

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

August 14–August 20, 2016

His Broken Vessels

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Recently, I was introduced to the song “Glow in the Dark” by Jason Gray. These heartfelt words and the truths they convey are encouraging to me. May you be encouraged, as well.

*“Sometimes the world feels like a mess
Full of drama, full of stress
And life puts a fist right in your ribs
You can hide if you choose to
And no one would even blame you
Or you can let them see how you deal with it
That even in the darkest place
His love can make you radiate
Doesn't matter how deep, how dark the night is
Keep hoping, keep on shining
And they'll see His light burning in your heart
And if the road gets rough, just keep your head up
Let the world see what you're made of
That His love's alive in your deepest parts
Like a flame, like a burning star, you can shine right where you are
He made you to glow in the dark
Don't be ashamed of your past
If you're shattered like a piece of glass
The more broken you are, the more the light gets through
Show your wounds and your flaws
Show them why you still need the cross
Let them see the work He's doing in you”*

God loves us with a divine, everlasting and unconditional love. He loves us despite the fact that we fail him every day. He loves us just as we are. There is nothing we can do or refrain from doing that will change God's love for us. In addition to God loving us as we are, he meets us where we are and uses us as we are. In spite of the fact that we are broken vessels, God desires for us to serve as available and willing vessels in and through whom his love can flow and spill out upon others. Furthermore, it is in the places of our most significant brokenness that God's light is able to radiate most brightly into the darkness of this world. Yes, we are broken people living in a fallen world corrupted by sin. However, as available and willing vessels, may we allow God's light to shine brightly in and through us to touch and bless others who are in desperate need of the healing and hope that he alone can bring!

His Broken Vessel,

Carolyn

“I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness. I will build you up again and you will be rebuilt....” Jeremiah 31:3-4a

“You are the light of the world of the world....let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:14a, 16

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.” John 1:5

“God knows our situation; he will not judge us as if we had no difficulties to overcome. What matters is the sincerity and perseverance of our will to overcome them.” C.S. Lewis

A+ Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 17
10:00 a.m.
Library

August Speakers for Susie Peach Class

August 14 - Jeannie Anderson

August 21 - Allison Woodson,

Answered Prayers Ministry

August 28 - Randy Allen, Wesley Gardens



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. 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!

THANK YOU

Many thanks to my Whitfield family for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and messages for mom and me during my recent surgery and recovery. It means so much to know that others are thinking about and praying for you during tough times.

I love y'all! Allison East

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!

Attendance August 7, 2016

Sunday School 64

Morning Worship 98

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

CHOIR PRACTICE!!

Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, August 17th. We have all enjoyed our summer vacation, but it's time to prepare music for special services this fall and learn the new music for Christmas! We welcome anyone who would like to sing with us! Practice will be from 7:00 until 8:00 every Wednesday night in the choir room. Please see me if you have any questions!

Thank you! Angie Mitchell, Music Director



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
A FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR
Bishop and Mrs. Paul L. Leeland
AS WE EXPRESS OUR DEEP GRATITUDE FOR
THEIR DEDICATION TO THE
ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2016
4:00 P.M.

MONTGOMERY FIRST UNITED METHODIST
2416 CLOVERDALE PARK
WESLEY HALL, EPWORTH ROOM



Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 28

10:30 Service

Students, bring you backpacks, book bag, etc.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for August 14 are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents by Helen Hanby & Margaret Feld.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, August 14

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, August 15

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
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Tuesday, August 16

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
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Wednesday, August 17—Suppers Resume September 7

A+ Council Meeting	10:00 a.m.
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Thursday, August 18

Kindergarten in Sheppard Center

Friday, August 19

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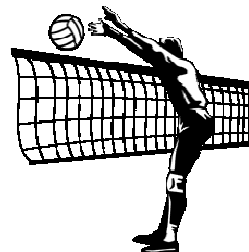
Saturday, August 20

AA Old Timers Picnic	12:00 p.m.
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Youth News

In honor of the Olympics, this Sunday, we will be trying some in-door beach volleyball without the sand! So come join us and let's see some almost Olympic like play !!!

Praise The Lord!
Beverly



Proverbs 4:20-22

²⁰ My child, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.

²¹ Do not let them escape from your sight; keep them within your heart.

²² For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh.

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
(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) Emma Duffee

Children's Worship: Briana Hazen,
Patty Macready