

# THE WHITFIELD



## SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

November 13-November 19, 2016

### *Thankful for Freedom*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. On Wednesday evening, November 2, we gathered for a meaningful fall prayer service. The following prayer from *The United Methodist Book of Worship* was among the various prayers and songs lifted to God. May this prayer be on our hearts and lips as Veterans Day approaches and throughout the year.

#### **Prayer for Those in Military Service**

“Righteous God, you rule the nations. Guard our brave men and women in military service. Give them compassion for those who confront them as enemies. Keep our children from hate that hardens, or from scorekeeping with human lives. Though for a season they must be people of war, let them live for peace, as eager for agreement as for victory. Encourage them as they encourage one another, and never let hard duty separate them from loyalty to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.” (Presbyterian Worshipbook, U.S.A., 20<sup>th</sup> Century)

Recently, I read the following prayer shared by American Greetings. May we take time and make the effort to offer heartfelt expressions of gratitude to our veterans.

#### **A Prayer for Veterans**

“Proud of our nation, they answered her call—defending the freedom and safety of all. On land or on sea, or in jets high above, they went out of duty and honor and love. But however they served, Lord, wherever they went, please bless them and help them to know what it meant! And help us to thank them on Veterans Day—for we owe them far more than we ever could say.”

Two members of our Whitfield family are currently deployed. Jacob Allen (Air Force) deployed in April 2016 for one year in Okinawa, Japan. T.J. Tepley (Army) deployed on November 3, 2016 for nine months in Iraq. Please pray for Jacob, T.J. and their families. Also, please join me in sending cards, letters and other expressions of appreciation and care to Jacob and T.J. during their deployments. Cards and letters can be mailed to APO addresses with standard first class postage. Contact information for Jacob and T.J. is as follows:

**Jacob Allen**  
**PSC 80 Box 10063**  
**APO AP 96367**

**MAJ, Tepley, Thomas**  
**1<sup>st</sup> ID HHBN, Camp Union III**  
**APO AE09348**

Also, for information about meaningful ways to support service members who are deployed, especially during the upcoming holiday season, please visit the following websites: [www.anyairman.com](http://www.anyairman.com), [www.anycoastguard.com](http://www.anycoastguard.com), [www.anymarine.com](http://www.anymarine.com), [www.anysailor.com](http://www.anysailor.com), [www.anysoldier.com](http://www.anysoldier.com).

This Sunday, November 13, we will gather to worship God and give thanks for our freedom as Americans and eternal freedom as Christians. Also, we will enjoy patriotic music, including the “Armed Forces Medley.” Please make every effort to attend at 8:15 or 10:30 and bring others with you. I look forward to our time together. God bless you!

Thankful for Freedom,

*Carolyn*

**Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer:** Please pray for our military and their families.

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

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 Service of Lessons & Carols, 10:00 am**  
 December 24 - Candlelight Communion Service, 4:00 pm  
**\*December 25 - Christmas Worship, 10:00 am**  
**NO Sunday School**  
**January 1 - Fellowship Breakfast, 9:00 am**  
**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**

**11th Annual Interfaith Christmas Nativity Exhibit**

November 30 - December 4, 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Church of Jesus Christ LDS, Carter Hill Road  
 Whitfield UMC will be presenting music on 12/4 @ 5:00 p.m.

**Kempters Christmas Concert**

@ Frazer Memorial UMC  
 Thursday, December 8  
 6:00 p.m.  
 Contact Frazer or the Kempters' website for details.



**Thank You!**

For all the calls, cards, visits, prayers and flowers during my recent illness and hospital stay.

Mary Stone.

**Attendance November 6, 2016**

Sunday School 60      Morning Worship 92

**Wednesday Night Dinner and Programs**  
**November 16**



**Menu:**  
 Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner

**Program: UMW AUCTION**



**Blessing of the Shoeboxes**  
**and LAST Collection Day is**  
**November 20**

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Sunday will be **November 20**. We will have a prayer of dedication during the Children's Sermon time at both services.

**Stewardship Sunday**  
**November 20**

During both worship services on Sunday, November 20, we will have the opportunity to bring our completed estimate-of-giving pledge cards for 2017 to the altar rail as an expression of worship and thanksgiving. A card is enclosed with this letter and cards will be available in the narthex on November 20. If you are unable to be present on November 20, please deliver or mail your completed card to the

**Ladies' Tuesday Bible Study**

No meeting: 11/16, 11/22  
 11/29 - David, Balaam & What January Brings  
 12/6 - Biblical Stories (Last lesson of 2016)

**ALTAR FLOWERS**  
**November 13**



The cornucopia on the altar is offered to the Glory of God and in gratitude for our many blessings.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

### **Sunday, November 13**

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, November 14**

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

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study	2:00 p.m.
Choir Practice	6:45 p.m.

### **Wednesday, November 16**

Prayer Group	2:30 p.m.
POP Family Prayer Group	4:30 p.m.
<b>THANKSGIVING</b> Fellowship Supper	5:30 p.m.

### **Thursday, November 17**

HOA Meeting	6:00 p.m.
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### **Friday, November 18**

Sew n sews	10:00 a.m.
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### **Saturday, November 19**

No events currently scheduled

## **Youth News**

We are often referred to as "sheep" and Jesus as our "Shepherd" in the Bible. If you have ever seen sheep in a field hanging out you will notice they are not usually stressed out, pacing around worrying about their problems, or particularly bothered by anything. In fact if you pull up in a car and honk the horn, they may or may not even look up and will surely not take off running scared.

That's because they count on their shepherd to take care of them and lead them in the right direction. Just like we should!

Praise The Lord!

Beverly

## **Food Pantry Needs:**

Cereal, Dried Milk, Large cans of Meat, Large Cans of Veggies, Large Cans of Fruit, Jelly, Toothpaste and



## 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, Darlene Fox, Judy Snyder, JoAnne Westery*

### **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 - November 13  
(2nd Sunday)**

**Ushers:** (8:15) Gene Holsenbeck  
(10:30) Ken Carrick, Jim Solomon,  
Jeannie Anderson, Brownie Brown

**Counters:** Steve Duffee,  
Gene Holsenbeck

**Van Driver:** Pam Merritt

**Soundboard:** (8:15) Harry Brantley  
(10:30) Steve Duffee

**Readers:** (8:15) Tommi Holsenbeck  
(10:30) Emma Duffee

**Children's Worship:** Briana Hazen,  
Patty Macready