

# THE WHITFIELD



# SPIRIT



For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church  
April 16-April 22, 2017

## *Alive in Christ: Remembering and Sharing Our Faith Journey*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Thirty years ago this week, on April 12, 1987, I professed my faith in Jesus Christ, was baptized and became a member of Prattville's First United Methodist Church. The Baptismal Covenant IV: Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant in *The United Methodist Hymnal* reminds us to "remember your baptism and be thankful." I remember specific elements of that special day in my faith journey. I remember the words Dr. Floyd C. Enfinger spoke over me as he baptized me. I remember the words I shared with the congregation about the meaning of repentance. I remember the peach dress I wore. In January 2007, during a Holy Lands pilgrimage and on the banks of the Jordan River, I was blessed to take part in a meaningful service to remember and reaffirm my baptismal covenant.

Every Christian has a faith journey to remember and share. On March 21, 2017, my seminary classmate, Adam Weber, who is the founding and lead pastor of Embrace Church, published his first book, *Talking With God: What to Say When You Don't Know How to Pray*. The book is currently available for \$10 on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Adam remembers and shares the following words about his faith journey.

*I was alive. Yes, I still had faults. I still made mistakes. I was far from perfect but I was no longer the same. Jesus had changed me. Jesus had given me a fresh start, a completely new beginning. I had prayed and asked God to come into my life. Unlike the Easter Bunny, who tries to decide if we're good or not, if we deserve a reward or not, if we deserve anything, God sends us Jesus. God gives us the gift of relationship with Him through Jesus, despite our mistakes. We don't deserve the relationship. On our own, we're not good enough to have that relationship. Yet, that's exactly why Jesus came, to make a relationship with God possible. Even if you were the only person on earth, Jesus would still have died on the cross for you and you alone. He loves you unconditionally. You were like a dead person. However, God--the same God who brought Jesus back from the dead--makes you and me come alive because of the great love that He has for us. God can't wait to have a relationship with us, a relationship that will bring us back to life.*

Every member of our Whitfield family has a faith journey to remember and share. During Holy Week and throughout our lives, may each of us "remember your baptism and be thankful." Furthermore, may each of us live in response to our baptismal covenant and take advantage of opportunities to share our faith journey. Please make every effort to take part in our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday worship services. Please invite others and bring them with you. Thanks be to God for His salvific work on the cross, which makes baptism and a faith journey possible for all humanity, including you and me!

Alive in Christ,

*Carolyn*

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." John 3:16-17

"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins....But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved." Ephesians 2:1, 4-5

**Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer:** Please pray for opportunities to share your faith journey. Please pray for God to lead others to Whitfield for our worship services on Easter Sunday and every Sunday.

### Thanks

Dear members of Whitfield, thank you all so much for the prayers & get well cards sent after Wayne's surgery. We would like to give a special thank you to Carolyn for the hospital visits & many calls of concern. We also appreciate so much Carolyn & Nancy Pugh for visiting our home & sharing communion with us. Whitfield is a very caring & loving church.

Sincerely,  
Pam & Wayne Merritt

**The church office will be closed on  
Monday, April 17**

**Trip to American Village  
Thursday, May 4, 2017**

Step back in history to the time of the American Revolution. American Village brings to life our nation's stories of liberty and sacrifice. Travel with us to the Montevallo area on Thursday, May 4th. We will plan to travel in private cars, leaving the church at 8:00 am. The cost is \$9.00 for the Village. We will enjoy lunch (Dutch treat) at a local restaurant in Montevallo.

Trip sponsored by the A+ Council. Please sign up in the church office no later than Thursday, April 27. Find out more by going to: [www.americanvillage.org](http://www.americanvillage.org)



**Blue Lake Camp Fundraiser!!  
May 21, 11:30-ish**

Join us for a Spaghetti Luncheon to benefit our Blue Lake Camp Scholarship Fund. We have 8 kids eligible for camp this year (including our 3 tweens). We always appreciate our church family helping with the cost of camp. We'll enjoy a great meal, fellowship and probably some funny camp stories. Mark your calendars!!

