

THE WHITFIELD



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For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
January 15-January 21, 2017

The Ongoing Message and Work of Christmas

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Recently, I read the following words by Howard Washington Thurman and was greatly blessed. Thurman was an influential African-American author, philosopher, theologian, educator and civil rights leader. His theology of radical non-violence influenced a generation of civil rights activists. He was as a mentor to leaders within the civil rights movement, including Martin Luther King, Jr. Thurman served as Dean of Rankin Chapel at Howard University and Dean of Marsh Chapel at Boston University. He, along with Alfred Fisk, co-founded the first major interracial, interdenominational church in the United States. May God use Thurman's words to bless and encourage you, as they bless and encourage me.

The Mood of Christmas by: Howard Washington Thurman

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart*

The trappings of Christmas have come and gone for another year. However, as Thurman's powerful words remind us, the work of Christmas remains. The life-changing, life-giving message of the Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us is just as powerful and relevant today as it was over two-thousand years ago. May each of us take seriously the ongoing message and work of Christmas. May we, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, continue to share the message of Christmas and take part in the ongoing work of Christmas. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, may the timeless message of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, continue to change the world one person at a time. To God be the glory!

Working with you,

Carolyn

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: Please pray for Our God, our Divine Physician, to lay His healing hand upon the sick within and beyond our Whitfield family in His perfect timing and ways.

2017 Flower Calendar!

We need to start filling up the Flower Calendar!



The cost of the flowers is \$55. If your flower order requires any special attention, please call Carolyn Vice one week ahead of your Sunday so that the florist can be notified and make adjustments if necessary.

Wednesday Night Dinner

January 18

Menu: Spaghetti, Green Beans, Side Salad, Garlic Toast & Dessert.

Program: Scrapbooking - Please bring your fall and holiday items for our Whitfield Scrapbook.

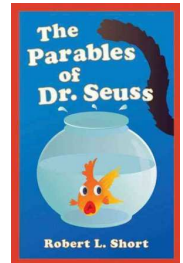
Colossians 3:23-24

²³ Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, ²⁴ since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ

Ladies Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Parables of Dr. Seuss

Beginning January 24, 2017



RESTAURANT SUPPER CLUB

The Restaurant Supper Club will meet at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, January 23, at Chappy's Deli, (private area in back) Pepper Tree Shopping Center, 8141 Vaughn Road. Call Nancy or Curtis Ingram, 279-9811, for reservations.

Storyteller's Convention

Tickets \$10.00

Saturday, January 28, 2017 - Troy, AL

10:00 a.m. (Leaving Whitfield at 8:00 a.m.)

We will eat lunch at Julia's afterwards.

Trent's Birthday Box

Trent just turned seven and his birthday wish was to help feed the poor.

Let's help him by filling the **Trent's Birthday Box** with non-perishable food items. The box will be located in the Sheppard Center and the Narthex through the month of January.



Bible Presentation

Sunday, January 15, 10:30 Worship

To get the New Year off to a good start, Whitfield will be presenting all of our 3rd and 4th graders with a new bible.

**Bess Bosch
Amber Edwards**

**Wes Crossley
Michael Reese**

THANK YOU

My heart is full of love and gratitude for my Whitfield family for the support and kindness you have given during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Helon Haack

Trustees Meeting

4:00 p.m. - Wednesday, 1/18

Library

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for January 15 are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of Wendy Hobbie and Nicci Adams by Jackie Sheppard.

Attendance January 8, 2017

Sunday School 56 Morning Worship 91

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, January 15

Worship Service	8:15 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Morning Social	10:00 a.m.
Choir Practice	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Monday, January 16

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
Walking Group (M-F)	1:30 p.m.
UPWARD Practice	5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 17

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
UPWARD Practice	5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 18

Prayer Group	2:30 p.m.
Trustees Meeting	4:00 p.m.
PoP Prayer Group	4:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Supper Program	5:30 p.m.
Youth Engage	6:15 p.m.
Children's Activities	6:15 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 19

No events currently planned

Friday, January 20

Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.
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Saturday, January 21

UPWARD Basketball	9:00 a.m.
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Youth News....

This coming weekend the youth and young adults be headed to Lake Junaluska for a Fellowship, Ski and Worship week-end. I ask you to please pray that they are filled with the spirit that has a lasting impact on their lives. Our speaker will be Rev. Stephanie Moore Hand who is presently serving as one of the four Church Vitality Strategist for the Western NC Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Advice Worship Band will be leading worship, their uplifting message is accompanied by a popular contemporary Christian sound that appeals to youths and adults alike.

And some humor from **David Ferrell (Christian Comedian)** For over 20 years, David has delighted audiences across America with a high-energy mixture of hilarious comedy and outrageous impressions.

Thank you to all for your continued support the Pancake breakfast raised \$750 dollars and our budget needed \$500. As always, you are the reason they will make this trip and God will do his stuff!

Praise the Lord!

Beverly

You Are In Our Prayers!!

Whitfield Members

Vivian Rogers, Kirk Wood, Peggy Brown, Martha Parker, Henrietta Cusick, Elmer Rogers, Alma Reynolds, Jo Moody, Peter Brambir, Betty Woodson, Libby Richardson, Joan Rodgers, Thursa Brown, John Woodson, Dottie Suber, Charlotte Brambir, Mildred Jones, Betty Fuller, Kay Littlepage, Brownie Brown, Lib Cain, Tom Burns, Caryll Carrick, Elmer Stelk, Eloise Parsons, Bill Fischer, Allison East, Jim Solomon, Edna Kohn, Jim Vice, Helon Haack, Susan Richardson, Louise Gargus, Helen Maples, Jay Byrd

Home Bound Members (in-town)

Lois Payne, Nealie Pruitt, Emmett Turner, Teresa Chavers, Rubye Solomon, Margaret Deacy, Wayne Read, Delores Dodson, Mitzi Warren

Home Bound Members (out of town)

Elaine McBride, Martha Payne, Juanita Pritchett, Katie Hopper

Friends of Whitfield

Wayne Russell, Verna Stevens, Mary Mellott, Bill Miller, Jeff Varner, Doug Dennis, Sharon Brugh, Margaret Ann Batley, Emma Hope Shaw, Joy Lushington, Marty Trawick, Doug Estes, Dan & Kate Lindsey, Myrtle Knight, Mona Pirsig, Kenneth Means, Nathan Hamilton, Mary Ellen Millis, Paul Lanier, Myles Wright, Ashley Dunwoody, Beverly Cornwell, Jean Cantey, Teresa Kempter, Mac Macready, Darlene Fox, JoAnne Westery, Wayne Merritt, Bailey Casteel, Molly Nelson Brantley, Susannah Jones Cleveland, Jerri Reed

Peace for the nations and protection for all those who live and serve in harm's way.

Note: Please submit any names you would like added to the church via telephone (281-2467) or e-mail (whitumc@bellsouth.net) All names submitted are kept on the prayer list for **four weeks** unless otherwise notified. *Those names in Italics are in need of long term prayers.*

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Church Office Hours:

8:15-12:30 and 1:30-4:15, M-Th
8:15-12:30 p.m. Friday

Sunday Services: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

Worship Assistants - January 15 (3rd Sunday)

Ushers: (8:15) Carol Ann Free
(10:30) Steve Duffee, Neet Duffee,
Vic Bradsher

Counters: Jim Solomon, Jim Vice

Van Driver: Ron Capel

Soundboard: (8:15) Harry Brantley
(10:30) Jimmy Lee

Readers: (8:15) Lib Cain
(10:30) Barbara Reed

Children's Worship: Patty Macready