

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

May 8-May 14, 2016

“Out of This World”

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. On April 29, 2015, my friend, Doug Estes, blessed us by sharing his testimony and God-given musical gifts. Recently, Doug shared with me a CD he recorded entitled *Out of This World*. It features him playing well-loved hymns on the piano, as well as singing and playing on the piano two songs he composed. One of his original songs bears the same title as the CD, “*Out of This World*.” God is using the words of this song to speak to my heart. It is my hope and prayer that they will speak to your hearts, as well.

“A young man walked out of a bar one night, left on his way home. Never made it there, he never saw another day. Now his friends feel all alone. Was he ready to fly away, out of this world?”

And all we do is ask the question, ‘Why?’ Before one leaves, can’t we say goodbye? The only thing that we can do is trust God’s love. Be ready for that journey up above.

Jesus hung on a cross long ago, hung his head and died. His mother, Mary, stood there in disbelief, could do nothing but cry. But he was ready to fly away, out of this world. The Son of God knew he had to die. It was the only way to give us life. He gave all he could give. Now the choice is up to you, to live for him in everything you do.

You wake up one morning, just another sunny day. There might be a band of angels waiting to carry you away. Are you ready to fly away? Are you ready to fly away? Are you ready to fly away, out of this world?”

These heartfelt words beautifully convey powerful truths. First, we are reminded that life is fragile and can change in an instant. None of us knows what the future holds or how many days we have left on this earth. None of us is promised tomorrow. Life is a gift. Each day is a gift. Each breath is a gift. Thus, it is vital for each of us to value the gift of life and live accordingly. It is important for us to remember that time is of the essence. We must not put off until tomorrow the important aspects of life that should be addressed today. We must not leave important words unspoken and important tasks undone until it is too late. If you need to tell someone “I love you,” then do it now. If you need to ask someone for and receive forgiveness, then do it now. If you need to extend forgiveness to someone, then do it now. If you need to make a change in your life, then do it now. If you need to take advantage of an opportunity, then do it now. Now is the time. Today is the day. Tomorrow may be too late.

Additionally, we must remember and not take for granted Jesus and his ultimate expression of sacrificial love displayed on Calvary’s cross. Jesus gave all he had, his very life, to become the way for humanity to receive forgiveness of sins, salvation and eternal life, by grace through faith in him. We can do nothing to deserve, earn or repay God’s gift of himself to us. Rather, we can receive this most precious and priceless gift and live in response to it. Therefore, through the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, may every aspect of our lives be lived for him. May each of us spend our days, however many we are given, serving him faithfully by using our God-given gifts to glorify him and bless others.

Finally, it is of the utmost importance for each of us to have our spiritual life in order and be ready to journey to our eternal heavenly home, whenever our time comes. Jesus desires to be the merciful Savior and reigning Lord of each of our lives. As we are reminded in 1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” As each of us continues our journey toward heaven, may we love, trust, follow and serve Jesus. When our days on earth are accomplished, may you and I, indeed, be “ready to fly away, out of this world” and spend eternity with him. To God be all glory, honor and praise!

Ready to Fly,

Carolyn

“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

Matthew 24:36



The Whitfield Preschool
"No Bake - Bake Sale"
Through May 15
Boxes located in the Narthex
and in the Sheppard Center.



Wednesday Night Dinner May 11

Menu: Sunday Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Glazed Carrots, Broccoli, Roll & Dessert.

Program: Michael Briddell - Mayor's Office

Remember:

Mother's Day is this Sunday,
 May 8. The children will sing a
 special tribute song during the
 Children's Sermon.



We will rehearse during the
 Sunday school time (9:30) in the Sanctuary.

PSALM 37:4-6

- 4 Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:
- 6 He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

COMING SOON!

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.

PRIMETIMERS

Day & Time: Thursday, May 12 at 11:30 a.m.
Location: Cracker Barrel / Eastchase
Hosts: Gail Gilmore & Sharon Whatley
RSVP to Gail: 396-3358 or
e-mail: ggilmore3358@att.net
By: May 9

THE MAY MEETINGS OF THE UMW
Whitfield United Methodist Church

The May Morning Meeting will be held on May 11, 2016. The Sarah Circle will meet at 10:00 AM.

The Martha Mary Prim Circle will meet on the 4th Thursday, May 26, 2016. Meeting to be held at 7:00 PM @ the home of Nancy Allen.

You are invited to join us for any meeting; you do not have to be a member.



On Sunday, May 1, it was great to welcome Miss Patty's friend, George, from Abu Dhabi!

Whitfield Preschool Year End Program

Friday, May 20
 11:00 a.m.
 Sanctuary

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for May 8 are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of their mothers, Mary Will Holsenbeck and Bobby Bess Cranford, by Gene & Tommi Holsenbeck.

Attendance May 1, 2016

Sunday School 70 Morning Worship 104

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, May 8 - Mother's Day

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.

Monday, May 9

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
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Tuesday, May 10

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
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Wednesday, May 11

UMW Morning Circle	10:00 a.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 12

Primetimers at Cracker Barrel	11:30 a.m.
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Friday, May 13

Sew n sews	10:00 a.m.
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Saturday, May 14

No events currently scheduled

Youth News....

The Youth will be planning a movie night soon to go and see *God Is Not Dead 2*. We will decide on a date for the movie as well as the Youth Pool Fellowship, and some other events this Sunday at Youth.

Youth is right after church ..which is right after Sunday School.. which is at 9:30!

Praise the Lord!

Beverly

Eleanor Carmichael's

Estate Sale

May 9 & 10, 2016

2616 Gladlane Dr.

Montgomery, AL 36111

Monday, 5/9 from 8:30 until 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 5/10 from 8:30 until Noon

Presented by: Linda Shogen Antiques

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, 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, Nathan Hamilton, Mary Ellen Millis, Frank Ruud, Jerry Huie, Rev. David Stuart, Paul Lanier, 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 - May 8
(2nd Sunday)**

Ushers: (8:15) Mark Willis
(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) Patty Macready
(10:30) Erin Tepley

Children's Worship: Brianna Hazen,
Patty Macready