

# THE WHITFIELD



## SPIRIT



For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

April 2-April 8, 2017

### *God, Our Healer*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Recently, I read the following prayer. God is using this healing prayer to bless and encourage me. May it speak to your hearts, as well.

#### *Heal Me*

*Lord Jesus, heal me. Heal in me whatever You see that needs healing. Heal me of whatever might separate me from You. Heal my memory. Heal my heart. Heal my emotions. Heal my spirit. Heal my body. Heal my soul. Lay Your hands gently upon me and heal me through Your love for me. Amen.*

We are broken people living in a fallen world corrupted by sin. However, God is our Healer. He is our source of unending and unfailing help and hope. May "heal me" be the prayer of each of our hearts, today and every day. Through the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, may our Divine Physician and Healer touch each of us with His healing hand in His perfect timing and ways. Thanks be to God, our Healer, for His ongoing work of healing His beloved creation, including each of us!

Journeying with you,

*Carolyn*

"O Lord my God, I called to You for help and You healed me." Psalm 30:2

"Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress. He sent forth His Word and healed them; He rescued them from the grave." Psalm 107:19-20

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3

"Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed." Isaiah 53:4-5

**Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer:** Please pray for God to continue His healing work in us as individuals, families and a family of faith.

### **Rummage Sale Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who donated items and served in various roles to help make this year's rummage sale a great success. As of Sunday, March 26, the amount raised is \$4,858.97. Thanks be to God! May these funds be used to glorify Him and further our ministry efforts in His name.

With gratitude,

*Carolyn*

**PRIMETIMERS**

Primetimers will be at Longhorns on Eastern By pass on April 13th at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to: Gail Gilmore at 396-3358 or email: [ggilmore3358@att.net](mailto:ggilmore3358@att.net) no later than Monday, April 10, 2017.

**Holy Communion - Sunday, April 2, 2017**

Holy Communion will be offered on Sunday, April 2nd 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 Communion on Sunday, February 5th. If you did not receive in February, but would like to receive the sacrament on April 2nd, please call the church office by Friday, morning, March 31st. This ministry is being sponsored by the A+ Council at Whitfield UMC.

Dear Whitfield Family,

On behalf of my sisters and brother, I want to thank you for the outpouring of love and support we received during the illness and passing of our mother Helen Maples. The calls, cards and visits she received were a great encouragement to her. The food, fellowship, cards, prayers and memorial gifts following her passing were such a comfort to her family. We are blessed to be a part of the Whitfield family and so thankful for your support. With deepest gratitude, Alice Henley

**Thank you!**

Thank you each so much, for your kind thoughts and prayers as well as your encouraging phone calls and cards.

God Bless each of you,

*Louise Farrester*



**Attendance March 26, 2017**

Sunday School 58 Morning Worship 84

**Wednesday Night Dinner  
April 5**

**MENU:** Sunday Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Glazed Carrots, Broccoli & Dessert.

**PROGRAM:** Spiritual Formation, Session 6

**Tuskegee Airmen's Historic Site**

Thursday, April 6, 2017

If you wish to travel with us over to Tuskegee on April 6th, please take a moment to **sign up in the church office no later than Thursday, March 30th**. Not only will we see the Airman's Historic site, but we will also tour "The Oaks", the home of Booker T. Washington. At noon, we plan to enjoy a delicious lunch at the Kellogg Center near the campus. Sponsored by the A+ Council.

**FAMILY PROMISE WEEK  
APRIL 2—APRIL 9**

Volunteers needed for:

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) Call Nancy (281-5975) or Elaine (272-2799) to volunteer.

**Thanks**

In appreciation of the phone calls, cards and prayers for me in the death of my sister. I am so blessed to have a church family like Whitfield. A special thank you to my Susie Peach Sunday School Class. God Bless, Edna Kohn

**PSALM 121:1-2, 8**

- <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills from where will my help come?
- <sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- <sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers for April 2 are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of the Whitfield church staff by Jeannie Anderson.



<b>WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS</b>		<b>Young Adult Ministry (YAM)</b>
<b>Sunday, April 2</b>		<p>We are planning 5k Run and 1mile kids run to help bring awareness to Whitfield in the community, sometime in May or June. This will bring in runners and walkers who will pay to register and try to win a trophy! This will serve as an outreach and also a fundraiser for the YAM future Bibles at the Beach trip sometime in June or July. We have identified some potential YAM's that might get involved and will be using the trip as outreach, fellowship, and mission, by giving out Bibles again! I don't have solid dates yet but wanted to let everyone know what we are working on to build this ministry. ~ Beverly</p> <hr/> <p><i><b>In Sympathy</b></i></p> <p>We extend our sincere sympathy to Vivian Rogers and family upon the death of her husband Elmer Rogers on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 in Montgomery, Alabama.</p> <hr/> <p><i><b>In Sympathy</b></i></p> <p>We extend our sincere sympathy to The Tepley Family upon the passing of TJ's mother Janice Tepley on Friday, March 24, 2017 in Garfield Heights, Ohio.</p> <hr/> <p><b>OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES</b></p> <p><b>April 23</b></p> <p><b>May 14, 21 &amp; 28</b></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.	
<b>FAMILY PROMISE WEEK BEGINS</b>		
<b>Monday, April 3</b>		
Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.	
<b>Tuesday, April 4</b>		
Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.	
<b>Wednesday, April 5</b>		
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.	
<b>Thursday, April 6</b>		
No Events Currently Scheduled		
<b>Friday, April 7</b>		
Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.	
<b>Saturday, April 8</b>		
No Events Currently Scheduled		

## You Are In Our Prayers!!

### **Whitfield Members**

Vivian Rogers, Kirk Wood, Peggy Brown, Martha Parker, Henrietta Cusick, 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, Telsie Davis, Betty Woodson, Louise Forrester, Elmer Rogers, Aston Mashburn, Thursa Brown, Betty Bradsher

### **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, Blenda Lushington

### **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, Jack Behm, Philip Landry, Julia Bradshaw

### **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 - April 2 (Communion)**

**Ushers:** (8:15) Mary Thomason  
(10:30) Jimmy Lee, Brownie Brown,  
Amanda Senn, Ron Capel

**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:** Dawn Edwards