

# THE WHITFIELD



# SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church  
October 16-October 22, 2016

## *Upcoming Events*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. I hope you are doing well and having a good week. October is a busy month in the life of our church. Details regarding upcoming events are as follows.

This Sunday, October 16, is Laity Sunday. Lay Leader, Earl Heath, will share the sermon and Church Council Chair, Ken Carrick, will lead other elements of the worship services at both 8:15 and 10:30. Thank you, Earl and Ken. May God speak to you and through you in powerful ways. May others be blessed and God be glorified.

On Wednesday, October 19, Willow Foxworth will be the guest speaker at our Wednesday night program. I have known Willow since 2009 and served as her associate pastor at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Pensacola for five years. She is a freshman at Huntingdon College and pursuing degrees in Christian ministries and psychology. She has a heart for international missions and desires to serve God as a missionary in South America. In addition to her testimony, she will share about her mission experiences in Ecuador and Peru and her plans for the future. Willow looks forward to meeting and sharing with our Whitfield family. Additionally, she looks forward to working with our tween girls at Whitfield.

On Thursday, October 20, the United Methodist Children's Home White Christmas Banquet will take place at 6:00 in the Sheppard Center. Whitfield will serve as the host church for the Montgomery-Opelika District and the Montgomery-Prattville District. The evening will include dinner, a guest speaker, piano music provided by our own Telsie Davis and a special time of fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ. Reservations can be made through Thursday, October 13, at the District website, [www.montgomeryopelika.org](http://www.montgomeryopelika.org) or [www.montgomeryprattville.org](http://www.montgomeryprattville.org), or by contacting the District administrative assistant, Ashley Epler, at 334-239-7329 or [ashley@mpdumc.org](mailto:ashley@mpdumc.org).

From Sunday, October 23, through Sunday, October 30, Whitfield will serve as the host church for the Family Promise outreach ministry and welcome families who are helped through this vital ministry effort.

On Monday, October 24, our annual Charge Conference will take place at 5:30 in the chapel. We will gather with District Superintendent, Reverend John Brooks, to remember and celebrate the life and ministry efforts of our church during the past year and look forward to the plans God has in store for us in the coming year.

On Wednesday, October 26, Reverend Dan Pezet will be the guest speaker at our Wednesday night program. Dan serves as the Director of Congregational Vitality for our Alabama-West Florida Conference.

On Sunday, October 30, we will follow our traditional fifth Sunday schedule. Sunday school will be at 9:00 and one combined worship service will be at 10:00. A covered-dish fellowship luncheon will take place in the Sheppard Center immediately following the service.

On Monday, October 31, our annual Trunk o' Treats will take place from 5:00 to 6:30 in the front parking lot. This outreach ministry will bless children and families from our neighborhood and community.

May each member of this body of believers faithfully support the ministry efforts of Whitfield through prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Please invite and bring others to join us, as well. Thank you. God bless you!

In Him,

*Carolyn*

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."  
Acts 2:42

**Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer:** Please pray for those impacted by Hurricane Matthew.

White Christmas Banquet  
6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, October 20  
Whitfield UMC  
Cost \$12.00 / person



RSVP by Thursday, October 13  
to Ashley at 239-7329 or Ashley@mpdumc.org

Whitfield is hosting this banquet and we are in need of volunteers to help serve the guests that evening.

If you would like to help, please call Elaine Klepac (272-2799).

Wednesday Night Dinner and Programs  
October 19

Menu: Baked Chicken, Potatoes Au Gratin, Turnip Greens, Corn Bread & Cake.

Program: Willow Foxworth, Testimony

Children's Sunday School

Gospel According to Dr. Seuss

Join Cat in the Hat, Horton, Sam I Am and others at 9:15 on Sundays!



5th Sunday Schedule

October 30, 2016

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

Fellowship Luncheon to Follow.

Trunks O' Treats will be  
Monday, October 31st!



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!

October 31st

**Whitfield Kindergarten  
Selling River Region Coupon Books**

River Region coupon books will be on sale until October 20, 2016. These books have coupons for restaurants, Renfroe's grocery stores and a variety of other businesses in the River Region. The cost of the coupon book is \$25.00, we assure you that you can save hundreds of dollars if you use these coupons wisely. Jannett Baggett, Norma Prater and Mary Stone will be happy to take your order. There is a copy of the book for you to look at and an order form in the church office.

**Reminder:**

Charge Conference  
Monday, October 24  
5:30 p.m.

**Attendance October 9, 2016**

Sunday School

Morning Worship 88

**It's Family Promise Time!  
Sunday, 10/23-Sunday 10/30**

As usual, we depend on our Volunteers! We need:

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,** 11:00 a.m.
5. **Clean Up Sunday,** 7:00 a.m.
6. **Wash linens - Daily** (Especially Sunday, 10/30/16)

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



**ALTAR FLOWERS  
October 9**

The altar flowers are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of the Whitfield Church Family by Erin & TJ Tepley.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

### **Sunday, October 16**

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, October 17**

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
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### **Tuesday, October 18**

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study	2:00 p.m.
McGehee Place HOA Meeting	4:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, October 19**

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

### **Thursday, October 20**

Covenant Bible Study (Library)	10:00 a.m.
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UMCH White Christmas Banquet	6:00 p.m.

### **Friday, October 21**

Sew n sews	10:00 a.m.
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### **Saturday, October 22**

No events currently scheduled

## Youth News

I think just as important as coming to church and having fellowship with other Christians is to spend time with God alone and just talk to him and read the Bible. Dr. David Jeremiah said "Throughout Jesus' ministry, He took time away from the crowds and even His disciples to pray by Himself. Jesus modeled the importance of not only serving God with our actions but of being still and drawing close to God to renew our souls." I believe if Jesus did it, there's our sign!

Praise The Lord!

Beverly

## Food Pantry Needs:

Dried Milk, Large Cans of Meat, Large Cans of Vegetables, Tooth Paste and Tooth Brushes.



## You Are In Our Prayers!!

### **Whitfield Members**

Vivian Rogers, Kirk Wood, Jay Byrd, 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, 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, Helon Haack, Susan Richardson, Louise Gargus

### **Home Bound Members (in-town)**

Lois Payne, Nealie Pruitt, Emmett Turner, Teresa Chavers, Rubye 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 - October 16  
(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