

THE WHITFIELD



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For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
September 10-September 16, 2017

Celebrating Life!

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ! I hope you enjoyed a good Labor Day weekend. We enjoyed a meaningful day of worship last Sunday, September 3, as we took part in Holy Communion. Next Sunday, September 10, will be another meaningful day of worship. Drue Tubbs will return to Whitfield to share the sermon and lead both worship services. Please plan to attend and bring others with you.

Next Sunday is a meaningful day for my family, as well. My father, Douglas Nelson, will turn eighty-five years young on September 10. My father is young at heart. He is youthful in the way he thinks, acts and looks. Recently, someone guessed him to be in his early sixties. My family and I are thankful for this milestone occasion. As Margaret Feld expressed to me last Sunday, "It isn't every day that you turn eighty-five!" We are especially thankful to reach this wonderful milestone following my father's cancer diagnosis and subsequent chemotherapy treatment this year. I am taking the day off on Sunday, September 10, to celebrate with my father and family.

My father loves coffee. One of his morning rituals is to prepare coffee to enjoy and share with family. In his book *Prayers from the Heart*, Richard J. Foster (who has authored many books, including *Celebration of Discipline* and *Prayer*) shares the following prayer. Many members of our Whitfield family, like my father and family, enjoy a good cup of coffee. May God use the words of this prayer to bless you as they bless me.

A Prayer at Coffee Time

Somehow, Jesus, I like praying with a cup of coffee in my hands. I guess the warmth of the cup settles me and speaks of the warmth of your love. I hold the cup against my cheek and listen, hushed and still. I blow on the coffee and drink. O Spirit of God, blow across my little life and let me drink in your great Life. Amen.

Regarding prayer during coffee time, Foster shares, "Often, I will allow the coffee to determine the length of my prayer time. When the coffee is gone, I am ready to turn my attention to the tasks of the day." During coffee time and throughout each day, may we feel the warmth of God's love and the love of others surrounding us. Furthermore, may God's Spirit fill and equip us for the tasks of each new day. Thanks be to God for the gift of life and joyful occasions to celebrate throughout life's journey!

Celebrating life,

Carolyn

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

"The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy." Psalm 126:3

"Every good and perfect gift is from above." James 1:17a

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: Please pray for all to have a strong support system as we journey through life. May we offer support to others and accept support from others.

PRIMETIMERS

Will meet Thursday, September 14
At 11:30 a.m. at the Capitol Oyster Bar
Call Gail Gilmore to RSVP
Ph. 396-3358

The morning **September UMW** meeting
will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017
at 10:00 AM

Please come and enjoy the program,
the fellowship and the snacks!

Hostesses: Ella Mae Eggers & Helon Haack

Ladies Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
A study of the Holy Spirit
Beginning September 19 @ 2:00 p.m.
Sign up with Patty

UMCOR RELIEF for Texas — HURRICANE HARVEY
As [UMCOR - United Methodist Committee On Relief](#)
continues to prepare for Harvey, please pray for those
whose lives have been impacted by this hurricane.
Those who wish to support the work of UMCOR as it
responds to this and other disasters in the U.S. are
encouraged to give to UMCOR's US Disaster Response
Advance #901670

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK September 17-September 24

Volunteers needed for:

1. **Meals:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
2. **Evening Hosts:** 5:30-8:30 p.m.
3. **Overnight Hosts:** 8:30 p.m.—7:00 a.m.
4. **Set-up Sunday, 9/17** 11:00 a.m.
5. **Clean Up Sunday, 9/24** 7:00 a.m.
6. **Wash linens** - Daily (Esp. Sunday, 9/24)

Call Nancy (281-5975) or Elaine (272-2799) to
volunteer.

Attendance September 3, 2017
Sunday School 47 Morning Worship 89

Wednesday Night Dinner SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

MENU: Beef Tips, Rice, Pineapple
Casserole, Side Salad, Roll & Dessert.

PROGRAM: Blue Lake Camp Night
Special Surprise Camp Treats!

Operation Christmas Child shoe box recipient Alina Aisina will be in our area for her Love in a Shoe Box Tour. Alina tells her story of religious persecution in SE Asia, and the impact her shoe box had on her faith. Her tour schedule is:

Friday, 9/15 @ 6:00 pm, Frazer Fellowship Hall
Saturday, 9/16 @ 9:30 am, Santuck Baptist Church,
@ 4:00 pm, Hollins Baptist Church,
Goodwater
Sunday, 9/17 @ 10:15 am, Boones Chapel,
Prattville
@ 2:30 pm, Vertical Point Church,
Alex City
@ 6:00 pm, Trinity UMC, Opelika
Monday, 9/18 @ 6:00 pm, Parkway Baptist,
Auburn
Tuesday, 9/19 @ 8:00 am, Ridgecrest Baptist
Church, Mtgy

PRAYER NEEDS

Please be in prayer for the following needs in our
nation:

Hurricane Harvey Relief
Wildfires raging in Montana
Hurricane Irma's potential path
North Korea's missile testing

1 Kings 8:28

*Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his
plea for mercy, Lord my God. Hear the cry and the
prayer that your servant is praying in your
presence this day.*

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for September 10 are
offered to the Glory of God and in memory of
Peggy Brown by Brownie Brown.

WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS		YOUTH
Sunday, September 10		<p>Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. 2 Corinthians 5:17</p> <p>We are looking forward to the <i>new</i> school year! Amy & Scott</p> <p>Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet</p> <p>We hope that you will plan to join us for this Adam Hamilton video study as we explore the sites of Moses' life, from the Nile River to the Reed Sea, from Mt. Sinai to the desert wilderness.</p> <p>The 6 week study begins on Thursday, October 12 and concludes on Thursday, November 16 at 10:00 am and again that evening at 5:30 in the church library at Whitfield UMC. Turn your reluctance into boldness as you study and learn more about this important prophet.</p> <p>The cost is \$20.00 for the student book which can be paid at the first meeting. Please call the church office to register by Wednesday, September 20 so that books may be ordered. Please indicate your preference for the morning or evening class. Co-facilitators: LuAnne Houser and Nancy Pugh.</p>
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, September 11		
Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.	
Tuesday, September 12		
Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.	
Wednesday, September 13		
PoP Prayer Group	4:30 p.m.	
Wednesday Night Supper Program	5:30 p.m.	
Children's Activities	6:15 p.m.	
Youth Engage	6:15 p.m.	
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.	
Thursday, September 14		
Primetimers at COB	11:30 a.m.	
Friday, September 15		
Personnel Testing	8:00 a.m.	
Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.	
Saturday, September 16		
No Events Currently Scheduled		

You Are In Our Prayers!!

Whitfield Members

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, Edna Kohn, Eloise Parsons, Helon Haack, Telsie Davis, Jay Byrd, Daisy Stelk, Ann Cheney, Caryl Carrick, Alice Henley, Lynn Norsworthy, Vivian Rogers

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, Tommy Rutledge, Ella Marie Burns

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 10 (2nd Sunday)

Ushers: (8:15) Gene Holsenbeck
(10:30) Steve Duffee, Emma Duffee,
Neet Duffee, Vic Bradsher

Counters: Carl Stevenson,
Steve Duffee

Van Driver: Pam Merritt

Soundboard: (8:15) John Carmichael
(10:30) Vic Bradsher

Readers: (8:15) Tommi Holsenbeck
(10:30) Emma Duffee

Children's Worship: Briana Hazen,
Patty Macready