



Jacob's Ladder



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Oxford First Receives Grant

by Barbara Wortham



Oxford First UMC recently received a grant for our Adult Education Ministry from 2nd Chance MS. The funds will be used to support the learners who are enrolled in the ABE Program which is jointly administered by Oxford First and the Lafayette County

Literacy Council. The funds will be used for the following purposes:

- pay testing fees for the GED or other HSE
- reward learner achievement with a financial incentive for completing the

HSE

- purchase new books and instructional material for the Oxford First adult education library
- provide gas cards to reward attendance

- provide short term financial needs of the learners

A celebration was held on Feb. 27th at the church to thank 2nd Chance for their continued support of our program.

Together We Make the Difference

by Evelyn Smith



Each child and youth whose nine-week report card reveal all passing grades is eligible for recognition



on our Non Failing List (NFL) which is located in the hall. Our younger students, who receive all S's, will have their photo displayed on the board as well because they are using a curriculum based on Common Core Educational Standards.

Please help me in congratulating our children and youth whose 2nd nine-week report cards reflect the following:

A & B Honor Roll: Isaiah Mathis, Greek Marion, Ty Campbell, Lela Barnes

A, B, C students: C. J. Ballentine, LaKendra Bishop, Nina Lewis, Jamal Giles, Darnaejah Moore, DyKayda Moore, Chris Spearman, DeQuad Henry, Semaj Leach, Emory Phillips and Zamari Price

All Passing Grades: Kendranna

Barr, Keetan Phillips, Khashanti Hervey

All S's: Madelyn Diggs, Coriyah Ballentine, Rose Barnes and Case Barnes.

So to our Oxford Family, please continue to recognize our youth with a pat on the back, a smile, and words of encouragement. Some of our students missed the honor roll or all A's by one or two points and words of encouragement can go a long way. If you aren't sure what our students have accomplished check the oxfordfirst.org web page or our youth bulletin board.

In addition, keep all of our students in your daily prayers, praying that they will come to understand the importance of a good education and that they will moreover come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

2018 Living Legends Honored by Rev. Laura Gillom



It's always good to hear about the accomplishments of famous African Americans during Black History Month, but the Youth Ministry started a special recognition for members of our congregation last year. We call them Living Legends. This year's winners are Bro. Clarence Franklin and Sis. Evelyn Smith. Bro. Franklin was honored for his work as a community activist and editor of the *Jacob's*

Ladder, the church newsletter. Sis. Smith was honored for her work as an educator, school administrator and mentor. Both of these individuals encourage our young people to be the best they can be.

Soup for Seniors Ministry



Pictured: (l. to r.): Laura Ann Cancer, Janis Blake, Terry Vaughn, Margaret Gipson, Jimmie Nell Smith and (Niler Franklin (over-laid) were preparers and servers for Soup for Seniors on Wednesday, February 14th.

Soup for Seniors

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

11:00 A.M.



**Janis Blake and Laura Ann Cancer
Coordinators**

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Sing Unto The Lord A New Song



The Male Choir has been an added blessing to the Music Ministry of Oxford First, providing music every 3rd Sunday. They are willing to use their gifts to glorify God as a group, and as they become more confident in their abilities, we will see those who have been behind the scenes emerge as leaders. Praise God!

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