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For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
April 22 - May 5, 2018

The Gift of Today

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Last Christmas, Jennifer Andrews shared with me the book *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World* by Max Lucado. I am encouraged by Lucado's reminders to "celebrate God's goodness, ask God for help, leave your concerns with Him and meditate on good things." Additionally, I am encouraged by Lucado's reminder to embrace each day and live it to the fullest. May God use these words to encourage you and others, as well.

Today, I will live today.

Yesterday has passed.

Tomorrow is not yet.

I am left with today.

So, today, I will live today.

Relive yesterday? No.

I will learn from it

I will seek mercy for it.

I will take joy in it.

But I will not live in it.

The sun has set on yesterday.

The sun has yet to rise on tomorrow.

Worry about the future? To what gain?

It deserves a glance, nothing more.

I cannot change tomorrow until tomorrow.

Today, I will live today.

I will face today's challenges with today's strength.

I will dance today's waltz with today's music.

I will celebrate today's opportunities with today's hope. Today.

Lucado's words serve as a powerful reminder that each day of life is a gift from God. As children of God, may we not focus on the regrets of yesterday or the worries of tomorrow. Rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit, may we embrace the gift of today and lift it to the fullest. May each of our days be used to glorify God and bless others in His name!

Embracing and living today,

Carolyn

"Give us today our daily bread." **Matthew 6:11**

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." **Matthew 6:34**

"May I laugh, listen, learn and love. And tomorrow, if it comes, may I do so again." Max Lucado

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: Please pray to embrace each day and live it to the fullest, through the gift and power of the Holy Spirit.

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*"Come to me, all you who are wearied and heavy burdened,
and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28*

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Church Office Hours:

8:15 - 3:15, Monday - Thursday

Office closed 11:30 - 12:30 for lunch, all day Fridays.

Sunday Services: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

Worship Assistants:

Sunday 04/22/18

Ushers: (8:15) Mark Willis
(10:30) Blackwell Family, Youth

Counters: Jeannie Anderson, Jim Solomon

Soundboard: John Carmichael, Jimmy Lee

Readers: Mark Willis, Patty Macready

Van Driver: Pam Merritt

Sunday 04/29/18

5th Sunday, 10:00 am Worship

Ushers: Blackwell Family, Youth


Counters: Curtis Ingram, Dave Ford



Soundboard: Jimmy Lee



Readers: Earl Heath

Van Driver: Ron Capel

Children's Worship @ 10:30 service
on 2nd - 4th Sundays.

 Celebrate **Kate Blackwell's**
High School Graduation!
April 29, 10:00 am Worship
Bring cards for Kate's basket!
(Fellowship Luncheon to follow Worship.)

 **April 29, 2018**
5th Sunday Fellowship Lunch, after 10 AM Worship
Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser for
 **Scholarships**
Enjoy a delicious lunch, and help send our
WUMC kids & youth to camp.
All donations gladly accepted!


Games Afternoon at Waterford Place
 **Tuesday, May 1** 
The A+ Council is sponsoring a games afternoon at Waterford Place on Tuesday, May 1st, 2:00 - 3:00 pm. The Activities Director, Monica Hendricks, will have table games set up and invites us to join the residents there in playing games and enjoying lively conversation together.
If you would like to join us for this event, please call the church office (281-2467) by Monday, April 30th. We will meet in our front parking lot at 1:45 pm to carpool over to Waterford, or you can meet us there at 2:00 pm. We look forward to a fun hour with our neighbors at Waterford.


VBS JUNE 18-21, 2018 VBS
6:00-8:00 PM, SUPPER SERVED @ 5:30 PM
AGES 3-6TH GRADE COMPLETED

Attendance April 8	
Sunday School 44	Worship 71
Attendance April 15	
Sunday School 45	Worship 77


WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER
May 2 - 5:30 Supper Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Cornbread, Dessert, Drinks
6:15 Program: To Be Announced
Supper reservations due by NOON on Monday before.
Scheduled WNS: May 16, May 30

The Spirit is published every other week.
Next printing: May 2
All articles must be submitted by **April 27** for that issue.

