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June 2012 | Monthly Newsletter of Oxford United Methodist Church



## This month's events:

### *Ladies Spring Tea*

*Saturday, June 2 from 1 pm—3 pm  
In the Family Life Center*

### *Promotion Sunday and Graduation Celebration*

*Sunday, June 3 at 10:30 am in the  
Sanctuary*

### *Youth Summer Kick-Off Pool Party and Parents' Night*

*Sunday, June 3 from 5 pm—7:30 pm*

### *Annual Conference*

*June 7–10*

*Corpus Christi, Texas*

### *Middle School Mission Trip*

*June 11–15*

*Mt. Wesley, Kerrville*

## Promotion Sunday at Oxford

### *Calling All Graduates!*

Sunday, June 3 is Promotion Sunday! We will have a special celebration at 10:30 am in the sanctuary during which we will promote our Sunday School students, acknowledge our wonderful and faithful teachers, and recognize this year's High School AND College graduates. This year's High School graduates are Adam Barton, Zach Carpenter, Daniel Charbonneau, Kerry Long, Jacob Shaw, and Aaron Tarr. Jeff Davis graduated from college. If you have a graduate you would like us to recognize, please contact Michelle in the church office ASAP. We may have accidentally left them off the list!! We'd love to include them and celebrate their accomplishments. The graduates may bring memory boards to display in the narthex and of course the church may bring them goodies and cards! We will also celebrate with a cake and punch reception. Please don't miss this joyful occasion.

## NEW! Church Office Hours

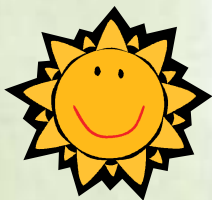
The church offices will begin closing on Fridays. The church office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9 am—5 pm. A volunteer will ordinarily be present in the front office on Friday mornings from 9 am—12 noon. No program or administrative staff will be in the office on Fridays.

## Ladies Fellowship Craft Nights

The ladies fellowship/craft night dates are as follows: June 19, Sept. 18 and Oct. 16th. Each of those evenings the women will meet together at 6:30pm - 8:30 pm in the double classroom located in the **Education Building** to share a time of fellowship. Attendees may bring any craft project to work on. Some may just come and visit with those gathered! Light refreshments will be served and a time of prayer and devotion will end the evening together. Come share fun times with your friends at Oxford! For more info contact Teri Boldt at [teri@oxfordumc.org](mailto:teri@oxfordumc.org)

## Youth Summer Mission Trips

Middle School Mission Trip is June 11—15 at Mt. Wesley in Kerrville.  
Sr. High Mission Trip is June 30-July 7 to S.O.S. Service Over Self in Memphis, Tennessee. Sign up now!



### **NEW SUMMER LOCATION!**

*Zumba Class Monday Evenings at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Childcare provided. For more info contact Michelle Carey at [michelle@oxfordumc.org](mailto:michelle@oxfordumc.org)*



*Kid's Night Out is  
Friday, June 1  
from 6 pm—10 pm  
The cost per child is \$5  
with a \$15 minimum per  
family. Please call the  
church to RSVP.*



## Ladies Spring Tea

Ladies, Oxford's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Tea is just around the corner! It will be held at **1 pm on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the Family Life Center.** (Note location change!) All women are invited and encouraged to bring a guest. Think about inviting someone who does not have a church home. What a great way to introduce them to Oxford! We are in need of table hostesses and food preparers to help with this event. If you would like to host or would like more information please contact, Teri Boldt @ [teri@oxfordumc.org](mailto:teri@oxfordumc.org) or at the church office 210-696-0192.

## Youth Summer Kick-Off Pool Party—Sunday, June 3 from 5 pm—7:30 pm

Youth age kids, parents, and siblings are all invited to our annual Summer Kick off party at The Suburban School just across from the church! At this time of the year we welcome our newest Youth group members. (In coming 6th graders) We meet with all the parents to let them know what is planned for this summer and we share a meal & have some great fun together. We hope you can come. Please bring your own towels, sunscreen, pool toys, and something to share for the BBQ.

Last name: A-F = chips  
G-L = salads  
M-R = 3 Liter Sodas  
S-Z = Desserts

Any questions please contact Michelle Carey in the church office 696-0192, or any of the youth group sponsors (Kristi & Phil Forister, Angee Shelburn, Marsha Huggins, Dave Holloman, Schott Tarr, or Fred & Kay Wright).

