

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

February 26-March 4, 2017

Created for Community

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Recently, I was introduced to the song "If This is Not a Place" by Ken Medema. God is using these words to speak to my heart. May they speak to your hearts, as well.

If this is not a place where tears are understood, where do I go to cry?

If this is not a place where my spirit can take wing, where do I go to fly?

If this is not a place where my questions can be asked, where do I go to seek?

If this is not a place where my feelings can be heard, where do I go to speak?

If this is not a place where you accept me as I am, where do I go to be?

If this is not a place where I try and learn and grow, where do I go to be me?

These words remind us of the powerful truth that we are created for community. We are wired to be in fellowship with God and the people of God. Our Creator desires to commune with us daily. Through the gift of prayer, we come to Him with the joys and burdens of our hearts. We can come safely as we are and hold nothing back from Him. He knit us together, knows everything about us and loves us with an everlasting love. In addition to fellowship with God, we are placed in faith families to experience authentic fellowship and community. Whitfield has been and continues to be a faith family in which individuals and families experience authentic Christian fellowship and community. Whitfield is a safe community of faith where people can come as they are and, through fellowship with God and the people of God, leave changed for the better. Thanks be to God for the gifts of fellowship with Him and one another!

Celebrating Community,

Carolyn

"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it." 1 Corinthians 12:26

"The Church is not a museum for holy saints. It is a hospital for sick sinners striving to be holy saints."

(as quoted by Dr. Ben Witherington)

"Contrary to the concept of do-it-yourself religion, faith is not a private matter between Creator and creatures but, instead, a joyful life lived out in community. We humans simply were not designed to do life alone." Kim Arnold (mother of Katherine Arnold Wolf)

"In our worlds, wherever we are, the opportunity to build a good community is there. From the classroom to the sports field to the office cubicle, there are people who wait to hear someone say 'welcome.' We are given time so it can be shared with others."

Clifton L. Taulbert

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: Please pray for seminary students and others who are preparing for vocational ministry within and beyond our Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Words from T. J. and Erin Tepley

Dear Whitfield Family,

In a letter I received recently, T.J. Tepley shared the following words:

"The love and care radiating from Whitfield is overwhelming. You should be proud to have such a special congregation. Both Erin and I miss you and the members and we think about y'all often. Thanks again for all your thoughts and for helping me on this journey."

In an email I received recently, Erin Tepley shared the following words:

"We miss you all so much and truly appreciate everyone being so adamant about keeping in touch and checking in with us. I am fully aware that it truly takes a special church community to do that."

Please continue to pray for T. J. and the Tepley family during his deployment in Iraq. Please continue to pray for Jacob and the Allen family during his deployment in Japan.

In Him,

Carolyn

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

Primetimers

Will meet at Jan's Beach House Grill on Thursday March 9, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.

To make reservations, call Louise Forrester or Jackie Sheppard.

Attendance February 19, 2017

Sunday School 59 Morning Worship 89

Wednesday Night Dinner

March 1 - Ash Wednesday

Menu: Caprese Chicken, Feta Pasta, Vegetable Medley, Roll & Dessert

Program: Imposition of Ashes Service

SUPERHEROES WANTED



The American Cancer Society cordially invites you to

Relay for Life of Montgomery Metro

Superheroes Survivors' Brunch

Saturday, March 18, 2017

10 am

Young Meadows Presbyterian Church

5780 Vaughn Rd, Montgomery, AL 36116

Survivors may be accompanied by one guest

RSVP by March 10, 2017 to Tisha Ward

334.612.8179 or

acsmontgomerysurvivor@gmail.com

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).

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers for February 26 are offered to the Glory of God.



| WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS | | Upcoming Wednesday Night Programs |
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| Sunday, February 26 | | |
| Worship Service | 8:15 a.m. | 3/8 - Rich Persig, Testimony & Music |
| Sunday School | 9:15 a.m. | 3/15 - Spiritual Formation Series, Session 4 |
| Morning Social | 10:00 a.m. | 3/22 - NO WNS (Rummage Sale) |
| Choir Practice | 10:00 a.m. | 3/29 - Spiritual Formation Series, Session 5 |
| Worship Service | 10:30 a.m. | 4/5 - Spiritual Formation Series, Session 6 |
| UMYF | 5:00 p.m. | 4/12 - NO WNS (Holy Week) |
| When Helping Hurts Study (Susie Peach) | 5:00 p.m. | 4/19 - Resurrection Celebration |
| Monday, February 27 | | 4/26 - Al Smith, Renaissance |
| Walking Group (M-F) | 7:15 a.m. | |
| Tuesday, February 28 | | |
| Prayer Group | 7:15 a.m. | |
| Ladies Bible Study | 2:00 p.m. | |
| Wednesday, March 1 - ASH WEDNESDAY | | |
| Prayer Group | 2:30 p.m. | <i>In Sympathy</i> We extend our sincere sympathies to Kate Lindsey and family upon the death of her husband Dan Lindsey on Sunday, February 19, 2017 in Montgomery, Alabama. |
| PoP Prayer Group | 4:30 p.m. | |
| Wednesday Night Supper | 5:30 p.m. | |
| Imposition of Ashes Service | 6:15 p.m. | |
| Choir Practice | 7:00 p.m. | |
| Thursday, March 2 | | |
| Romans Study (Davis Martin) | 10:00 a.m. | USHERS NEEDED 10:30 Service 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 |
| Romans Study (Library) | 5:30 p.m. | |
| Friday, March 3 | | |
| Lifeline Screening | 8:00 a.m. | |
| Sew n Sews | 10:00 a.m. | |
| Saturday, March 4 | | |
| UPWARD Basketball | 9:00 a.m. | |

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, 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, Jack Behm, Philip Landry

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 26 (4th Sunday)

Ushers: (8:15) Mark Willis
(10:30) Youth

Counters: Martha Pippin, Ida McCain

Van Driver: Pam Merritt

Soundboard: (8:15) Harry Brantley
(10:30) Jeannie Anderson

Readers: (8:15) Margaret Feld
(10:30) Jeannie Anderson

Children's Worship: TJ Whitehead,
Patty Macready