

THE WHITFIELD



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For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
March 13-March 19, 2015

The Gift of Forgiveness

Dear Whitfield Family

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Last Sunday, March 6, we partook of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Following “A Service of Word and Table II” in *The United Methodist Hymnal*, we proclaimed these words of pardon, “Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.”

Anna Lauren Schumpert Livingston, my friend and our sister in Christ, shared the following words about the presence of original sin, our subsequent need of forgiveness, and resulting new life in Jesus Christ.

“We were born dead because of sin and all in need of Jesus to breathe life into us.”

Timothy C. Tennent, President of Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, shared the following words about the effects of sin and the effects of forgiveness, reconciliation, and restoration through Jesus Christ.

“In Adam, we become identified with guilt, fear, and shame. In Christ, we are now identified with forgiveness, confidence, and honor.”

“Jesus is turning the tables on the contagion of sin, disease, and sickness. Rather than Jesus becoming unclean, we sinners ‘catch’ righteousness, purity, and health.”

Dr. David L. McKenna, former President of Asbury Theological Seminary, shared the following words about nature of God and his gift of forgiveness.

“Forgiveness is the set of His mind. Forgiveness is the leaning of His thoughts. Forgiveness is the breathing of His Spirit.”

We can do nothing to earn forgiveness. Rather, forgiveness is God’s gift to repentant humanity, through Jesus Christ and his work on the cross. As Christians, may we humbly and gratefully receive God’s precious and priceless gift to us. Throughout this holy season of Lent and every day of our lives, may we embrace and live in response to the promise that we are “forgiven and reconciled people.” Thanks be to God, the giver of “every good and perfect gift!”

Journeying with you,

Carolyn

“... We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Corinthians 5:20b-21

“Every good and perfect gift is from above....” James 1:17a

Thank you.

I would like to thank each one of you for all your prayers for me & my family. The Lord has heard these prayers and has been gracious in giving me victory over cancer. ...God is always faithful and will keep his promises as he tells us in Psalms 73:23 "Never the less I am continually with thee and holding thee by my right hand." Again, I can't thank you enough for all of your faithfulness to pray for me through out this journey.

May the Lord bless each one of you.....

Love your sister in Christ,

Sharon Brugh (Edna Kohn's daughter in law)

Springtime by the Sea: St. Simon's Island, Georgia
May 16 - 19, 2016

Brochures regarding this event are available in the church office or you can go online and look up information: www.epworthbythesea.org. The cost of the event, etc. is included in the brochure or online. If you wish to attend, please fill out the registration form and leave it with your check in the church office. Transportation will be planned once we know how many will be attending. The deadline for registering is Wednesday, March 30th.

Prattville's Way off Broadway Theater Presents:
ON GOLDEN POND

Performances through March 20th on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Purchase tickets online or contact the Cultural Arts and Special Events Office for the City of Prattville at (334) 595-0854

The dates are March 11,12,18, and 19 at 7:30 pm and March 13 & 20 at 2:00pm. On March 18-20, Angie Mitchell, our Music Director, will be playing the role of Ethel Thayer.

Attendance March 6, 2016

Sunday School 66

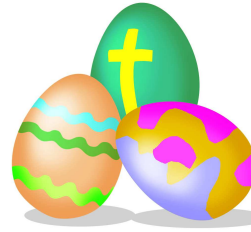
Morning Worship 101

Wednesday Night Dinner

March 16

Menu: Beef Tips & Rice, Pineapple Casserole, Side Salad, Roll & Dessert.

Program: Lenten Study



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 12,

1:00 - 3:00 PM

RAIN OR SHINE

Rain will move us into the Sheppard Center.

Please bring canned goods for the food pantry.

SAVE THE DATE

VBS - June 13-16

(Monday-Thursday)

Supper at 5:30—Lesson 6-8:00 p.m.

Jeremiah 33:1-3

The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still confined in the court of the guard: ²Thus says the LORD who made the earth,^[a] the LORD who formed it to establish it—the LORD is his name: ³Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

Rummage Sale

Sunday, April 3 at 1:00 p.m. we will need mostly male volunteers to assist with moving items into the Sheppard Center. The week of **April 3-9** 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 April 7)**

The annual Rummage Sale will be **April 8&9** and open to church members and staff on **Thursday, April 7**. 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 on the altar for March 13 are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of Tom & Gerrie Burns' 54th wedding anniversary.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, March 13 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS -

Set clocks FORWARD one hour

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| Worship Service | 8:15 a.m. |
| Sunday School | 9:15 a.m. |
| Jack Pippin Ringers Practice | 9:40 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. |

Monday, March 14

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

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

Wednesday, March 16

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| 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 17 - St. Patrick's Day

No Events Currently Scheduled

Friday, March 18

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| Sew n Sews | 10:00 a.m. |
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Saturday, March 19

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| AA Annual Picnic | Noon |
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Youth News...

Reminder to youth that we will be meeting at the church on Saturday morning at 8 am to help with the Great Day of Service project at Mary Ellen's Hearth. Also as a reminder to all Youth:

On Wed nights we meet at 5:30 for dinner and then at 6:15 we meet in the Youth room for meeting that is usually open discussion about current events , prayers and praises, a short Bible based devotion, and we usually end with a game.

On Sunday mornings we meet at 9:30 for Sunday School , 10:30 for our Worship Service, and then from 11:30 to 1:00pm for United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF). This includes lunch usually pizza, fellowship and a Bible based discussion/ devotion and as always games!

All youth are welcome !

Praise the Lord!

Beverly

In Sympathy

Our sympathies are extended to Cathy Cline and family upon the death of her father, Bob Wilkerson, on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in Montgomery, Alabama.

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, 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.

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 13
(2nd Sunday)**

Ushers: (8:15) Gene Holsenbeck
(10:30) Ken Carrick, Jim Solomon,
Jeannie Anderson, Brownie Brown

Counters: Steve Duffee,
Gene Holsenbeck

Van Driver: Pam Merritt

Soundboard: (8:15) Harry Brantley
(10:30) Vic Bradsher

Readers: (8:15) Earl Heath
(10:30) Erin Tepley

Children's Worship: Brianna Hazen,
Patty Macready