

# THE WHITFIELD



# SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

June 26-July 2, 2016

## *“Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God’s Amazing Love” Vacation Bible School*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Last week, June 13-16, “Surf Shack” Vacation Bible School took place at Whitfield. With the help of twenty-five dedicated and hard-working volunteers, forty-six children from our church family and community learned about and experienced “the wave of God’s amazing love.” Thanks be to God! Each day I was blessed to connect with both the children and volunteers in my role as the Bible storyteller. The following is a brief summary of the information we covered during our time together.

Monday: From Genesis 1, we learned about creation and that God created the world and everything in it, including each of us. Children memorized the wave words “God creates” and pop-up verse, Psalm 8:1b, “How majestic is your name throughout the earth!”

Tuesday: From Matthew 3:13-17 and John 1:29-34, we learned about the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, that God the Father loves Jesus the Son and that each of us is dearly loved by God. Children memorized the wave words “God loves” and pop-up verse, Matthew 3:17b, “This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him.”

Wednesday: From Luke 18:22-25, we learned about Jesus calming the storm and that, in addition to his ability to calm physical storms, he can calm us in the midst of life’s storms. Children memorized the wave words “God calms” and pop-up verse, Philippians 4:9b, “The God of peace will be with you.”

Thursday: From John 21:1-17, we learned about Jesus sharing breakfast on the beach with his disciples, after he enabled them to have a miraculous catch of fish, and that we are sent to love and serve Jesus by feeding and taking care of his beloved sheep. Children memorized the wave words “Jesus sends” and pop-up verse, Isaiah 6:8, “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ I said, ‘I’m here; send me.’”

During the 10:30 worship service on Father’s Day, Sunday June 19, we were blessed to hear several children sing “Shine Bright,” a song they learned during Vacation Bible School that reminds us to “shine God’s love” into the darkness of this world. Through the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, may each of us be used as beacons of God’s love and light.

Thank you to Miss Patty and everyone who helped to make this year’s Vacation Bible School a great success through your faithful prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Please continue to pray for the precious children who took part in Vacation Bible School, as well as the families they represent. May God continue to water and nurture the seeds that were planted in these young hearts. May there be a bountiful harvest bringing forth much fruit in God’s perfect timing and ways. To God be all glory honor and praise!

In His Love,

*Carolyn*

Restaurant Supper Club  
Monday, June 27  
6:00 p.m.  
Jan's Beach House Grill  
RSVP to Brownie Brown  
At 284-5759

Wednesday Night Dinner  
and Programs  
Will resume in September

**A BIG Thank You !!**

To Elaine Klepac, her pickup truck and Larry London - from the children, teachers and Whitfield Preschool Board, for picking up and delivering our new Rocking Chairs!!

We appreciate the love and support that Elaine, Larry and all of the Whitfield family give to our preschool.

**Mail for Blue Lake Campers**

It's time for Worship Arts Camp! We have five campers this year, and they will need lots of mail.

You may send letters, cards, care packages (NO food, gum, or candy PLEASE) to:

"Camper's Name"

Worship Arts Elementary Camp

8500 Oakwood Lane  
Andalusia, AL 36420



Our Whitfield Campers are:

Sarah Blackwell      Trey Bosch  
Emma Duffee          Grace Edwards  
Amber Edwards

Counselors: Patty Macready, Charlotte Smith

(Yes, even grown ups like cards.)

***Welcome!***

On Sunday, June 19, we were blessed to welcome new members, Christopher (Chris) and Alice Maples Henley, and their daughter, Virginia.

May God bless, guide and use the Henley family and our entire Whitfield family as we continue to love, trust, follow and serve him together!



**VBS Success!**

Another AMAZING week of VBS! We welcomed 46 children to our Surf Shack, encouraging them to "catch the wave of God's amazing love!" Thank you to our WUMC Sunday school classes and UMW for providing yummy meals each evening. We also want to thank Karen Mashburn for helping with decorations and Jan Heath for assisting in every imaginable way. Thanks to our Group Guides and Activity Leaders - y'all created some awesome memories for our children. Thanks to Rick Hale for building our surf board - which now contains handprints and names of all VBS participants. And, thank you Emma Duffee for being so "snappy" all week. :) It was AMAZING!!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**July 19, 2016**

**6:00 p.m.**

**All supper clubs (and anyone else who wishes to come) are invited to supper at the Catfish House in Millbrook.**

**Attendance June 19, 2016**

Sunday School 48      Morning Worship 105

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar for June 26 are offered to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the 100th birthday of William Rutledge (May 1) by his daughter, Julia Nell Rutledge.

**SCHEDULED EVENTS**

**Sunday, June 26**

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.
Family Promise Week Begins	

**Monday, June 27**

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
Lifeline Screening	8:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, June 28**

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
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**Wednesday, June 29—Suppers Resume in September**

**Thursday, June 30**

Kindergarten in Sheppard Center

**Friday, July 1**

Sew n sews	10:00 a.m.
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**Saturday, July 2**

No events currently scheduled

**Sunday, July 3**

Family Promise week ends



**United Methodist Women**

UMW has no meetings in July. We will resume meeting in August for our annual UMW Breakfast on August 10, 2016, at Chappy's Deli on Perry Hill Road.

**Food Pantry Needs:**

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Canned Veggies, Dried Milk, Tooth Paste, Tooth Brushes.

*Whitfield UMC*



**Food Pantry**

**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, Walter Albritton*

**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 26**

**(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) Barbara Reed

**Children's Worship:** TJ Whitehead,

Patty Macready