

# THE WHITFIELD



## SPIRIT



For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church  
August 6-August 12, 2017

### *“A Prayer for First Thing in the Morning”*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. We enjoyed a wonderful day of worship last Sunday, July 30. We were blessed to hear Davis Rhodes share about his mission work in Tanzania. The love offering shared with Davis will help support the ongoing work of God in Tanzania. Thank you for your generous response to this need. Additionally, on this “singing Sunday” we worshiped God through the gift of song and music. We were blessed by special music and sang several well-loved hymns of praise, comfort and dedication. Finally, we gathered for a time of fellowship and shared meal. Thank you to everyone who helped make last Sunday a joy-filled day of worship and praise. During our worship service, our first hymn of praise was the well-loved hymn “Great Is Thy Faithfulness.” Words from this beautiful hymn are echoed in the following prayer, “A Prayer for First Thing in the Morning,” which was recently shared with me by a friend. God is using this heartfelt prayer to bless and encourage me. May God use these words to bless and encourage you and others, as well.

*Good morning, Lord!*

*Great is Your faithfulness and Your steadfast love! Your mercies are made new every morning.*

*I do not know what is going to happen today but You do. So, I give this day to You.*

*Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and energize me for Your work. Awaken me to the wonder of Your salvation and quicken my Spirit to Your presence in my life.*

*This day is Yours. My body is Yours. My mind is Yours. Everything I am is Yours.*

*You will be faithful to complete the good work You have started and, as I step out into my day, I declare Your sovereignty over every area of my life. I entrust myself to You and ask that You use me however You see fit.*

*May You be pleased with me today.*

*Amen.*

Indeed, this beautiful prayer is very fitting to be used as “a prayer for first thing in the morning.” Life is a gift. Each day is a gift. Therefore, may we embrace the gift of each new day and, through the power of the Holy Spirit, strive to use our God-given days and spiritual gifts for His glory and kingdom work. During our earthly lives, we will experience days of both joy and sorrow. However, regardless of what each new day holds, God is with us. He holds each of us and our days, securely and eternally, in the palm of His almighty hand. He is our good, loving and faithful God who promises never to leave or forsake us. Thanks be to God for the gift of today!

Embracing the gift of today,

*Carolyn*

“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.” Lamentations 2:22-23

“Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6

“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.” Corrie Ten Boom

**Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer:** Please pray for God to bless, guide and use each of us for His glory and kingdom work, moment by moment and day by day.

The Annual August Whitfield UMW Unit Meeting  
Breakfast at Chappy's on Perry Hill Road  
Wednesday, August 9, 2017  
At 9:30 AM

We look forward to seeing everyone from both circles.  
Dress comfortably and bring a friend too !!  
Lib Cain, UMW President.

**Holy Communion - Sunday, August 6, 2017**

Holy Communion will be offered on Sunday, August 6, to our members who are unable to attend church at this time.

The elements will be consecrated at the 10:30 am worship service and volunteers will take Communion out between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 pm. We plan to take Communion to all who received Communion on Sunday, April 2. If you did not receive in April, but would like to receive the sacrament on August 6, please call the church office by Thursday morning, August 3. This ministry is being sponsored by the A+ Council at Whitfield UMC.

**Montgomery-Prattville District  
Learning Opportunity  
Saturday, August 12**

**"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.

**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).**  
Light snacks and lunch will be provided.

**Big Thanks!**

Thank you to Carl Stevenson for trimming the vines growing along the sidewalk between the Education Building and the Sheppard Center. I really appreciate the help!

Larry London.

**Attendance July 30, 2017**

Sunday School 28 Morning Worship 75

**Wednesday Night Dinner  
WILL RESUME  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2017**

**Thank You**

*Thanks to all of you that reached out to me and my family after my Dad's death. Your prayers, calls, cards, texts, and Facebook messages meant so much to us.*

*Please continue to lift us up in your prayers.*

*Whitfield will always have a special place in my heart.*

*David Bowen*

**Biscuits Baseball Charity Night!  
Friday, August 11, 2017, 7:05 PM**

Sign up with Patty if you'd like to go see the Biscuits play the Jackson Generals! We'll order tickets online, and \$3 from each ticket will go to support the Family Sunshine Center.

**Tickets will be purchased before Noon on Wednesday, August 9!** Box (\$11) or Superbox (\$13) as available.

Let's enjoy a great game and help a local ministry!

**Psalm 37:3-7a**

<sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

<sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.

<sup>6</sup> He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar for August 6 are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of her mother  
Doris Anderson by Jeannie Anderson.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Sunday, August 6

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, August 7

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
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### Tuesday, August 8

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
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### Wednesday, August 9

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

Trustees Meeting	4:00 p.m.
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### Thursday, August 10

No Events Currently Scheduled

### Friday, August 11

Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.
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### Saturday, August 12

Gatsby Lane HOA Party	3:00 p.m.
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## From the Youth....

We have had a great summer but now are starting to wind down. We have completed our "Faith of Her Own" Bible Study and met 7/25 for lunch at the Gazebo Tea Room to celebrate the great women we learned about. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel/post-pone our End-of-Summer Lock-in.

As we look forward to school starting, we will begin a new "mysterious"



Bible Study that will begin when Wednesday Night Supper resumes. We also have several concert events that we will be looking at attending as a group.

We will have the Fall Youth Calendar out soon... keep an eye out for it. We are looking forward to lots of fun and spirit filled activities. Come see us and bring your friends!!!!

Amy and Scott

## 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, Alice Henley

### 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 - August 6 (Communion)**

**Ushers:** (8:15) Mary Thomason  
(10:30) Amanda Senn, Ron Capel,  
Brownie Brown, Carl Stevenson

**Counters:** Jan Heath,  
Gene Holsenbeck

**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