

# THE WHITFIELD



# SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church  
August 7-August 13, 2016

## *Our Father's Voice*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Prior to his retirement, I called my father at work from time to time to share various joys and concerns. When he answered the phone, I heard his deep, professional voice say, "Douglas Nelson." However, as soon as he identified that I was the caller, I heard his more animated voice say, "Hi, Sweet Pea!" My father knows, hears and responds to his daughter's voice. Furthermore, I know, hear and respond to my father's voice. When I have experienced my highest highs, lowest lows and everything in between, my earthly father's voice has been and continues to be a source of encouragement and guidance to me.

Likewise, our heavenly Father knows the unique voice of each of his beloved sons and daughters. He loves to hear our voices. As our good, loving and faithful Father, he responds to our voices. He longs to be in constant communication and communion with us through the gift of prayer and power of the Holy Spirit. He desires to hear our words of adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication. God loves to hear our voices lifted to him in acts of worship and praise. Moreover, he equally desires to hear our voices pour out to him our deepest fears, questions, struggles and pain. As well as God hearing our audible voices, he hears the voices of our hearts. Even those words and prayers that remain unspoken and held close to our hearts, God knows, hears and is responding to in his perfect timing and ways. Thanks be to God!

In addition to God knowing, hearing and responding to our voices, he longs for each of us to know, hear and respond to his voice. Rather than listening and responding to the countless false voices of the world that clamor around us, God desires for us to listen and respond to his voice of truth. Our Good Shepherd longs to speak to and guide us, his beloved sheep. Through the gift of prayer and power of the Holy Spirit, may you and I know, hear and respond to our Father's voice. May our heavenly Father's voice of truth encourage and guide us as we journey together and follow him.

Knowing, Hearing and Responding,

*Carolyn*

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake." Psalm 23:1-3

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one." John 10:27-30

## *Thank You!*

Thank you to Alicia Cargill Chalker, Patty Macready and Nancy Pugh for your help during my time off last week. You and your efforts are greatly appreciated! God bless you!

With Gratitude,

*Carolyn*

**PRIMETIMERS**  
**Thursday, August 11**  
**Jan's Beach House Grill**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
**RSVP to Louise Forrester**

**August Speakers for Susie Peach Class**  
**August 7** - Nancy Pugh  
**August 14** - Jeannie Anderson  
**August 21** - TBA  
**August 28** - TBA



**Ice Cream Social**

The new Supper Clubs will be forming at the Ice Cream Social on Monday, August 22nd at 6:30 pm in the Sheppard Center. If you plan to join a supper club (Home or Restaurant), please let us know. Call 279-9589 or e-mail [cjvice@charter.net](mailto:cjvice@charter.net). If you would like to join the Restaurant Supper Club, contact Jack Reed. It is a great opportunity for fellowship & fun! Please remember to bring your favorite ice cream, cake or cookies!

See you August 22nd at 6:30pm in the Sheppard Center!

**Family Night at Riverwalk Stadium**  
**Montgomery Biscuits vs. Mobile Bay Bears**  
**Saturday, August 13th**  
**6:35 p.m.**  
**Sign Up by Sunday, August 7th**



**Attendance July 31, 2016**  
Sunday School 45      Morning Worship 74

**Wednesday Night Dinner  
and Programs**  
Will resume in September 7

**TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7th**  
Immediately after 10:30 worship

**ANNUAL UMW UNIT BREAKFAST**  
**August 10, 2016 9:30 AM**  
**CHAPPY'S RESTURANT ---- PERRY HILL ROAD**  
Please join us for breakfast on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 @ 9:30 AM

All ladies, member or not, are most welcome... We would enjoy your having breakfast with us.

**EDUCATION WORK AREA MEETING**  
**Tuesday - August 9**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Planning for Fall Programs**

**The Kempters need your help!**

It is with a great deal of sorrow that I announce to you, our friends, that Momma (Teresa) Kempter has colon cancer in advanced stages and is, at present time, not fit to travel. Since traveling is a major part of what we do, we will need to cancel all future concerts until further notice. Your prayers would be appreciated. Thank you and God Bless, Chaz Kempter

**Ways to help:**

1. Donate online at: [www.gofundme.com/thekempters](http://www.gofundme.com/thekempters)
2. Send a card to Chaz & Teresa at: 11836 Holtville Rd, Deatsville AL, 36022
3. Buy their CD's on [www.thekempters.com](http://www.thekempters.com)
4. If anyone needs kitchen cabinets, please call Kempter Cabinets & Millworks at (334)569-3942.

**ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE**

Volunteers will begin sorting on August 16th at 10:00 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help!

Due to space limitation, we are NOT ACCEPTING: analog tv's, computers, printers, monitors or Christmas trees.

Thank you for your donations!

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar for August 7 are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of Doris Anderson by Jeannie Anderson.

**SCHEDULED EVENTS**

**Sunday, August 7—Communion**

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.
Trustees Meeting - Library	11:30 a.m.

**Monday, August 8**

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
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**Tuesday, August 9**

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
Education Work Area Meeting- Library	10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, August 10—Suppers Resume September 7**

UMW Annual Meeting—Chappy's (Perry Hill)	9:30 a.m.
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**Thursday, August 11**

Kindergarten in Sheppard Center	
Primitimers - Jan's Beach House Grill	11:30 a.m.

**Friday, August 12**

Sew n sews	10:00 a.m.
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**Saturday, August 13**

Gatsby Lane Party	
Biscuits Game	6:00 p.m.

***Youth News***

This Sunday is Van clean up time as part of the youth initiative to help out the Church. We usually do and all around clean up and wipe down of the vans for the folks that use them. And afterward we will enjoy some cool ice cream sundaes!

Praise The Lord!

Beverly

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**

Cereal, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Large Cans of Fruit, Large Cans of Vegetables, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste.



**Food Pantry  
Donations Needed**

**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, Libby Richardson, Joan Rodgers, Thursa Brown, John Woodson, Dottie Suber, Martha Pippin, Charlotte Brambir, Mildred Jones, Betty Fuller, Helon Haack, Edna Kohn, Kay Littlepage, Brownie Brown, Lib Cain, Tom Burns, Caryll Carrick, Elmer Stelk, Eloise Parsons, Sawyer Johns, Bill Fischer, Allison East, Jim Solomon

**Home Bound Members (in-town)**

Lois Payne, Johnnie Smith, Nealie Pruitt, Emmett Turner, Teresa Chavers, Ruby Solomon, Margaret Deacy, Wayne Read, Delores Dodson, Mitzi Warren, Maxene Fischer, Hazel Askew

**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, Jean Cantey, Teresa Kempter, Mac Macready, Pat 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 7  
(Communion)**

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

**Counters:** Curtis Ingram,  
Gene Holsenbeck

**Van Driver:** Ron Capel

**Soundboard:** (8:15) Harry Brantley  
(10:30) Steve Duffee

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

**Children's Worship:** Communion