

THE WHITFIELD



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For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
January 17-January 23, 2015

Journey in My Presence

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. In Sarah Young's *Jesus Calling: Enjoying Peace in His Presence*, devotionals for each day of the year are shared from the perspective of Jesus speaking to His beloved children. Additionally, corresponding scriptures are shared. The following devotional was shared on January 9. God is using these powerful words of truth to encourage me. It is my hope and prayer that you will be encouraged, as well.

"I am with you and for you. When you decide on a course of action that is in line with My will, nothing in heaven or on earth can stop you. You may encounter many obstacles as you move toward your goal, but don't be discouraged—never give up! With My help, you can overcome any obstacle. Do not expect an easy path as you journey hand in hand with Me, but do remember that I, your *very-present Helper*, am omnipotent. Much, much stress results from your wanting to make things happen before their times have come. One of the main ways I assert My sovereignty is in the timing of events. If you want to stay close to Me and do things My way, ask Me to show you the path forward moment by moment. Instead of dashing headlong toward your goal, let Me set the pace. Slow down, and enjoy the journey in My Presence."

God is the Creator and each of us is His beloved creation. He knit us together in His image. He know us intimately—better than we know ourselves. He knows our thoughts, needs and the desires of our hearts. He hears our prayers, spoken and unspoken, and is working in ways, seen and unseen, to fulfill His will and bless us in His perfect timing and ways. In this world of change and uncertainty, God is constant—the same yesterday, today and forever. He loves us with an everlasting love and promises never to leave or forsake us. He holds us and our days, securely and eternally, in the palm of His almighty hand. May we trust our good, loving and faithful God and journey hand in hand with Him all our days. May His wonderful plan continue to unfold in His perfect timing and ways. He makes all things beautiful in His time. To God be all glory, honor and praise!

In Him,

Carolyn

"For nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1:37

"What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31

Dear friends,

Effective today, I will be on a short leave of absence until I finish my last three chemo treatments in the middle of February, as the treatments have built up in my body and sapped my strength.

Our music director, Angie, and our minister, Carolyn, have worked with me to have this time covered with great musicians, and I ask you to give them your support.

Thank you for your understanding. I look forward to being back soon.

Telsie

Our thoughts, prayers, love and support are with Telsie as she fights this current battle.

*No One
Fights Alone!*



Storyteller's Convention

Saturday, January 30, 2016 - Troy, AL

New People are Invited to Join the Living the Covenant Bible Study

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.

If you did not take the first 8 week section, you are more than welcome to attend this second section. Please call the church office by Wednesday, January 20, if you wish to be a part of the Covenant study.

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



One Day - An Annual Ministry Event For Adults 50+

When: Saturday, February 13, 2016 Where: Blue Lake

The Conference Older Adult Ministries will host their annual event, One Day: "Loving and Laughing on the Way to Church", February 13, 2016. The event will be held at Wesley Chapel at Blue Lake Camp and will begin at 10:00 am until 2:30 pm (registration begins at 9:30 am). Keynote speaker will be [Dr. Karl Stegall](#) (retired). There will be special music, lunch and more!

An offering will be accepted for the Stegall Seminary Scholarship Endowment Foundation.

Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Deadline to register, with payment, is at the close of business, Friday, January 29, 2016. For more information, please contact Barbara Wilder BWilder@yourcrosspoint.org.

The Source: A New Community of Faith

[Elvyn](#) and [Bessie Hamilton](#), co-pastors
Launching on January 31, 2016

Ways you can help with building preparation: pipe and drape, painting, 200 chairs, and renovations to restroom and meeting room. Please keep us lifted in prayer!

For more information, contact Elvyn Hamilton at elvynhamilton@aol.com or 334-462-9905 or Bessie Hamilton at bessiehamilton@aol.com or 334-462-9904.

Attendance January 10, 2016

Sunday School 77 Morning Worship 133

Wednesday Night Dinner

January 20

Menu: Fried Chicken, Rice & Gravy, Squash Casserole, Biscuit & Dessert.

Program: New Year Customs from around the World.

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.

February 14, 21 & 28 are available as well as March 6, 13 & 20.

Food Pantry

The food pantry needs Cereal, Jelly, Canned Fruits & Veggies, and Toothpaste.

Mark your calendars for our Children's Celebration Sunday!

January 31, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m. Worship



Our precious WUMC children will lead us as we celebrate the gift of all children. Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to praise God as the Children of God!

Exciting new songs of praise * Guest musicians *
Special acts of worship * Fellowship Lunch together following the service

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for January 17th are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of the January 20th birthdays of Emiline Ayers Bosch and Richard C. Bosch, Jr. by Gene & Tommi Holsenbeck.

<u>SCHEDULED EVENTS</u>	<i>Youth News....</i>	
Sunday, January 17	<p>On Saturday, the youth and I enjoyed watching the new Star Wars movie in 3D at the movie theatre. It was loud and lots of action and rated number one at the box office, all star actors, and just all anyone is talking about. And then on Sunday, we watched a movie in the Youth room called "God Is Not Dead". In the movie a young college guy has to convince an atheist professor and 80 classmates that there is a God. No big stars, and not a lot of action-but against all odds this guy completes his mission. And during the movie there were some jerks in it, and one of our youth said "all the Christians and nice and the atheist act like jerks".</p> <p>Well said as were these lyrics to the song from the movie: My God's not dead He's surely alive He's living on the inside Roaring like a lion Praise the Lord!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Beverly</p>	
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 18 - MLK Day - Office Closed		
Walking Group (M-F)		7:15 a.m.
Walking Group (M-F)		1:00 p.m.
UPWARD Practice		5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 19		
Prayer Group		7:15 a.m.
UPWARD Practice		5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 20		
Wednesday Night Supper		5:30 p.m.
Program		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 21		
Living the Covenant Study	10:00 a.m.	
Living the Covenant Study	5:30 p.m.	
UMW Night Circle	7:00 p.m.	
Friday, January 22		
Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.	
Saturday, January 23		
UPWARD Basketball	9:00 a.m.	
	<u>In Sympathy</u>	
	Our sympathies are extended to Pat & Carl Stevenson upon the death of Pat's brother, Donald Reed on Monday, January 11, 2016.	

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, Sammy Hester, Myrtle Knight, Mona Pirsig, Kenneth Means, Larry London, Nathan Hamilton, Mary Ellen Millis, Lea Jackson, Frank Ruud, Donald Reed, Tammy Smith

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 17 (3rd Sunday)

Ushers: (8:15) Mary Thomason,
Carol Ann Free

(10:30) Brownie Brown, Ken Carrick,
Jeannie Holsenbeck, T.J. Tepley

Counters: Jim Solomon, Jim Vice

Van Driver: Pam Merritt

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

Readers: (8:15) Kay Littlepage
(10:30) Barbara Reed

Children's Worship: Patty Macready