



# Jacob's Ladder

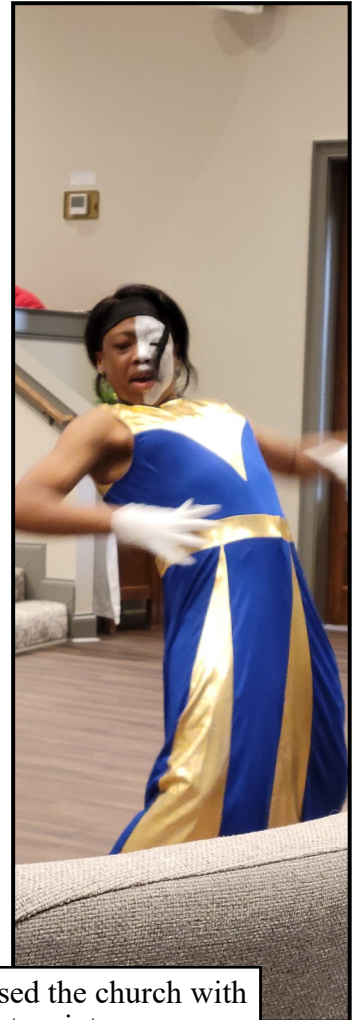
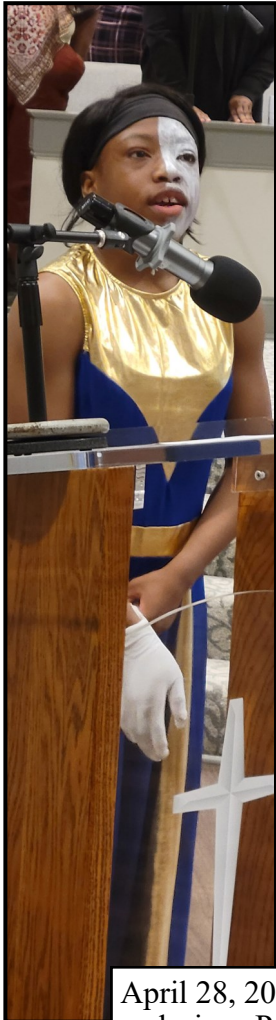


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## A Day of Trinity



April 28, 2024 was a special day for Trinity Herron. She blessed the church with a glorious Praise Dance, and she even read the New Testament scripture.

# Women's Ministry Event

The Women's Ministry of Oxford First hosted a special community event on April 13<sup>th</sup> entitled "Food for the Mind, Body, and Spirit." We were blessed to have our sisters from Providence and Buford UMC join us for the morning. Rev. Mattie Gipson led our hour of learning with a meditation from Luke 1:39-45. This scripture focuses on Mary's visit to a pregnant Elizabeth. The group discussed the important role women played in Jesus' life and ministry. We were urged to do something to thank our bodies for carrying us, to call at least three women that we were grateful for them and we loved them, to

support women around us, and to reach out to a woman of a different generation and listen to her story. We were also reminded of the importance of advocating for reproductive justice for women. After the program, the ladies enjoyed a delicious brunch. Ms. Marsha Brooks led our second hour with a line dance class. We danced to songs like "The Electric Slide" and the "Gospel Shuffle". Even the ladies who did not participate, stayed and enjoyed watching the other ladies exercise. It was truly nourishment for the mind, body, and spirit.





**The Morning Doves:** Glory to GOD, the Bake Sale was a success! The Doves are on their way to The Passion of CHRIST in Arkansas. To ALL who gave donations, participated in any shape form or fashion, THANKX from the Morning Doves.



**OFUMC Male Chorus** was on point on 3rd Sunday!

# RJ's STORY

RJ has always been a very isolated person. In school, he often sat alone doodling on his drawing pad. When schools resumed after the Covid year, RJ entered his senior year in high school. He struggled to assimilate back into the classroom. RJ was allowed to complete his assignments virtually under the supervision of Barbara Wortham, a school district employee and Program Coordinator for the LCLC's ABLÉ Program. He

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completed all of his requirements for his diploma except for one class. RJ decided not to finish his senior year. A year later, his mom contacted Ms. Wortham. She and RJ began working on his requirements to obtain his high school equivalency diploma. After working together at Oxford First UMC for six months, RJ completed his quest in January of 2024. RJ plans on pursuing a career in art or graphic design. Congratulations to RJ! The ABLÉ Program and Oxford First are proud to be a part of your story.

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.  
**1 John 5:14**