

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT



For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
July 16-July 22, 2017

"Don't Wait to Celebrate"

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Katherine Arnold Wolf, daughter-in-law of Rev. Dr. Jay Wolf of Montgomery's First Baptist Church, suffered a massive brain stem stroke at age twenty-six. She was not expected to recover and has endured numerous surgeries and extensive rehabilitation. However, Katherine has made the decision to be better rather than bitter and a victor rather than victim. For instance, she has coined the phrase "Don't wait to celebrate" and lives in response to this mindset each day. In her book *Hope Heals: A True Story of Overwhelming Loss and Overcoming Love*, Katherine joyfully proclaims the following words. May God use these words to speak to you, as they speak to me.

Don't wait to celebrate the life you have been given, even if it looks different from the one you thought you would have.

Katherine's words are powerful and remind us to embrace and celebrate the life with which God has blessed us rather than lamenting the life we wish we had. Although our earthly journey has its share of unexpected and unwanted detours, we can and should learn to celebrate life's undeniable blessings in spite of life's unavoidable challenges.

Katherine's words definitely strike a chord with me. Due to my father's cancer diagnosis, this year has certainly unfolded differently than my family and I would have chosen. Our circumstances are vastly different than we expected and wanted. Subsequently, our celebrations are different than we expected and wanted. Nonetheless, we are learning to celebrate the rays of sunlight in the midst of life's storms. Since my father began chemotherapy treatment, we have also experienced the celebratory occasions of Mother's Day, Father's Day, my mother's eighty-fourth birthday and Independence Day. Furthermore, we look forward to the milestone celebration of my father's eighty-fifth birthday on September 10. While chemotherapy schedules, medicine bottles and thermometers remind us of the reality of life's challenges, balloons, cards and gifts remind us of the reality of life's blessings. Moreover, we are reminded that the blessings and challenges of life are often experienced simultaneously.

We are broken people living in a fallen world corrupted by sin. Earthly life will never be perfect or easy. However, in spite of its imperfections and difficulties, life is a gift. Each day is a gift. Each breath is a gift. May we may embrace, celebrate and give thanks to God for the gift of life with which He has blessed us! As Katherine joyfully reminds us, "Don't wait to celebrate!"

Celebrating Life,

Carolyn

"The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy." Psalm 126:3

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations." Psalm 100:4-5

"When life gives you a hundred reasons to cry, show life that you have a thousand reasons to smile." (shared by Vivian Rogers)

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: Please pray for rest and renewal for administrators, teachers, students and parents in preparation for the upcoming school year.

SUPPER at the CATFISH HOUSE

All Supper Clubs will meet at the Catfish House in Millbrook on Tuesday, July 25 at 6:00

p.m. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the Sheppard Center or e-mail: cjvice@charter.net



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!

Thanks for the phone calls, cards and prayers for me after my accident. It has been a struggle, but I have been healing fast due to prayers from all. God bless each & every one of you!

Edna Kohn

Open Dates for Altar Flowers

Dates that need to be filled:

October 8, 15, 22 & 29

Grateful for TJ's Safe Return!



THANK YOU!

Our camp experiences this summer have been wonderful, and YOU were a big part of it. We are so thankful for your prayers, your cards & letters, and your financial support. We will share more about Crossroads and Worship Arts camps in the fall, but please know that we've had the Best... Time... Ever!! Again, thank you for being such a big part of our spiritual journeys. We are so grateful for our church family.

Emma, Gracie, Sarah, Amber, Bess, Ella, Trey & Miss Patty

TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday, 7/19

4:30 p.m.

In the library

Fifth Sunday Activities - July 30
One worship service at 10:00 a.m. filled with all of your favorite hymns.

Missionary Davis Rhodes will be with us.

Find more about his mission work at: www.davisrhodes.org

Covered Dish Luncheon & Fellowship

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for July 16 are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of Hollis Bosch's birthday by Trey, Bess and Emiline Bosch.

Attendance July 9, 2017

Sunday School 61 Morning Worship 88

WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, July 16

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 17

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
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Tuesday, July 18

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
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Wednesday, July 19

SUPPERS AND PROGRAMS RESUME SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

Thursday, July 20

No Events Currently Scheduled

Friday, July 21

Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.
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Saturday, July 22

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:

Cereal, Dried Milk, Large cans of fruits, large cans of vegetables, and large cans of meats.



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, Edna Kohn, Helon Haack, Telsie Davis, 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 16 (3rd Sunday)

Ushers: (8:15) Carol Ann Free
(10:30) Ken Carrick, Jim Solomon,
Jeannie Anderson, Brownie Brown

Counters: Jeannie Anderson,
Mary Thomason

Van Driver: Ron Capel

Soundboard: (8:15) Harry Brantley
(10:30) Jimmy Lee

Readers: (8:15) Bosch Children
(10:30) Barbara Reed

Children's Worship: Patty Macready