

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

June 12-June 19, 2016

Love Others

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. I was introduced to the writings of Thomas Merton when I was a student at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. My New Testament professor and academic advisor, Dr. Robert Mulholland, began many of his classes with a devotional based on Merton's work. Merton was a Trappist monk of the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky. Regarded by some as the most influential American Catholic author of the twentieth century, Merton authored more than sixty books, as well as many articles, essays, reviews and poems. His best-selling autobiography, *The Seven Storey*, is regarded as one of the most influential religious works of the twentieth century. Recently, I read the following quote by Merton. God is using these words to speak to me. May he use these words to speak to you, as well.

"Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy."

Merton's powerful words about loving others echo God's powerful example and words about loving others shared throughout scripture:

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:16-17

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35

"'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37-40

"This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." Romans 3:22-24

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Matthew 7:1-2

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails....And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13

May each of us receive and embrace the amazing love of God freely given to us by grace through faith. Furthermore, may each us graciously extend his unconditional, unfailing love to a world in desperate need of him and his love. Through the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, may we serve as available and willing vessels in and through whom God's love can flow and spill out upon others. To God be all glory, honor and praise!

In His Love,

Carolyn



Surf Shack VBS
Monday-Thursday
June 13 - 16
Dinner at 5:30
VBS 6:00- 8:00 p.m.

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

It's Family Promise Time!
Sunday, 6/26-Sunday 7/3

As usual, we depend on our Volunteers! We need:

1. **Meals:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
2. **Evening Hosts:** 5:30-8:30 p.m.
3. **Overnight Hosts:** 8:30 p.m.—7:00 a.m.
4. **Set-up Sunday,** 11:00 a.m.
5. **Clean Up Sunday,** 7:00 a.m.
6. **Wash linens - Daily** (Especially Sunday, 7/3/16)

Please call Nancy (281-5975) or Elaine (272-2799) to volunteer.

Festival of Wisdom and Grace Conference
Monday, August 1 - Thursday, August 4, 2016

Lake Junaluska will host the 2016 Festival of Wisdom and Grace Conference. The conference invites all who are thirsty to "Come to the Water." Led by Dr. Tony Campolo and Dr. Mickey Efirid, this event will be full of worship, Bible Study, workshops, professional training, and fellowship designed for individuals, couples, small groups, or church leaders relating to the second half of life. It is an experience of inspiration and renewal.

LIFELINE SCREENING

JUNE 20

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 5th 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 to schedule your appointment. Ask about our other stroke and heart tests. Taking control of your health doesn't have to be hard.

McLean and Colleen Hawthorne Update

Dear Whitfield Family,

We were blessed by McLean Hawthorne's presence and words of witness on Sunday, June 5. McLean and his wife, Colleen, have served God through leadership development in South Asia for over thirty years. Please pray for them, their family and their ministry. Love offerings to support their ministry efforts can be mailed to:

Globe International

Attention: McLean and Colleen Hawthorne

P.O. Box 3040

Pensacola, FL 32516

Thank you,

Carolyn

Attendance June 5, 2016

Sunday School 69

Morning Worship 97

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for June 12 are offered to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Baggett, Sr. by Jannett Baggett.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, June 12

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, June 13

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

Tuesday, June 14

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

Wednesday, June 15—Suppers Resume in September

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

Thursday, June 16

Kindergarten in Sheppard Center	
VBS	5:30 p.m.

Friday, June 17

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

Saturday, June 18

No events currently scheduled

Youth News....

The youth would like to thank Jacob Miller and his group for painting and cleaning the youth room for his Eagle Scout project.

Great job !!

Praise the Lord!

Beverly

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

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



Food Pantry Needs

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, Allison East

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

Wayne Russell, Verna Stevens, Ann Gilliland, Mary Mellott, Trisha Dunn, Bill Miller, Jeff Varner, 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 12

(2nd Sunday)

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

Counters: Steve Duffee,
Gene Holsenbeck

Van Driver: Pam Merritt

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

Readers: (8:15) Margaret Feld
(10:30) Erin Tepley

Children's Worship: Briana Hazen,
Patty Macready