

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
September 25–October 1, 2016

Take Time

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Recently, I have seen the following quote multiple times and been impacted by it each time.

You have permission to rest. You are not responsible for fixing everything that is broken. You do not have to try and make everyone happy. For now, take time for you. It is time to replenish.

This quote connects to the following words, which are displayed in my office and serve as a powerful reminder of the importance of a well-balanced life. May God use these words to bless you as he uses them to bless me.

Take time to work; it is the price of success.

Take time to play; it is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to think; it is the source of power.

Take time to read; it is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to pray; it is conversation with God.

Take time to laugh; it is the music of the soul.

Take time to listen; it is the pathway to understanding.

Take time to dream; it is hitching your wagon to a star.

Take time to worship; it is the highway of reverence.

Take time to love and be loved; it is the gift of God.

(Old English Prayer, Author Unknown)

Reverend Nathan Carden of Trinity United Methodist Church in Homewood, Alabama shared words of wisdom with the following illustration, which was shared with him by his former professor. He said we are able to serve God most effectively when we live out the Christian life not as a river but, rather, as a reservoir. A river never stays full because it is always flowing into something else. Oppositely, a reservoir always stays full and shares its excess.

God desires for us to serve him in a state of abundance and energy rather than a state of depletion and exhaustion. We are to love God and love our neighbor through an overflow of God's love in us. Our receiving his love precedes our giving and doing out of that love. Jesus took time to rest and listen to and be filled by the Father for the work of ministry. In order for us to accomplish the individual and collective tasks given to us as members of the body of Christ, it is essential to follow his example.

Taking time,

Carolyn

“There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

“God, I have worked hard and there is still much work to be done. This is your church and I am going to bed.” (shared by Reverend Nathan Carden)

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

Wesley Heirs Fall Retreat

October 11 - 12, 2016

The Alabama-West Florida Conference Wesley Heirs will have their Fall Retreat "CELEBRATE LIFE, LOVE, AND LAUGHTER" October 11 - 12, 2016 at Blue Lake. Check-in begins at 10:00 a. m., with the first session starting at 11:30 a. m. The registration deadline is **Tuesday, September 27**. Questions? Contact : Rev. Gerald Maddox jermddx@gmail.com.

Wednesday Night Dinner and Programs

September 28

Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Corn Muffin and Sugar Cookie.

Program: See You at the Poles Presentation, Patty Macready



Holy Communion - Sunday, October 2, 2016

Holy Communion will be offered on Sunday, October 2nd, to our members who are unable to attend church at this time.



The elements will be consecrated at the worship service and volunteers will take Communion out between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 pm. We plan to take Communion to all who received Communion on Sunday, August 7th. If you did not receive in August, but would like to receive Communion on October 2nd, please call the church office by Thursday, 9/29. This ministry is being sponsored by the A+ Council at Whitfield UMC.

Supper Club FOOD & FRIENDS

The Restaurant Supper Club will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 26 at Olive Garden.

Please call Jack Reed at 398-0449 or Barbara at 322-4015 to make your reservations.

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.



BLUE LAKE SUNDAY

October 16, 2016

Blue Lake Sunday is an initiative by the Board of Blue Lake and the Alabama-West Florida Conference to prepare the way for future ministry at Blue Lake. All churches in the Montgomery-Opelika and Montgomery-Prattville District are encouraged to participate on October 16, 2016. Donations may be placed in the offering plate (please note on your check or envelope it is for Blue Lake) and mailed to Blue Lake United Methodist Assembly, 8500 Oakwood Lane, Andalusia, AL 36420, or you can give online at:

<https://www.bluelakecamp.com/home.html>

ALTAR FLOWERS

The September 25 altar flowers are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of the 50th birthday of Brandon Hobbie by Jackie Sheppard

Attendance September 18, 2016

Sunday School 64

Morning Worship 109

<u>SCHEDULED EVENTS</u>	Youth News
Sunday, September 25 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.	One of the things I always bug the youth about is reading the Bible even when they are not at Church. I always feel better when I read something even if it's just one chapter or paragraph before I leave my house for work. Something about it brings us closer to God, and the Holy Spirit and makes the whole day better. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 Praise The Lord! Beverly
Monday, September 26 Walking Group (M-F) 7:15 a.m.	
Tuesday, September 27 Prayer Group 7:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 2:00 p.m.	Hebrews 4:12, 13:21 ¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ²¹ make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us ^[a] that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.
Wednesday, September 28 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 29 Covenant Bible Study (Library) 10:00 a.m. Covenant Bible Study (Library) 5:30 p.m.	
Friday, September 30 Sew n sews 10:00 a.m.	<i>In Sympathy</i> We extend our sympathies to the family of Hazel Askew upon her death on Thursday, September 15, 2016 in Montgomery, Alabama.
Saturday, October 1 No events currently scheduled	

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

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 25
(4th Sunday)**

Ushers: (8:15) Mark Willis
(10:30) Steve Duffee, Neet Duffee,
Vic Bradsher

Counters: Martha Pippin, Ida McCain

Van Driver: Pam Merritt

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