

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

April 10–April 16, 2016

Hope Heals Book Launch: Sunday, April 17

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. I am excited to share with you about a wonderful opportunity in the near future. On Sunday, April 17, at 6:00 p.m., Katherine and Jay Wolf will speak and hold a book launch at Montgomery's First Baptist Church. Jay and Katherine are the son and daughter-in-law of Dr. Jay and Mary Ruth Wolf. Jay has served as senior pastor of First Baptist Church since 1991.

Katherine and Jay met at and graduated from Birmingham's Samford University, which is also my alma mater. They married in 2004 and moved to California, where Jay attended Pepperdine Law School and Katherine pursued a career in the entertainment industry. On April 21, 2008, at the age of twenty-six, Katherine suffered a massive brain stem stroke while their six-month-old son, James, slept in the next room. Katherine was not expected to recover and has undergone numerous surgeries and extensive rehabilitation. Since her stroke, she has re-learned to eat, speak and walk. She deals with ongoing obstacles, including double vision, deafness, facial paralysis and lack of fine motor coordination in her hand. A small brain aneurysm was removed in November 2013, as well. To read the original blog following Katherine's stroke, please visit: katherinewolf.info.

However, God has brought and continues to bring beauty from ashes. In the midst of earthly trial, hope remains. Katherine and Jay serve as missionaries of hope through the full-time ministry Hope Heals (www.hopeheals.com). They share their story and hope through many forums in person, in print and online. Additionally, Katherine and Jay share their story in *Hope Heals: A True Story of Overwhelming Loss and Overcoming Love*, which they co-authored. The book will be released on April 26, 2016. Katherine and Jay will have copies available to be purchased and signed at their book launch on April 17. The book is available for purchase online, as well.

In addition to the life-giving ministry of Hope Heals, God has blessed the Wolf family with new life. On July 26, 2015, Katherine and Jay joyfully welcomed their second son, John Nestor, who is named after Dr. Nestor Gonzalez. Dr. Gonzalez is Katherine's neurosurgeon who performed her initial life-saving surgery, as well as subsequent surgeries.

Countless individuals worldwide have prayed for Katherine and been touched by her story. Our own Tuesday morning prayer group has lifted Katherine and her family to God in prayer. I have been in communication with Katherine and Jay for years and have invited them to speak at Whitfield when their schedule permits. In the meantime, I look forward to taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity to hear them speak and support their book launch on April 17. I strongly encourage you to attend and bring others with you. Thanks be to God, our wellspring of hope!

Hopeful,

Carolyn

"The hope we desperately cling to with every fiber of our being is the only true hope that heals—hope in Jesus Christ."
Katherine and Jay Wolf

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Hebrews 6:19



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

May 16 - 19, 2016

Epworth by the Sea at St. Simons Island, Georgia

Registration is still open for this event which features the 50th Anniversary of the Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum and Archives and many other side trips in the area. Brochures are available in the church office or you may go online to www.epworthbythesea.org to learn all of the details. Fill out the form and leave it in the church office with your check. All forms will be mailed in one packet to Epworth. Call Nancy Pugh for further questions.

Annual Whitfield Rummage Sale

Friday, 4/8 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, 4/9 from 8a.m. to 12:30

Dearest Whitfield Friends:

Thank you for blessing my life with an Easter lily that graced the altar of Whitfield UMC. You are and always will be a special place for me and I will always hold you close in my heart and prayers.

God bless you!

Margaret Ann Batley

SAVE THE DATE!!

5th Sunday Fellowship

Spaghetti Fundraiser

For Camp Scholarships



Sunday, May 29th

The Children's Ministries will do the cooking, so come and enjoy a delicious spaghetti lunch, and help us to send 8 kids to Blue Lake Camp.

Attendance April 3, 2016

Sunday School 71

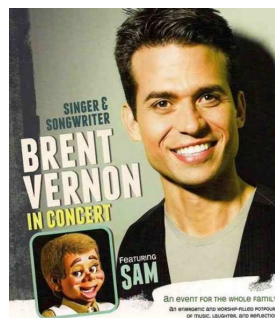
Morning Worship 113

Wednesday Night Dinner

April 13

Menu: Caprese Chicken, Feta Pasta, Vegetable Medley, Roll & Dessert.

Program: Brent Vernon—Ventriloquist
Singer / Songwriter



Ventriloquist Brent Vernon & Sam will be our April 13th program. Invite your family, friends and neighbors!

Alabama West Florida 2016 Annual Conference

June 12-15, 2016

Frazer UMC

PRIMETIMERS

Primetimers will meet Thursday, April 14 at

11:30 a.m. at the Capitol Oyster Bar.

Please call Norma Prater, 272-8474, to make a reservation.

The UMW of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

The UMW Sarah Circle

will meet on

Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at 10:00 AM

The UMW Martha – Martha Mary Prim Circle

will meet on

April 28, 2016, at 7:00 PM

At the home of Nancy Allen.....3016 Merrimac.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for April 10 are offered to the Glory of God in honor of Liam Adams' birthday by Jackie Sheppard.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, April 10

Worship Service
Sunday School
Morning Social
Choir Practice
Worship Service
UMYF

8:15 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.

Monday, April 11

Walking Group (M-F)
Election Equipment Delivery

7:15 a.m.
2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12

Run-off Election
Prayer Group
Ladies Bible Study

7:00 a.m.
7:15 a.m.
2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13

Wednesday Night Supper
Program—BRENT VERNON
Children's Activities
Youth Engage
Choir Practice

5:30 p.m.
6:15 p.m.
6:15 p.m.
6:15 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 14

Garden Club Meeting
Primetimers at Capitol Oyster Bar

10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.

Friday, April 15

Sew n sews

10:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 16

No events currently planned

Youth News....

Youth Car Wash this Saturday
April 9 from 10 am to 12pm to raise
money for Youth mission trip fund!

Praise the Lord!

Beverly



In Memoriam

George Fulton Suber Jr.
August 4, 1930-April 3, 2016

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Dottie Suber
and family upon the death of her
husband George Suber on Sunday, April 3,
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, Helon Haack, Telsie Davis, Edna Kohn, Kay Littlepage, Brownie Brown, Lib Cain, Tom Burns, Caryll Carrick, Elmer Stelk, Eloise Parsons, Sawyer Johns

Home Bound Members (in-town)

Lois Payne, Johnnie Smith, Nealie Pruitt, Emmett Turner, Teresa Chavers, Ruby Solomon,
Helen Lawrence, Margaret Deacy, Wayne Read, Delores Dodson, Mitzi Warren, Hazel Askew, Maxene Fischer

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, Myles Wright

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 10
(2nd Sunday)**

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

Counters: Steve Duffee,
Jeannie Anderson

Van Driver: Pam Merritt

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

Readers: (8:15) Tommi Holsenbeck
(10:30) Erin Tepley

Children's Worship: Brianna Hazen,
Patty Macready