

THE WHITFIELD



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For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
March 6-March 12, 2015

The Gift of Repentance

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. On April 12, 1987, I professed my faith in Jesus Christ, was baptized and became a member of Prattville's First United Methodist Church. During this service of confirmation, other confirmands and I shared with the congregation about various topics we had discussed in preparation for our confirmation. I was assigned to share about the topic of repentance and I still remember the words I shared with my family of faith nearly thirty years ago. "Repentance means to feel sorry for one's sins. It means to change one's mind and attitude from disobeying God's will to believing God, obeying him and trusting him. For Christians, repentance should occur whenever we fail to please God."

Recently, Timothy C. Tennent, President of Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, shared the following words about repentance. "Repentance means a complete renovation of your whole way of thinking and living. It is not just being 'sorry for your sins.'"

As a family of faith, may we continue to observe a holy Lent and embrace this time of self-examination and repentance. As Christians, we must acknowledge the power, presence and practice of sin in our lives. As John reminds us in 1 John 1:8, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not within us." However, as John proclaims in 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." Thanks be to God for the gift of repentance and his ongoing redemptive and restorative work in our lives!

Journeying with you,

Carolyn

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." Acts 3:19

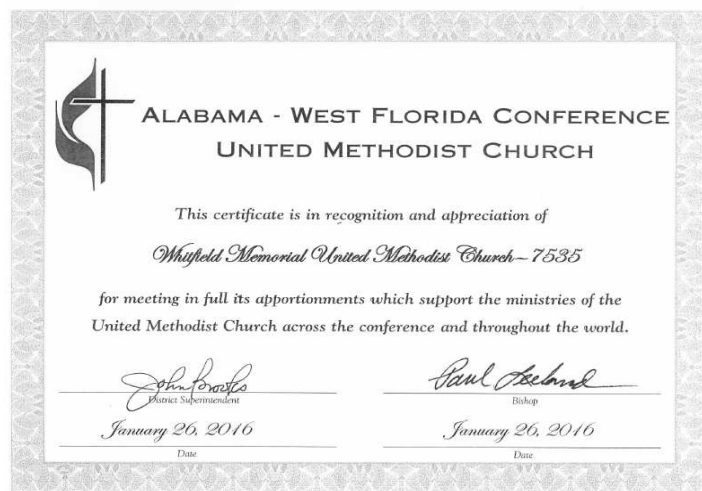
100% Apportionments

Dear Whitfield Family,

Recently, we received the following certificate to acknowledge the full payment of apportionments (conference missional giving) in 2015. Thank you for your faithful commitment to God and his kingdom work. To God be all glory, honor and praise!

Celebrating with you,

Carolyn



**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.

Springtime By the Sea: "Golden Memories in the Golden Isles"

May 16 - 19, 2016

Epworth by the Sea at St. Simons Island, Georgia

The yearly event for older adults will feature the 50th anniversary of the Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum and Archives. Brochures about the event are available in the church office or you may just go online to www.epworthbythesea.org. Springtime By the Sea includes a tour of a former rice plantation, a tram tour of Jekyll Island Millionaires Village with a Victorian Tea Buffet at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel Grand Dining Room as well as a visit to the Hamilton Plantation Tabby Slave Cabins. Also, there will be time to visit the museum with guides and learn about the 50 year history of the museum.

Please sign up in the church office and pick up a registration form. Fill out the form and attach your check by **Wednesday, March 30th** and leave in the church office. All of the registration forms and checks will be mailed to Epworth in one packet. Once we know how many will be going, we will begin to plan our transportation. Please call Nancy Pugh (244-2468) for any questions.

Attendance February 28, 2016

Sunday School 63

Morning Worship 109

Wednesday Night Dinner

March 9

Menu: Sunday Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Glazed Carrots, Steamed Broccoli, Roll & Dessert.

Program: Lenten Study

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 12,

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Sheppard Center &

Surrounding Grounds

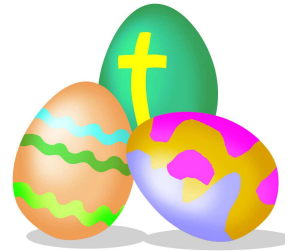
Bring your Basket

& Items for our Food Pantry!

(Canned goods/Non-perishable items)

NEEDED: Filled Easter Eggs or Egg Fillers

(No empty eggs, please.)



Great Day of Service

Saturday, March 12, 2016

Whitfield UMC plans to join with others from around our District in this day of serving others. The project that we have selected is to help at Mary Ellen's Hearth at the Nellie Burge Center.

We will plan to gather at the church at 8:00 am and go as a group in our van and/or cars to help out from 8:30 - 11:30 am. We plan to return to the church before 12:00 noon. Please sign up in the church office if you will be able to go out for this worthwhile project.

Communion Rail Offering

March 6, 2016

One Great Hour of Sharing

Donations to this fund help UMCOR to continue to meet the needs of families & communities left devastated in the wake of disaster.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for March 6 are offered to the Glory of God by Pete Miller.

<u>SCHEDULED EVENTS</u>		Youth News...
Sunday, March 6		<p>I believe as Christians it is our duty to live up to a higher standard when it comes to judging or being critical of others. It's so easy to criticize people who are not like us, or who do things in a way we don't approve. Paul said it best in Ephesians 4:29</p> <p>"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear."</p> <p>Let's all be graceful!</p> <p><i>Praise the Lord!</i> Beverly</p> <hr/> <p><i>In Sympathy</i></p> <p>We extend our sympathy to Alice Maples Henley and family upon the death of her grandfather Robert Maples on Sunday, February 28, 2016.</p> <hr/> <p>FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:</p> <p>Jelly, Large Cans of Fruit, Dried Beans and Rice.</p>
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.	
Jack Pippin Ringers Practice	4:00 p.m.	
Monday, March 7		
Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.	
Tuesday, March 8		
Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.	
Ladies Bible Study	2:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, March 9		
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 10		
Living the Covenant Study (Last Session)	10:00 a.m.	
Living the Covenant Study (Last Session)	5:30 p.m.	
Friday, March 11		
Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.	
Saturday, March 12		
Easter Egg Hunt	1:00 p.m.	

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, Tom Burns, Pat Stevenson, Caryll Carrick, Morgan Tepley, Elmer Stelk, Eloise Parsons, Sawyer Johns

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, Delores Dodson, Mitzi Warren, Hazel Askew

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

Peace for the nations and protection for all those who live and serve in harm's way.

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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 6
(Communion)**

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

Counters: Jan Heath, Jeannie Anderson

Van Driver: Ron Capel

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

Readers: (8:15) Kay Littlepage
(10:30) Earl Heath

Children's Worship: Communion