

THE WHITFIELD



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For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
June 18-June 24, 2017

“Content Whatever the Circumstances”

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. On May 17, we were blessed by the beautiful music ministry of the Kempters. This dear family led us in worship as they used their God-given gifts to glorify Him and bless others. Currently, the Kempters are taking part in the “Mama Memorial Tour,” in loving memory of beloved wife and mother, Teresa. Following a courageous battle with cancer, Teresa passed away on March 10 at the age of 54. As the Kempters led worship in our beautiful sanctuary, a single yellow rose from our beautiful rose garden was displayed on stage with them in loving memory of Teresa. On April 10, Teresa and Chaz’s oldest son, Nathan, shared the following message on Facebook. God is using these words to speak to me. May they speak to you, as well.

It's been a month since my mom passed away. I must share one of the last things she said to me because I believe everyone could learn from it.

I walked into her room. Danielle was helping her out of the bed and I must have had a somber look on my face because she looked at me and asked, "Are you happy?"

I was taken aback a bit by the question. It wasn't the most joyous time in our lives so I obviously wasn't. "Not exactly" I replied.

Her response was simply, "Well, you'd better do something about it."

That is etched in stone for me. Because it's true. It is not up to anyone or anything to make you happy. It's up to you. It's a choice, every day. Am I going to be happy and content or not?

Teresa’s parting words of wisdom and Nathan’s reflection echo the words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 4:11b, “I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.” These words remind us of the importance of our perspective. If we look for and choose to see the negative aspects of life, then that is what we will see. Likewise, if we look for and choose to see the positive aspects of life, then that is what we will see. We are broken people living in a fallen world corrupted by sin. This world is not the Garden of Eden and this world is not our eternal home. Each of us will experience joyous mountaintop moments. Likewise, each of us will experience challenging valley moments. Often, we will experience the joys and challenges of earthly life simultaneously. If we are waiting for everything in our lives to be perfect and according to our plan before we are “happy and content,” then we are setting ourselves up for disappointment. However, if we are grateful to God for glimpses of sunlight in the midst of life’s storms, then we, like Paul, can choose to be “content whatever the circumstances.”

Choosing Contentment,

Carolyn

“I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:11b-13

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: Please pray for eyes to see the good in this world and the good in this life with which God has blessed us.

RESTAURANT SUPPER CLUB

We will meet Monday, June 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Long Horn Steakhouse. Please call Ken or Caryl Carrick at 288-8612 to make your reservations.

**MISSION U
Millbrook FUMC
July 21-22**

Mission U will be held **July 21 - 22, 2017**, at Millbrook FUMC. Each year, United Methodist Women members prepare for faithful living and action by studying mission studies. Each study is a 6-hour course. Deadline to register is July 8. Registration forms available at:

<http://www.awf-umw.org>

Update on T.J. Tepley

Dear Whitfield Family,

T.J. Tepley's deployment will end and he will reunite with Erin, Jarrett and Morgan in Kansas next month (July). Both T. J. and Erin have conveyed their deep appreciation for the many prayers, cards, letters and other expressions of care from our Whitfield family during T.J.'s time in Iraq. Additionally, T.J. has expressed that anything mailed to him at this point may not reach him before his return. Continued words of support and encouragement can be sent to T. J. via email: tj.tepley@gmail.com.

Carolyn

Thank You from the Bishop

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the spirit-led, inspirational, incredible, and over-the-top annual conference that we shared together last week. Words cannot begin to express my appreciation to our planning team, preachers, worship leaders, and presenters who made this annual conference the best that I have ever been a part.

Even I could not have imagined what God would do with us the four days we shared together.

In Christ,
Bishop David Graves

Attendance June 4, 2017

Sunday School 61 Morning Worship 96

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

To Whitfield UMC:

Thanks for helping make our Hero Central VBS such an awesome event! Special shout outs to our Activity Leaders, who prepared lots of learning fun for our Heroes. Also, BIG thanks to our Superhero Guides, who patiently and lovingly guided our little Heroes throughout the week. Jan Heath added so many special decorating touches, and we couldn't have hung up the "high" stuff without our Young Adults being willing to climb on ladders and chairs.

A very special "High 5" to Emma Duffee for being a spectacular red panda. You are all heroes in my book.

Thanks bunches!!!!

VBS is over, but. . .

Camp is just around the corner!

Our Tweens will be at camp June 26 - July 1. You can send mail to Sarah Blackwell, Emma Duffee, and Gracie Edwards @

{Camper's Name} c/o Crossroads
Blue Lake Camp
8500 Oakwood Lane
Andalusia, AL 36420

Our Confirmation Class's UMCOR service project produced 43 completed Health Kits, and an additional \$250+ for shipping costs and additional supplies. Thank you for so generously supporting our service project!

Alice Henley and Emma, Gracie, & Sarah

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our Whitfield family for all of the cards, calls, prayers and well wishes after Ashton's recent surgery.

Karen Mashburn

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for June 18 are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of her father Tom Anderson by Jeannie Anderson.

WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, June 18—Father’s Day

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.
YAF	11:30 a.m.
UMYF	5:00 p.m.

Monday, June 19

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
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Tuesday, June 20

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
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Wednesday, June 21

SUPPERS AND PROGRAMS RESUME SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
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Thursday, June 22

Gladlane HOA Meeting	5:30 p.m.
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Friday, June 23

Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.
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Saturday, June 24

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 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

Isaiah 59:21

"As for me, this is my covenant with them," says the LORD. "My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants--from this time on and forever," says the LORD.

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 18 (3rd Sunday)

Ushers: (8:15) Carol Ann Free
(10:30) Steve Duffee, Neet Duffee,
Emma Duffee, Vic Bradsher

Counters: Mary Thomason

Van Driver: Pam Merritt

Soundboard: (8:15) Harry Brantley
(10:30) Jimmy Lee

Readers: (8:15) Tommi Holsenbeck
(10:30) Jeannie Anderson

Children's Worship: Patty Macready