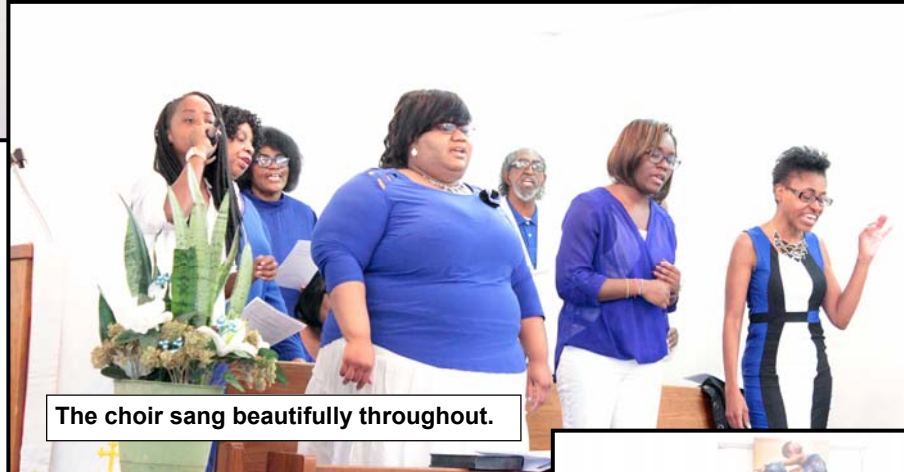
We are blessed to have Pastor Christopher C. Diggs and his family. Oxford First UMC and friends gathered on Sunday, November 13, 2016, to show our love during this year's Pastor Appreciation, and it was a GREAT day! We were also blessed to have his family and friends from Monroe County fellowship with us. Our church and community have been blessed to have such a leader who goes above and beyond, working many times behind the scenes to make things better for us.



The message about "A 50-50 Love" was interesting, yet thought-provoking. Paul encouraged the new Christians at Thessalonica to work together, and honor and respect their leaders. If we're not careful, we can find ourselves giving more than we're receiving (i.e., 70-30, 60-40). There should be balance where everyone is involved.

We are looking forward to the future, and our goal as leaders and parishioners is to work together and move forward because "God is a God of upward mobility".

A Pictorial Review of The Pastor's Appreciation Program





Terry Vaughn



Jimmie Smith



Daughter DeLeah Gillom introduced the speaker.



The children



Min. Laura Gillom was the speaker for the program.



Pastor Diggs thanked everyone and spoke of great things to come.

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OFUMC Welcomes New Members



Jimmy McGlawn and wife Deborah joined Oxford First UMC last month. Pastor Diggs welcomed them as assets to the church and the community.

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