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UNITY!

by Minister Laura Gillom



The morning started out gloomy with gray skies. Meteorologists predicted a 40% chance of rain for the afternoon, but by noon on Saturday, July 30th, the sun was shining, and it was hot and humid. That didn't stop the Oxford First family from getting together at Aventura Park for our Annual Church Picnic.

Sis. Betty Young and Sis. Carry Vaughn co-chaired the planning of this day of fun, food, laughter, fellowship, and enjoyment. Nieven and Kevin had the grill smoking early for what we hoped to be a great afternoon. Although it was hot, the children, even the girls, played what started out to be "tag"

football but ended up being "tackle" football on the park grounds.

For a few hours, fried chicken, potato salad, grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, pulled pork, cole slaw, baked beans, cheese dips, and homemade cookies and pound cake, brought us together. As I observed the smiles, conversations, and laughter, my heart rejoiced to feel the sense of togetherness among us, an identifying quality many churches long for. I was reminded of David's

words in PSALM 133:1, when he said, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" That's it: UNITY!

As we move forward in the days to come, my prayer is that we will allow the same spirit of unity to dwell among us through our actions rather than just our words by reaching out to, praying for, and most of all loving each other as a family. We ARE Oxford First!

Enjoy the following images from the event:





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You're invited to our Summer Revival at **Oxford First**

August 15-17, 2016
7:00 p.m.
600 Molly Barr Road
Oxford, Mississippi

“Revive Us with Joy and Peace!”
Romans 15:13, 30-33

Rev. Kevin Carter, Evangelist
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