



Jacob's Ladder



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Rev. Sapada Thomas, Pastor

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Grand Opening Postponed



"To everything, there is a season. . ."

--ECCLESIASTES 3:1a

Due to the proliferation of the Covid-19 pandemic, Oxford First United Methodist Church has had to postpone its **Grand Opening and Dedication Services** for its new location (pictured above) planned for Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020. We do not know, at this time, when we will be able to open our doors to the public.

As a church we are committed to practicing "Social Distancing" as requested by our Governor Tate Reeves and Oxford Mayor Robyn Tannehill, as well the World Health Organization (WHO). However this

does not mean that we have to shut down our regular worship services. Instead of coming together in the sanctuary for services Oxford First has offered Sunday worship services through **Facebook Live**. We have also been holding Bible Study on Wednesdays through **Zoom**. If the pandemic is not lifted soon, we will start Sunday School on Zoom also.

Pastor Thomas had begun a Lenten Sermon series in March on the theme "**Got To Give It Up**," focusing on things we need to give up in our lives, like Control,

Expectations, Superiority, Enemies, Our Lives, Popularity, and Death. He hopes to finish this series on Facebook Live if necessary.

He had also begun a Bible Study series based on *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton which deals with five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus' own walk with God, such as Worship and Prayer, Study, Service, Giving and Sharing. It has been ongoing through Zoom. There is also an after Easter study series coming up based on the **Apostles Creed, What We Believe and Why.**

Giving God His Worship, His Honor, and His Glory is always in season. This pandemic will pass.

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Welcome Back, Pam



We welcome Pamela Flemmons, as a temporary Administrative Assistant to fill in some of the gaps for us until we hire a permanent Administrative Assistant. If you need anything put on the calling post please call her at 901-626-6717, and

inform her what you need announced. Please do not ask her to put anything on there late at night. She will be in the church office on Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please try to call her during these hours for anything you need announced.