

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT



For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
July 2-July 8, 2017

Take the Time and Make the Effort

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Recently, the following message by an unknown author was shared with me. May God use these words to speak to your hearts, as He uses them to speak to my heart.

She sat alone in a retirement home, lonely and elderly and gray. She wished that someone would take the time to call her on that day.

He lay for days on his hospital bed. The hours were long and hard. He wished that someone would take the time to send him a cheery card.

He was far from home on foreign soil, feeling homesick, lonely and blue. He wished that someone would take the time to write him a letter. Did you?

Her loved one died a few weeks ago. Sad and brokenhearted she sat. She wished that someone would take the time to come to her house and chat.

That matter of Christian service, we are living it day by day, when we take the time to help someone as we walk along life's way.

These words are convicting and serve as a powerful reminder that seemingly small deeds, whether done or left undone, can have a huge impact on others. Furthermore, we are reminded of the fact that love is more than a feeling. Love is an action verb and is expressed through consistent actions. Therefore, if we are unsure about whether or not a specific action of loving kindness is necessary, then we should do it. In the words of the beloved Bishop Paul Duffey, "Err on the side of generosity." As Christians, we should take the time and make the effort to write the letter, mail the card, send the flowers, cook the meal, make the phone call/visit and share the gift, etc. Authentic, meaningful ways to express heartfelt love and care to others are endless and their effects are priceless. Additionally, it is important for us to remember that the thought and effort behind these acts of love and care are gifts in and of themselves. It is easy for us to say we are too busy or think of other excuses as to why we cannot act. However, as my father often says, "People do what they want to do." Years ago, I read the following quote and it remains with me. "When something happens to someone, do not simply say, 'Let me know if I can help you.' Rather, think of something appropriate to do and do it." Through the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, may we take the time and make the effort to express love and care to others in helpful and tangible ways. Now is the time; today is the day. Tomorrow may be too late. To God be all glory, honor and praise!

In Him,

Carolyn

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

"Grand words are meaningless but thoughtful actions are timeless." Kristy Pate Hall

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: Please pray for the campers and leaders at Crossroads Camp (this week) and Worship Arts Camp (next week), which are taking place at Blue Lake Camp. May seeds of faith be planted, watered, nurtured and reap a bountiful harvest in God's perfect timing and ways.

PRIMETIMERS

Will meet Thursday, July 13 at Mr. Gus Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Please call Gail Gilmore (396-3358) to make to reservations.

CAMP MAIL!

Worship Arts Camp - July 3-8

You can send mail to Trey Bosch, Bess Bosch, Ella Duffee, Amber Edwards and Miss Patty @

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

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>

The church office will be closed on
Tuesday, July 4th in Observation of
Independence Day!



A Day Apart for Spiritual Formation will be held at Blue Lake on Saturday, September 2, 2017.

For more information, contact Donell Seager at donellseager@gmail.com.

Attendance June 25, 2017
Sunday School 48 Morning Worship 88

Wednesday Night Dinner WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING SERVICE!!

July 30th will be a special FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING SERVICE! We will place inserts in the bulletin beginning July 2nd, asking you to list your three favorite hymns. We will try to include as many of them as possible in our worship service on the 30th. Remember, Sunday school will be at 9:00 am and there will be one worship service at 10:00 am, followed by a covered dish luncheon. Please join us for this GREAT SUNDAY OF SINGING! Angie

THANK YOU!

Thank you to my Whitfield family for all of the cards, calls, prayers and well wishes during my recent illness.

Love,
Daisy Stelk

United Methodist Social Principles Seminar Frazer UMC

Presenter: Rev. Brandon Dasinger

Where do United Methodists stand on the important social issues of the day? Do you know what our position is on racism, immigration, homosexuality, abortion, and the environment? If you are not sure, or if you would just like more information, please join us for a seminar on the UM Social Principles on Monday, September 18, 2017.

Doors will open at 4:45; dinner will start at 5:15 pm and the presentation will start at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is \$8 per person. Pay at the door.

Please register by September 14. You are welcome to attend at 6:00 p. m. without registration.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for July 2 are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of all the men and women serving in our Armed Forces by Jody Barr.

WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, July 2

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, July 3

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
---------------------	-----------

Tuesday, July 4—OFFICE CLOSED

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
--------------	-----------

Wednesday, July 5

Lifeline Screening	8:00 a.m.
--------------------	-----------

SUPPERS AND PROGRAMS RESUME SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

Thursday, July 6

No Events Currently Scheduled

Friday, July 7

Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.
------------	------------

Saturday, July 8

No Events Currently Scheduled

From the Youth....

We are having a fun summer so far. Learning about the Super Women of the Old Testament in our Bible Study and will be finishing that at the end of the month with a lunch at the Gazebo Tea Room. We toured the Bible History Center in LaGrange GA and learned much about the life style of the people during the days of the Bible and learned how to make unleavened bread and home-made butter! Also while in LaGrange we got up close and personal with some really cool animals at the Animal Safari. Weathering the storms with the Biscuits were also on slate in June. At least the Biscuits won 2-3 in a TWELVE inning game!! We have more in store for the summer so invite your friends and come join us. We would love to have you!

Amy & Scott

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Large cans of fruits, meats, and vegetables, Jelly, Dried Milk.



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, Daisy Stelk

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.*

Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
2673 Fisk Road, Montgomery, AL 36111
Phone: 334.281.2467 Fax: 334.281.2698

U.S. POSTAGE PAID
NON-PROFIT ORG
MONTGOMERY, AL
PERMIT #157

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

WHITFIELD STAFF MEMBERS

Pastor

Reverend Carolyn Nelson
cnelson@whitfieldumc.org

Music Director

Angie Mitchell
amitchell@whitfieldumc.org

Young Adult Director

Beverly Brown
bbrown@whitfieldumc.org

Financial Assistant

Kristi Milano
kmilano@whitfieldumc.org

Nursery Director

Daisy Stelk

Administrative Assistant

Jennifer Andrews
whitumc@bellsouth.net

Program Director

Patty Macready
pmacready@whitfieldumc.org

Organist

Telsie Davis
tdavis@whitfieldumc.org

Kindergarten Director

Jane Ruud
jruud@whitfieldumc.org

Nursery Co-Director

Mary Stone

Custodian

Larry London

Phone: 334-281-2467; **Fax:** 334-281-2698

E-mail: whitumc@bellsouth.net

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 - July 2 (Communion)

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

Counters: Jan Heath,
Gene Holsenbeck

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