

THE WHITFIELD



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For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
March 5-March 11, 2017

Prayer for Beginning Our Journey Through Lent

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Last Sunday, February 26, we focused on the Transfiguration of Jesus. Following Ash Wednesday on March 1, we continue our journey through Lent. The following prayer, which is shared by Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church, speaks to my heart. May God use these words to speak to your hearts, as well.

Alleluia! You are the God of glory and might.

Alleluia! In the face of death and evil you reveal your true glory.

In liturgy and sacrament we have been on the mountain and we have seen the light streaming from Jesus, your Son.

Yet He tells us to tell no one.

Help us now to prepare to give up the "Alleluia"---not to lose it, but to refrain from attention to our version of glory so that we may retrace the way of the cross and come again to holy discipline and the renewal of our baptismal covenant.

Restrain us in our addiction to triumph and flawless perfection as rewards for following You.

Content us with grace sufficient for messy and discouraging circumstances.

Guide us in days of Lenten solemnity and the reordering of our affections.

Smile upon us as we hold gently the "Alleluia" concealed in our pockets.

Anchor us in Jesus who knew no safety apart from obedience and prayer.

Throughout this Lenten season, may we be transformed as we journey with Jesus to Jerusalem and Calvary!

Journeying with you,

Carolyn

"As the time approached for Him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem." Luke 9:51

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: Please pray for our Whitfield family and others to experience Jesus in fresh and powerful ways during and beyond Lent.

Wedding Shower for

Savannah Mashburn & Zane Christian

Please join the Whitfield family in celebrating their happiness!

Sunday, March 5, 2017

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Sheppard Center

We will have a "Money Tree" to fill up to help them complete their dream home together!

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

MARCH UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Women
The Sarah Circle will meet on
March 8, 2017 @ 10:00
In the Davis Martin Classroom

The Martha - Mary Prim Circle will meet on
March 23, 2017 @ 7:00PM
Home of Nancy Allen

We look forward to being together again --- please bring guests with you...
the more the merrier..... Lib Cain

Communities of Transformation

The United Methodist Church has committed to ministry WITH the poor as one of its focus areas. Our AWF Conference has embraced this focus by developing Communities of Transformation (COT).

COT is a ministry that partners low-income families with community volunteers (allies). Training for participants and allies is offered in an atmosphere which fosters relationships. After training is completed, small circles of support - customarily two volunteers with one participant - are created. These circles of support meet regularly and participants work together to pursue goals which focus on spiritual, relational, financial, occupational, and emotional areas of our lives. These relationships often bridge socioeconomic, cultural and racial gaps that divide us.

This all happens around a weekly meeting, which includes dinner, child care and positive, hope-filled experiences. Time and time again, new found hope and transformation is born in the lives of participants and allies.

Learn more about COT at our "Taste and See" on Tuesday, March 14 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Perry Hill U.M.C. A meal will be served from 5:30 to 6:15 with the program to follow until 8:00.

Attendance February 26, 2017

Sunday School 59 Morning Worship 89

Wednesday Night Dinner

March 8

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

Program: Rich Pirsig, Music & Testimony

Tuskegee Airmen's Historic Site

Thursday, April 6, 2017

The A+ Council will sponsor a trip to Tuskegee on Thursday, April 6th. We will meet at 9:00 am at the church to drive in private cars. We plan to tour the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site at 10:00 am. We will have lunch (Dutch treat) at the Kellogg Center in Tuskegee followed by a tour of "The Oaks", home of Booker T. Washington at 1:30 pm. We plan to return home by 4:00 pm.



Please sign up in the church office by Monday, March 27th. There is no charge for the trip since the museums are under the National Park Service.

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.

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 flowers for March 5 are offered to the Glory of God by Jimmy & Martha Lee in loving memory of her parents William Bascom Crosson and Martha LeGallee Crosson.

WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS		Upcoming Wednesday Night Programs
Sunday, March 5		
Worship Service	8:15 a.m.	3/15 - Spiritual Formation Series, Session 4
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.	3/22 - NO WNS (Rummage Sale)
Morning Social	10:00 a.m.	3/29 - Spiritual Formation Series, Session 5
Choir Practice	10:00 a.m.	4/5 - Spiritual Formation Series, Session 6
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.	4/12 - NO WNS (Holy Week)
Helen Maples Funeral Service	1:00 p.m.	4/19 - Resurrection Celebration
Mashburn / Christian Shower	2:00 p.m.	4/26 - Al Smith, Renaissance
UMYF	5:00 p.m.	
When Helping Hurts Study (Susie Peach)	5:00 p.m.	
Monday, March 6		
Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.	
Tuesday, March 7		
Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.	
Ladies Bible Study	2:00 p.m.	
Trustees Meeting (Library)	4:15 p.m.	
Wednesday, March 8		
Prayer Group	2:30 p.m.	
PoP Prayer Group	4:30 p.m.	
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, March 9		
Romans Study (Davis Martin)	10:00 a.m.	
Romans Study (Library)	5:30 p.m.	
Friday, March 10		
Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.	
Saturday, March 11		
AA Picnic Meeting (12-8 p.m.)	Noon	

In Sympathy
 We extend our sincere sympathies to the family of Helen Maples upon her death on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 in Montgomery, Alabama.

In Memoriam
 Helen Maples
 December 25, 1949 - February 28, 2017

TRUSTEES MEETING
Tuesday, March 7
4:15 p.m.
LIBRARY

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, Joan Rodgers, John Woodson, Dottie Suber, Charlotte Brambir, Mildred Jones, Betty Fuller, Kay Littlepage, Brownie Brown, Lib Cain, Tom Burns, Caryll Carrick, Elmer Stelk, Eloise Parsons, Bill Fischer, Jim Solomon, Edna Kohn, Helon Haack, Susan Richardson, Jay Byrd, Thursa Brown, Telsie Davis, Helen Maples, Betty Woodson, Louise Forrester, Mike Gafford

Home Bound Members (in-town)

Lois Payne, Nealie Pruitt, Emmett Turner, Teresa Chavers, Rubye Solomon, Margaret Deacy, Wayne Read, Delores Dodson, Mitzi Warren, Libby Richardson

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, Sharon Brugh, Margaret Ann Batley, Emma Hope Shaw, Joy Lushington, Doug Estes, Kate Lindsey, Myrtle Knight, Mona Pirsig, Mary Ellen Millis, Paul Lanier, Myles Wright, Ashley Dunwoody, Beverly Cornwell, Jean Cantey, 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 - March 5 (Communion)

Ushers: (8:15) Mary Thomason
(10:30) Ron Capel, Amanda Senn,
Brownie Brown, Carl Stevenson

Counters: Jan Heath,
Gene Holsenbeck

Van Driver: Ron Capel

Soundboard: (8:15) Harry Brantley
(10:30) Steve Duffee

Readers: (8:15) Mark Willis
(10:30) Earl Heath

Children's Worship: Communion