# “PET” Personal Energy Transportation “The Gift of Mobility”

The Oxford United Methodist Women sponsored an informative session on “The Gift of Mobility” at their last General Meeting on Saturday, May 19. The presentation was well attended and the church learned of the many ways to help with PET. PET (Personal Energy Transportation) is a three-wheeled, off-road wheelchair, operated by hand power. Built by a faith-based, non-profit, volunteer organization. PETs are delivered at no cost to people in developing countries who have lost the use of their legs due to birth defects, polio, diabetes, spinal chord injuries, landmines or war. Of the more than 18 million amputees around the world, about 80 percent of those live in developing countries. They ways you can help are:

- Become a Volunteer and help cut, sand, drill, weld, paint, assemble, package, and deliver PETs. People are also needed to set up and host informational displays at church and community events.
- Give/ Raise Funds. This is always a basic need in order to continue the PET project. It takes money to buy wood, metal, and parts, and to cover the expense of packaging, shipping, and distributing PETs. No one at PET receives a salary. PET is a charitable, faith-based 501©(3), tax-deductible organization.
- Find businesses that make or sell materials used in the building of a PET. You can ask them for donated items or for supplies to be sold to PET at low cost.

For more info contact:  
PET San Antonio  
PO Box 941  
Helotes, TX. 78023  
210-496-4784  
[www.petsanantonio.org](http://www.petsanantonio.org)  
[tmartin4@satx.rr.com](mailto:tmartin4@satx.rr.com)  
Or contact the church office  
at 210-696-0192.



## Sunday Morning Breakfast Summer Break

The Sunday morning breakfast cooks will be taking a well deserved break for the Summer months. We will not be serving breakfast from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Sunday morning breakfasts will resume on Sunday, September 9. Special thanks to Felix Solis, Dave Holloman, and Connie & Victor Rangel for faithfully volunteering and serving breakfast. We will continue to have our Sunday morning refreshments in the narthex each Sunday.

# Prayer List

Praying for one another is a privilege we take very seriously. But, as our list is growing and growing, please advise us when a name should be removed from the list. Names will remain on the list for one month and will be renewed at your request. Send your praise reports to our Prayer Ministry Leader [Marty Donohue at marthadonohue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marthadonohue@sbcglobal.net)

*Thanks*

Our World	Marcos Martinez
Our service men & women	Scott
Our nation & its leaders	Maria Kleitz
Our Bishop & all clergy	Robin
Oxford UMC staff & volunteers	Darryl
St. Mary's Indian Orthodox Church	Betty Jo
The residents at the Heights	Baby Kinard
Pastor John's dad	Ron & Peggy
Carrley Mason	Ruth
David Howson	Mike Zabelin
Great Aunt Ruth	Brian
R. Richardsingh	Ann
P. Garacie Mary	Nora
Patty Nelson	Evelyn
Dave Sygeel	Edith
Antonio (my grandpa)	Dale
Mia	Joanne
Russ & Leonarda	The family and friends of Thelma Barnes on her passing
Katie & Jeremiah	Thanksgiving for Richard's semester
Moises Paulin	Thanksgiving for Diane
Julia Maxwell	Catherine
Ricky G.	John
Persons in Italy affected by earthquake	Elfrieda Beyer
Rick Gerry	Mary Davis
Sue Moses	
John	
Jim Barnes	
Barbie Tarr	
Rick & Mary Gail	
Patty Boyers	
Linda Bednarz	
Edna Ellsworth	

## Pray for our Military

All active military service men and women throughout the world.

Basic Training– Jeremy Mazuca

Afghanistan– Marshall Wills, Eric Barton,

Captain Burgess, Sean Mulligan, Issac

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## Update on Dave Sygeel

Hello Friends at Oxford United Methodist Church, For those of you who've never met me, I'm Crystal Sygeel, daughter of David and Joanne Sygeel. I've met many of you at Sunday worship services, Wednesday night suppers, and youth outings. Your kindness to me has been an extension of the Christian love you have for my parents. I've been humbled to be on the receiving end of that grace for so many years.

Many of you are aware that on April 24, Dad was on his way home from a finance committee meeting, when he suffered a series of seizures, resulting in a mild accident. He was taken to Methodist hospital. He remained in ICU for several days before being discharged to Warm Springs rehabilitation Center, and then returned home on May 11.

To be clear, the seizures Dave suffered resulted in anterograde amnesia, meaning memories prior to the incident are intact but that no new memories are created. There is no cure for amnesia- no drug, no treatment, no pill- only time.

He is able-bodied, with a positive outlook on life. His long term memory is intact- so he remembers his family, his home, his vocation, and you- his companions in ministry. Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits. Daddy, Momma, and I are all deeply grateful for everything you've done and continue to do for us...

