

# THE WHITFIELD



# SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

September 18-September 24, 2016

## *Remembering and Thanking Our Faithful God*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Last Sunday, September 11, marked the fifteenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our nation. During our service of remembrance and prayer, we remembered the lives lost and gave thanks to God for each life and legacy. We prayed for the surviving family members and friends who continue to experience a void in their hearts and lives. Additionally, we remembered the first responders and other local, state and national leaders. We thanked God for these and countless seemingly ordinary individuals who rose to the occasion and responded to extraordinary needs on a day that was anything but ordinary. Finally, we remembered our good, loving and faithful God, who loves us with an everlasting love and promises never to leave or forsake us. Specifically, we remembered the promises of Psalm 121 and Psalm 124. Thanks be to God for the truth proclaimed in Psalm 124:8, "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

September 11, 2001 propelled our nation into war. At the same time, my family was enduring a different type of battle. On September 13, 2001, my mother underwent surgery for breast cancer. Following surgery, she underwent thirty-five radiation treatments. She later shared that during each treatment she recited Psalm 23. Our good, loving and faithful God carried my mother and our family through this earthly trial and laid his healing hand upon her. Thanks be to God that she is a survivor and, as of this year, fifteen years cancer-free!

I hope and pray that our nation will never face another day like September 11, 2001. However, I acknowledge that we are broken people living in a fallen world corrupted by sin. Furthermore, I acknowledge that each of us has faced, is facing or will face times of sorrow and suffering. During his time on earth, the fully divine Son of God and fully human Jesus of Nazareth experienced sorrow and suffering. For instance, Jesus' sorrow is expressed in John 11:35 which tells us "Jesus wept" following the death of his friend Lazarus. Moreover, Jesus experienced immense suffering on Calvary's cross for the salvation of the world, including you and me. However, as believers and disciples of Jesus Christ, we know that Jesus' death is not the end of the story. As children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ, may we cling to and proclaim the mystery of faith and our salvation story in its entirety: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Therefore, by grace through faith in the risen Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are able to rise from the ashes of our sorrow and suffering as New York's Freedom Tower has risen from the ashes of sorrow and suffering caused by September 11, 2001. As the beautiful, well-loved hymn proclaims, "Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!" Thanks be to God for his unfailing goodness, love and faithfulness!

Remembering and thanking God,

*Carolyn*

**Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer:** Please pray for our state and its leaders.



### Where have the Wesleys been?

Our Children's Sunday school is about to wrap up our study of John and Charles Wesley. Some of our Flat Wesleys are still out and about. If you've been traveling with John & Charles, please give Patty an update on their activities. We'll be posting some final photos and updates at the end of the month. Thank you for participating in our summer program. We really hope the Wesleys have, once again, helped to fan the flame of revival.

### Wednesday Night Dinner and Programs

September 21

Menu: Fried Chicken, Rice & Gravy, Squash Casserole, Biscuit & Peach Cobbler.

Program: Jennifer Lancaster, Montgomery Site Coordinator for Communities of Transformation.

COT is a new way for volunteers in our churches to partner with adults wanting to make the journey out of poverty.

### SYATP 2016

Wednesday, September 28, is See You at the Pole, an annual gathering of Christian students of all ages at a flagpole in front of their local school for prayer, scripture-reading and hymn-singing, during the early morning before school starts. I hope you will join students, across the nation, by taking time to pray for our schools, our teachers, our kids, and our leaders on 9/28. Let us encourage this generation to continually seek God's face.



### Psalm 24: 3-6

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?  
Who may stand in his holy place?  
The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.  
They will receive blessing from the Lord  
and vindication from God their Savior.  
Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek your face, God of Jacob.

### Are you ready to PoP?

New weekly family prayer group - **Power of Prayer** (PoP) - will meet on Wednesday afternoons at 4:30, beginning September 21, 2016. This group is open to all - children, parents, older adults, youth. James tells us that "the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." (5:17) Come join us.

### Library

Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.

Stay for Fellowship Supper & Programs following.

### Attendance September 11, 2016

Sunday School 58      Morning Worship 99

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to my Whitfield Family for all of the calls, cards, visits, food, and most of all the prayers during my recent illness. I LOVE Whitfield Methodist Church and all of the people!!!

Jim Vice

### 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.

### SOUND SYSTEM TRAINING

Anyone needing to use the sound system in the Sheppard Center must be trained beforehand by Dan Dillon. Please call Dan if you need to be trained.

### Food Pantry Needs:

Cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables and canned meat, tooth brushes and toilet paper.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The September 18 flowers are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of the September birthdays of Garrett, Matt, and Mackenzie Turner by Joan Rodgers.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

### **Sunday, September 18**

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.
Handbell Practice	4:00 p.m.

### **Monday, September 19**

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
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### **Tuesday, September 20**

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study	2:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, September 21**

Prayer Group	2:00 p.m.
POP Family Prayer Group	4:30 p.m.
Fellowship Supper	5:30 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, September 22**

Covenant Bible Study (Library)	10:00 a.m.
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UMW Night Circle	7:00 p.m.

### **Friday, September 23**

Sew n sews	10:00 a.m.
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### **Saturday, September 24**

No events currently scheduled

## Youth News

Reminder to Whitfield Members the Youth have specially designed Whitfield T-shirts that they are selling to raise money for the Youth Fund and their winter trip to Lake Junaluska. If you would like to support them, please let one of them know! T-shirts are \$20 and were designed by the youth. They will be available on Wednesday night while you are enjoying a lovely dinner!

Praise The Lord!

Beverly

### **New Tween Sunday School Class! Beginning October 2 @ 9:15 a.m. Parlor, Education Building**

Our kids are growing up, and we've got a new class to grow with them. Alice Henley will lead a Sunday school class for students in grades 6 - 9. Our first curriculum will lead our tweens through Confirmation studies, as they prepare to become full members of the church.



## 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, 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, Mary Mellott, 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, Darlene Fox*

### **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 18  
(3rd Sunday)**

**Ushers:** (8:15) Carol Ann Free  
(10:30) Steve Duffee, Neet Duffee,  
Vic Bradsher

**Counters:** Jeannie Anderson,  
Brownie Brown

**Van Driver:** Ron Capel

**Soundboard:** (8:15) Harry Brantley  
(10:30) Jimmy Lee

**Readers:** (8:15) Lib Cain  
(10:30) Barbara Reed

**Children's Worship:** Patty Macready