

THE WHITFIELD



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For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

September 4-September 10, 2016

Asking, Seeking and Knocking: Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. In Matthew 7:7-8, Jesus proclaims, “Ask and it will be give unto you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.” Reverend John David Walt, former Dean of the Chapel at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY, shares the following thoughts regarding the importance of asking, seeking and knocking.

Asking and Seeking and Knocking...

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| 1. <i>renounces unbelief</i> | 11. <i>releases anxiety</i> |
| 2. <i>requires humility</i> | 12. <i>fosters trust</i> |
| 3. <i>crucifies pride</i> | 13. <i>risks vulnerability</i> |
| 4. <i>forges persistence</i> | 14. <i>rewards audacity</i> |
| 5. <i>animates patience</i> | 15. <i>ceases passivity</i> |
| 6. <i>creates dependence</i> | 16. <i>stretches possibility</i> |
| 7. <i>clarified need</i> | 17. <i>enriches imagination</i> |
| 8. <i>kills apathy</i> | 18. <i>foments movement</i> |
| 9. <i>bolsters faith</i> | 19. <i>opens the way for on earth as it is in heaven</i> |
| 10. <i>quelches doubt</i> | |

Regarding the importance of asking, seeking and knocking, through the gift and power of prayer, John Wesley declares the following words.

O how meek and gentle, how lowly in heart, how full of love both to God and men, might you have been at this day, if only you had asked; if you had continued instant in prayer! Therefore, now, at least, ‘ask, and it shall be give unto you.’ ...Continue in prayer, and in every other way of the Lord. Be not weary or faint in your mind. Press on to the mark. Take no denial: let him not go until he bless you. And the door of mercy, of holiness, of heaven shall be opened unto you.

As disciples of Jesus Christ we are called to be fervent in prayer, which is one of the means of grace through which God’s grace pervades in and through his disciples. I am thankful for faithful prayer warriors in my life and that our Whitfield family is devoted to prayer. For instance, our Tuesday morning prayer group faithfully lifts countless people and situations to God. Currently, we are in the process of organizing an additional prayer group. Next week, our family of faith will begin the practice of focused corporate prayer. Each subsequent week, our entire Whitfield family will be invited and encouraged to join together in lifting to God on specific prayer need that I will share with you in the newsletter and during the Sunday worship services. Our weekly focused corporate prayer will range from needs in our Whitfield family to needs in our community, nation and world. Thank you in advance for joining me in this vital, life-changing means of grace. God has wonderful plans in store for us as individuals, families and a family of faith as we ask, seek, knock and trust him to hear and respond in his perfect timing and ways. Thanks be to God!

Praying,

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.

Whitfield UMW Circle Meetings September, 2016

The Morning Circle of Whitfield UMW will meet on:

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 10:00AM
 In the Sheppard Center

Hostesses: Betty Brasher and Ella Mae Eggers
 Chairperson: Jan Heath

RSVP: Gail Gilmore 396-3358

The Evening Circle of Whitfield UMW

Will meet on:

Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 7.00PM
 at 3016 Merrimac - Home of Nancy Allen
 Hosting is: Cover Dish

Chairperson: Bonnie Shanks

PRIMETIMERS ...

will meet Thursday, September 8 at Capitol Oyster Bar at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Gail Gilmore ggilmore3358@att.net or call 396-3358.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
 A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION WELCOMING
Bishop and Mrs. David Graves
 TO THE ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

4:00 P.M.
 MONTGOMERY

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 2416 CLOVERDALE PARK

Attendance August 28, 2016

Sunday School 82 Morning Worship 103

Wednesday Night Dinner and Programs
September 7

Menu: Sunday Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Glazed Carrots, Broccoli, Roll & Dessert.

Program: Summer Scrapbooking : Remember to bring your photos !

Trusting the Covenant
Bible Study

On Thursdays, September 22 through November 10.

10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the library. 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.



A+ Trip to Tuskegee

A+ will sponsor a trip to Tuskegee on Monday, October 3, to tour the Tuskegee Airmen's Historic Site, the George Washington Carver Museum and the Oaks—home of Booker T. Washington. Transportation will be provided and the museums are free as they are under the National Park Service. Lunch will be "on your own" between tours in downtown Tuskegee. Since advance reservations are required for groups of ten or more, you will need to sign up in the church office by Monday, September 19, if you wish to join us.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar September 4 are offered to the Glory of God by Jimmy and Martha Lee in loving memory of his parents, Robert Edward and Mildred Pettus Lee.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, September 4

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, September 5 - Labor Day - Office Closed

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
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Tuesday, September 6

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
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Wednesday, September 7

Fellowship Supper	5:30 p.m.
Program - Summer Scrapbook	6:15 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 8

Primetimers at Capitol Oyster Bar	11:30 a.m.
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Friday, September 9

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

No events currently scheduled

Youth News

This past Sunday, we talked about how the letters from Drue to our church family are similar to those written by Paul to his fellow Christians back in the day. And we continue to pray for Drue as she continues her journey!

This Sunday, there will be no youth fellowship due to Labor day weekend, we resume regular activities the next Sunday.

Praise The Lord!

Beverly

Food Pantry Needs:

Large Cans of Meat, Peanut butter, Jelly, Dried Milk, Dried



CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORTS DUE

Committee Heads,
Please return your completed Charge Conference reports to me by Sunday, September 11.

Thank you,
Carolyn

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, Jim Vice

Home Bound Members (in-town)

Lois Payne, 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, Blenda Lushington

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 - September 4
(Communion)**

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

Counters: Jan Heath,
Curtis Ingram

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