

# THE WHITFIELD



# SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church  
January 8-January 14, 2017

*Happy New Year!*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello and Happy New Year to my brothers and sisters in Christ. I hope you enjoyed a blessed holiday season with loved ones and will continue to experience God's richest blessings throughout 2017. The following prayer was originally shared in *The Saturday Evening Post* in 2008. Graham's heartfelt words are timeless and relevant today.

*Prayer for the New Year by: Billy Graham*

*Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future. We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.*

*In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love. In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need. In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost. And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end" (Psalm 119:33).*

*We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them. Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).*

*As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year. And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come. Amen.*

On New Year's Day, our family of faith gathered to worship and praise God. We took part in Holy Communion and recommitted ourselves to God and His service through the Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service. Throughout 2017 and in the years to come, may we devote ourselves to God and His kingdom work. He has wonderful plans in store for us as we love, trust, follow and serve Him together. I look forward to seeing His plan continue to unfold in His perfect timing and ways. The best is yet to come! Happy New Year and God bless you!

In Him,  
Carolyn

**Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer:** Please pray for God to bless, guide and use us in 2017 and throughout our lives.

### Special Prelude Sunday

Two of our young musicians, Sarah Blackwell and Emma Duffee, will present a special prelude on Sunday, January 8, at the 10:30 worship service. They will play a Carol Medley on clarinet and trombone.

### Wednesday Night Dinner

January 11

Menu: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Field Peas, Roll & Dessert.

Program: New Year's Resolutions, testimonies from our members

### PoP Prayer Group Returns

Our Power of Prayer family prayer group will resume on Wednesday, January 11. You are invited to join this unique group of prayer warriors in the Library, each week, at 4:30 PM.

### 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.

### THANK YOU!!!!

The Whitfield church staff thanks you for the generous Christmas gifts. As always, your thoughtful expressions of kindness at Christmas-time are most appreciated. May God bless you in the coming new year!

Carolyn Nelson	Patty Macready
Jennifer Andrews	Telsie Davis
Angie Mitchell	Mary Stone
Kristi Milano	Larry London
Beverly Brown	Daisy Stelk

### A BIG THANK YOU...

To everyone who pitched in to help take down and pack away the Christmas decorations in the church on Wednesday. A special thanks to Larry for getting everything ready for the un-decorating!

As always, your help was greatly appreciated!

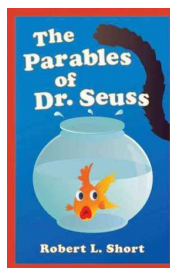
### Bible Presentation

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	Wes Crossley
Amber Edwards	Michael Reese

Ladies Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study  
Parables of Dr. Seuss  
Beginning January 24, 2017



### Education Work Area Meeting

Tuesday, January 10  
10:30 AM, Library

### In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathies to Helon Haack and family upon the death of her husband Robert "Bob" Haack, Sr. on December 24, 2016 in Montgomery, Alabama.

### In Memoriam

Robert Otto Haack, Sr.  
September 2, 1933-December 24, 2017

### Food Pantry Needs:

Jelly (we have plenty of peanut butter), Cans of veggies, fruit and canned meat and cereal.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for January 8 are offered to the Glory of God and in appreciation of the Whitfield members by the Whitfield staff.

### Attendance January 1, 2017

(one service)

No Sunday School      Morning Worship 62

**SCHEDULED EVENTS**

**Sunday, January 8**

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 9**

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

**Tuesday, January 10**

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
Education Work Area Meeting	10:30 a.m.
UPWARD Practice	5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 11**

PoP Prayer Group	4:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Supper RESUMES 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 12**

Primetimers at Sinclair's	11:30 a.m.
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**Friday, January 13**

Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.
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**Saturday, January 14**

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

Coming up this Sunday at 9:30, the Youth will be offering Pancake Breakfast to help raise money for the Praise and Worship Ski Trip to Lake Junaluska. As always, they appreciate your support in helping fund this event which will have great opportunities for getting closer to God and fellowship with young adults and teenagers. And, of course, a half day of "ski, roll or fall down the ski slope!"

Praise the Lord!

**Beverly**

***In Sympathy***

Our sympathies are extended to Joyce Cobb and family upon the death of her son Douglas Cobb on Saturday, December 31, 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia.

***In Memoriam***

Douglas P. Cobb  
March 9, 1958-December 31, 2016

**Service at Leak Memory  
Sunday, January 8, 2017**

Visitation 1-2:00 p.m.  
Funeral at 2:00 p.m.

**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, Judy Snyder, JoAnne Westery, Wayne Merritt, Family of David Christenberry, 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 8 (2nd Sunday)**

**Ushers:** (8:15) Gene Holsenbeck  
(10:30) Ken Carrick, Jim Solomon,  
Jeannie Anderson, Brownie Brown

**Counters:** Jim Solomon, Jim Vice

**Van Driver:** Pam Merritt

**Soundboard:** (8:15) Harry Brantley  
(10:30) Vic Bradsher

**Readers:** (8:15) Tommi Holsenbeck  
(10:30) Emma Duffee

**Children's Worship:** Briana Hazen,  
Patty Macready