

THE WHITFIELD



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For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
March 19-March 25, 2017

“From Life’s Winters to Life’s Springs”

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Recently, a friend who has visited Whitfield and been blessed to receive roses from our beautiful rose garden asked, “Are the yellow roses beginning to bud yet?” Her question reminds me of the following words shared by Dr. Nathan Attwood, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Marianna, Florida.

Lent begins with no leaves on the trees and ends with flowers in full bloom, so that we will always know the way from life’s winters to life’s springs always comes through repentance.

In recent weeks, Marvin Richardson has pruned our existing rose bushes and planted new ones in preparation for spring. Pruning is necessary in order for new life to occur in our rose garden. Likewise, pruning is necessary in order for new life to occur in our spiritual lives. According to Merriam-Webster, to prune means “to cut off or cut back parts of for more fruitful growth.” During this Lenten season of self-examination and subsequent repentance, we acknowledge our sinfulness and need to be pruned by God in order to experience spiritual growth and produce more fruit through Him. We experience death to self in order to experience new life in Christ. Thanks be to God for His ongoing work in us and through us! To God, be all glory, honor and praise!

Journeying with you,

Carolyn

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.” John 15:1-2

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” John 15:8

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: Patty Macready will travel to Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates from March 22 through April 6. Please pray for safe travels and meaningful experiences.

Sympathy to The Kempfers

Dear Whitfield Family,

On March 12, Chaz Kempter shared the following message on Facebook:

It is with great sadness I announce that Momma Teresa Kempter passed away peacefully in her sleep. The Kempter family wants to thank each and every one of you who has faithfully prayed throughout these last 6 months. We felt the presence of God through your prayers. It was Momma's wish to have a private service and burial. Her body was laid to rest in her favorite place on earth...her own courtyard at home. She is survived by everyone who loves her dearly. September 22, 1961 - March 10, 2017.

The Kempfers have been a blessing to our family of faith and countless others. Please continue to pray for Chaz, Nathan, Danielle, JoAnna, Chris, Charli and all who love and miss Teresa. May God’s comfort, strength, peace and hope continue to surround this family. Expressions of love and sympathy can be mailed to:

The Kempter Family
11836 Holtville Road
Deatsville, AL 36022

God bless you,
Carolyn

Trip to American Village
Thursday, May 4, 2017

Step back in history to the time of the American Revolution.

American Village brings to life our nation's stories of liberty and sacrifice. Travel with us to the

Montevallo area on Thursday, May 4th. We will plan to travel in private cars, leaving the church at 8:00 am. The cost is \$9.00 for the Village. We will enjoy lunch (Dutch treat) at a local restaurant in Montevallo.

Trip sponsored by the A+ Council. Please sign up in the church office no later than Thursday, April 27. Find out more by going to: www.americanvillage.org



Wednesday Night Dinner
March 22
YARD SALE WEEK—NO SUPPER
Or PROGRAMS

Tuskegee Airmen's Historic Site
Thursday, April 6, 2017

Leave Whitfield at 8:30 am to travel in private cars. Tour the Airmen's Historic site, followed by lunch at the Kellogg Center. We will then tour "The Oaks", home of Booker T. Washington. Return home by 4:00 pm. Please sign up in the church office no later than Thursday, March 30. No cost for the trip except for lunch. Trip sponsored by the A+ Council. You can google Tuskegee Airmen's Historic Site and find out more information.



RUMMAGE Sale

The annual Rummage Sale will be Friday, **March 24 (8-2 p.m.) & Saturday, March 25 (8-Noon)** and open to church members and staff on **Thursday, March 23rd.**

If you have any items to be picked up, please call Gene Holsenbeck (334-322-8791).

THANK YOU

Thank you for the cards, calls, and prayers after the death of my sister, Mary Mellott.

They were truly appreciated and very comforting.

God bless,

Daisy & Elmer Stelk

A Time for Prayer

Have you thought about being in a prayer group? Groups are meeting at 7:30 on Tuesday mornings, and at 2:30 and 4:30 on Wednesday afternoons.

If these times are not good for you, we'll work with you to find a time. If you have questions, call us or email us. We hope you'll join us to pray for our Whitfield family, our church, our city and our world.

Jim and Pollyanna Judd
834-3917

It's Family Promise Time!

Sunday, April 2-Sunday
April 9



As usual, we depend on our Volunteers! We need:

1. **Meals:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
2. **Evening Hosts:** 5:30-8:30 p.m.
3. **Overnight Hosts:** 8:30 p.m.—7:00 a.m.
4. **Set-up Sunday,** 11:00 a.m.
5. **Clean Up Sunday,** 7:00 a.m.
6. **Wash linens - Daily** (Especially Sunday, 4/9/17)

Please call Nancy (281-5975) or

Elaine (272-2799) to volunteer.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers for March 19 are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of our of the Whitfield UMC Community by the Erin & TJ Tepley Family.



Attendance March 12, 2017

Sunday School 57 Morning Worship 75

WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS		RESTAURANT SUPPER CLUB
Sunday, March 19		<p>The Restaurant Supper Club will meet Monday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. at Ming's Garden.</p> <p>Please call Kay or Jim Solomon at 262-4805 to RSVP .</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.	
Handbell Practice	4:00 p.m.	
UMYF	5:00 p.m.	
Yard Sale Prep Begins	1:00 p.m.	
Monday, March 20		
Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.	
Tuesday, March 21		
Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.	
Wednesday, March 22		
Prayer Group	2:30 p.m.	
NO SUPPER OR PROGRAMS THIS WEEK		
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.	
Thursday, March 23		
Romans Study (Library)	10:00 a.m.	
Romans Study (Library)	5:30 p.m.	
Friday, March 24		
Yard Sale	8:00 a.m.	
Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.	
Saturday, March 25		
Yard Sale	8:00 a.m.	
		<p>PSALM 91:9, 14-16</p> <p>⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,</p> <p>¹⁴ Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.</p> <p>¹⁵ When they call me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.</p> <p>¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;">ALTAR FLOWER AVAILABLE DATES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 26 April 2 & 23 May 14, 21 & 28</p>

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, Bill Fischer, Kay Littlepage, Brownie Brown, Lib Cain, Tom Burns, Caryll Carrick, Elmer Stelk, Eloise Parsons, Jim Solomon, Edna Kohn, Helon Haack, Susan Richardson, Jay Byrd, Thursa Brown, Telsie Davis, Betty Woodson, Louise Forrester

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, 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, Janice Tepley

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 19 (3rd Sunday)

Ushers: (8:15) Carol Ann Free
(10:30) Steve Duffee, Neet Duffee,
Emma Duffee, Vic Bradsher

Counters: Louise Forrester,
Mary Thomason

Van Driver: Ron Capel

Soundboard: (8:15) Harry Brantley
(10:30) Jimmy Lee

Readers: (8:15) Lib Cain
(10:30) Barbara Reed

Children's Worship: Patty Macready