

# THE WHITFIELD



# SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

January 22-January 28, 2017

## *Experiencing Loss and Grief Together*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Since Christmas Eve, we have experienced three deaths in our church family. Recently, I read the following words that were shared by an individual who was grieving. May God use these words to bless and encourage you, as they bless and encourage me.

*Someday, you will be faced with the reality of loss. And as life goes on, days rolling into nights, it will become clear that you never really stop missing loved ones who have gone; you just learn to live around the gaping hole of their absence. When you lose ones you cannot imagine living without, your heart breaks wide open; the bad news is you never completely get over the loss. You will never forget them. However, in a backwards way, this is also the good news. They will live on in the warmth of your broken heart that does not fully heal and you will continue to grow and experience life, even with your wound. It is like badly breaking an ankle that never heals perfectly, and that still hurts when you dance, but you dance anyway with a slight limp and this limp just adds to the depth of your performance and the authenticity of your character. The people you lose remain a part of you. Remember them and always cherish the good moments spent with them.*

These words beautifully express loss and its resulting void. As we experience losses within and beyond our church family, may we journey through grief as a family of faith. May we cling to God and our faith and trust in Him. May we point each other to God and cling to one another, as well. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and fellowship of the body of Christ, may we continue the “dance” of earthly life as we journey toward our eternal home in heaven. May cherished memories of special moments shared with loved ones who have gone before us continue to bring smiles to our faces and joy to our hearts. God bless you with His powerful comfort, strength, peace that passes all understanding and hope for the future, today and in the days to come!

Journeying with you,

*Carolyn*

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27

**Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer:** Please pray for the players, families, coaches and volunteers taking part in Upward Basketball.

## *Sunday, January 22*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Drue Tubbs will share the sermon and lead both worship services this Sunday, January 22. May God speak to and through Drue in powerful ways. May Sunday be a wonderful day of praising, worshiping and bringing glory to God!

In Him,

*Carolyn*

**Meet artist John August Swanson at  
First UMC Montgomery, Fellowship Hall  
Saturday, January 28, 10:00 am.**

*Short lecture, then Q & A*

Mr. Swanson, known for his use of bright colors, has works displayed in Smithsonian museums and in the Vatican's collection. His artwork was the center point of our Lenten 2016 Wednesday Night Study.

Invite friends to join you for this rare treat.

### Church Directory

Please e-mail whitumc@bellsouth.net if you would like to add your cell phone number or e-mail address to your listing in the Whitfield UMC church directory.

### RESTAURANT SUPPER CLUB

The Restaurant Supper Club will meet at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, January 23, at Chappy's Deli, Pepper Tree (private area in back)

8141 Vaughn Road. Call Nancy or Curtis Ingram, 279-9811, for reservations.



### 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.

## 5th Sunday Luncheon

Sunday, January 29

SS 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Luncheon to follow.

### Attendance January 15, 2017

Sunday School 65 Morning Worship 125

### Wednesday Night Dinner

January 25

Menu: Sunday Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Glazed Carrots, Steamed Broccoli & Dessert.

Program: Spiritual Formation Series, Part I  
presented by Gloria Wilson

### Storyteller's Convention

Tickets \$10.00

Saturday, January 28, 2017 - Troy, AL

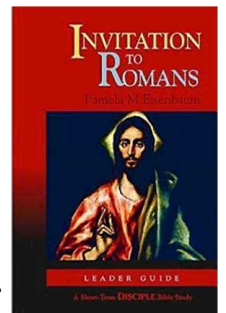
10:00 a.m. (Leaving Whitfield at 8:00 a.m.)

We will eat lunch at Julia's afterwards.

### Invitation to Romans

Have you resolved to read the Bible more in 2017 and make Scripture more a part of your life?

Here is your opportunity. **Invitation to Romans**, an 8-week Disciple Bible Study, will be offered on Thursdays, February 9 - March 30, in the Library. Choose the 10:00 am or 5:30 pm class. Reserve your spot by Wednesday, January 25th. Books are \$14.00, due at first class. Facilitators are LuAnne Houser and Nancy Pugh.



### In Memoriam

Louise Gargus

March 25, 1922-January 15, 2017

### **Celebration of Life**

Friday, January 20, 2017

Alabama Heritage

Visitation 12-1

Service 1:00 p.m.

### Thank you

Thank you Whitfield Family for your many expressions of sympathy, love and concern during our recent time of loss. We are most grateful for your prayers and the support of such a caring church family.

Joyce Cobb

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for January 22 are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of the January 20th birthdays of Richard Bosch and Emiline Ayers Bosch (5th).

<b>Sunday, January 22</b>		Dear Whitfield Family,
Worship Service	8:15 a.m.	Tune in to Montgomery's 107.5, The Ticket, to hear the new radio commercial for Whitfield.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.	
Morning Social	10:00 a.m.	
Choir Practice	10:00 a.m.	
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.	Thank you to Lewis Mashburn for doing an excellent job as the voice of our commercial. Thank you to Rad Dodson of The Ticket for producing a topnotch final product. Thank you to Jody Barr for responding to the Holy Spirit's prompting and coordinating this effort. May God use this tool to bring people to Whitfield. To God be the glory!
<b>Monday, January 23</b>		In Him,
Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.	<i>Carolyn</i>
UPWARD Practice	5:30 p.m.	
Supper Club at Chappy's Deli (Peppertree)	6:00 p.m.	
<b>Tuesday, January 24</b>		
Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.	
OA Game Day	10:00 a.m.	
Ladies Bible Study begins	2:00 p.m.	
UPWARD Practice	5:30 p.m.	
<b>Wednesday, January 25</b>		
Prayer Group	2:30 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.	
<b>Thursday, January 26</b>		
Garden Club Meeting (Keystone)	9:00 a.m.	
Gladlane HOA Meeting	6:00 p.m.	
<b>Friday, January 27</b>		
Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.	
<b>Saturday, January 28</b>		
Leave for Storyteller's Convention (Troy)	8:00 a.m.	
UPWARD Basketball	9:00 a.m.	
		<b>Food Pantry</b>
		Thank you to the gentleman that donated the large supply of peanut butter, and a special thanks to Trent Hazen for giving to the food pantry as his birthday wish.
		<b>Our needs this week:</b> Cereal, Dried Beans, Rice.

## 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, 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 22 (4th Sunday)**

**Ushers:** (8:15) Mark Willis

(10:30) Youth

**Counters:** Jim Solomon, Jim Vice

**Van Driver:** Pam Merritt

**Soundboard:** (8:15) Harry Brantley

(10:30) Jeannie Anderson

**Readers:** (8:15) Margaret Feld

(10:30) Jeannie Anderson

**Children's Worship:** Patty Macready