

# THE WHITFIELD



# SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church  
January 10-January 16, 2015

## *Happy New Year!*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello and Happy New Year to my brothers and sisters in Christ! The following message was shared by Gus Nichols in *The Newsletter Newsletter*. God is using these words to bless and encourage me. May they bless and encourage you, as well.

For the new year...

**Hold fast to your faith** (Hebrews 4:14)  
**Assemble with the saints** (Hebrews 10:25)  
**Pray earnestly every day** (1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18)  
**Pray for great blessings** (Malachi 3:10)  
**Yield not to temptation** (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

**Neglect not your talents and opportunities** (Galatians 6:10)  
**Examine yourself daily** (2 Corinthians 13:5)  
**Work diligently for the Lord** (1 Corinthians 15:58)

**Yield your members to righteousness** (Romans 6:11,16)  
**Exercise yourself in godliness** (1 Timothy 4:7)  
**Aim at sinless perfection** (Hebrews 6:1)  
**Redeem the time** (Ephesians 5:15, 16)

May 2016 be filled with God's joy and richest blessings for you and your loved ones. May the new year be filled with new opportunities to love God and others through our faithful prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. He has amazing plans in store for us as individuals, families and a family of faith as we continue to love, trust, follow and serve Him. I look forward to seeing God's plan continue to unfold in His perfect timing and ways. To God be all glory, honor and praise!

In Him,  
*Carolyn*

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Corinthians 2:9



## **THANK YOU!!!!**

The Whitfield church staff thanks you for the generous Christmas gifts. 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	Kristi Milano
Larry London	Mary Stone
Beverly Brown	Daisy Stelk

## ***Congratulations to Jacob Allen, who recently completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base.***

Please continue to pray for Jacob as he continues to train at Lackland.



**Storyteller's Convention**  
**Saturday, January 30, 2016 - Troy, AL**

**FIRST Whitfield UMW MEETING OF 2016**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**  
 Meeting in the Keystone Classroom in the Sheppard Center

Please come to our first meeting of the New Year and enjoy the fellowship, tasty treats, and inspiration.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday morning..... Lib Cain

**Living the Covenant**

The second 8 week section of the Covenant Bible Study series, *Living the Covenant*, will begin on Thursday, January 21st. We will again have daytime (10:00 - 11:45am) and evening (5:30 - 7:00 pm) classes offered. The classes are scheduled to meet in the church library.

Persons who did not take the first 8 week section are more than welcome to attend this second section. Please call the church office by Wednesday, January 13, if you wish to be a part of the Covenant study.

*Living the Covenant* builds on the concept of covenant by applying it to actual relationships in everyday life. We will be reading in the Old Testament as well as Luke-Acts and Paul's letters. We do hope that you will give consideration to starting the New Year by taking part in this Bible study.

The facilitators for the study are LuAnne Houser and Nancy Pugh. Call Nancy (244-2468) for more information.



**A BIG THANK YOU....**

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

As always, your help was greatly appreciated!

**Attendance January 3, 2016**

Sunday School 72      Morning Worship 105

**Wednesday Night Dinner**  
**January 13**  
 Menu: Beef Tips & Rice, Pineapple Casserole, Side Salad, Roll & Dessert.  
 Program: Covenant Renewal Service

**2016 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.

**Revelation 22:18-19**  
<sup>18</sup> I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; <sup>19</sup> if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

**Food Pantry**  
 The food pantry needs Peanut Butter & Jelly, Canned Fruits & Veggies, and Toothpaste.

**Thanks from Miss Patty**

I have received many comments and cards of thanks for the contributions the Children's Ministries made to our Advent/Christmas season. Thanks to all our children for their hard work and enthusiasm.

Miss Patty

**Children's Celebration Sunday!**  
**January 31, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m. Worship**  
 5th Sunday Fellowship Luncheon to follow

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar for January 10 are offered to the Glory of God.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

### **Sunday, January 10**

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.
Jack Pippin Ringers Practice	4:00 p.m.

### **Monday, January 11**

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
Walking Group (M-F)	1:00 p.m.
UPWARD Practice	5:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, January 12**

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

### **Wednesday, January 13**

UMW Circle Meeting	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Night Supper Program	5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m.
Youth Engage	6:15 p.m.
Children's Activities	6:15 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, January 14**

Primetimers at The Egg & I	11:30 a.m.
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### **Friday, January 16**

Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.
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### **Saturday, January 17**

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

School is back in session and teenagers are no longer lurking around with nothing to do, Yay!!! I am sure the teenagers are not all that enthused, however it is good to get back to a routine and back to our Wednesday night meetings which will resume next **Wednesday, January 13 at 5:30.**

I invite everyone to come out and have time in the middle of the week for food and fellowship!

Praise the Lord!

**Beverly**

### *In Sympathy*

Our sympathies are extended to Alma Reynolds and family upon the death of her son David Reynolds on Saturday, January 2, 2016 in Montgomery, Alabama.

Funeral will be held at Whitfield on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Visitation at 2:00 p.m.

## **You Are In Our Prayers!!**

### **Whitfield Members**

Vivian Rogers, Kirk Wood, Jay Byrd, Louise Gargus, Bill Fischer, Peggy Brown, Martha Parker, Henrietta Cusick, Elmer Rogers, Alma Reynolds, Jo Moody, Peter Brambir, Betty Woodson, Jim Solomon, Libby Richardson, Joan Rodgers, Fran Scoggin, Thursa Brown, John Woodson, Dottie Suber, Rodney Blankenship, Martha Pippin, Charlotte Brambir, Mildred Jones, Barbara Bond, Eloise Parsons, Betty Fuller, Tommi Holsenbeck, Ella Mae Eggers, Helon Haack, Bob Wilkinson, Telsie Davis, Lib Cain, Elmer Stelk, Edna Kohn, Kay Littlepage, Brownie Brown, Maxene Fischer

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

Lois Payne, Johnnie Smith, Nealie Pruitt, Emmett Turner, George Suber, Teresa Chavers, Ruby Solomon, Helen Lawrence, Margaret Deacy, Wayne Read, Hazel Askew, Delores Dodson, Mitzi Warren

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

Elaine McBride, Martha Payne, Juanita Pritchett, Katie Hopper

### **Friends of Whitfield**

*Robert Hoyt, Wayne Russell, Verna Stevens, Ann Gilliland, Lea Jackson, Mary Mellott, Trisha Dunn, Bill Miller, Jeff Varner, Leon Shirley, Doug Dennis, Mary Ellen Millis, Sharon Brugh, Margaret Ann Batley, Gwinn Corley, Emma Hope Shaw, Robert Maples, Joy Lushington, Marty Trawick, Jean Jackson, Larice Tucker, Sarah Mitchell, Ronnie Vickers, Charles Pointer, Doug Estes, Dan & Kate Lindsey, Ellie Jarrett, Sammy Hester, Myrtle Knight, Rev. Mike Green, Mona Pirsig, Kenneth Means, Larry London, Nathan Hamilton, Mary Ellen Millis, Lea Jackson, Frank Ruud*

### **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 10 (2nd Sunday)**

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

**Counters:** Jim Solomon, Jim Vice

**Van Driver:** Pam Merritt

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

**Readers:** (8:15) Kay Littlepage  
(10:30)

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