**Attendance April 9, 2017**  
Sunday School 69      Morning Worship 107

**Wednesday Night Dinner  
April 19  
MENU: TBD  
PROGRAM: Spiritual Formation,  
Final Session**

**Montgomery Prayer Breakfast and  
Bible Reading Marathon**

The City/County of Montgomery is hosting the Montgomery Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 4 from 7:00-8:30 a.m. Cost \$20 / person. Immediately following the Prayer Breakfast and continuing through Sunday, May 7, there will be a marathon continuous 72 hours reading of the Holy Bible. To find out more or to sign up to be one of the readers, please go to [www.hisvessel.org](http://www.hisvessel.org) or contact His Vessel Ministries at 334.356.4478

#### **Lenten/Easter Calendar:**

Thur 4/13 - Holy Thursday Communion Service, 6:00 pm  
Friday, 4/14 - Good Friday Service, Noon  
Sunday, 4/16 - Easter Sunday  
Wed., 4/19 - Resurrection Celebration  
Wed., 4/26 - Al Smith, Renaissance  
Sunday, 4/30 - Confirmation Sunday, 10:00 AM (Lunch follows)  
Wed, 5/3 - Sara Dubose, Storyteller  
Wed., 5/10 - Zara Grace Centennial Celebration  
Wed., 5/17 - The Kempters!!  
Sunday, 5/21 - Spaghetti Fundraiser following 10:30 service

### **Children's Ministry Easter Schedule**

**Easter Celebration (4/16 ) Processional**

**10:15 in the Narthex**

**to receive instructions.**



#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The lilies on the altar for Easter are offered to the Glory of God and in honor and memory of our friends and loved ones.



WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS	YOUTH NEWS
<p><b>Sunday, April 16—EASTER</b></p> <p>Worship Service 8:15 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday School 9:15 a.m.</p> <p>Morning Social 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Choir Practice 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Worship Service 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>UMYF- None this Week - Happy Easter</p>	<p>Our youth group will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 16. The regular meeting schedule will resume the following week.</p>
<p><b>Monday, April 17 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	
<p>Walking Group (M-F) 7:15 a.m.</p>	
<p><b>Tuesday, April 18</b></p>	<p><b>Joshua 1:7-9</b></p>
<p>Prayer Group 7:15 a.m.</p>	<p><sup>7</sup> Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. <sup>9</sup> I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, April 19</b></p>	
<p>Prayer Group 2:30 p.m.</p>	
<p>PoP Prayer Group 4:30 p.m.</p>	
<p>Wednesday Night Supper 5:30 p.m.</p>	
<p>Program 6:15 p.m.</p>	
<p>Children’s Activities 6:15 p.m.</p>	
<p>Youth Engage 6:15 p.m.</p>	
<p>Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.</p>	
<p><b>Thursday, April 20</b></p>	
<p>Garden club Meeting (Jan Heath—Keystone) 9:00 a.m.</p>	
<p><b>Friday, April 21</b></p>	
<p>Sew n Sews 10:00 a.m.</p>	
<p>District Meeting (Chapel) 10:00 a.m.</p>	
<p><b>Saturday, April 22</b></p>	
<p>No Events Currently Scheduled</p>	

## You Are In Our Prayers!!

**Whitfield Members**

Vivian Rogers, Kirk Wood, Peggy Brown, Martha Parker, Henrietta Cusick, Alma Reynolds, Jo Moody, Peter Brambir, Joan Rodgers, John Woodson, Dottie Suber, Charlotte Brambir, Mildred Jones, Betty Fuller, Bill Fischer, Kay Littlepage, Brownie Brown, Lib Cain, Tom Burns, Caryl Carrick, Elmer Stelk, Eloise Parsons, Jim Solomon, Edna Kohn, Helon Haack, Susan Richardson, Telsie Davis, Betty Woodson, Louise Forrester, Aston Mashburn, Thursa Brown, Betty Bradsher, Jay Byrd

**Home Bound Members (in-town)**

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

**Home Bound Members (out of town)**

Elaine McBride, Martha Payne, Juanita Pritchett, Katie Hopper, Blenda Lushington

**Friends of Whitfield**

*Wayne Russell, Verna Stevens*, Bill Miller, Jeff Varner, Sharon Brugh, *Margaret Ann Batley*, Emma Hope Shaw, *Joy Lushington, Doug Estes, Kate Lindsey*, Myrtle Knight, Mona Pirsig, Mary Ellen Millis, Paul Lanier, Myles Wright, Ashley Dunwoody, Beverly Cornwell, Jean Cantey, Mac Macready, Darlene Fox, JoAnne Westery, Wayne Merritt, Bailey Casteel, Molly Nelson Brantley, Susannah Jones Cleveland, Jack Behm, Philip Landry, Julia Bradshaw

**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 - April 16 (3rd Sunday)**

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

**Counters:** Louise Forrester,  
Mary Thomason

**Van Driver:** Ron Capel

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

**Readers:** (8:15) Bosch Children  
(10:30) Barbara Reed

**Children's Worship: We will  
Celebrate Easter with the rest of the  
Congregation.**