

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

July 3-July 9, 2016

The God of Peace

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. One of the biblical truths learned by the precious children who attended our recent Vacation Bible School is the fact that “God calms.” This truth was learned as we discussed the biblical account of Jesus calming the storm shared in Luke 8:22-25. Additionally, they learned the corresponding verse, Philippians 4:9b, “The God of peace will be with you.” After Vacation Bible School, I read the following words by Steve Furtick, Jr. of Elevation Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. God is using these words to speak to me. May they speak to you, as well. *“Sometimes we are so concerned with the wind and the waves that we are missing the One who is able to walk on water.”*

As was stressed to the children during Vacation Bible School, in addition to His ability to calm physical storms, our omnipotent God is able to calm us in the midst of life’s storms.

This truth is beautifully expressed in the following portion of the song “Who Am I?” by Casting Crowns.

*Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain
And calm the storm in me?*

Additionally, this truth is beautifully expressed in the following portion of the song “I Will Lift My Eyes” by Bebo Norman.

*I will lift my eyes to the Maker
Of the mountains I can't climb
I will lift my eyes to the Calmer
Of the oceans raging wild
I will lift my eyes to the Healer
Of the hurt I hold inside
I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You*

Recently, a wise friend expressed that “every set of eyes we look into represents a person who has experienced or is experiencing deep pain” that is often unknown by others and, therefore, is often suffered in silence. Just as the waters of the sea were raging when Jesus calmed the storm, the storms of earthly life rage around each of us. None of us is immune to the storms and subsequent pain of life in this fallen, broken world that is corrupted by sin. However, none of us has to face the storms of life alone. Jesus, our Prince of Peace, can calm the storms around us and calm us in the midst of the storms. Furthermore, in addition to our earthly families, God has blessed us with the family of faith in order for us to surround each other with authentic Christian community and help carry one another through life’s storms. Thanks be to God! Therefore, when you and I face life’s storms, may we remember to focus on “the One who is able to walk on water,” lift our eyes “to the Calmer of the oceans raging wild” and trust the One “that calmed the sea” to “calm the storm in me.” Additionally, as children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ, may we look for and take advantage of opportunities to help carry one another through life’s storms. May the God of peace be with you, today and always!

Peace,
Carolyn

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 Gracie Edwards
Amber Edwards

Counselors: Patty Macready, Charlotte Smith

(Yes, even grown ups like cards.)

The July Prime Timers will be held at:

Longhorn Steak Restaurant at the
Corner of Troy Highway and Southern Bypass
on
July 14, 2016, at 11:30 AM

Hosting will be Kay Littlepage and Lib Cain

For Reservations please call:

Kay Littlepage - 834-1033
Lib Cain - 356-3683
Gail Gilmore - 396-3358



**Church office will be
closed**

Monday, July 4th

**in observance of Independence
Day.**

Attendance June , 2016

Sunday School 58 Morning Worship 95

Wednesday Night Dinner
and Programs
Will resume in September

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.**

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Variously known as the Fourth of July and Independence Day, July 4th has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution (1775-83). In June 1776, representatives of the 13 colonies then fighting in the revolutionary struggle weighed a resolution that would declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later its delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 until the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with typical festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

Thank You!

I just want to thank everyone for all the prayers,
thoughts and calls during my recent medical scare.

Mary Stone

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for July 3 are offered
to the Glory of God and in honor and in memory of
those who have served in the military to protect our
freedom. God bless America!

<u>SCHEDULED EVENTS</u>	Youth News
Sunday, July 3 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 Ends	You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism. ~Erma Bombeck
Monday, July 4 - OFFICE CLOSED Walking Group (M-F) 7:15 a.m. Campers leave for Blue Lake 10:00 a.m.	This Sunday the youth will celebrate by going to the Independence Day movie! Details in Sunday school..... Praise The Lord!
Tuesday, July 5 Prayer Group 7:15 a.m.	Beverly
Wednesday, July 6—Suppers Resume in September	
Thursday, July 7 Kindergarten in Sheppard Center	Isaiah 40:21, 41:10 ²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
Friday, July 8 Sew n sews 10:00 a.m.	
Saturday, July 9 No events currently scheduled	¹⁰ do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

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, Jim Cantey

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 - July 3
(Communion)**

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

Counters: Jan Heath,
Jeannie Anderson

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