

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
July 10-July 16, 2016

“Angels Among Us”

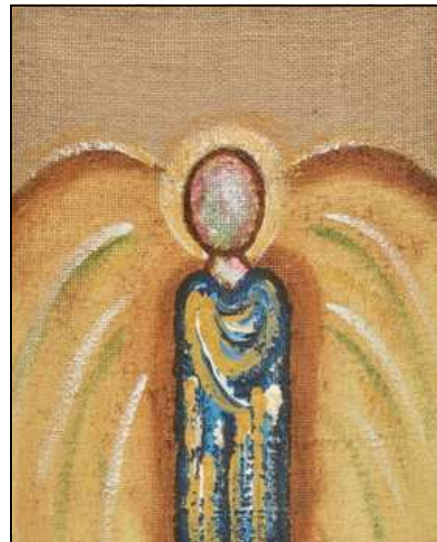
Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Recently, I was reintroduced to the song “Angels Among Us” by Alabama. God is using these words to speak to me. May they speak to you, as well. The chorus is as follows:

*Oh, I believe there are angels among us
Sent down to us from somewhere up above
They come to you and me in our darkest hours
To show us how to live
To teach us how to give
To guide us with a light of love*

Verses two and three are as follows:

*When life held troubled times
And had me down on my knees
There's always been someone
To come along and comfort me
A kind word from a stranger
To lend a helping hand
A phone call from a friend
Just to say, “I understand”
Now ain't it kind of funny
At the dark end of the road
Someone lights the way with just a single ray of hope
They wear so many faces
Show up in the strangest places
And grace us with their mercies in our time of need*



The message of this song reminds me of the message of the beautiful “faceless angels” of Montgomery native and artist, Donnie Sasser. In response to the commonly asked question “Why faceless angels?” the following reply is shared by Sasser, “I like to think that each of them is as different as the *angels among us* that they possibly represent. To one person, a group of angels might be their family, another might be their best friend, a teacher or a caregiver. It is my hope that each time they are viewed, you pause to consider, ‘Who was my angel today?’ or even better, ‘Was I someone’s angel today?’”

Indeed, God places people in our lives who are “angels among us” to “grace us with their mercies in our time of need.” For instance, when I was in college and fell down a flight of icy stairs, God placed an “angel” (a fellow student I had never seen before and never saw again on the small campus of Samford University) at the bottom of the stairs to help me. Additionally, God gives us opportunities each day to serve as “angels” in the lives of others. May we recognize and be thankful for the “angels among us.” Furthermore, may our eyes, ears and hearts be open to the needs of those around us and may we take advantage of opportunities to serve as “angels” in this world. God bless you as he guides and uses you to bless others! To God be all, glory, honor and praise!

Carolyn

“For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.” Psalm 91:11-12

“Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by doing so some people have entertained angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13:2

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

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.

Blue Lake Christian Ashram will be held August 5 - 7, 2016. This spiritual retreat was designed by famed missionary E. Stanley Jones and is family oriented. Dr. Tom Albin, the Upper Room Chapel and Christian Art Museum and General Secretary for the United Christian Ashrams, will lead the Ashram this year.

Bible study will be led by Rev. Dan Eichen, pastor from Kenwood, Oklahoma. Activities for children are available during scheduled sessions.

For more information contact Barbara Pickard, registrar, at barbarapickard@gmail.com.

Thank You!

To Patty and the kids from VBS for their kind donations and help with the food pantry.

Kay Littlepage

**Festival of Wisdom and Grace Conference
 Monday, August 1 - Thursday, August 4, 2016**

Lake Junaluska will host the 2016 Festival of Wisdom and Grace Conference. The conference invites all who are thirsty to "*Come to the Water.*" Led by Dr. Tony Campolo and Dr. Mickey Efirid, this event will be full of worship, Bible Study, workshops, professional training, and fellowship designed for individuals, couples, small groups, or church leaders relating to the second half of life. It is an experience of inspiration and renewal.

REGISTRATION, LODGING, AND MEALS QUESTIONS
registrar@lakejunaluska.com
 800-222-4930

Worship Arts Camp!

We're having an awesome time learning to worship God in a thousand different ways. Miss Patty says "thanks" for all the prayers and support. The kids say "thanks" for all the letters. Mrs. Charlotte says she needs more coffee.



**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
 Sunday, July 17 - 5:30 p.m.**

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
 Sunday, July 17 - 6:00 p.m.
 KEYSTONE CLASS**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for July 10 are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of Christopher Bond by Barbara Bond.

Attendance July 3, 2016

Sunday School 53 Morning Worship 103

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, July 10

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.

Monday, July 11

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

Tuesday, July 12

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

Wednesday, July 13—Suppers Resume in September

Thursday, July 14

Kindergarten in Sheppard Center

Friday, July 15

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

Saturday, July 16

No events currently scheduled

Youth News

Cool as a Cucumber—How to Beat the Heat

1. Choose cotton. Save the ooh-la-la satin, silk, or polyester sheets for cooler nights. ...
2. Feel the freezer burn. Stick sheets in the fridge or freezer for a few minutes before bed. ...
3. Get cold comfort. ...
4. Be creative. ...
5. Sleep like an Egyptian. ...
6. Get loose. ...
7. Go old-school. ...
8. Create a cross-breeze.

Hope you stay cool.

Praise The Lord!

Beverly

In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Lib Cain upon the death of her brother, Charles Pointer, on Thursday, June 30, 2016 in Vienna, Virginia.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Cereal, Jelly, Peanut butter, Large cans of meat,
Dried milk.

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, 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.*

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

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

Youth 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 10
(2nd Sunday)**

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

Counters: Steve Duffee,
Gene Holsenbeck

Van Driver: Pam Merritt

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

Readers: (8:15) Tommi Holsenbeck
(10:30) Patty Macready

Children's Worship: Briana Hazen,
Patty Macready