

THE WHITFIELD



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For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
October 30–November 5, 2016

Celebrating and Supporting the United Methodist Children's Home

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. On Thursday, October 20, Whitfield served as the host church for the annual United Methodist Children's Home White Christmas Banquet. Members of the Montgomery-Opelika and Montgomery-Prattville Districts gathered to celebrate the ministry efforts of the UMCH thus far and look forward to its continued ministry. We were blessed to hear powerful words of testimony about how God has been and continues to be at work in the lives of children and youth impacted by the UMCH. Thank you to everyone who supported this special event through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Our Whitfield family will have another opportunity to support the ministry of the UMCH by contributing to our annual White Christmas offering in December. As I continue to reflect on the life-changing work of the UMCH and ways to support this vital ministry of the United Methodist Church, God is using the following prayer from *The United Methodist Hymnal* to speak to my heart. May it speak to your hearts, as well.

Bread and Justice

“O God, just as the disciples heard Christ's words of promise and began to eat the bread and drink the wine in the suffering of a long remembrance and in the joy of hope, grant that we may hear your words, spoken in each thing of everyday affairs: coffee, on our table in the morning, the simple gesture of opening a door to go out, free; the shouts of children in the parks; a familiar song, sung by an unfamiliar face; a friendly tree that has not yet been cut down.

May simple things speak to us of your mercy, and tell us that life can be good.

And may these sacramental gifts make us remember those who do not receive them: who have their lives cut every day, in the bread absent from the table; in the door of the hospital, the prison, the welfare home that does not open; in sad children, feet without shoes, eyes without hope; in war hymns that glorify death; in deserts where once there was life.

Christ was also sacrificed; and may we learn that we participate in the saving sacrifice of Christ when we participate in the suffering of his little ones.”

In the coming weeks, we will enter the season of Advent and prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus, the Word made flesh, did not enter the world he came to save as a powerful king or warrior. Rather, he came as an innocent and helpless child. God created, loves and died for all children everywhere. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, may we see each of his beloved children with his eyes and love them with his love. To God be the glory!

His Child,

Carolyn

“Religion that God our Father accepts as sure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” James 1:27

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: Please prayer for the children, youth and leaders of the United Methodist Children's Home.

For additional information about the life-changing work of the UMCH and ways to support this vital ministry of the United Methodist Church, please visit: www.umch.net and www.umch.net/donate.



“Chalk-a-Bug” Comes to Whitfield!

On Monday, October 31, our annual Trunks o’ Treats community outreach event will take place from 5:00-6:30 in the front parking lot of the church. My friend, Braden Lee, and his family will bring their 1967 Volkswagen to the event. The “Chalk-a-Bug” is painted with chalkboard paint and can be written on with chalk. Please bring the children in your family, as well as children from your neighborhood, school, etc. to enjoy this special evening of fellowship and fun. I look forward to our time together.

Carolyn

Communion of the Saints

Please join us **Sunday, November 6**, for a special All Saints Sunday worship experience. Those persons of our church family whom we have commended to God through death in the past twelve months will be included in our time of remembrance and Holy Communion at 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

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| Hazel Askew | David Reynolds |
| Mildred “Maxene” Fischer | Fran Scoggin |
| Helen Lawrence | Johnnie Smith |
| Beryl Mask | George Suber |
| William O’Neal | Bob Wilkinson |

Thank you!

Thank you for your prayers , cards and calls that I received when my precious “Honey” died. I will always be grateful for my Whitfield family.

Gail Gilmore

Attendance October 23, 2016

Sunday School 54 Morning Worship 83

Wednesday Night Dinner and Programs

November 2

Menu: Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Salad, Garlic Toast & Cake.

Program: Fall Prayer Service

Sidewalk Repairs

Thanks to Marvin & Charles Richardson for the repair work done to the trip hazards on the sidewalk around the sanctuary.

Sale of Church Equipment

The trustees have approved the sale of the large mixer in the kitchen and the low-top van. If you have any questions, please refer them to a member of the Trustees Board.

The Holiday Season will soon be 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 16 - Kindergarten Program 11:00 a.m.**
- 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 30

The altar flowers are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of Larry London's 65th birthday from his Whitfield Church Family.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, October 30

Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
Choir Practice	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
UMYF	11:30 a.m.
5th Sunday Luncheon	11:30 a.m.

Family Promise week ends

Monday, October 31

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
Trunks of Treats	5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 1

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

Wednesday, November 2

Prayer Group	2:30 p.m.
A+ Council (Parlor)	4:00 p.m.
POP Family Prayer Group	4:30 p.m.
Fellowship Supper	5:30 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 3

Personnel Testing	7:00 a.m.
Covenant Bible Study (Library)	10:00 a.m.
Covenant Bible Study (Library)	5:30 p.m.
Upward Evaluations	5:30 p.m.

Friday, November 4

Personnel Testing	7:00 a.m.
Sew n sews	10:00 a.m.
Upward Evaluations	5:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 5

No events currently scheduled

Youth News



I love Joel Osteen's upbeat attitude. And whatever he is talking about he usually has a smile on his face. He knows that if he keeps smiling, he will be a more positive person and maybe bring joy to others. I encourage our youth and others to try and "keep your joy" this week!

Praise The Lord !

Bev

Food Pantry Needs:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Dried Milk, Large Cans of Fruit, Large Cans of Meat.

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 30
(5th Sunday)**

Ushers: (10:0) Youth

Counters: Jeannie Anderson,
Brownie Brown

Van Driver: Ron Capel

Soundboard: (10:00) Jimmy Lee

Readers: (10:00) Patty Macready

Children's Worship: Patty Macready