

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

February 19-February 25, 2017

“Good Morning, God!”

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. On January 11, we resumed our Wednesday night programs for 2017. Members of our Whitfield family shared resolutions, as well as hopes and dreams for themselves, their families and our Whitfield family. Jan Heath shared that she plans to continue a two-fold daily ritual, which she has practiced for years. Each morning, Jan chooses to say, “Good morning, God!” (as opposed to the alternative, “Good god, it’s morning!”). Additionally, Jan looks in the mirror and asks, “Would you like to spend the day with that person?”

Life is a gift and each day is a gift. Furthermore, life is fragile and can change in an instant. Last Wednesday, February 8, my friend and colleague, Reverend Brent Arn, passed away as the result of a ruptured brain aneurysm. Brent and I attended seminary together and took part in the same pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan. Brent served as a United Methodist pastor in Kentucky and was forty-six years old at the time of his death. Like Brent, you and I do not know how many days we have left on this earth. Therefore, we must choose to embrace each God-given day and live it to the fullest. During this week’s preschool chapel service, I taught our precious children the hymn “This Is the Day.” May these beautiful words serve as a powerful reminder for each of us, today and every day!

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

Thankful for today,

Carolyn

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: As Confirmation Sunday (April 30) approaches, please pray for our confirmands (Emma, Gracie and Sarah), their families and their mentors (Jannett, Jeannie and Marty).

Springtime By the Sea "The Word Made Fresh" at Epworth by the Sea - May 22-25, 2017

This annual Senior Adult Event at beautiful St. Simon's Island, GA, will feature singer, humorist and Gospel Storyteller, Ed Kilbourne. Registration forms are in the church office or you may go to: www.epworthbythesea.org Includes 3 nights' lodging at Pitts/Booth motel, 8 meals and all scheduled activities. Each person must register separately and list your roommate. Please add your name to the list in the church office after you have registered. Please register by March 29th to ensure that room will be available.

Two Day Trips Planned for Spring

The A+ Council has planned the following two trips for this spring. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. More details will be coming.

Thursday, April 6 - Tuskegee Airman Historic Site and tour The Oaks, the historic Carver home.

Thursday, May 4 - American Village in Montevallo

Wedding Shower for

Savannah Mashburn & Zane Christian

Wedding bells will be ringing for Savannah & Zane in May! We are excited to host a wedding shower for this sweet couple. They have been blessed with all of the usual wedding gifts they need, however, they are remodeling their future home and we will have a "Money Tree" to fill up to help them complete their dream home together!

Please join the Whitfield family in celebrating their happiness!

Sunday, March 5, 2017

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Sheppard Center

Let Love Grow!



Hosted by: Nancy Allen, Jody Barr, Pearl Capel, Ella Mae Eggers, Elaine Klepac and Barbara Reed

Attendance February 12, 2017

Sunday School 70

Morning Worship 108

Wednesday Night Dinner

February 22

Menu: Poppyseed Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, Pineapple Casserole, Roll & Dessert

Program: Youth Retreat Testimonies



The 2017 the River Region Sacred Music Festival will be held **Saturday, Feb. 18th at 6:30 and Sunday, Feb. 19th at 3:00pm.** The free performances will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Prattville and will feature musicians from over a dozen local churches. Director Dr. James Seay, from First United Methodist Church in Montgomery will lead the chorus in an exciting variety of traditional sacred anthems.

Rummage Sale

Sunday, March 19 at 1:00 p.m. we will need mostly male volunteers to assist with moving items into the Sheppard Center. The week of **March 19-25** all volunteers will be welcome to assist with setting up and pricing from 8am-2pm. **(Only these workers will be allowed to make purchases before March 24)**

The annual Rummage Sale will be **March 24&25** and open to church members and staff on **Thursday, March 24.** The times will be 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day. If you have any items to be picked up, please call Gene Holsenbeck (334-322-8791).

Food Pantry Needs:

Dried Beans, Rice, Dried Milk, Cereal, and Jelly

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers for February 19 are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of our Lord and Savior and our church family by Rod & Kathi Blankenship.



<p>Sunday, February 19 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. Sacred Music Festival (Prattville) 3:00 p.m. When Helping Hurts Study (Susie Peach) 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Monday, February 20 Walking Group (M-F) 7:15 a.m. UPWARD Practice 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, February 21 Prayer Group 7:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 2:00 p.m. UPWARD Practice 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, February 22 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 23 Romans Study (Davis Martin) 10:00 a.m. Romans Study (Library) 5:30 p.m. UMW Night Circle 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, February 24 Sew n Sews 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Saturday, February 25 UPWARD Basketball 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YOUTH NEWS</p> <p>Youth Program –6th – 12th Grade- Leaders will be Scott and Amy Blackwell and Alice Henley have agreed to be in charge till a replacement can be found. They will meet in the Youth Room.</p> <p>Young Adults – ages 19-30- Leader Beverly Brown. They will meet in the College Room.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">USHERS NEEDED 10:30 Service</p> <p>An usher is often the first person a new-comer, stranger, a wanderer, a doubter, a friend, a stranger meets when coming onto the campus on Sunday morning. The usher's duties involve a warm smile, passing out bulletins, and collecting the offering—just one Sunday a month.</p> <p>Please consider volunteering as an usher. You will enjoy your service as part of a wonderful group of fellow parishioners. If you have any questions feel free to contact Brownie Brown at 284-5759 or hbrown01@charter.net</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, John Woodson, Dottie Suber, Charlotte Brambir, Mildred Jones, Betty Fuller, Kay Littlepage, Brownie Brown, Lib Cain, Tom Burns, Caryl Carrick, Elmer Stelk, Eloise Parsons, Bill Fischer, Jim Solomon, Edna Kohn, Helon Haack, Susan Richardson, Helen Maples, Jay Byrd, Thursa Brown, Telsie Davis

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 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 - February 19 (3rd Sunday)

Ushers: (8:15) Carol Ann Free
(10:30) Steve Duffee, Neet Duffee,
Emma Duffee, Vic Bradsher

Counters: Louise Forrester,
Mary Thomason

Van Driver: Ron Capel

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

Readers: (8:15) Lib Cain
(10:30) Barbara Reed

Children's Worship: Patty Macready