

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT



For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
September 17-September 23, 2017

Lord, Lord, Open Unto Me!

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. I continue to enjoy *Prayers from the Heart* by Richard J. Foster. God is using the following prayer to speak to me. May God use this prayer to speak to you and others, as well.

Lord, Lord, Open Unto Me by: Howard Thurman (1980-1981)

Open unto me light for my darkness.

Open unto me courage for my fear.

Open unto me hope for my despair.

Open unto me peace for my turmoil.

Open unto me joy for my sorrow.

Open unto me strength for my weakness.

Open unto me wisdom for my confusion.

Open unto me forgiveness for my sins.

Open unto me tenderness for my toughness.

Open unto me love for my hates.

Open unto me Thyself for myself.

Lord, Lord, open unto me!

These powerful words remind us that we are broken people living in a fallen world corrupted by sin. During our earthly journey, each of us will experience the human conditions of “darkness, fear, despair, turmoil, sorrow, weakness, confusion, sins, toughness and hates.” However, regardless of our condition and resulting need, God is the endless source of “light, courage, hope, peace, joy, strength, wisdom, forgiveness and love.” May we open ourselves to Him and be filled by Him. Thanks be to God!

Open to Him,

Carolyn

Thank you to Drue Tubbs for sharing the sermon and leading the services on Sunday, September 10.

“He must become greater; I must become less.” John 3:30

“But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

Galatians 5:22-23a

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: Please pray for all who are impacted by hurricanes and wildfires.

Finance Committee will meet
Sunday, September 17 at 5:00 p.m.
in the Library.

Church Council will meet
Sunday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m.
in the Chapel.

Trustees Committee will meet on
Wednesday, September 20 at 4:00 p.m.
in the Sheppard Center.

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



Ukulele Class
Sundays at 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room
Beginning September 24

We hope to eventually start a Ukulele Ministry, going to nursing homes, hospitals, etc. to bring smiles to folks, four strings at a time. Instruction materials and music will be provided. Sign up now!

News from The Source

Elvyn and Bessie Hamilton, pastors at The Source, have a new television show! Tune in to a new television show called *The Source* on Frazer Christian Television WFRZ (channel 34) in Montgomery.

It airs weekly on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 6:30 p. m. and Friday mornings at 9:30 a. m. We share a relevant word and discuss applying it to our lives. Join us!

Attendance September 10, 2017
Sunday School 50 Morning Worship 90

Wednesday Night Dinner SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

MENU: Fried Chicken, Rice & Gravy,
Squash casserole, Biscuit & Dessert.

PROGRAM: Fellowship Time

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 Northwestern US
Hurricane Irma Relief
North Korea's missile testing

*"Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me
and hear my prayer." Psalm 4:1*

ALTAR FLOWERS

The September 17 flowers are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of the September birthdays of Garrett, Matt, and Mackenzie Turner by Joan Rodgers.

Sunday, September 17

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.
Handbell Practice	4:00 p.m.
UMYF	5:00 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting	5:00 p.m.
Church Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.

****NO FAMILY PROMISE THIS WEEK******Monday, September 18**

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
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Tuesday, September 19

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
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Wednesday, September 20

Trustees Meeting	4:00 p.m.
PoP Prayer Group	4:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Supper	5:30 p.m.
Program	6:15 p.m.
Children's Activities	6:15 p.m.
Youth Engage	6:15 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 21

No Events Currently Scheduled

Friday, September 22

Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.
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Saturday, September 23

No Events Currently Scheduled

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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

We are looking forward to the *new* school year!

Amy & Scott

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Cereal, Dried milk, 16 oz cans vegetables, 16 oz cans of fruit, Jelly, toothpaste, and toothbrushes.



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, Norma Prater

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, Hunter Howell, Brock Woodham

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 17 (3rd Sunday)

Ushers: (8:15) Carol Ann Free
(10:30) Ken Carrick, Brownie Brown,
Jim Solomon, Jeannie Anderson

Counters: Jeannie Anderson,
Mary Thomason

Van Driver: Ron Capel

Soundboard: (8:15) John Carmichael
(10:30) Jimmy Lee

Readers: (8:15) Bosch Children
(10:30) Barbara Reed

Children's Worship: Patty Macready