



# Jacob's Ladder



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## *We Are Oxford First*

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God has brought us from a mighty long way. Our two churches, Burns UMC and Hammitt Hill UMC have merged and now we are one-Oxford First United Methodist Church.

What's next?

Prayerfully, within the next 30 days, our congregation will be moving to a temporary

or rented location until our new facility is built. All of our members can attest to the fact that both of our current facilities are out of date, in desperate need of repair and not conducive to a growing and thriving church. We have aggressively addressed these issues and I thank God we are moving in the direction to help accommodate the aforementioned issues and continue to address the needs of the community. The Administrative Council, Trustee's and Building Committee have certainly been a key component in all of the many important decisions being made, which our congregation expects during this time of transition. Ideally, we hope to close the sale of the existing property on 600 Molly Barr Road within the next 90 days. However, as we have seen in the past, most of these decisions are not in our control.

The work of becoming a vibrant church

continues. Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) was a huge success. Our children and youth continue to aspire to unprecedented heights. Our senior's ministry continues to grow. Our choirs are seeing new members from other churches and denominations come to our fellowship. But more importantly, we all need to celebrate the appointments of Kenneth and Barbara Wortham as our District Lay Leaders for the New Albany District of The Mississippi Annual Conference. Their leadership will encompass over 90 churches in our district as they set the agenda for all laity in our district for the next conference year.

I thank God for the life, hope and dreams being established in our lives spiritually, and my prayers are that we will continue to adhere to the word of God, and do the will of God to make our community more relevant and bountiful according to the word of God.



The Orchard Oxford UMC, The Community Church of Oxford, and Oxford First UMC sponsored a Community-wide Vacation Bible School Olympics at Stone Park and the Oxford City Pool on June 20-23, 2016. Pictured here are images from that event.





# Children's Day Celebration

The following pictures are from Oxford First UMC's Children's Day program and Picnic on Sunday June 26, 2016.





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**PICTURED HERE:** (l. to r.) New 2016-17 United Methodist Women officers: Ocie Cook, President, Barbara Wortham, Treasurer, Terry Vaughn, Secretary, and Jimmie Smith, Vice President.

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