With deep Christian affection,  
Crystal



# Pastor's Perspective

## Expect a Call!

Our church has something called the "Lay Leadership and Nominations Committee." People sometimes think that the only function of this group is to nominate church officers to be elected by the Charge Conference. However, this is only part of its job. It is also to work to help people in the church to find ways in which they might be in ministry. After all, every Christian is a minister! Over the next few weeks members of the Lay Leadership and Nominations Committee may be calling you to find out what kind of ministry you might be interested in. **Please be mindful that we are not just interested in filling positions for church offices. More than that we want to find ways to assist you in taking up some ministry outside of Oxford for the sake of the gospel.**

Here is just a partial, or suggestive list of ministries you might want to undertake (there are, of course, many other ministries you may want to start or be a part of):

*ushers,  
greeters,  
Sunday School teachers,  
communion preparers,  
communion servers,  
decorators,  
Food Pantry distributors,  
Meals on Wheels  
youth Sponsors,  
children's church workers,  
musicians (for the praise bands, T-Tones, Chancel Choir, Children's choir),  
actors,  
public school Mentors,  
jail ministry volunteers,  
breakfast workers,  
Wednesday dinners (cooking and/or clean-up),  
working with Church Banners and other worship paraphernalia,  
working on Church History,  
sponsoring Divorce Recovery workshops,  
working with the Mentally Challenged,  
working with the Homeless,  
being a part of a Prayer team,  
working in the Library,  
doing Landscape work,  
mowing,  
clearing out the woods,  
working on the flower beds,  
managing the irrigation system,  
painting,  
being engaged in Children's ministries,  
engaging in a Puppet ministry,  
working in the Nursery,  
tutoring Children and Adults,  
making Prayer Shawls,  
making hospital and nursing home visits,*

*going on mission trips,  
working at the San Antonio Food Bank,  
working on the rummage sale,  
working on craft fairs,  
working to help arrange health fairs,  
working at the Pumpkin Patch,  
going on a mission trip,  
arranging for toys and gift certificates for the Battered Women's and Children's Center,  
helping build PETS (personal energy transportation),  
playing a role in the Living Last Supper,  
playing a role in the Drive-through Nativity,  
carpentry,  
repair work (both in the church and/or in the neighborhood),  
preparing food for hospitality time on Sunday mornings,  
helping with the Women's Retreat,  
preaching at the Heights on Huebner,  
hosting residents at the Heights on Huebner,  
barbequing for events,  
working with an after-school program,  
newsletter (Grapevine) folding,  
Sexton or Assistant Sexton (church opener and/or closer)  
counting the offering,  
Vacation Bible School worker,  
Easter Egg Hunt worker (egg stuffers, game arrangers, food servers, field mowers, etc.)  
SHINE (Share His Incredible News Everywhere) workers, food servers, Trunk or Treat sponsors, etc.  
chili cookers (for Chili Chow-down),  
baked items bakers for Dessert Auction,  
church decorator for Christmas,  
helping build a Habitat house,  
learn Media Shout to work sometimes on computer projection in worship,  
advertising,  
house to house calling,  
deliverance of flyers,  
praying through the Oxford prayer list on a daily basis.*

Many of you, of course, are already doing various ministries, whether it's in the music or education programs or whatever else. If you have a ministry or are interested in starting one, we may be able to give you names of persons with similar interests.

But our hope is that people will be engaged in some ministry that they can put their hearts into. So, if you should receive a call from a member of the "Nominating" committee, please remember that we are trying to find out what you are interested in doing. After all, God is calling us as a church to do those things that he has given us the people to do them with.

*Regards, Pastor John*



# SWTX Annual Conference

Creating A Culture of Growth  
June 7 –10  
Corpus Christi, Texas

## ELEVATE Band to play at Annual Conference!

The Elevate Worship team received an invitation to perform at this year's Annual Conference in Corpus Christi. Elevate will be leading worship for the Retirement Service on Friday, June 8. Please keep director Pat Carey and the entire Elevate team in your prayers as they prepare for this special opportunity to serve.

This year's Confirmands have been received into full membership here at Oxford. We welcome: Nicolas Chavira, Emily Koeck, Katie Koeck, and JR Smith.

Rowan Meier will be Confirmed on Sunday, June 3 at the 9:15 am worship service.

