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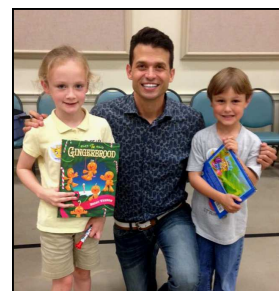
For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

April 24-April 30, 2016

“Your Story’s Not Over”

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. On Wednesday evening, April 13, we were blessed by the multiple God-given gifts of our brother in Christ, Brent Vernon. During our time together, Brent shared a song from his new CD, Hope and Hunger. The song is entitled “Your Story’s Not Over.” God is using these words of encouragement to speak to my heart in powerful ways. It is my hope and prayer that God will use these words to bless your hearts, as well.



“Verse One: There was a fire burning deep down inside of you, a blazing hope and hunger. You knew no limitations, so free to dream and do and all the world seemed younger. Somewhere along the way, you met with disappointment. Your heart was bruised and a dream was crushed. Somewhere along the way, the years began to mock you and now those dreams are dust.

Chorus: Your story’s not over. The journey’s not through. Just watch in amazement at what God can do. Replacing your sorrow, erasing the fear, redeeming the deepest regret. Don’t go believing He’s done with you now. Your story’s not over. Your story isn’t over yet.

Verse Two: There’s still an ember glowing deep down inside of you but who would ever know it? That quiet aspiration, that little ray of hope, you’re so afraid to show it. You have not reached the end. Your book is still wide open. Give Him the pen. Let Him decide. Creator, Author, Friend, He’ll write your great adventure and never leave your side.”

I believe each of us can relate to the words of this song. Each of us has had hopes and dreams. Furthermore, each of us has experienced disappointment, a bruised heart and a crushed dream. However, as God reminds us through Brent’s words, your story and my story are not over when the reality of life does not turn out as we hoped and dreamed it would be. Rather, the Creator and Author of our lives redeems, restores and continues to write His beautifully unique version of each of our stories. With each new day, He writes His ongoing story for each of our lives and He promises to be with us every step of the journey. If you are reading these words, then be assured that God is not done with you. Thanks be to God that the “story’s not over” for you or for me! Through each of our stories, may God be glorified!

Trusting our Author,

Carolyn



“The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands.” Psalm 138:8

“Being confident in this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6

To learn more about Brent Vernon and his ministry, and to purchase Brent’s CDs and books, please visit www.brentvernon.com.

Congratulations!!!

Emma Duffee was chosen for MPS Honor Chorus. They will perform at Frazer Memorial UMC on Tuesday, April 26th, at 6:00pm. The concert will be broadcast live on (channel 13) Frazer TV.

She is also a member of the Bear Exploration Center Honor Chorus, which will be performing the National Anthem for the Montgomery Biscuits game May 9th (Monday). The game starts at 7:05 pm.

The Whitfield Preschool Second Annual "No Bake - Bake Sale"

We discussed it, pondered it, then discussed it some more! Here's what we finally decided would be fun for everyone - we hope you agree.

Our Whitfield Preschool needs some funds for various projects that will enhance the quality of care the teachers provide the children. Since we all lead busy lives and most of us don't do much baking any more we thought a "No Bake - Bake Sale" would be a good thing!

We are asking that you donate the money you would have spent on ingredients for baking cookies, cakes, cupcakes, bread or candy for a 'real' bake sale. It will be so easy to make a donation, just think - no shopping, no mixing, no hot oven and no dishes to wash!

We will have decorated boxes in the Sheppard Center and the narthex until May 15 or you can place donations in the offering plate. Please place cash in an envelope marked for Preschool and indicate Preschool on checks. Preschool Board members will also be happy to take your donations.

Thank you in advance for helping us assist the teachers as they provide the quality care our Whitfield Preschool children and their families deserve.

Supper Club

The Restaurant Supper Club will meet Monday, April 25th at Longhorn Steakhouse at 6:00 p.m.

