

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

10:30 am Morning Worship

VOLUNTEERS

Flowers: Q.T. Walker Class

Usher Ministry: Don Blackwell

Acolytes: Aubree Frank, Dakota Frank

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Lucy Mitchell Subgroup would like to invite the women of the church (and any of their friends) to join us for a Bible study starting October 9 at 1:00 pm. The book we will be using is A Lineage of Grace by Francine Rivers and is about five unlikely women who changed eternity: Tamar; Rahab; Ruth; Bathsheba; and Mary. If you are interested in participating in this study and would like to order a book, please contact Susan Wall or Glenda Prestridge. Last day to order a book is September 10. We hope you will join us for this exciting Study.



CALENDAR SEPT. 10-16 2017

sunday.sept. 10

- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Coffee Time
- 10:30 am **Morning Worship**
- 4:00 pm Handbell Choir
- 4:30 pm Trustees (Forum)

monday.sept. 11

- 10:00 am Newsletter Deadline, Coffee & Coloring (Parlor)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Committee
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts; UMW Quarterly Mtg. (Parlor)

tuesday.sept. 12

- 10:00 am Shut-in visitation

wednesday.sept. 13

- 10:30 am Emmaus Reunion Group-Women (Parlor)
- 12:00 pm Emmaus Reunion Group-Men (Anniston FUMC)
- 4:00 pm Youth room open
- 5:30 pm Wednesday Meal-Baked chicken, yellow rice, baby limas, rolls, dessert
- 6:15 pm Wednesday's Kids, Bible Study, Youth
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice

thursday.sept. 14

- 10:00 am Crochet Class
- 6:30 pm UM Men (TMMC)



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"A Church with A Warm Heart"

September 4, 2017

NEWSLETTER

The New Sanhedrin

As Jesus established the order of the kingdom he gave insight into how conflicts within the community should be handled. Against a Backdrop of deep humility Jesus explained a process that is seldom followed today.

The procedure he described paralleled that which was followed in the day, except that unresolved disputes would be brought before the Sanhedrin—the Supreme Court—for resolution. Their decision was final, considered to be supported by God.

I think in Matthew 18 Jesus is setting up his new Sanhedrin for settling conflict in the church. And according to the foregoing conversation, they should be approached in deep humility and holiness. Within these parameters God's authority is delegated and enabled.

Join us Sunday for more thoughts on the new Sanhedrin.

The Lord be with you ...
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9:00-4:30

TUES.-THURS.
8:30-4:30

FRIDAY
8:30-4:30

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TO EMPOWER PEOPLE TO
LIVE AND SHARE WITH
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MEMORIALS 9/3/17

General Fund

Given in memory of Martha Land by
Jim & Margaret Canada
Roland & Sharon McNeely
Alan & Susan Wall

Visitation Ministry

Given in memory of Martha Land by
Don & Meredith Blackwell
Robert & Linda Boody



It's a BOY!
Ladies of the church,
You are invited to attend a
Baby Shower
in honor of Pamela and Dustin Baird
Saturday, September 9
3:00-5:00 pm
at the Cider Ridge Club House
200 Apple Blossom Way
Oxford, AL
To RSVP, call or text
Lhoris Johnson 678-232-9612
Pam is registered at Buy Buy Baby
and Target

Cleaning Kits for Hurricane Harvey

We are taking donations for cleaning kits for Hurricane Harvey. Kits cost approximately \$65, and any amount will be welcomed. Please make checks payable to OXFUMC and mark for Hurricane Cleaning Kits and give them to Bill Prestridge or Beverly or put in the offering plate on Sunday. Bill Prestridge is organizing the purchasing and packaging of the supplies.

VISITORS 9/3/17

Catey & Conner Causey

PRAYER CONCERNS-SPECIAL REQUESTS

PRAYER CHAIN:

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Back up: Jennifer Frank
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CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS

Renew every two weeks to keep on Current Prayer List. (For long-term prayer needs, please request the name to be added to the Monthly Continuing Need List.)

Michael Brown
Mike Campbell & Son Josh (requested by Angie Prestridge)
Glenda Gregory (requested by Beverly Carlee)
Sister, Michelle & Nephew, Austin who live in Galveston (requested by Lynn Czuhai)
People of Texas
The Holley Family (requested by Jessie Lancaster)

SuBette Crisp
Family of Martha Land
Family of Brian Sommers (requested by John & Sandy Berry)
Gavin Galansky (requested by Gerry Hamby)

A NIGHT OUT WITH PUBLIC SAFETY

Soup for the Soul will be coordinating this year's participation in *A Night Out with Public Safety* for our church. This year's event is scheduled for Thursday, November 2, from 4:00-8:00 pm at the Oxford Civic Center. If you are interested in helping with this community outreach mission, please contact Mike or Sallie Shipley.

WITH OUR SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the Pastor and congregation is extended to June Land Reaves and family upon the death of her mother, Martha Land, on Thursday, August 31, 2017. Mrs. Land had been a longtime member of Oxford First.

BULLETIN BOARD

—**Attention Youth!** The youth room will now open at 4:00 pm on Wednesdays for homework and afterschool hangout time!

—Deadline to confirm you are going on the **mission trip** and to return your registration form with medical information is September 6. Please return to Beverly by or before that date. Remember a copy of your health card or form is needed to go with your registration form.

—The Church office **will be closed** Friday, September 8.

—The United Methodist Women of St. Mark will be having a **rummage/bake sale** September 8 from 3-5 pm and September 9 from 7 am-1:00 pm. Proceeds go to support missions.

—The next meeting of **Trustees** will be Sunday, September 10, at 4:30 pm in the Forum.

—United Methodist Women will have their **Quarterly Meeting** Monday, September 11, at 6:30 pm in the Parlor.

—**United Methodist Men** meet Thursday, September 14, at 6:30 pm in the TMMC.

—The next open date for **altar flowers** is September 17. Call the church office to sign up.

—**Primetimers** will go to Blackberry Hills Alpaca Farm and then have lunch in Jacksonville on Saturday, September 23. The group will leave the church at 9:00 am. Sign up sheet is in the church office.

—**Biscuits & Coffee** at 8:45 am Sunday, September 24, sponsored by New Disciples Class.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT Sept. 3, 2017

OUR ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	56
Morning Worship	101

OUR GIVING

2017 Budget	275,162.00
Monthly Need	22,930.00
This Week	8,120.98
Still needed-September	14,809.12
Received YTD	183,294.34

OFF BUDGET

Children's Ministry	425.00
Harvey Cleaning Buckets	2,013.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	82.00
Visitation Ministry	50.00
Wednesday Meal	185.00

Total gifts for Memorials and Honorariums are reported at the end of each month.

HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

ACTS OF OUTREACH, MISSIONS, SERVICE reported at worship 9/3/17

1 member reached 23 people working 3 days at Interfaith Ministries dental clinic

2017 CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Please support the Mission ministry by filling shoe boxes for children in third world countries. Shoe boxes along with instructions are available in the sanctuary, TMMC, and church office. Please place \$5.00 cash or check payable to OXFUMC in an envelope taped to the outside of the box. Boxes should be returned to the church office by **September 25**. Do not over-stuff your box.

SECURITY TEAM FOR 9/10/17

JACK CAUSEY STEPHEN FRANK MIKE SHIPLEY