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## “Walking The Red Carpet”



On April 28, 2023, Reverends Frank and Mattie Gipson, along with Margaret Gipson and Terry Vaughn attended the 2023 Senior Citizen Prom. The prom was given and hosted by Rev. Emma S. Ward, Pastor of

Moses Chapel and St. Paul UMC. It was held at Ripley Parks and Recreation, in Ripley, MS. The theme was “Walking the Red Carpet.” It was a glorious evening enjoyed by all.

# “Turn It Up For Jesus”

But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.  
—James 2:18 NIV

On Saturday, April 15, 2023, Oxford First UMC hosted a New Albany/Tupelo District “Day Apart” for the Women in Faith. The Day Apart is an annual event for the two districts. The event expands information about the purpose of United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women, youth, and children through Christian formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that we can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities. The theme of the program was **“Turn It Up For Jesus.”** The local unit of United Women in Faith of Oxford First/Beverly was an awesome host! The local unit along with acting District President, Marilyn Colyer, were active participants in the event. The program was led by Reverend Mattie Gipson. We were blessed to have Pastors

Roger Wilson and Mary LeSure in attendance, as well as, United Women in Faith Conference Vice-President, Kathleen Smith.

The speaker for the event was Margaret Gipson, Education and Interpretation Chair of the New Albany District Women in Faith.

Local Unit President Terry Vaughn thanked everyone for attending. There was plenty of food and fellowship after the program. The following is a pictorial review of the event.







**Easter Celebration:**

The youth of OFUMC led the Easter Celebration on April 9, 2023 with skits under the direction of Youth Minister Tressie Johnson.



**Niler Franklin** made her first return to OFUMC on Easter Sunday.

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