

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

February 14-February 20, 2015

Sacrificial Love

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. My friend and our brother in Christ, Scott Cozart, recently shared the following words about sacrificial love. These heartfelt words serve as a powerful reminder to me. May they do the same for you.

“The greatest measuring stick for love is the degree to which one will sacrifice in order to express it.”

Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, left the glories of a perfect heaven to come to a fallen world corrupted by sin because of His amazing love for each of us and all humanity. His love was fully expressed when He became the sacrificial Lamb on Calvary’s cross on our behalf. As we prepare our hearts and minds for the holy season of Lent, may the following words from the beautiful song “Written in Red” by Gordon Jensen remind us of Jesus and His sacrificial love.

“In letters of crimson, God wrote His love
On a hillside so long, long ago.
For you and for me Jesus died,
And love's greatest story was told.

I love you, I love you
That's what Calvary said.
I love you, I love you,
I love you, Written in Red.”

Thanks be to God for His most precious and priceless gift, the gift of Himself, to us and all the world! Jesus gave everything He had, His very life, for us. In response, may we live for Him. Following His example of sacrificial love and through the power of His Holy Spirit, may we spend our lives sacrificially loving and serving God and one another.

In His Love,
Carolyn

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.” John 3:16-17

“Greater love has no one than this, that He lay down His life for His friends.” John 15:13

“We love because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

THANK YOU!

To my Church Family:

I want to thank you for all your prayers, calls, visits and sweet cards regarding the death of my father, William O'Neal.

With love,

Karen Mashburn

RESTAURANT SUPPER CLUB

The restaurant supper club will meet in the private dining room at Sinclairs, 7847 Vaughn Road, at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, February 22.

Please call Nancy or Curtis Ingram at 279-9811 for reservations.

LIFELINE SCREENING

March 28

Life Line Screening will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 3/28/2016.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/

River Region Sacred Music Festival

Singers from the River Region combine their voices to provide two sacred music concerts on:

Saturday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 21 at 3:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

211 S Chestnut St,

Prattville, Alabama

Guest clinician and conductor:

Dale Peterson

Composer in residence & Music Minister at First Baptist Church, Auburn

CONCERTS ARE FREE!

Attendance February 7, 2016

Sunday School 78

Morning Worship 115

Wednesday Night Dinner

February 17

Menu: Baked Chicken, Potatoes Au Gratin, Turnip Greens, Cornbread & Dessert.

Program: Lenten Study

**UMW Night Circle
New Meeting Nights**

Whitfield's UMW night circle, the Martha-Mary Prim Circle, invites you to join us on our new meeting night, the 4th Thursdays of March, April, May, June, September, and October. Other months are unit meeting months (all circles meet) or off months.

Questions? See Betty Dawkins, Nancy Allen, Kay Littlepage, or Jeannie Anderson. We are an informal group which starts at 7 and ends at 8 - light refreshments and fellowship, a brief devotion, and short program.

The Source—A New Community of Faith

held an inaugural worship service at its new location on the campus of Auburn Montgomery on Sunday, January 31, 2016. Revs. Bessie and Elvyn Hamilton welcomed about 100 people from around the community to worship and learn more about this church family. Rev. Bessie Hamilton expressed, "We look forward to having a second service when we fill all the seats in the 9:45am service. We are faithfully praying that it is a major landmark that will draw people to The Source.

Thanks for your generosity!

Thank you to everyone who donated to help Larry London meet his recent medical expenses. There was enough to cover both of his co-pays and leave some in the account to help with future needs.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for February 14 are offered to the Glory of God and in honor Jack & Barbara Reed by Carol Reynolds.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, February 14

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.
UMYF 11:30 a.m.

Monday, February 15

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

Tuesday, February 16

Prayer Group 7:15 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study 2:00 p.m.
UPWARD Practice 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 17

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

Thursday, February 18

Living the Covenant Study 10:00 a.m.
Living the Covenant Study 5:30 p.m.

Friday, February 19

Sew n Sews 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 20

UPWARD Basketball 9:00 a.m.

Youth News...

Youth will meet for Sunday school at 9:30 and have youth fellowship following the worship service in youth room I encourage all youth to come and enjoy some games, pizza, and retro tv! Praise The Lord!

Beverly

Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday, February 16
Library**

Ladies Bible Study

**Christianity and other
World Religions begins**

**Tuesday, February 16 at
2:00 p.m. in the Library.**

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, Thursa Brown, John Woodson, Dottie Suber, Rodney Blankenship, Martha Pippin, Charlotte Brambir, Mildred Jones, Betty Fuller, Ella Mae Eggers, Helon Haack, Bob Wilkinson, Telsie Davis, Elmer Stelk, Edna Kohn, Kay Littlepage, Brownie Brown, Maxene Fischer, Lib Cain, Eloise Parsons, Tom Burns, Pat Stevenson, Caryll Carrick

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, 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, Tammy Smith, Jerry Huie, Rev. David Stuart

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 14 (2nd Sunday)

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

Counters: Steve Duffee,
Gene Holsenbeck

Van Driver: Pam Merritt

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

Readers: (8:15) Kay Littlepage
(10:30) Erin Tepley

Children's Worship: Briana Hazen,
Patty Macready