

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
August 28-September 3, 2016

A Note from Drue

Hello, My Friends! I hope that you are doing well! It has been 8 months since I have been with you and oh, how I miss you! Since we were last together, I finished Licensing School, moved to Auburn, received my License during Annual Conference and have been appointed to the Lee Circuit. The Lee Circuit is made up of 3 churches, Morris Chapel (8:30), Pierce Chapel (9:45) and Hopewell UMC (11:15).

I preach at each church each Sunday. I often laugh when I think back over the times I whined when I had to attend the "Early Bird" 8:15 service at Whitfield. Yep, the Lord has a sense of humor!

I am SO blessed! The churches have welcomed me with open arms and they are teaching me, just like you did while I was with you. They have been very, very gracious and I am blessed by knowing each one of them. I have not made any missteps yet, unless you count knocking over the Communion juice onto the brand new white paraments or allowing candle wax to run down the side of the red paraments. Yes, it really did happen!

I will begin Course of Study in January 2017 and am looking forward to the formal education. I know that I have a lot more to learn. I am so grateful for the call to Ministry and know that it is exactly what I am supposed to be doing. I am overwhelmed and humbled by Him!

In closing, Carolyn, thank you for your graciousness in allowing me to write this letter for the Whitfield Spirit. I am made better by your friendship and Whitfield is so blessed to have you!

My Love to you all,

Drue

Philippians 1:2-4 May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy...

Thank You!

Thank you to Nancy Pugh for leading the worship services on Sunday, August 21, and Drue Tubbs for writing the cover article for this week's newsletter. Thank you for using your God-given gifts to glorify him and bless others. You and your efforts are greatly appreciated!

With Gratitude,

Carolyn

**Ladies' Tuesday Bible Study
September 20 @ 2:00 PM**

The Best of J. Ellsworth Kalas

Pick up your books from Patty BEFORE the first class.

August Speakers for Susie Peach Class

August 28 - Randy Allen, Wesley Gardens
We will meet THIS Sunday in the Keystone Class .

**UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE
LOUISIANA FLOODING**

These are a few items UMCOR have requested:
UMCOR Cleaning Buckets

- Box fans (*To help dry out homes*)
- 25' Extension Cords (*So people can move the fans around in a home*)
- 2 gallon garden sprayers (*To kill mildew and mold*)
- Flat billed shovels (*To take out wet carpet, carpet pads, sheet rock, insulation, etc.*)
- Garden rakes with 3" tines (*To gather limbs, leaves and trash that have floated into a home.*)
- 2-wheeled wheel barrows (*To carry wet items and trash to the road/street*)
- Adult diapers, baby diapers and baby wipes.

Or you can send donations to:

UMCOR
4719 Woodmere Blvd.
Montgomery, AL 36106
Put US Disaster Response # 901670 in memo line



Join a Prayer Group

If you are interested in participating in a weekly prayer group, please come to the organizational meeting on Monday, August 29, at 1:15 p.m., in the Library. If you are interested, but cannot attend this meeting, please let us know the time each week that would be good for you.

Thank you, Pollyanna and Jim Judd

Attendance August 21, 2016

Sunday School 68 Morning Worship 103

**Wednesday Night Dinner and Programs
resume September 7 @ 5:30 PM.**

**Trusting the Covenant
Bible Study**

The third and final section of Covenant Bible Study, "Trusting the Covenant" will be offered beginning on Thursday, September 22 and continuing for 8 weeks, concluding on Thursday, November 10. From the story of Job, to the Hebrew exile, to the apocalyptic visions in Daniel and Revelation, we will learn how faithful love is at work in everything - to restore hope, freedom and wholeness to our lives.

New people are welcome to become a part of this study. The class will be offered from 10:00-11:45 am and from 5:30 - 7:00 pm in the church library. The co-facilitators will be LuAnne Houser and Nancy Pugh. If you would like to take the class, please call the church office (281-2467) or sign up in the church office by Thursday, September 1, so that participant guides may be ordered. Call Nancy Pugh (244-2468) if you have questions.



Blessing of the Backpacks



Sunday, August 28

10:30 Service

**Students, bring your backpacks,
book bags, lunch boxes, etc.**

**for a special time of prayer, as we
start the new school year.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar August 28 are offered to the Glory of God in honor of their mother, grandmother and great grandmother Margaret Deacy's birthday by Kim, Rick, Steve, Lisa, Kaylee, Natalee, Sid, Nivia, Samantha, William, Tristan, Aydan and Kaydence.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, August 28

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 29

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
Prayer Group Meeting (Library)	1:15 p.m.

Tuesday, August 30

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
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Wednesday, August 31—Suppers Resume September 7

Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
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Thursday, September 1

No events currently scheduled

Friday, September 2

Sew n sews	10:00 a.m.
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Saturday, September 3

No events currently scheduled

Youth News

One of the first things I learned in Youth Ministry was it doesn't matter how many or how few people you have on any given day, but that you still continue to have your opportunities for fellowship. When I first started at Whitfield, I had 2 youth and over 7 years we have grown to 20 and then graduated them all and back down to a handful. But what's important is to keep meeting, and keep talking about the Bible, and keep having fellowship.

This doesn't just apply to Youth but to all ages. There is no minimum required - to get closer to God!

Praise The Lord!

Beverly

Thank you!

I appreciate your kindness in the sympathy for my brother. I wish I could tell you some things about his life. It was a colorful one! He was a wonderful husband, father and sibling. Please keep me in your prayers.

Love, Blenda

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, Kay Littlepage, Brownie Brown, Lib Cain, Tom Burns, Caryll Carrick, Elmer Stelk, Eloise Parsons, Sawyer Johns, Bill Fischer, Allison East, Jim Solomon, Edna Kohn

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, 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 28
(4th Sunday)**

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

Counters: Martha Pippin, Ida McCain

Van Driver: Pam Merrit

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

Readers: (8:15) Margaret Feld
(10:30) Jeannie Anderson

Children's Worship: TJ Whitehead,
Patty Macready