

# THE WHITFIELD



# SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

May 15-May 21, 2016

## *“The Touch of the Master’s Hand”*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Throughout my life, I have heard my mother quote portions of the poem “Touch of the Master’s Hand” by Myra Brooks Welch. Recently, I read this poem in its entirety in the “poems that tell a story” section of the book *The Best Loved Poems of the American People*. This book, which was copyrighted in 1936, was my father’s textbook in 1949, when he was a junior in high school. May God use these words to bless you, as he is using them to bless me.

*“’Twas battered and scarred and the auctioneer thought it scarcely worth his while to waste much time on the old violin, but held it up with a smile: ‘What am I bidden, good folks,’ he cried, ‘Who’ll start the bidding for me?’ ‘A dollar, a dollar’; then, ‘Two!’ ‘Only two? Two dollars, and who’ll make it three? Three dollars, once; three dollars, twice; Going for three-----” But no, from the room, far back, a gray-haired man came forward and picked up the bow; then, wiping the dust from the old violin, and tightening the loose strings, he played a melody pure and sweet as a caroling angel sings.*

*The music ceased, and the auctioneer, with a voice that was quiet and low, said: ‘What am I bid for the old violin?’ and he held it up with the bow. ‘A thousand dollars, and who’ll make it two? Two thousand! And who’ll make it three? Three thousand, once, three thousand, twice, and going, and gone,’ said he. The people cheered, but some of them cried, ‘We do not quite understand what changed its worth.’ Swift came the reply: ‘The touch of a master’s hand.’”*

*And many a man with a life out of tune, and battered and scarred with sin, is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd, much like the old violin. A ‘mess of pottage,’ a glass of wine; a game----and he travels on. He’s ‘going’ once, and ‘going’ twice, he’s ‘going’ and almost ‘gone.’ But the Master comes and the foolish crowd never can quite understand the worth of a soul and the change that’s wrought by the touch of a Master’s hand.”*

The words of this poem tell a powerful story, indeed! Furthermore, Welch’s closing words echo the opening words of Rufus H. McDaniel’s well-loved hymn “Since Jesus Came into My Heart.” As forgiven and reconciled people, by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, each believer is able to proclaim, “What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought since Jesus came into my heart.” Thanks be to God for “the change that’s wrought by the touch of a Master’s hand!”

Touched by the Master,

*Carolyn*

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

2 Corinthians 5:17



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



**Wednesday Night Dinner**  
**May 18**

**Menu:** Beef Tips, Rice, Pineapple Casserole,  
 Salad, Roll & Dessert.

**Program:** Mandy & Jeff Moody

To my Whitfield friends,

Thank you all for your many cards, prayers,  
 calls and visits during my recent illness and  
 hospitalization. Each day was better because of  
 your thoughtfulness and friendship! We have a  
 wonderful church family!

Blessings,

*Caryll Carrick*

**Pentecost**

This Sunday, May 15, will be our  
 Pentecost Ministry Celebration.



Also, please remember to **WEAR RED**  
 in celebration of the Spirit!

Pentecost Sunday represents an ending as well as  
 a beginning: the end of the "Great Fifty Days" of  
 the Easter Season (Pentecost means "the 50th  
 day" in Greek) and the beginning of the com-  
 memorations of the early church. Pentecost also  
 gives us an opportunity to ask ourselves the  
 question, "What are we 'on fire' about?" ~ from  
 UMC.org

**Lifeline Screening**

Will be at Whitfield UMC again on Monday,  
 June 20, 2016.

**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". The leaders will be: Conference Preacher,  
 Dr. Tony Campolo and Bible Study leader, Dr. Mickey  
 Efrid. The Junaluska Singers will be a part of the  
 worship experience. Among several workshops offered  
 are these: "Laughter Wellness Therapy" and "Soaring in  
 Mind, Body and Spirit."

This event is designed for individuals, couples, small  
 groups and church leaders relating to the second half of  
 life and is being sponsored by the Southeastern Jurisdic-  
 tional Association of Older Adults.

Early registration is due before June 1, 2016 and is  
 \$75.00. Make your check out to Whitfield UMC by  
 Monday, May 16th. Housing and final registrations will  
 be made once the registration fees are received.

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/  
 events/spiritual enrichment/wisdom and grace](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/events/spiritual_enrichment/wisdom_and_grace)

Prayerfully consider attending this time of inspiration  
 and renewal at beautiful Lake Junaluska. Contact Nancy  
 Pugh for questions.

**COMING SOON!**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship  
 Spaghetti Fundraiser  
 For Camp Scholarships



**Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

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.

**THE MAY MEETINGS OF THE WHITFIELD UMW**

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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar for May 15 are offered to  
 the Glory of God and in loving memory of the  
 F. E. LeGallee family by  
 Martha Ann, Ken, and Beth.

**Attendance May 8, 2016**

Sunday School 56      Morning Worship 91

**SCHEDULED EVENTS**

**Sunday, May 15 - Day of Pentecost**

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.
JPR Practice	4:00 p.m.

**Monday, May 16**

Walking Group (M-F) 7:15 a.m.

**Tuesday, May 17**

Prayer Group 7:15 a.m.

**Wednesday, May 18**

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 19**

No events currently scheduled

**Friday, May 20**

Sew n sews	10:00 a.m.
Preschool Year End Program	11:00 a.m.

**Saturday, May 21**

No events currently scheduled

**Youth News....**

Everyday we have plenty of opportunities to get angry, stressed out, or offended. But what you are doing when you indulge these negative emotions is giving something outside yourself power over your happiness. You CAN choose to not let little things upset you. It might take practice but you can do it! And then you will be the example God wants us all to be.

Praise the Lord!

Beverly

**AWF Annual Conference 2016**

June 12-15

Frazer Memorial UMC

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**

Canned Fruits, Canned Veggies, Soap, Tooth Brushes, Tooth Paste, Paper Towels.

**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 15  
(3rd Sunday)**

**Ushers:** (8:15) Carol Ann Free  
(10:30) Steve & Neet Duffee,  
TJ Tepley, Vic Bradsher

**Counters:** Jim Judd, Mary Thomason

**Van Driver:** Pam Merritt

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

**Readers:** (8:15) Lib Cain  
(10:30) Barbara Reed

**Children's Worship:** Patty Macready