

# THE WHITFIELD



# SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church  
June 5-June 11, 2016

## *Looking Back and Looking Forward*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Last Sunday, May 29, was a great day of celebration. On this fifth Sunday, we enjoyed one combined worship service. The service included recognition of our two high school graduates, Jacob Miller and Marissa Regan, who were prayed over and presented with cross necklaces. Patriotic music was featured in observance of Memorial Day, as well. Following the service, we enjoyed a spaghetti luncheon fundraiser for Blue Lake Camp scholarships. The meal was lovingly prepared by Children's Ministries. To date, \$1322 has been donated. Please know that donations are still being accepted. Thank you for your generosity toward this worthwhile cause. Our precious children, their families and our entire church family will be blessed as a result of your faithful, loving response. During the fellowship luncheon, we continued to celebrate our high school graduates and enjoyed a special cake in their honor. Furthermore, during this time of fellowship, we recognized T.J., Erin, Jarrett and Morgan Tepley. The Tepleys have been part of our family for ten months, while T. J. was in training at Maxwell Air Force Base, and will be moving to Kansas in June (their new address is listed on page three of this newsletter). A special cake and gifts were shared in their honor, as well. Thank you to all who helped make Sunday a very special day of worship, fellowship and celebration.

This Sunday, June 5, will be a special day in the life of our church, as well. McLean Hawthorne, who along with his wife Colleen is a missionary in South Asia, will be sharing words of witness during both the 8:15 and 10:30 worship services. Additionally, I will share a message and we will take part in Holy Communion. Furthermore, as on May 29, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the special offering being collected for the 2016 Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference Missional Offering, which will be directed to the Disaster Response and Recovery Ministry. Thank you for your generous response to this worthwhile effort. Finally, on Sunday afternoon, members of our church family and I will share Holy Communion and a special time of fellowship with our shut-ins. I look forward to our time of worship and fellowship. Please make every effort to be present on Sunday and bring others with you.

Thank you for your faithful prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. To God be all glory, honor and praise!

In Him,

*Carolyn*

P.S. Thank you for your generous response to our second annual "No-Bake Bake Sale" to support our preschool. To date, \$963 has been donated and three wooden rocking chairs have been purchased.

Also, a copy of *Hope Heals: A True Story of Overwhelming Loss and Overcoming Love*, by Katherine and Jay Wolf, is available in the church library. I strongly encourage you to read this book and share it with others! The publisher, Zondervan, predicted that 10,000 copies would sell during the first year. However, 20,000 copies of the book (released on April 26) have sold during the first month! Order your copy today and share with others ([www.hopehealsbook.com](http://www.hopehealsbook.com), [www.hopeheals.com](http://www.hopeheals.com)).

## Communion Rail Offering - June 5

Communion rail offering will go to the 2016 AWF Annual Conference Missional Offering. This donation will go to the Disaster Response & Recovery Ministry. This offering will be collected at the Conference opening worship service on Sunday, June 12, 2016 at Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church.

You may also donate online at [www.awfumc.org/disasteroffering](http://www.awfumc.org/disasteroffering).



**Surf Shack VBS**  
**June 13 - 16**  
**5:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Volunteer Training is**  
**Sunday, June 5, 2:00 p.m.**

***ANNUAL CONFERENCE***

The 2016 session of the AWF Conference will be held Sunday, June 12- Wednesday, June 15, 2016, at Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church.

Opening Worship Celebration Sunday, 6/12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Host Pastor Tim Thompson

Sermon: Bishop Gregory Palmer

Music: Mass Choir

Mission Offering: AWF Disaster Response & Recovery

***Thank you from the Tepleys!***

I am still speechless and so moved by the surprise you and the church gave us on Sunday. We have yet to get through the multitude of gifts and special cards everyone gave us. In our eleven years in the Army, I have never met a group of people who are so supportive and passionate about their church community. Whitfield immediately embraced us as family.

