

# THE WHITFIELD



# SPIRIT



For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church  
July 23-July 29, 2017

## *“The Red Sea Rules”*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Currently, I am reading the *The Red Sea Rules: Ten God-Given Strategies for Difficult Times* by Reverend Robert J. Morgan. Using the Israelites’ story in Exodus 14 as an example, he offers the following ten strategies, or “Red Sea Rules,” for moving from fear to faith in the midst of life’s hardships. These insights are helpful and encouraging to me. May they help and encourage you and others, as well.

*Rule 1: Realize that God means for you to be where you are.*

*Rule 2: Be more concerned for God’s glory than your relief.*

*Rule 3: Acknowledge your enemy but keep your eyes on the Lord.*

*Rule 4: Pray!*

*Rule 5: Stay calm and confident and give God time to work.*

*Rule 6: When unsure, just take the next logical step by faith.*

*Rule 7: Envision God’s enveloping presence.*

*Rule 8: Trust God to deliver in His own unique way.*

*Rule 9: View your current crisis as a faith builder for the future.*

*Rule 10: Don’t forget to praise Him.*

These simple but powerful insights are helpful tools for dealing with life’s inevitable hardships. May we remember that whatever hardships we are facing or will face, God is with us every step of the journey. Furthermore, may each of us remember that “the same God who led you in will lead you out” of the trials of earthly life. Thanks be to God for His eternal and sustaining presence, love and care in our lives! May we respond to Him with trust and praise!

Trusting and Praising,

*Carolyn*

“You made a way through the sea and paths through the deep waters, but your footprints were not seen. You led your people like a flock using Moses and Aaron.” Psalm 77:19-20

“You can trust God. He will not let you be tested more than you can stand. But when you are tested, He will also make a way out so that you can bear it.” 1 Corinthians 10:13b

“No sea is deeper than the ocean of His love. There is no army stronger than His hosts, no force greater than His throne of grace, no enemy who can overcome His direct and indirect work in our lives. The reality of the Red Sea, in a word, is this: God will always make a way for His tired, yet trusting, children, even if He must split the sea to do it.”

Reverend Robert J. Morgan

“The Lord is in the business of delivering His people in His own way, in His own time, for His own glory.”

Reverend Robert J. Morgan

“The Lord will make a way for you where no foot has been before. That which, like a sea, threatens to drown you, shall be a highway for your escape.” Charles H. Spurgeon

**Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer:** Please pray for scientists who are conducting research to find cures for various diseases.

### **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](mailto:cjvice@charter.net)

### **Fifth Sunday Activities - July 30**

#### **Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.**

One worship service at 10:00 a.m. filled with all of your favorite hymns.

Missionary Davis Rhodes will be with us.

**\*\*We will collect a special love offering for his Tanzanian ministry at the Fellowship Luncheon**

Find more about his mission work at:  
[www.davisrhodes.org](http://www.davisrhodes.org)

Covered Dish Luncheon & Fellowship

### **Montgomery-Prattville District Learning Opportunity**

**"What Shoe Are You?"** (based on the book by Lori Randall and loosely on Florence Littauer's book "Personality Plus"). Presented by Ms. Cami Hacker.

Our church family is made up of so many different people. Even though we are Christians and love one another, it is helpful to discover the skills that help us work more harmoniously with each other. So, we must be open and willing to accept different ideas, perspectives, personality traits and styles.

**This session provides:** An opportunity to consider our own personalities AND the personalities of those around us and how to blend those personalities in our efforts to point others to Christ.

**When:** Saturday, August 12, 2017

Registration: 8:30 a.m. Session: 9:00-Noon

**Where:** Fellowship Hall of River City Church, 301 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery

**Who Should Attend:** Lay Leaders, District C.O.R.E. Team Members and anyone interested in learning helpful skills that direct us to work more harmoniously with each other.

Please RSVP by calling [Cathy Givan](tel:334-354-0879), District Lay Leader at 334-354-0879 or email [cathy3163@hotmail.com](mailto:cathy3163@hotmail.com).

### **Attendance July 16, 2017**

Sunday School 50 Morning Worship 76

## **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

### **A Great Big Thanks!**

*I just have to say thank you to everyone for their prayers and thoughts during my recent medical issues.*

*A special thanks to Jim Vice, Jim Solomon and Elaine Klepac for filling in at the desk for me while I took a few days off to rest and recuperate.*

*You all are what makes working at Whitfield UMC the greatest!*

*Jennifer Andrews*

### **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 our position 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 23 are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of the baptism of

Tyson James Cobb

grandson of David Cobb, great grandson of Joyce Cobb.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS**

**Sunday, July 23**

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 24**

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
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**Tuesday, July 25**

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
Supper Clubs at Catfish House	6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 26**

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

**Thursday, July 27**

No Events Currently Scheduled

**Friday, July 28**

Spiritual Formation Committee (Chapel)	10:00 a.m.
Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.

**Saturday, July 29**

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

***In Sympathy***

We extend our sincere sympathies to Brownie Brown and family upon the death of his wife Peggy Brown on Monday, July 17, 2017 in Montgomery, Alabama.



**You Are In Our Prayers!!**

**Whitfield Members**

Vivian Rogers, Kirk Wood, Martha Parker, Alma Reynolds, Jo Moody, Peter Brambir, Joan Rodgers, Dottie Suber, Charlotte Brambir, Mildred Jones, Betty Fuller, Bill Fischer, Kay Littlepage, Brownie Brown, Lib Cain, Tom Burns, Elmer Stelk, Eloise Parsons, Edna Kohn, Helon Haack, Telsie Davis, Ashton Mashburn, Thursa Brown, Jay Byrd, Daisy Stelk, Ann Cheney, Caryl Carrick

**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 23 (4th Sunday)**

**Ushers:** (8:15) Mark Willis  
(10:30) Youth

**Counters:** Martha Pippin, Ida McCain

**Van Driver:** Pam Merritt

**Soundboard:** (8:15) Harry Brantley  
(10:30) Jeannie Anderson

**Readers:** (8:15)  
(10:30) Jeannie Anderson

**Children's Worship:** TJ Whitehead,  
Patty Macready