

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT



For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
October 15-October 21, 2017

“For the Rulers of the Nations”

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. God is using the following prayer by Richard J. Foster to speak to me. May He use these words to speak to you and others, as well.

Today, O God, I hold before you the rulers of the nations--- kings, queens, presidents, prime ministers ---all who are in positions of supreme leadership.

I can be quick to criticize; help me, Lord, to first enter their dilemma. On most issues of state I have the luxury of withholding judgment, of not committing myself, of sitting on the fence. Even when I have an opinion, it has little influence and seldom any consequence. Not so with the rulers of the nations. To the extent that they really lead, they must make decisions, even if they are poor ones.

Help these leaders, O God, in the loneliness of their decisions. Put wise counselors around them.

Take, I pray, the bits and pieces of virtue that are in each ruler and cause them to grow and mature. And take all destructive motives and cause them to vanish like smoke in the wind.

Lord, I know that many---perhaps most---rulers do not know You, nor do they seek You. But, You seek them! Help them to see how good right decisions are, and where decisions must be made that are not in their own interest, deepen their sense of duty. Having seen the light, give them the courage to walk in the light.

Amen.

Foster’s powerful words remind us of the heavy demands of leadership. Furthermore, they exhort us to pray for those in positions of leadership throughout the world. It is both our privilege and responsibility to pray “for the rulers of the nations.” May we be faithful to lift all leaders to God in prayer. May God bless, guide and use leaders throughout this world, today and every day!

Praying,

Carolyn

Sunday, October 15, is Laity Sunday. Lay Leader, Earl Heath, will share the sermon and Church Council Chair, Ken Carrick, will help lead the worship services. I look forward to our time together.

“First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good, and it pleases God our Savior.” 1 Timothy 2:1-3

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: Please pray for leaders throughout this world to be men and women after God’s own heart who seek His guidance and follow His example.

**An Eclectic Christmas
Mark Your Calendars
Tuesday, December 5**

6:45 p.m. (They request our arrival in Eclectic at 6:25 p.m. to register.)

We only have a few slots left.

“It was the night that saved the world. The star shone so bright in the night sky. There was not room in the inn. Forced out into the cold night air surrounded with animals, Christmas was born in a stable.”

This will be a walking tour taking us through live-action vignettes of the Christmas story as told through Scripture. Tours last about one hour. Admission is free; donations are accepted.

RESTAURANT SUPPER CLUB

Will meet at Sommer's Place on Vaughn Road on Monday, October 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

**Please RSVP by email to:
cjvice@charter.net
or by calling 279-9589.**

**Trunks O' Treats will be
Tuesday, October 31st!
5-6:30 p.m.**



You can start bringing in your candy donations to Patty's office. Also, start planning your creative trunk decorations. This annual outreach event will be here before you know it!

Next Week's Whitfield Spirit

We will not publish a Whitfield Spirit next week 10/18 due to vacation schedule.

Publication will resume on 10/25.

**Attendance October 8, 2017
WEATHER CANCELLATION**

**Wednesday Night Dinner
October 18, 2017**

MENU: Caprese Chicken, Feta Pasta, Vegetable Medley, Roll & Dessert

PROGRAM: Rev. Davis Martin

He is the grandson of the Reverend Davis and Betty Martin for whom the Davis Martin class is named. He serves as a Local Pastor at Goshen UMC and Little Oak UMC in the Troy District. He is a pastor in the Montgomery-Opelika District. He is married and they live in the Troy area.

**Wednesday Night Supper / Program
Fall Schedule**

Oct. 18 - Rev. Davis Martin
Oct. 25 - No WNS
Nov. 01 - No WNS / Youth WILL meet
Nov. 8 - Margaret Lowder, Children's author
Nov. 15 - UMW Auction/ Last WNS for 2017

**NEW GUIDELINES FOR SHOE BOXES
FROM OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

It's time to start preparing our shoe boxes!



Please note the new guidelines for box packing:

- NO - Candy, Chocolate, Food of any kind
- NO - ToothPASTE (Yes, pack toothbrushes)
- NO - Liquids or Lotions
- NO - War-themed items or toys
- NO - Glass containers, Aerosol Cans
- NO - Used or damaged items

OCC is requesting \$9/box be added for shipping. You may donate online toward shipping costs at www.samaritanaspurse.org. Click on the OCC logo and follow the links to donate online.

Boxes and materials will be available beginning Sunday, October 15. Delivery day is November 19.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The October 15 altar flowers are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of Kay Solomon's birthday by Jim Solomon.

WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, October 15

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.
Ukulele Class	5:00 p.m.
UMYF	5:30 p.m.

Monday, October 16

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
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Tuesday, October 17

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

Wednesday, October 18

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, October 19

Moses Study	10:00 a.m.
Moses Study	5:30 p.m.

Friday, October 20

Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.
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Saturday, October 21

No Events Currently Scheduled

WE WANT YOU!!
(and we'll feed you , too)

Volunteers needed for Youth Activities --
Sundays @ 5:30 PM
Wednesdays @ 5:30 PM
See Amy or Scott Blackwell

Whitfield Preschool Board Request

In order to meet national & state regulations, our Preschool must purchase napping cots and baby cribs. The Preschool Board is asking that you consider contributing to the cost of these required items. Please indicate on your checks Cot/Crib Fund.

Thank you,
The Whitfield Preschool Board

Charge Conference
Tuesday, October 24
7:30 p.m.
Chapel

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

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, 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, Beverly Cornwell, Marilyn Spencer

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 - October 15 (3rd Sunday)

Ushers: (8:15) Carol Ann Free
(10:30) Vic Bradsher

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