

# THE WHITFIELD



## SPIRIT



For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church  
May 28-June 3, 2017

### *“Precious in His Sight”*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Recently, my colleague in ministry, Dr. Nathan Carden of Trinity United Methodist Church in Birmingham, and his family adopted a beautiful four-year-old little girl from Ethiopia. Hanna is welcomed by parents, Nathan and Kameron, and siblings, J. Henry and Amelia. The family shared a touching video on Facebook. Hanna and Amelia are wearing matching bathing suits, holding hands and running through the sprinkler together. The video is entitled “Sisters.”

As I reflect on this precious family, I am reminded of these words written by Clare Herbert Woolston:

*Jesus loves the little children  
All the children of the world  
Red and yellow, black and white  
All are precious in His sight  
Jesus loves the little children of the world*

*Jesus died for all the children  
All the children of the world  
Red and yellow, black and white  
All are precious in His sight  
Jesus died for all the children of the world*

Also, I am reminded of these words spoken by Collins, the six-year-old daughter of my friend, Leah:

*Mommy, I like how everyone looks different. It's so neat that no one looks the same! I like yellow hair, my red hair and some people even have pretty white hair. I love brown skin. I don't like to color brown when I use my crayons but I love the color of people's skin that is brown. God made people so pretty.*

I agree with Mr. Woolston and Collins, who is wise beyond her years. Thanks be to God for creating, loving and coming to save “all the children of the world,” including each of us! In the eyes of God, all lives matter. All are “precious in His sight!”

Precious to Him,

*Carolyn*

“Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you....” Isaiah 43:4a

“After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: ‘Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.’” Revelation 7:9-10

**Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer:** Please pray for all individuals who serve as caregivers.

**MEMORIAL DAY—May 29, 2017**

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observation of Memorial Day.



***Congratulations, Pierce!***

Pierce Turner graduated from Ezekiel Academy on Friday, May 19, in a ceremony at Vaughn Forest Baptist Church.

If you'd like to send Pierce a graduation card, we will collect and send them together, as the Turners are also moving to De Funiak Springs in July.



***THANK YOU!***

Patty and I would like to thank the Whitfield family for your prayers, cards, and words of encouragement and support during this time of Fritz's (Mac) illness and recovery. We are comforted by God's goodness and mercy, especially as it has been shown through the wonderful people of Whitfield UMC.

Thank you,  
Jean Macready

***Reception for Robbins Sims***

The Montgomery-Opelika District invites you to a reception honoring our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Robbins Sims and his wife Nell, for their years of service to our district.

The reception is on Sunday, June 11, 2017, from 3:00 until 5:00 p. m. at Aldersgate UMC's Christian Activities Center.

**Attendance May 21, 2017**

Sunday School 61      Morning Worship 103

**Wednesday Night Dinner  
WILL RESUME  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2017**

**Our Blue Lake Campers Thank YOU!**

Thank you for supporting our Spaghetti Luncheon last Sunday.

We have raised over \$1,100 for scholarships for our 7 campers. (The parents of) Sarah, Emma & Ella, Gracie & Amber, and Trey & Bess appreciate your gifts and encouragement.

Camp experiences will follow them all their days, and the seeds planted will spring forth fruit in our congregation, community, and world.



**Requested Mailing Address**

The mailing address for Rev. Carolyn Nelson's father is:

Douglas Nelson  
218 Doris Street  
Prattville, AL 36066

***Calling all  
SUPERHEROES!!!***

VBS workers are needed for all areas.

Please see Patty to get your assignment!

VBS Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God! **June 12-15, 5:30 - 8:00 PM**



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar for May 28 are offered to the Glory of God in honor of the wedding of Savannah Mashburn & Zane Christian by Ron & Pearl Capel.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS**

**Sunday, May 28**

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 5:00 p.m.

**Family Promise Week Begins**

**Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day - OFFICE CLOSED**

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

**Tuesday, May 30**

Prayer Group 7:15 a.m.

**Wednesday, June 1**

**SUPPERS AND PROGRAMS RESUME SEPTEMBER 6, 2017**

Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, June 2**

No Events Currently Scheduled

**Friday, June 3**

Sew n Sews 10:00 a.m.

**Saturday, June 4**

No Events Currently Scheduled

**From the Youth....**

School is out, the sun is out, and summer is in! We have some fun things for our youth this summer. Each Tuesday we will meet for Bible Study and fellowship. Each weekend, either on Friday or Saturday, we will meet for some fun things, including some Biscuits Baseball, Rockin' Jump, cook outs, a trip to the Holy Land (yes!) and an End of the Summer Lock-in.

**May-June Dates:**

May 30 - New Bible Study Begins - we will meet every Tuesday, except during VBS

June 2 - Summer Kick-Off Cook-Out

June 10 - Trip to Holy Land (LaGrange GA) also Animal Safari

June 16 - Rockin' Jump

June 23 - Biscuits Baseball

Check your calendars and bring your friends. We are looking forward to an awesome summer with you!

Amy and Scott

**Food Pantry Needs:**

Large cans of meat, canned fruits, canned vegetables, Jelly (we have plenty of peanut butter), Tooth Brushes and tooth paste.

***In Sympathy***

We extend our sincere sympathy to Carol Reynolds upon the death of her mother Myrtle Knight on Thursday, May 18, 2017 in Auburn, Alabama.

**You Are In Our Prayers!!**

**Whitfield Members**

Vivian Rogers, Kirk Wood, Peggy Brown, Martha Parker, 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

**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, 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, Dessie Varner, Douglas Nelson*

**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 28 (4th Sunday)**

**Ushers:** (8:15) Mark Willis  
(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