

# THE WHITFIELD



## SPIRIT



For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

April 9-April 15, 2017

### *God's Gift of Salvation*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. As we approach Holy Week, I share the following message with you. May it be a helpful tool for you and others. Furthermore, may it remind us of the salvific life and death of Jesus Christ for all humanity, including each of us.

**God's Grace:** *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith---and this not from yourselves, it is a gift from God.... Ephesians 2:8*

**Christ's Blood:** *Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him! Romans 5:9*

**The Holy Spirit's Gospel:** *I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. Romans 1:16*

**Sinner's Faith:** *They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved---you and your household.' Acts 16:31*

**Sinner's Repentance:** *'I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.' Luke 13:3*

**Sinner's Confession:** *For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10:10*

**Sinner's Baptism:** *...and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also---not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 3:21*

**Christian's Work:** *You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone....As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead. James 2:24, 26*

**Christian's Hope:** *For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? Romans 8:24*

**Christian's Endurance:** *'Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.' Revelation 2:10*

Please make every effort to take part in our multiple Holy Week services and bring others with you. Furthermore, please take advantage of every opportunity to share the gospel message and love of God with others, this week and always. Thanks be to God for His gift of salvation to repentant humanity!

Journeying with you,

Carolyn

**Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer:** Please pray for individuals to hear the gospel message, repent of their sins, receive forgiveness and salvation, and know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

### Thanks

Vivian Rogers and family wish to thank our Whitfield family for the many expressions of sympathy and love in our loss of Elmer. We say thanks for the delicious food, phone calls, cards and prayers.

A special "thank you" to Rev. Carolyn Nelson, Telsie Davis, Angie Mitchell and Jack Reed for having a part in the funeral service.

### 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.

### Save these Dates!!

Summer is around the corner, and that means we are gearing up for VBS and Blue Lake Camp.

**Camp Fundraiser Spaghetti Luncheon - May 21**, following 10:30 service.

**VBS - June 12-15 (Mon-Thurs)**, 5:30 - 8:00 pm.

Hero Central: Discover Your Strength In God!

**Blue Lake Crossroads (Tween Camp) - June 26- July 1**

**Blue Lake Worship Arts (Elementary Camp) - July 3-8**

### Blue Lake Camp Fundraiser!!

**May 21, 11:30-ish**

Join us for a Spaghetti Luncheon to benefit our Blue Lake Camp Scholarship Fund. We have 8 kids eligible for camp this year (including our 3 tweens). We always appreciate our church family helping with the cost of camp. We'll enjoy a great meal, fellowship and probably some funny camp stories. Mark your calendars!!

### Attendance April 2, 2017

Sunday School 56 Morning Worship 86

### Wednesday Night Dinner

April 12

**NO SUPPER OR PROGRAMS**

**HOLY WEEK**

### A Month of Special Sundays!!

April 9 - Passion/Palm Sunday with Palm Procession

April 16 - Easter with Celebration Procession

April 30 - Confirmation Sunday with 5th Sunday Fellowship Luncheon following the 10:00 AM worship service

### Lenten/Easter Calendar:

Sunday, 4/9 - Palm Sunday

Thur 4/13 - Holy Thursday Communion Service, 6:00 pm

Friday, 4/14 - Good Friday Service, Noon

Sunday, 4/16 - Easter Sunday

Wed., 4/19 - Resurrection Celebration

Wed., 4/26 - Al Smith, Renascence

Sunday, 4/30 - Confirmation Sunday, 10:00 AM (Lunch follows)

Wed, 5/3 - Sara Dubose, Storyteller

Wed., 5/10 - Zara Grace Centennial Celebration

Wed., 5/17 - The Kempters!!

Sunday, 5/21 - Spaghetti Fundraiser following 10:30 service

### Children's Ministry Easter Schedule

Children's Palm Sunday (3/20) and Easter Celebration (3/27 ) Processionals

10:15 in the Narthex

to receive instructions.



### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers for April 9 are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of Liam's birthday by Jackie Sheppard.



WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS	YOUTH NEWS
<p><b>Sunday, April 9—PALM SUNDAY</b>  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.</p> <p><b>Monday, April 10</b>  Walking Group (M-F) 7:15 a.m.</p> <p><b>Tuesday, April 11</b>  Prayer Group 7:15 a.m.</p> <p><b>Wednesday, April 12</b>  Prayer Group 2:30 p.m.  PoP Prayer Group 4:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO SUPPER OR PROGRAMS—HOLY WEEK</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Thursday, April 13</b>  Garden club Meeting (Jan Heath—Keystone) 9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Friday, April 14</b>  Sew n Sews 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Saturday, April 15</b>  No Events Currently Scheduled</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YOUTH NEWS</b></p> <p>Our youth group will not meet on Wednesday, April 12, or Easter Sunday, April 16. The regular meeting schedule will resume the following week.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Young Adult Ministry (YAM)</b></p> <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>
<p><b>Sunday, April 16—EASTER SUNDAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The morning April UMW meeting will be held on  Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 10:00 AM  Please come and enjoy an interesting program, great fellowship  and tasty snacks.  We look forward to seeing you &amp; your guests.....</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:</b>  <b>Canned Veggies and Canned  Fruit, Cereals and Jelly</b></p>

## 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, Telsie Davis, Betty Woodson, Louise Forrester, Elmer Rogers, Aston Mashburn, Thursa Brown, Betty Bradsher, Jay Byrd

### **Home Bound Members (in-town)**

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

### **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 9 (2nd Sunday)**

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

**Counters:** Carl Stevenson,  
Steve Duffee

**Van Driver:** Pam Merritt

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

**Readers:** (8:15) Tommi Holsenbeck  
(10:30) Emma Duffee

**Children's Worship:** Briana Hazen