

# THE WHITFIELD



## SPIRIT



For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church  
July 9-July 15, 2017

### *The Posture of Our Hearts*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Throughout the years, I have heard my mother recite the following poem, *The Prayer of Cyrus Brown*, by Sam Walter Foss (1858-1911). During childhood, she learned this poem from a book at her aunt's home. The message of this poem is timeless. May God use these words to speak to each of our hearts.

*"The proper way for man to pray," said Deacon Lemuel Keyes, "and the only proper attitude is down upon his knees."*

*"No, I should say the way to pray," said Reverend Doctor Wise, "is standing straight with outstretched arms and rapt and upturned eyes."*

*"Oh no, no, no," said Elder Slow, "such posture is too proud. A man should pray with eyes fast closed and head contritely bowed."*

*"It seems to me his hands should be austere clasp'd in front with both hands pointing toward the ground," said Reverend Doctor Blount.*

*"Las' year I fell in Hodgkin's well head first," said Cyrus Brown, "with both my heels a-stickin' up, my head a-p'inting down. An' I made a prayer right then an' there, best prayer I ever said, the prayin'gest prayer I ever prayed, a-standing on my head."*

These simple, yet powerful, words remind us that prayer can be said by anyone, at any time and in any location. Prayer is not reserved for pastors, Sunday mornings and sanctuaries. Prayer is simply conversation with God. Through prayer, we the created ones are able to commune with our Creator. God longs to be in relationship with us, His beloved children. Furthermore, when we pray, God is more concerned with the posture of our hearts than that of our bodies. He desires to hear our heartfelt worship and praise. He desires to hear our overflowing thanksgiving and joys. He desires to hear our overwhelming burdens and sorrows. He hears each prayer, both spoken and unspoken. He is working in seen and unseen ways. He is answering our prayers in His perfect timing and ways. Thanks be to God for the gift and power of prayer! May the posture of our hearts be pleasing to Him!

Thankful for prayer,

*Carolyn*

*"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him."* Matthew 6:5-8

**Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer:** Please pray for members of Congress as they make important decisions for our nation.

**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.

**Open Dates for Altar Flowers**

Dates that need to be filled:

July 16 & 23

August 27

October 8,15, 22 & 29

**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>

**Blue Lake United Christian Ashram**

The Christian Ashram in Alabama will be held August 4 - 6, 2017 at Blue Lake Conference grounds. This gathering was created by visionary missionary E. Stanley Jones and involves the whole family in spiritual renewal.

To register, contact Barbara Pickard:

[barbarapickard@gmail.com](mailto:barbarapickard@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.christianashram.org/> to request more information about the Blue Lake Christian Ashram.

**Wesley Heirs  
Fall Gathering**

**October 10-11, 2017—Blue Lake**

Wesley Heirs will host their **Fall Gathering** from **October 10 - 11, 2017**, at **Blue Lake**. They will have a "getting to know you" session with **Bishop David and Mrs. Graves**. Bishop Graves will also preach at the Memorial Service on Wednesday morning.

**Attendance July 3, 2017**

Sunday School 41 Morning Worship 87

**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

**Means of Grace: Day Apart for Spiritual Formation** will be held at **Blue Lake** on **Saturday, September 2, 2017**.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$40/person, includes continental breakfast and hot lunch\*

For more information, contact Donell Seager at [donellseager@gmail.com](mailto:donellseager@gmail.com).

**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 9 are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of their 34th wedding anniversary by Ron & Pearl Capel.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS**

**Sunday, July 9**

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 10**

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

**Tuesday, July 11—OFFICE CLOSED**

Prayer Group 7:15 a.m.

**Wednesday, July 12**

**SUPPERS AND PROGRAMS RESUME SEPTEMBER 6, 2017**

**Thursday, July 13**

Primetimers at Mr. Gus' Restaurant 11:30 a.m.

**Friday, July 14**

Sew n Sews 10:00 a.m.

**Saturday, July 15**

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

**ISAIAH 40:21, 25-26**

<sup>21</sup> Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?  
<sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.  
<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.

**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.*

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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 9 (2nd Sunday)**

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

**Counters:** Carl Stevenson,  
Steve Duffee

**Van Driver:** Pam Merritt

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

**Readers:** (8:15) Tommi Holsenbeck  
(10:30) Emma Duffee

**Children's Worship:** Briana Hazen,  
Patty Macready