

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

February 5-February 11, 2017

“Love One Another”

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Recently, I read the following words by Dr. Ben Carson. Originally shared on September 22, 2016, they continue to be timely and relevant today.

While much of America seems to be getting more and more divisive, I am going to be holding doors for strangers, letting people cut in front of me in traffic, greeting all I meet, exercising patience and smiling at strangers. I will do this as often as I have the opportunity. I will not stand idly by and let children live in a world where unconditional love is invisible and being rude is acceptable. Join me in showing love and respect to others. Find your way to swing the pendulum in the direction of love. Because today, sadly, hate is gaining ground. Love must begin somewhere and love will overcome hate. Imagine the difference if we each purposefully love a little more.

Carson’s words echo Jesus’ command to “love one another.” As Christians, may we take seriously and live in response to Jesus’ command to “love one another,” as He loves us. In this fallen world corrupted by sin and darkness, may we point others to Jesus, the One without sin and Light of the world. Through each of us, may His light shine brightly into the darkness of this fallen world. Through the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, and in the realization that seemingly ordinary acts of kindness can have extraordinary impact, may we take advantage of the countless opportunities God gives us daily to love and respect others. May we purposefully use our words and actions for good. As a result, may others be blessed and God be glorified!

Choosing to Love,

Carolyn

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35

“Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing....We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.” Mother Teresa

“A kind gesture lasts a lifetime.” Tina Scott

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: Recently, twelve Whitfield youth and adults attended one spiritual retreat and two Whitfield youth attended another spiritual retreat. Please pray that seeds planted in their hearts will be watered, nurtured and bear abundant fruit in God’s perfect timing and ways.

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.

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.

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

Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 12 at 4:30 p.m.
Susie Peach Class

Church Council Meeting

Sunday, February 12 at 5:30 p.m.
Keystone Class

Attendance January 29, 2017

Sunday School 52 Morning Worship 96

Wednesday Night Dinner

February 8

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

Program: Spiritual Formation Series, Part 3 presented by Gloria Wilson

THANK YOU!

Thank You Whitfield family for all your prayers, calls and cards while I was recovering from my fall. Knowing others care enough to take time to pray for you makes the healing much better. Thanks again and may God Bless each of you.
Love, Jackie

Youth Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 5

Sheppard Center

5 p.m. - Until

Youth Party & Parent Meeting

All Youth and Families Invited

6th - 12th grade

Fun, Food and Fellowship

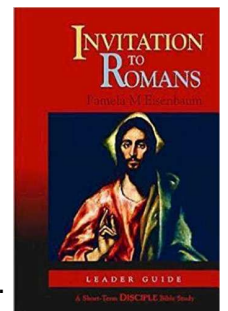
Bring Items for UMCOR Health



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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for February 5 are offered to the Glory of God and in honor Norma Prater's birthday.

<p>Sunday, February 5 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. Handbell Practice 4:00 p.m. Youth Super Bowl Party 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Monday, February 6 Walking Group (M-F) 7:15 a.m. UPWARD Practice 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, February 7 Prayer Group 7:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 2:00 p.m. UPWARD Practice 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, February 8 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.</p> <p>Thursday, February 9 No Scheduled Events</p> <p>Friday, February 10 Sew n Sews 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Saturday, February 11 UPWARD Basketball 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YOUTH NEWS</p> <p>Thank you from youth and adults who attended this past weekend retreat.</p> <p>It was a great experience for all and as usual, the spirit showed up in unexpected ways!</p> <p>Praise the lord!</p> <p>Beverly</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:</u></p> <p>Cereal, Jelly, Dried Milk, Rice, Dried Beans. Thank you to all who donate!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <hr/> <p>Confirmation Class Mission Project Our confirmation class will collect items to prepare the UMCOR Health Kits. See insert in Sunday's Bulletin.</p>
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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, Mary Ellen Millis, Paul Lanier, Myles Wright, Ashley Dunwoody, Beverly Cornwell, Jean Cantey, Teresa Kempster, 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 - February 5 (Communion)

Ushers: (8:15) Mary Thomason
(10:30) Amanda Senn, Ron Capel,
Carl Stevenson, Brownie Brown

Counters: Jan Heath,
Gene Holsenbeck

Van Driver: Ron Capel

Soundboard: (8:15) Harry Brantley
(10:30) Steve Duffee

Readers: (8:15) Mark Willis
(10:30) Earl Heath

Children's Worship: Communion