

THE WHITFIELD



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For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
November 20-November 26, 2016

Attitude of Gratitude

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. In his book *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis states, **“Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not, in a sense, His own already.”**

These words remind me of the truth that everything we are and have is given to us by God. We are trusted stewards of God’s good gifts to us. While we can do nothing to deserve or earn His goodness or repay Him for His bountiful blessings lovingly showered upon us, we can live in response to His goodness and blessings. We express thanks to God by using our talent, time and treasure for His glory and kingdom work.

This Sunday, November 20, we will give thanks to God by bringing completed estimate of giving cards to the altar as an act of worship. Additionally, filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be brought to the altar as an act of worship. Thank you for recommitting to serve God and His Church through faithful prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

I am thankful for the Thanksgiving meal we share as a Whitfield family and those who lovingly prepare and serve it. I am thankful for the Thanksgiving meal we will share with loved ones next week, as well. As we gather and give thanks, may we remember and pray for those worldwide who do not have an adequate food supply and, subsequently, suffer the devastating effects of poor nutrition. As my mother shared during a recent conversation, dirty dishes to wash indicate that one has been blessed with food to eat.

Additionally, I am thankful for the opportunity to worship God freely. As we gather for corporate worship this Sunday and on future Sundays, may we remember and pray for our brothers and sisters worldwide who are persecuted because of their faith and trust in Jesus Christ and risk their lives simply to gather for worship.

Furthermore, I am thankful for the upcoming season of Advent. For several months, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Angie, Patty, Telsie and I have worked very hard to prepare multiple distinct and meaningful Advent worship experiences for our Whitfield family. We look forward to our combined worship services with eager anticipation and are excited to share these meaningful worship experiences with you. Please join us with the same spirit of joyful and hopeful expectancy. May God reveal Himself to us in fresh and powerful ways and, through it all, may He be glorified!

It is my hope and prayer that each of us will ask ourselves “How can I express heartfelt gratitude to God today?” and “How can I express heartfelt gratitude to another person (or persons) today?” May each of us choose to have an attitude of gratitude. Furthermore, as His trusted stewards, may each of us take the time and make the effort to live in response to God’s abundant goodness and blessings lavishly bestowed upon us. To God be all glory, honor and praise!

Grateful,

Carolyn

"Thank someone for something. Go out of your way today to acknowledge the generosity of a person you know."

Alan Epstein

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: Please pray for our President-elect and other newly-elected leaders.

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

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**

Wednesday Night Suppers will resume January 11, 2017

The United Methodist Women's Christmas
Luncheon
December 12, 2016

Arrival Time: eleven."ish"
Time to Eat: Eleven thirty a.m.
Cost: \$12.00 each - payable to Louise Forrester

We look forward to gathering together for a Merry Christmas & tasty luncheon in the Sheppard Center of Whitfield United Church. All ladies of Whitfield United Methodist Church and friends are invited...the more the merrier!

Blessing of the Shoeboxes



Operation Christmas Child
Shoobox Sunday will be
November 20.

**ALL boxes must be at the
church by 11/20.**

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. You will receive cards in the mail this week and additional cards will be available in the narthex on November 20. If you are unable to be present this Sunday, please deliver or mail your completed card to the church office.

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)



Christmas
Begins with
Christ

"For unto you
is born this
day in the city
of David
a Saviour,
which is
Christ the
Lord." Luke 2:11

FREE Admission
Open Daily from 1-8 pm

11th Annual Interfaith Christmas Nativity Exhibit

Nov 30 - Dec 4, 2016
www.MontgomeryNativity.com

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Attendance November 13, 2016

Sunday School 66

Morning Worship 111

ALTAR FLOWERS November 20



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

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, November 20

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.

Monday, November 21

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
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Tuesday, November 22

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
Choir Practice	6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, November 23

Prayer Group	2:30 p.m.
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NO PoP Prayer Group—Last 2016 meeting is 11/30

Thursday, November 24—Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Office Closed

Friday, November 25—Office Closed

Sew n sews	10:00 a.m.
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Saturday, November 26

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

2 Chronicles 7:14-15

¹⁴if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. ¹⁵Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

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 20
(3rd Sunday)**

Ushers: (8:15) Carol Ann Free
(10:30) Ken Carrick, Jim Solomon,
Jeannie Anderson, 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