

# THE WHITFIELD



# SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church  
January 29-February 4, 2017

## *“The Glorious Minority”*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. During our Wednesday night program on November 9, 2016, Betty Mason Cates, daughter of Carlton and Lane Mason, shared her testimony. Betty’s testimony focused on how God has used the people and ministries of Whitfield to shape her life and faith. At the conclusion of her testimony, Betty shared the following words from *A Pocket Prayer Book*, which she received at Whitfield as a teenager on May 30, 1958.

### *The Glorious Minority*

*There are people who carry life’s burdens, their own and others beside.*

*There are people who stand in their places, and who stand there whatever betide.*

*When the Kingdom is calling for workers, or the city is crying for men, or some cause is seeking supporters, these people will answer just then.*

*There are two kinds of people---you know them, as you journey along life’s track---the people who take your strength from you, and others who put it all back.*

These words spoke to me when I heard them and continue to speak to me. May they speak to you, as well. Through the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, may each of us seek to be part of “the glorious minority.” In addition to caring for ourselves and our loved ones, may we ask God to open our eyes, ears and hearts to the needs of others and, subsequently, be responsive to others and their needs. May we serve as available and willing vessels for God to use, in His perfect timing and ways, for His glory and kingdom work. Furthermore, as we take part in the work to which God calls us, may we do so with joyful hearts that glorify Him and bless others. In the words of a quote I read recently, may we “be a fountain and not a drain.” During 2017 and throughout our lives, may God bless, guide and use us as individuals, families and a family of faith. To God be all glory, honor and praise!

In Him,

*Carolyn*

“Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.’” Matthew 9:37-38

**Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer:** Please pray for our President, Vice President and their families.

## *Thank You*

Thank you to Drue Tubbs for preaching and leading the worship services on Sunday, January 22. I have heard positive comments and trust it was a meaningful time of worship for all who took part.

With gratitude,

*Carolyn*

## 5th Sunday Luncheon

Sunday, January 29

SS 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Luncheon to follow.

### When Helping Hurts

A book study "When Helping Hurts," will be offered at Whitfield UMC beginning on Sundays, February 12 through March 26 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm in the church library. This book articulates a biblically based approach to poverty alleviation. You will learn how you can walk with people who are poor in ways that lead to lasting change.

### A+ Council Meeting

Our next meeting for the A+ Council meeting is set for Wednesday, February 1st. We will meet at 4:00 p.m. in the Davis Martin Classroom.

### 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.



### PRIME TIMERS LUNCHEON

Prime Timers will meet on February 9, 2017  
Mr. Gus's Restaurant at 11:30am  
At the corner of Bell Rd. & Atlanta Highway  
Please come and enjoy a delicious lunch with a great bunch of folks.

Hosting will be Ann Cheney and Lib Cain.  
We look forward to seeing you on  
Thursday, February 9th at 11:30am

### Attendance January 22, 2017

Sunday School 52 Morning Worship 96

### Wednesday Night Dinner

February 1

Menu: Beef Tips & Rice, Pineapple Casserole,  
Side Salad, Roll & Dessert

Program: Spiritual Formation Series, Part 2  
presented by Gloria Wilson

### Storyteller's Convention

Tickets \$10.00

Saturday, January 28, 2017 - Troy, AL

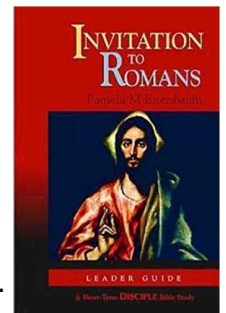
10:00 a.m. (Leaving Whitfield at 8:00 a.m.)

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.



### Holy Communion - Sunday, February 5, 2017

Holy Communion will be offered on Sunday, February 5th to our members who are unable to attend church at this time.

The elements will be consecrated at the worship service and volunteers will take Communion out between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 pm. We plan to take Communion to all who received Communion on Sunday, December 4th. If you did not receive in December, but would like to receive Communion on February 5th, please call the church office by Friday morning, February 3rd. This ministry is sponsored by the A+ Council at Whitfield UMC.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for January 29 are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of the 62nd wedding anniversary of Ken & Caryll Carrick.



<p><b>Sunday, January 29</b>  Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.  Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  5th Sunday Luncheon 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Monday, January 30</b>  Walking Group (M-F) 7:15 a.m.  UPWARD Practice 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Tuesday, January 31</b>  Prayer Group 7:15 a.m.  Ladies Bible Study 2:00 p.m.  UPWARD Practice 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Wednesday, February 1</b>  Prayer Group 2:30 p.m.  A+ Council Meeting (Davis Martin) 4:00 p.m.  PoP Prayer Group 4:30 p.m.  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.</p> <p><b>Thursday, February 2</b>  No Scheduled Events</p> <p><b>Friday, February 3</b>  Sew n Sews 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Saturday, February 4</b>  UPWARD Basketball 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YOUTH NEWS</b></p> <p>The Youth trip had to be rescheduled to the last weekend in January (this coming one) due to one of our trip goers grandma was taken gravely ill and a conflict with some others work schedule. Lake Junaluska was very kind in just moving all of our plans to another weekend. As it turns out the snow was melting that weekend anyway !!</p> <p>Praise the lord!</p> <p>Beverly</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confirmation Class Mission Project</b>  Our confirmation class will be collecting items to prepare the UMCOR Health Kits.  See insert in Sunday's Bulletin.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Proverbs 3:5-6</u></b></p> <p><sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  and do not rely on your own insight.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him,  and he will make straight your paths.</p>

## 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 29 (5th Sunday)**

**ONE 10:00 a.m. SERVICE ONLY  
Fellowship Lunch to follow**

**Ushers:** (10:00)

**Counters:** Jim Solomon, Jim Vice

**Van Driver:** Ron Capel

**Soundboard:** (10:00) Jimmy Lee

**Readers:** (10:00) Earl Heath

**Children's Worship:** Patty Macready