RSVP to Ken or Caryl Carrick (288-8612)

Attendance April 17, 2016

Sunday School 63

Morning Worship 109

Wednesday Night Dinner

April 27

Menu: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Field Peas, Roll & Dessert.

Program: District Superintendent, Rev. John Brooks.

Festival of Wisdom and Grace

August 1 - 4 at Lake Junaluska, N.C.

This conference invites all who are thirsty to "Come to the Water". Early registration is due before June 1, 2016 and is \$75.00. Make your check out to Whitfield UMC by Monday, May 16th. The cost for the event at Lambuth Inn is: Double occupancy: \$264.00 per person which includes 3 nights lodging and 9 meals. You may look up many more details on the web site: www.lakejunaluska.com/eventsspiritual_enrichment/wisdom_and_grace

Contact Nancy Pugh for questions.

Youth News....

"Keep in mind, hurting people often hurt other people as a result of their own pain. If somebody is rude and inconsiderate, you can almost be certain that they have some unresolved issues inside. They have some major problems, anger, resentment, or some heartache they are trying to cope with or overcome. The last thing they need is for you to make matters worse by responding angrily." – Joel Osteen
Praise the Lord!

Beverly

It's A Girl!

Thank you for all the prayers and well-wishes and a special thanks to Pearl Capel for filling in at the desk when I went to Georgia this weekend to meet my brand new granddaughter Anna James. She was born to Jacob & Natalie Burnett on Saturday, April 16. She was 20.5 inches and weighed 8lbs. 1oz.



Love, Jennifer Andrews

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for April 24 are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of their 10th wedding anniversary by TJ & Erin Tepley.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, April 24

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| 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. |
| UMYF | 11:30 a.m. |
| Jack Pippin Ringers Practice | 4:00 p.m. |

Monday, April 25

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| Walking Group (M-F) | 7:15 a.m. |
| Restaurant Supper Club (Longhorn Steakhouse) | 6:00 p.m. |

Tuesday, April 26

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

Wednesday, April 27

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| Wednesday Night Supper Program | 5:30 p.m. |
| Children's Activities | 6:15 p.m. |
| Youth Engage | 6:15 p.m. |
| Choir Practice | 7:00 p.m. |

Thursday, April 28

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| UMW Night Circle | 7:00 p.m. |
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Friday, April 29

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| Sew n sews | 10:00 a.m. |
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Saturday, April 30

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| UMW Mission Study | 8:00 a.m. |
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Hope Heals Book Launch Update

Members of our Whitfield family attended the book launch of *Hope Heals: A True Story of Overcoming Loss and Overwhelming Love* at Montgomery's First Baptist Church on Sunday evening, April 17. It was a blessing to meet authors, Katherine and Jay Wolf, hear their powerful testimony and purchase signed copies of *Hope Heals*. I highly recommend this book! As broken human beings living in a fallen world corrupted by sin, each of us experiences suffering during our lifetime. The Wolfs' story reminds us that God brings beauty from the ashes of our lives. Even if our life story is different than what we would have written for ourselves, each of us has the choice to embrace our life story and watch God redeem and restore our areas of brokenness for our good and his glory. *Hope Heals* is available in bookstores on April 26. It is available for pre-order (Hardcover and Kindle editions) at www.hopehealsbook.com and www.amazon.com. I encourage you to visit www.hopeheals.com for more information on the Wolf family and the ministry of Hope Heals. If you would like to send words of encouragement to Katherine and Jay, their contact information is as follows:

The Wolf Family (Katherine, Jay, James and John)

P.O. Box 1183

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Hopeful,

Carolyn

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, Rodney Blankenship

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, 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 24
(4th Sunday)**

Ushers: (8:15) Carol Ann Free,
Mary Thomason
(10:30) Youth

Counters: Martha Pippin, Ida McCain

Van Driver: Pam Merritt

Soundboard: (8:15) Harry Brantley
(10:30) Jeannie Anderson

Readers: (8:15) Margaret Feld
(10:30) Jeannie Anderson

Children's Worship: TJ Whitehead,
Patty Macready