

# THE WHITFIELD



# SPIRIT



For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church  
June 11-June 17, 2017

## *Instrument of Inspiration*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. The following words are from the late Haim Ginott, who served as a teacher, child psychologist/psychotherapist and parent educator. Additionally, he authored multiple books, including *Between Parent and Child*, which has sold over five million copies. God is using these words to speak to me. May they speak to you, as well.

*I have come to a frightening conclusion that I am the decisive element. It is my personal approach that creates a climate. It is my daily mood that makes the weather. As an adult, I possess a tremendous power to make a child's life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration. I can humiliate or heal. In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated and a child humanized or dehumanized.*

Ginott's words are powerful and remind us of the tremendous impact we have on the precious children whom God has entrusted to our care. Children in our personal families, church family, preschool family, community and beyond deserve our best. Each child deserves to be affirmed, loved, protected, respected and valued as God's precious and priceless creation. Our annual Vacation Bible School will take place next week. Participants will include children from our Whitfield family and others throughout the community. As we interact with these children and others, may each of us take the time and make the effort to be an "instrument of inspiration." Thanks be to God for the privilege and responsibility of guiding children to love, trust, follow and serve Him!

His child,

*Carolyn*

"At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' He called a little child and had him stand among them. And He said: 'I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.'" Matthew 18:1-6

"Then little children were brought to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' When He had placed His hands on them, He went on from there." Matthew 19:13-15

**Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer:** Please pray for all children who will participate in Vacation Bible School and the families they represent. Please pray for all leaders and volunteers, as well.

## HERO CENTRAL VBS

June 12 - 15

5:30 (supper) - 8:00 PM



All workers need to pick up their assignments from Patty on Sunday. All children need to register/check in Monday evening before they eat.

Let's get ready to Discover our Strength in God!

### LIFELINE SCREENING

July 5

Are you at Risk for Stroke, Heart Disease and Diabetes?

*Did you know that a 10% decrease in cholesterol can reduce your risk for heart disease 30%?*

- *Diabetes is the 5<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the US*
- *Elevated CRP levels in the blood are indicators of risk for heart disease and high blood pressure*

*Stroke is the 4th leading cause of death*

Life Line Screening offers finger-stick blood tests with results in 10 minutes. Protect your health by finding out your risk of diabetes and vascular disease by participating in the Life Line Screening that will be at Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church on Monday, June 20, 2016.

Register for the lipid panel (HDL, LDL, total cholesterol and triglycerides), glucose and CRP blood tests for only \$129. Call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners) to schedule your appointment. Ask about our other stroke and heart tests. Taking control of your health doesn't have to be hard.

### 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 June 4, 2017**

Sunday School 61 Morning Worship 96

## Wednesday Night Dinner WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

Festival of Wisdom and Grace Conference  
*Forgiveness - Living in Grace*  
August 7-10, 2017

Lake Junaluska will host the 2017 Festival of Wisdom and Grace Conference. This year's theme, *Forgiveness - Living in Grace*, will carry throughout the weekend of worship, workshops, professional training, and fellowship relating to the second half of life. Designed for individuals, couples, small groups or church leaders. Sponsored by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Association of Older Adults, it is an experience of inspiration and renewal.

REGISTRATION, LODGING, AND MEALS QUESTIONS

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### Blue Lake United Christian Ashram

The Christian Ashram in Alabama will be held August 4 - 6, 2017 at Blue Lake Conference grounds. This gathering was created by visionary missionary E. Stanley Jones and involves the whole family in spiritual renewal.

To register, contact Barbara Pickard:

[barbarapickard@gmail.com](mailto:barbarapickard@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.christianashram.org/>

to request more information about the Blue Lake Christian Ashram.

### Wesley Heirs

#### Fall Gathering

**October 10-11, 2017—Blue Lake**

Wesley Heirs will host their **Fall Gathering** from **October 10 - 11, 2017**, at **Blue Lake**. They will have a "getting to know you" session with **Bishop David and Mrs. Graves**. Bishop Graves will also preach at the Memorial Service on Wednesday morning.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for June 11 are offered to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Baggett, Sr. by Jannett Baggett.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Sunday, June 11

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.

### Monday, June 12

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
VBS Super Heroes	5:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, June 13

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
VBS Super Heroes	5:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, June 14

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

Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
VBS Super Heroes	5:30 p.m.

### Thursday, June 15

VBS Super Heroes	5:30 p.m.
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### Friday, June 16

Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.
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### Saturday, June 17

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.

#### June Dates:

**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:

Dried Milk, Canned Fruit, Canned Veggies, Jelly, Tooth Paste, Tooth Brushes and Toilet Paper.



## 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 - June 11 (2nd Sunday)**

**Ushers:** (8:15) Gene Holsenbeck  
(10:30) Ken Carrick, Brownie Brown,  
Jim Solomon, Jeannie Anderson

**Counters:** Carl Stevenson,  
Steve Duffee

**Van Driver:** Ron Capel

**Soundboard:** (8:15) Harry Brantley  
(10:30) Vic Bradsher

**Readers:** (8:15) Tommi Holsenbeck  
(10:30) Emma Duffee

**Children's Worship:** Briana Hazen,  
Patty Macready