

# THE WHITFIELD



# SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church  
October 23-October 29, 2016

## *“Teach Me How to Love Like You”*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Recently, I took part in Whitfield’s newly organized Power of Prayer (PoP) family prayer group. Children, youth, parents and others in our Whitfield family gather weekly to lift praises and prayers to God. It is a blessing to join with God’s beloved children of all ages and connect with him through the gift and power of prayer. The following song, which is used as the theme song for Worship Arts Elementary Camp at Blue Lake, is the closing song for this prayer group. May these words bless you as they bless me.

### **“Jesus, Teach Me”**

“Jesus, teach me what I need to know. Guide and lead me where I need to go.

In everything I say and do, teach me how to love, teach me how to love, teach me how to love like you.”

These simple words share a powerful message about living and loving like Jesus. They remind me of the powerful message shared in the following well-loved prayer.

### **The Prayer of Saint Francis**

“Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”

(Francis of Assisi, Italy, 13<sup>th</sup> century)

God is Love. Thanks be to God for his everlasting love for humanity, including each of us. Additionally, thanks be to God for our capacity to receive and give love. May we, who are loved by God, allow ourselves to be filled with his love and guided by his Spirit as instruments of divine love. May the following prayer flow from our hearts each day. “Jesus, teach me how to love like you!”

In His Love,

*Carolyn*

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35

“Saints are not those who offer many prayers, but those who turn all of life into a prayer.” Dr. J. Ellsworth Kalas in *The Pleasure of God: Finding Grace in the Ordinary*

**Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer:** During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, please pray for cancer patients, their families and the medical teams who care for them.

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



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!

**Reminder:**

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

**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.

**Restaurant Supper Club**

**Tuesday, October 25 at 6:00 p.m.**

Sommer's Place - Vaughn Road

RSVP to [cjvice@charter.net](mailto:cjvice@charter.net) or

279-9589 Jim Vice

**NOTE: Change in date is due to  
Charge Conference on October 24.**

**Attendance October 16, 2016**

Sunday School 63      Morning Worship 100

Wednesday Night Dinner and Programs  
October 26

**Menu:** Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes Au Gratin, Turnip Greens, Corn Bread & Cake.

**Program:** Dan Pezet, Antioch Project

**Thank You!**

Laity Sunday, October 16, was a wonderful day of worship for our Whitfield family! Thank you to Ken Carrick and T.J. Whitehead for leading elements of the worship services. Thank you to Jeannie Anderson, Emma Duffee and Lewis Mashburn for sharing heartfelt and powerful words of testimony.

With Gratitude,  
*Carolyn*

**The Holiday Season will be soon upon us. Please mark your calendars for these special services and events:**

November 6 - All Saints Sunday, 8:15 & 10:30 am

November 13 - Veterans' Day Service, 8:15 & 10:30 am

November 16 - UMW Auction, 5:30 pm

November 20 - Thanksgiving Service, 8:15 & 10:30 am

**November 27 - Hanging of the Greens, 10:00 am**

**December 4 - Holy Communion, 10:00 am**

December 4 - Interfaith Nativity Exhibit, LDS (WUMC performs 5:00 pm)

December 8 - Kempters Christmas Concert, Frazer UMC  
6:00 pm

**December 11 - Children's Christmas Pageant, 10:00 am**

**December 18 - Chancel Choir Lessons & Carols, 10:00 am**

December 24 - Candlelight Communion Service, 4:00 pm

**December 25 - Christmas Worship, 10:00 am \***

**January 1 - New Year's Day Covenant Renewal Service, 10:00 am \***

January 8 - Epiphany Service, 8:15 & 10:30 am

**Bold Sundays are Advent Schedule:**

**9:00 am Sunday School, 10:00 Worship**

**\* No Sunday School these days**



**ALTAR FLOWERS**  
**October 23**

The altar flowers are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of Albert & Mary Milburn by Peggy & Brownie Brown.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

### **Sunday, October 23**

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.

### **Family Promise week begins**

### **Monday, October 24**

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
Charge Conference	5:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, October 25**

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

### **Wednesday, October 26**

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

### **Thursday, October 27**

Covenant Bible Study (Library)	10:00 a.m.
Covenant Bible Study (Library)	5:30 p.m.

### **Friday, October 28**

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### **Saturday, October 29**

No events currently scheduled

## **Youth News**

Reminder this Sunday is 4th Sunday . Youth usher on 4th and 5th Sundays every month. I want to encourage attendance this coming Sunday and we will have Youth pizza fellowship after church !

Praise The Lord!

Beverly

### **Isaiah 55: 6, 11**

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,

and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

### **In Sympathy**

We extend our sympathies to TJ & Erin Tepley upon the death of TJ's grandfather.

## 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

### **Friends of Whitfield**

*Wayne Russell, Verna Stevens, Mary Mellott, Bill Miller, Jeff Varner, Doug Dennis, Sharon Brugh, Margaret Ann Batley, 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, Judy Snyder*

### **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 23  
(4th Sunday)**

**Ushers:** (8:15) Mark Willis  
(10:30) Youth

**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