May 13th, Mother's Day
Special offering 
"Fountain of Love provides financial assistance to residents living in a Methodist Homes retirement community who have exhausted their own resources."
Please plan to participate in this special offering.


The Whitfield SPRC is happy to announce the addition of
Marty Lanier
to our church staff as
Administrative Assistant.
Please stop by and welcome Marty!


Please prayerfully consider donating to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund for some immediate community needs.
Thank you, Carolyn Nelson

 **WUMC Games Day!**
April 24 @ 10 AM

ALTAR FLOWERS 4/22
The flowers on the altar are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of my parents, by Norma Prater.
ALTAR FLOWERS 4/29
The flowers on the altar are to the Glory of God and in celebration of our granddaughter Michelle's wedding by Carl & Pat Stevenson.

WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS	
Sunday, April 22 Worship Sunday School Worship Men's Basketball Practice, SC Handbells Practice Ukulele Practice	8:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 4:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm
Monday, April 23 Walking Group (M-F) Mtg ICE Basketball	7:15 am 6:00 pm
Tuesday, April 24 Prayer Group Games Day	7:15 am 10:00 am
Wednesday, April 25 NO WNS Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, April 26 Garden Club Meeting, SC	9:30 am
Friday, April 27 Sew n Sews	10:00 am
Saturday, April 28	<i>No Events Currently Scheduled</i>
Sunday, April 29 - 5th Sunday Sunday School Worship - Graduation Recognition Spaghetti Fellowship Lunch/Camp Fundraiser	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00-ish
Monday, April 30 <i>Reservations due for WNS</i> Walking Group (M-F) Mtg ICE Basketball	Noon 7:15 am 6:00 pm
Tuesday, May 1 Prayer Group	7:15 am
Wednesday, May 2 Newsletter Group Fellowship Supper Program Choir Practice	8:30 am 5:30 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday, May 3	<i>No Events Currently Scheduled</i>
Friday, May 4 Sew n Sews	10:00 am
Saturday, May 5	<i>No Events Currently Scheduled</i>

 Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
Charles Wesley, 1739
And Can It Be that I Should Gain, st. 4

 **Dry Milk,**
Paper Towels,
Jelly , Bars of Soap

The Family of Peggy Gordon wish to thank all of you for your cards, calls, meals, prayers, and visits. Your gifts of love have made all the difference during this time.
Marty & Bob Lanier

 **Holy Communion**
May 6, 2018
Communion Rail Offering will go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

In Sympathy
We extend our sincere sympathies to the family of Peggy Gordon upon her death on April 3, 2018, in Montgomery, AL.
In Memoriam
Peggy Woodruff Gordon
November 20, 1927 - April 3, 2018
Because I live, you also will live. John 14:19b

You Are In Our Prayers!!

Whitfield Members
Alma Reynolds, Dottie Suber, Mildred Jones, Kay Littlepage, Elmer Stelk, Helon Haack, Daisy Stelk, Caryll Carrick, Vivian Rogers, Edna Kohn, Martha Pippin, Jackie Pippin, Jackie Sheppard

Home Bound Members (in-town)
Nealie Pruitt, Emmett Turner, Teresa Chavers, Rubye Solomon, Wayne Read, Delores Dodson, Mitzi Warren, Libby Richardson, Margaret Deacy, Jerry Norsworthy

Home Bound Members (out of town)
Elaine McBride, Martha Payne, Juanita Pritchett, Katie Hopper

Friends of Whitfield
Wayne Russell, Verna Stevens, Jeff Varner, Margaret Ann Batley, Joy Lushington, Kate Lindsey, Wayne Merritt, Brad Ruud, Jean & Gary Lee, Cindy Macready Flowers, Randy Flowers, Pat Nelson, Cody Dawkins

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.*