\*If you have been a guest with us and wish to step up to full membership, please contact Pastor John at [pastorjohn@oxfordumc.org](mailto:pastorjohn@oxfordumc.org)



Laurel Olson	6/1	Jorge Zavala	6/14	Andrew Ingram	6/28
Kailey Sevcik	6/1	Brandon Koeck	6/18	John McGuffin	6/28
Jacob Shaw	6/1	Cheyenne Aikens	6/20	Dan Olson	6/28
Jackson Vargas	6/1	Arturo Bermea	6/21	Nicole Clegg	6/29
Matthew Gauthier	6/2	Barney Tearney	6/21		
Bonnie Hinkel	6/2	Don Carper	6/24		
Nicolas Chavira	6/7	Caleb Fassler	6/25		
Jillian Jones	6/7	Michelle Gauthier	6/25		
Judith Jones	6/7	Kendall LaBoy	6/25		
Dick Wilson	6/7	Brett North	6/25		
Lottie Millsaps	6/8	Bettie Lee Wilson	6/25		
Charlotte Gustafson	6/11	Hubert Davis	6/26		
Gabriel Alayli	6/13	Milton Lindemann	6/26		
JR Smith	6/13				
Jennifer Gerry	6/14				

***If we missed your Birthday this month, please send your info to [michelle@oxfordumc.org](mailto:michelle@oxfordumc.org)***

## Worship Attendance

**May 6**  
**Confirmation Sunday**  
10:30 a.m. .221  
Nursery .....4  
Total.....225

**May 13**  
**Mother's Day**  
9:30 a.m. ....103  
11:30 a.m. ....91  
Nursery .....10  
Children's Church...5  
Total ..... 209  
Sunday School....79

**May 20**  
**Spring Cantata**  
9:30 a.m. ..125  
11:30 a.m..120  
Nursery .....7  
Total .....252  
Sunday School....63

# Financials

Projected May Need..... \$42,610

## Received

May 6, 2012..... \$10, 648

May 13, 2012..... \$4,653

May 20, 2012..... \$7,936

Remaining May Need..... \$19,373

Rummage Sale to date (income)..... \$4,900

## 2012 Actual Results (Through April 30th)

Income:.....\$ 157,489

Expenditures..... \$ 170,557

2012 Current Shortfall..... \$ 13,068

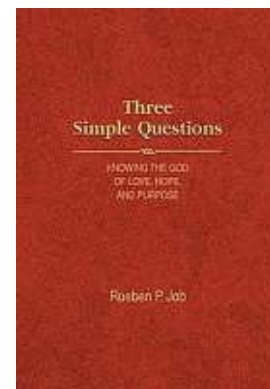


Children's Church will not meet for the Summer months. Stay tuned for more info on Children's Church!

## New Study

The Wednesday Night Study. "Three Simple Questions" is now underway, Wednesdays at 6:15 pm in the Family Life Center. This is a 6-week study tackling the three simple questions,"

**Who is God? Who am I? Who are we together?** The class will meet through the month of June. "Three Simple Questions" is a DVD and book study. For more information contact Michelle Carey at [michelle@oxfordumc.org](mailto:michelle@oxfordumc.org)



## SAVE the DATE!

### Vacation Bible School

### July 9-13!

### Registration Open NOW!

### Call 210-696-0192 or online at

### [www.oxfordumc.org](http://www.oxfordumc.org)

## Wesley "Camperships"

Every summer Camp Wesley offers children eight weeks of fun and educational activities such as arts and crafts, physical fitness, and field trips. This camp serves the children who live in the Southside neighborhood the Wesley Health & Wellness Center serves. The children participate in activities and receive free breakfast and lunch everyday, all thanks in large part to the generosity of donors. We invite you to support Camp Wesley by making a \$25 donation for "campership." Simply write "campership" in the memo of your check. To learn more about Camp Wesley, please call 210-924-5191.

## NWSA Emmaus News

The NWSA Emmaus/Chrysalis Gathering is scheduled for June 15th, 6:45 P.M. at Helotes Hills UMC, 13222 Bandera Rd., Helotes 78023. All are welcome to attend Gatherings including children.

SWTX Chrysalis Flights - for High School students who have completed 9th grade. Girls Flight #362, July 11th at Bulverde Methodist. Boys Flight #363, July 25th at Coker Methodist. Visit [www.umcswtx.org](http://www.umcswtx.org) Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis link for complete Flight and Walk information and registration forms.

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## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Breakfast at 8:00 am  
Traditional Worship at 9:15 am

Sunday School for all ages at 10:30 am  
ELEVATE Contemporary Worship at 11:30 am

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9 am—4 pm  
Friday 9 am—12 noon