

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

February 28-March 5, 2015

Walk Toward Jerusalem

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for the positive comments I have received regarding various Lenten messages that have been shared. God continues to use the words of Ann Weems to bless and encourage me. In her book *Kneeling in Jerusalem*, Weems shares the following message entitled “The Walk.” May God use these words to bless and encourage you, as well.

“Those of us who walk along this road do so reluctantly. Lent is not our favorite time of year.

We’d rather be more active—planning and scurrying around. All this is too contemplative to suit us. Besides we don’t know what to do with pioussness and prayer.

Perhaps we’re afraid to have time to think, for thoughts come unbidden. Perhaps we’re afraid to face our future knowing our past. Give us courage, O God, to hear your word and to read our living into it. Give us the trust to know we’re forgiven, and give us the faith to take up our lives and walk.”

Jesus has set His face to Jerusalem, where love and sorrow meet. As children of God, may we follow Him. As brothers and sisters in Christ, may we continue to journey through Lent and walk toward Jerusalem. During each step of this important journey, may we remember that God’s character is forgiving and loving. It is my hope and prayer that, as we journey together throughout these forty days, we will encounter our forgiving and loving God in fresh and powerful ways. Thanks be to God!

Journeying with you,

Carolyn

“Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you.” Psalm 86:4-5

“The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.” Psalm 103:8-12



**Holy Communion - Sunday,
March 6, 2016**

Holy Communion will be offered on Sunday, March 6th 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 it in December. If you did not receive in December, but would like to have Communion on March 6th, please call the church office by Thursday, March 3rd. This ministry is being sponsored by the A+ Council of Whitfield UMC.

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.

Wesley Heirs

Spring Meeting

Blue Lake—March 8-10

The Alabama-West Florida Conference WESLEY HEIRS will host their Spring Retreat "*CELEBRATE LIFE, LOVE, AND LAUGHTER*" March 8 - 10, 2016 at Blue Lake.

Registration begins Tuesday, March 8 at 10 am.

Attendance February 21, 2016

Sunday School 64

Morning Worship 88

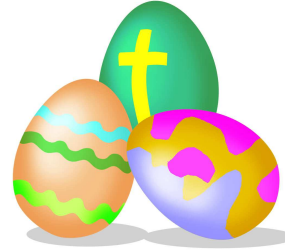
Wednesday Night Dinner

March 2

Menu: Spaghetti, Green Beans, Salad, Garlic Toast & Dessert.

Program: Lenten Study

**Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 12,
1:00 - 3:00 PM**



**Sheppard Center &
Surrounding Grounds
Bring your Basket, your
Sense of Adventure,
& Items for our Food Pantry!**

(Canned goods/Non-perishable items)

March 12th is the Great Day of Service.

Let's serve our community by filling our pantry!

**NEEDED: Filled Easter Eggs or Egg Fillers
(No empty eggs, please.)**

Miss Patty & the kids in "The First Selfie"



Flower Calendar

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

February 28, March 6 and April 3.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for February 28 are offered to the Glory of God.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, February 28

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.
ELECTION EQUIPMENT DELIVERY	12:30 p.m.

Monday, February 29

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
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Tuesday, March 1 - ELECTION PRIMARIES

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study	2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2

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, March 3

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

Friday, March 4

Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.
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Saturday, March 5

No events currently scheduled

Youth News...

"Man can live about forty days without food, about three days without water, about eight minutes without air, but only for one second without hope" - *Hal Lindsey*

I read this today and thought that it is so true, we have hope because we believe in God and that he sent his son to save us. We rekindle that hope every time we come to church and have fellowship with other Christians. I encourage you to give someone else hope by inviting them to join us on Sunday morning or Wednesday night.

There is Hope all over Whitfield!

Praise the Lord!

Beverly

PRIMETIMERS

Make your reservations now for our Primetimers luncheon on Thursday, March 10, at Mr. G's. Contact Jackie Sheppard, Lib Cain or Gail Gilmore.

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 28
(4th Sunday)**

Ushers: (8:15) Mark Willis

(10:30) Youth

Counters: Steve Duffee, Everett Hazen

Van Driver: Pam Merritt

Soundboard: (8:15) Harry Brantley

(10:30) Jeannie Anderson

Readers: (8:15) Kay Littlepage

(10:30) Jeannie Anderson

Children's Worship: TJ Whitehead,

Patty Macready