



Jacob's Ladder



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FROM PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Oxford First United Methodist Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I am writing to express my heartfelt appreciation for the generous gifts and faithful support you have offered. Your commitment to the work of the Kingdom is both deeply encouraging and a powerful testimony to your devotion to Christ. I am grateful for every expression of kindness, prayer, and partnership that has strengthened our missional efforts and empowered us to continue pressing forward for God's glory!

Scripture teaches that gratitude is both an attitude and an act of faith. The Apostle Paul reminds us, *"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now"* (PHILIPPIANS 1:3, 5). I truly believe that our church embodies this spirit, offering ourselves willingly for the sake of ministry and demonstrating the grace of God through your generosity.

Likewise, Paul exhorts believers to *"excel in*

this grace of giving" (2 CORINTHIANS 8:7), meaning that generosity is not merely an obligation but a reflection of love and discipleship. I feel as though our congregation has embraced this calling, reflecting the heart of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve!

I also want to highlight and celebrate our dedication to moving forward in mission and ministry. The journey of faith is one of continual transformation and purpose. As the Apostle Paul declares, *"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"* (PHILIPPIANS 3:14). I believe that our willingness to pursue higher ground spiritually, missionally, and relationally brings glory to God and hope to all we serve!

We lift in prayer the sick and shut-in members of our congregation, trusting in the healing promises of our Lord. Scripture reminds us, *"The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise them up"* (JAMES 5:15). May God's comforting presence and restoring grace surround each one during this season and forever.

Moreover, I want to remind us to hold in

prayer our families and loved ones who are grieving. Scripture assures us that God is close to the brokenhearted and saves those crushed in spirit (PSALMS 34:18). May the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, grant peace that surpasses all understanding (PHILIPPIANS 4:7) and may the hope of Jesus Christ sustain them as they continue in the faith.

As we remain committed to Christ, let us remember His promise: *“Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor is*

not in vain” (1 CORINTHIANS 15:58). I am further convinced that our faithful service, compassion, and perseverance are a lampstand of hope within the community.

May God continue to bless our ministry with renewed vision, strength, and joy. Know that our generosity is bearing fruit, and our dedication is inspiring. May we remain faithful as we labor together for the advancement of God’s Kingdom.

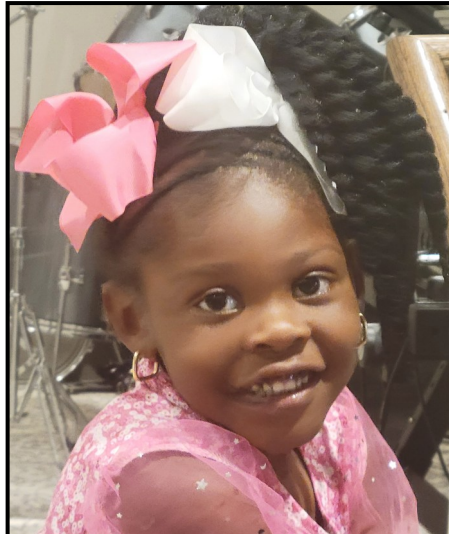
**Faithfully yours,
Pastor Quennel Anderson**



PASTOR’S APPRECIATION MONTH: Sister Barbara Wortham presented gifts from Oxford First UMC to Pastor Anderson on October 26, 2025.



NEW MEMBERS IN CHRIST: Zamari Price and Malachi Henderson, sons of Jareba Henderson, (pictured l. to r. with Pastor Anderson and uncle, Keith Searcy), came forward as candidates for Baptism on October 19, 2025. They will be baptized on November 9, 2025 during morning services at OFUMC.



CONGRATULATIONS CARLEE: Little Miss Carlee Manning was recently named **Little Charger of the Month** by the Oxford Early Childhood Center.

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November 2, 2025
at 1:30

Food, Fun and Hayride
Sponsors: James and
Minnie Milliner

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This is an ongoing drive. Please support it.

MATTHEW 25: 36 says *'I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'*

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