I truly do not know how to express our gratitude to everyone, but please know that we sincerely appreciate all the love we have graciously been given from you all. My desire to stay in Montgomery permanently has not yet come true, but I am trying to talk TJ into transferring to the Air Force so we can stay at Maxwell! If not, I shall be staying busy writing you all. I believe many church members may enjoy hand-written letters. TJ has about a trunk full of letters from me over the deployment years, haha! I shall be buying new stationery. And someone must record/do a podcast of all your stellar sermons for me! Thank you so much again, Carolyn.

Love,  
 Erin

P.S. I tried on the prayer shawl a few moments ago. I felt immense hugs from Whitfield and God...cannot wait to use it daily, especially during TJ's deployments and snuggling with the kids at night!!!!

**Attendance May 29, 2016**

Sunday School 72

Morning Worship 83

**Wednesday Night Dinner**  
**and Programs**  
**Will resume in September**

**Our Camp Scholarship Fund is happy!**

Thank you to all who supported our Spaghetti Fundraiser on Sunday. We collected \$1,322 to add to our Camp Scholarship Fund. There's still time to donate, and we appreciate all contributions to help our families send our kids to Blue Lake Camp.

I owe a **BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped prepare and serve our Fellowship Lunch: Erin & TJ Tepley, Karen Mashburn, Tommi Holsenbeck, Trey & Bess Bosch, Briana & Trent Hazen, Amy & Sarah Blackwell, Dawn, Gracie & Amber Edwards, Alice & Virginia Henley, Neet, Steve, Emma & Ella Duffee, Jan Heath, Kim Hale. And the Davis Martin Class & Youth who provided dessert.



**Holy Communion**

**Sunday, June 5, 2016**

Holy Communion will be offered on Sunday, June 5th to our members who are unable to attend church at this time.

The elements be will taken out between 2:00 and 4:00 pm. If you did not receive in March, but would like to receive Communion on June 5th, please call the church office by Thursday, June 2nd. This ministry is being sponsored by the A+ Council of Whitfield UMC.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar for June 5 are offered to by Bob & Helon Haack in loving memory of his parents Otto & Margaret Haack.

**SCHEDULED EVENTS**

**Sunday, June 5**

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.
VBS Training	2:00 p.m.

**Monday, June 6**

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
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**Tuesday, June 7**

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
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**Wednesday, June 8—Suppers Resume in September**

Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
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**Thursday, June 9**

Kindergarten in Sheppard Center

**Friday, June 10**

Personnel Testing	7:00 a.m.
Sew n sews	10:00 a.m.

**Saturday, June 11**

No events currently scheduled

**Youth News....**

Congratulations to our Seniors we recognized on Sunday , Marissa Regen and Jacob Miller! Seems like just yesterday they were in 8<sup>th</sup> graders talking my head off about what games to play in Youth. Now they are Young adults with a wide open future. We wish them the best and will continue to keep them in our prayers as God's leads them forward!

Praise the Lord!  
Beverly

**Psalm 146: 8**

The LORD opens  
*the eyes of the*  
blind;  
!The LORD raises  
those who are  
bowed down;  
The LORD loves the  
righteous.



**TEPLEY'S NEW ADDRESS**

**Erin & TJ Tepley  
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Manhattan, KS 66502**

**You Are In Our Prayers!!**

**Whitfield Members**

Vivian Rogers, Kirk Wood, Jay Byrd, Louise Gargus, 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, Martha Pippin, Charlotte Brambir, Mildred Jones, Betty Fuller, Helon Haack, Telsie Davis, Edna Kohn, Kay Littlepage, Brownie Brown, Lib Cain, Tom Burns, Caryl Carrick, Elmer Stelk, Eloise Parsons, Sawyer Johns, Bill Fischer

**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, Paul Lanier, Myles Wright, Ashley Dunwoody, Beverly Cornwell*

**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 - June 5**

**(Communion)**

Ushers: (8:15) Mary Thomason  
(10:30) Carl Stevenson, Brownie  
Brown, Ron Capel, Amanda Senn

Counters: Jan Heath,  
Jeannie Anderson

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: Communion