

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT



For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
May 7-May 13, 2017

“Run and Not Grow Weary”

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. On Saturday, April 22, a friend and I took part in my first 5k, the Steeple to Steeple Run from Trinity United Methodist Church to Canterbury United Methodist Church in Birmingham. Proceeds from this event support the work of the United Methodist Children’s Home. Due to pain in my friend’s knee and my achilles tendon, training was challenging, at times. However, we successfully completed the race that was set before us. Furthermore, we plan to take part in the 10k event next year.

A few weeks before the race, in response to our conversation about difficult life circumstances currently being faced, my friend reminded me of Isaiah 40:31. In the weeks since, I have been encouraged by and gained strength from this verse and surrounding verses. Isaiah 40:28-31 is as follows:

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Each of us, regardless of who we are or what we do, will experience earthly trials. None of us is immune. However, as children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ, we do not have to face the trials of life alone. Through the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, God is always with us. Additionally, He has blessed us with family, friends and the body of Christ to help us carry the load and weather the storms throughout life’s journey. Thanks be to God for these precious and priceless gifts! In grateful response to these gifts, may we cling to God and one another as we continue to journey toward our eternal heavenly home. May we “run and not grow weary” and successfully complete the race that is set before us!

Running the race,

Carolyn

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” Hebrews 12:1-3

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: Please pray for the Alabama-West Florida Conference pastors and families who are moving and the churches who are sending and receiving them.

I am happy to share that I will continue to serve as pastor at Whitfield in the 2017-18 appointment year. I am thankful to God for this opportunity and look forward to a great year ahead. Thank you for your prayers and support. God bless you!

PRIMETIMERS

Primetimers will meet at the
Capitol Oyster Bar
617 Shady Street

Thursday, May 11, 11:30 A.M.

Come and join us. Call Nancy or Curtis
Ingram (334-279-9811) for reservations.

What a Great Day for Whitfield!

We are so proud to welcome *Gracie Edwards, Emma Duffee, and Sarah Blackwell* into full membership.

Our Confirmation Sunday saw many visitors and church members come together to celebrate as these young ladies joined the church.

We are thankful for their Confirmation Leader, Alice Henley, and their mentors: Jeannie Anderson, Jannett Baggett, and Marty Lanier. Their guidance and mindful presence has been invaluable to the Confirmation process. We are also so grateful for their parents, who lead by example and teach their children the importance of faithful living.

What a blessing for our church and community. May the God of our ancestors and our future continue to guide and direct our church and its ministries.

THE KEMPTERS

Wednesday, May 17 (Sanctuary)

The Kempters will perform in concert after our Wednesday night supper on May 17 in the sanctuary.



Attendance April 30, 2017

Sunday School 46 Morning Worship 102

Wednesday Night Dinner

May 10

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

PROGRAM: Zara Grace's
Centennial Celebration!!

Wednesday, May 10 @ 6:15 PM



Our beloved Zara Grace turned 100 on May 1. Come help her celebrate this milestone during our Wednesday Night Supper & Program on May 10. Zara (and a big birthday cake) will be the main attraction, as we share stories and travel down memory lane with this special lady. We will have a card basket available for your special notes of congratulations and encouragement.

Please make reservations to join us for our Fellowship Supper at 5:30 PM, by **Monday, May 8, at Noon.**

LIFELINE SCREENING

JULY 5

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church on 7/5/2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for May 7 are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of the May birthdays of Trey Bosch, Katie Holsenbeck and Chris Holsenbeck.

WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, May 7

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—None this week

Monday, May 8

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
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Tuesday, May 9

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
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Wednesday, May 10

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.

Thursday, May 11

No Events Currently Scheduled

Friday, May 12

Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.
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Saturday, May 13

No Events Currently Scheduled

Sunday, May 14 - Mother's Day

From the Youth...

We would like to thank the Whitfield Congregation for the love and support throughout our confirmation classes. Thank you for the encouraging words, gifts, cards, and prayers. Our journey with Christ has just begun, and we are looking forward to this journey as Whitfield members.

In Christ's Love,
Emma, Gracie, and Sarah

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Canned fruits, canned vegetables, dried milk, Jelly, Tooth brushes and tooth paste.

In Memoriam

Louise Culberson Forrester
December 24, 1932 - April 29, 2017

In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Louise Forrester upon her death on Saturday, April 29, 2017 in Montgomery, Alabama.

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, Ashton 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, Aaron Turner

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 - May 7 (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