

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
February 21-February 27, 2015

Journey Through Lent

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Once again, the holy season of Lent is upon us. On Ash Wednesday, February 10, we gathered to worship God and began this Lenten season as a family of faith. The words from Genesis 3:19b “for dust you are and to dust you will return” remind each of us of our mortal nature and, subsequently, our need of repentance and our Redeemer. During each Lenten season, I am blessed by the words of Ann Weems in her book *Kneeling in Jerusalem*. She shares the following message entitled “Ash Wednesday.”



“Ash Wednesday and we are on our way to Your Way.

O Lamb of God, have mercy upon us and keep us from all the smallness of our lives that would take precedence over kneeling in Jerusalem.”

Weems further explains the ultimate goal of the Lenten season in the following message entitled “Lent,” also shared in *Kneeling in Jerusalem*.

“Lent is a time to take the time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events get up and walk around in us,
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and listen to his word,
a time to touch his robe and feel the healing surge through us,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder...

Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!”

May Weems’ words remind us of the importance and destination of this forty-day journey upon which we have embarked. During this time of “spiritual preparation,” may each of us commit to “observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s Holy Word (*The United Methodist Book of Worship*). Throughout this journey, may we draw closer to God and one another and may we grow more into His likeness each day.

Journeying with you,

Carolyn

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.

Sandi Patty

FOREVER GRATEFUL

THE FAREWELL TOUR

First Baptist Church Prattville

Sunday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m.

If you wish to attend, please register in the church office by **Thursday, February 25th** and pay **\$18.50**. Please make your check out to Whitfield UMC and we will send one check from the church. Space is available now, but tickets are going fast; thus, our reason for asking for your money next week, by **February 25th**. Details of transportation and departure time will be planned later.

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

CONCERTS ARE FREE!

District UMW Mission Study
Saturday, February 20, 2016
[Hope Hull UMC](#)

Please join us for our next Mission Study on The Church and People With Disabilities. Registration begins at 8:30 a. m. The program will be from 9:00 a. m. until noon. Lunch and fellowship will follow. The presenters will be Marsha Clayton and Bonnie Shanks.

Attendance February 14, 2016

Sunday School 68

Morning Worship 106

Wednesday Night Dinner

February 24

Menu: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Field Peas, Tomato, Roll & Dessert.

Program: Lenten Study

Learners and Helpers

Join our quilting group. If you don't know how to quilt, we'll teach you. If you already know, you can teach us!



Our quilts make money for the UMW, and they keep warm the frail, the disabled veterans, small children and others in need.

We meet every Friday morning at 10 AM in the Sew-N-Sew room.

"Blessed are the children of the piecemakers for they shall inherit the quilts!"

Inspirit 2016

[Blue Lake Camp](#)

Thursday, April 7, 2016 to Saturday, April 9, 2016

A time to rekindle, relax and renew...a ministry event designed for adults age 50 , will be held April 7 - 9, 2016, at Blue Lake Assembly. The 2016 theme is "*Seniors, we've still got it! So, let's use it!*"

Keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Robbins Sims, District Superintendent for the Montgomery-Opelika District. Director of Congregational Vitality for the Alabama-West Florida Conference, Rev. Dan Pezet, will be the Bible Teacher. Rev. Ed Shirley, pastor, Brundidge UMC, will lead the music.

The deadline to register is March 24.

Flower Calendar

We need to fill the following Sundays on the flower calendar:

February 28, March 6 and all of April.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for February 21 are offered to the Glory of God.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, February 21

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 - Bowling Fellowship	11:30 a.m.
Church Council Meeting	5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 22

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

Tuesday, February 23

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

Wednesday, February 24

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

Thursday, February 25

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

Friday, February 26

Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.
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Saturday, February 27

UPWARD Basketball	9:00 a.m.
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Youth News...

This Sunday will be bowling fellowship for all of the Sunday school attendees !
Sunday school at 9:30 and bowling after church at 11:30.

Lunch will be at the bowling alley diner !!

Praise the Lord!

Beverly

Isaiah 43:1

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Food Pantry Needs:

Cereal, Rice, Dried Milk, Tooth Paste,
Large Cans of Veggies and Fruit.

Ladies Bible Study

*Christianity and other
World Religions*

**Tuesdays 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, Edna Kohn, Kay Littlepage, Brownie Brown, Maxene Fischer, Lib Cain, Eloise Parsons, Tom Burns, Pat Stevenson, Caryll Carrick, Morgan Tepley, Elmer Stelk

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, Charles Pointer, Doug Estes, Dan & Kate Lindsey, Myrtle Knight, Mona Pirsig, Kenneth Means, Larry London, Nathan Hamilton, Mary Ellen Millis, Lea Jackson, Frank Ruud, Tammy Smith, Jerry Huie, Rev. David Stuart, Paul Lanier

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 21
(3rd Sunday)**

Ushers: (8:15) Carol Ann Free,
Mary Thomason

(10:30) Steve Duffee, TJ Tepley,
Vic Bradsher

Counters: Jim Judd, Mary Thomason

Van Driver: Ron Capel

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

Readers: (8:15) Kay Littlepage
(10:30) Barbara Reed

Children's Worship: Patty Macready