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Church Office Hours:

8:15 - 3:15, Monday - Thursday

Office closed Fridays.

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

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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02/11/18

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

Counters: Carl Stevenson, Rodney Blankenship

Soundboard: John Carmichael, Vic Bradsher

Readers: Tommi Holsenbeck, Patty Macready

Van Driver: Ron Capel

02/18/18

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(10:30) Vic Bradsher, Brownie Brown

Counters: Jeannie Anderson, Mary Thomason

Soundboard: John Carmichael, Jimmy Lee

Readers: Bosch Children, Barbara Reed

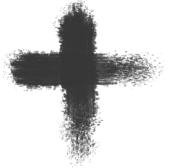
Van Driver: Pam Merritt

Children's Worship: 2nd-4th Sundays, 10:30 Svs

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT



For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

February 11 - February 24, 2018

"Respect Everyone"

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. The following words were shared by President Andrew Westmoreland of Samford University, my alma mater, during the fall commencement ceremonies on December 6, 2017. The video of his complete message, which was only six minutes long, has been viewed online more than 133,000 times. May God use these words to speak to you and others as they speak to me.

*I'm about to give you the two most important words I've learned in life....**Respect everyone.** That's it. That is the summary of much of what I've learned across the arc of 60 years. **Respect everyone.** Two words that mean the difference between harmony and chaos, and trust and fear, and success and failure, and happiness and despair, and helpfulness and obstructionism.*

***Respect everyone.** Respect the person at the Publix who puts your groceries in a bag. Respect the drivers of the other three cars at a four-way stop. Respect the employee in the call center, on the other end of the line, reading from a script, when you're trying to get information about your account. Respect the person who argues with you about your politics. Respect the food service worker in the drive-thru window who gets the order wrong and puts mayonnaise on your hamburger. Respect the coworker who otherwise grates on your nerves. Respect the person who hates your religious convictions. Respect the person who hates you. If you've earned a doctoral degree today, respect the person with a master's degree. If you've earned a master's degree, respect the baccalaureate. If you've earned a bachelor's degree, respect the high school degree and the GED and the person with no degree at all. Respect the preacher and the protestor. Respect the preschooler and the ancient man who should probably have his car keys taken from him. Respect the professor and the prostitute. Because God made them all, and God loves them all, and it is the very least—the very least—that we can do to respect them all.*

***Respect everyone.** The lesson is simple and profound, and it may have more to do with your success and your happiness and your substance than anything that you've spent thousands of dollars to receive at Samford. Remember the words always, but especially in the fractured moments when others are not respecting you, when you are under assault, when you are weary, when all you want to do is to lash out and return slight for slight, insult for insult, and hurt for hurt. "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God." During this Christmas season, and in this important moment in your life and in all the less significant moments, remember those two words, "**Respect everyone,**" and practice them and live them and start again when you fail, and then marvel at the difference they will make in your life and in the lives of those you encounter. And it will be challenging, and heart-wrenching, and inspirational, and difficult, and daunting, and hopeful. And at the end of your life, your regrets will be fewer than they might otherwise have been.*

Westmoreland's words serve as a powerful reminder that all persons are created and loved by God. Therefore, following His example, we are called to extend Christian love and respect to all persons. It is easy to love and respect others when we are loved and respected in return. It is much more difficult to love and respect those who do not love and respect us. However, often those who are the most difficult to love and respect are also those who need love and respect the most. May God, who is Love, fill us with His love and enable that love to flow through us to touch and bless others who are in desperate need of His divine love. Indeed, may we love and **respect everyone!**

In His Love,
Carolyn

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love....Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and His love is perfected in us." 1 John 4: 7-8, 11-12

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: Please pray for Bishop David Graves, his wife Nancy, their family and their ministry.

Church Meetings Sunday, 2/18

Finance Committee
4:00 PM
 Susie Peach Foster Classroom

Church Council
5:00 PM
 Keystone Classroom

Please be in attendance to discuss the Church Budget and other issues.



Easter Earthquake
 Ladies' Tuesday Afternoon Lenten Bible Study
Begins Feb. 13, 2:00 p.m.

Rummage Sale — March 16 & 17

If you have any items to be picked up, please call Gene Holsenbeck (334-322- 8791).

When Helping Hurts
 Community Book Study - February 18 - March 25

Are you concerned that our efforts to help the poor actually enable them to become dependent on charity? Are you frustrated that our good intentions don't usually result in helping people move out of poverty? *When Helping Hurts* offers a different framework for thinking about poverty and its alleviation.

This six week study will take place at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 2/18 - 3/25, Sundays 4:00 - 5:00 pm.

To register, contact Jennifer Lancaster at 334-590-5005 or jennifer.cot.montgomery@gmail.com, or call Nancy Pugh at 334-244-2468. This study is sponsored by Communities of Transformation.

Attendance January 28

Sunday School 37 Worship 74

Attendance February 4


Sunday School 42 Worship 86

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER


February 14 - 5:30 Supper Menu: Beef Tips & Rice, Green Beans, Pineapple Casserole, Dessert, Drinks
 6:15 Program: Imposition of Ashes Service

February 28 - 5:30 Supper Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Cornbread, Dessert, Drinks
 6:15 Program: Lenten Stations of the Cross
Supper reservations due by NOON on Monday.

The Spirit will now be published every other week.
 Next printing: February 21
 All articles must be submitted by Feb. 15 for that issue.



New Sunday School Class for Young(ish) Adults
 Beginning February 18
 Led by Alice Henley, our first study is Adam Hamilton's *24 Hours that Changed the World*, a multi-generational Lenten study that will include our Youth Sunday school.



Communities of Transformation Pancake Breakfast
 Applebee's (Atl Hwy)
 Saturday, Feb. 10, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
 Tickets \$5/Nancy Pugh or at the Door

Games Day!

4th Tuesday of each month
 Next Meeting: February 27 @ 10 AM
 Sheppard Center
 Bring your lunch, Dominoes, and good humor

UMW Unit Meeting
 February 14th, 10:00 AM
 Prayer & Self Denial

ALTAR FLOWERS 2/11
 The flowers on the altar are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of my parents, by Norma Prater.

ALTAR FLOWERS 2/18
 The flowers on the altar are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of her nephew, David McDaniel, by Nancy Allen.

February and March dates still available on our Flower Calendar.
 Contact the church office to request your date.

WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

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| Sunday, February 11 Worship Sunday School Worship Handbells | | 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. |
| Monday, February 12 Walking Group (M-F) | <i>Reservations Due for WNS</i> | 7:15 a.m. |
| Tuesday, February 13 Prayer Group Ladies' Bible Study (Library) | | 7:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, February 14 UMW Circle Meeting Fellowship Supper Imposition of Ashes Service (Sanctuary) | | 10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, February 15 Friday, February 16 | <i>Testing in Sheppard Center</i> <i>Testing in Sheppard Center</i> | All Day All Day |
| Saturday, February 17 Sunday, February 18 | <i>Nothing Currently Scheduled</i> | 10:00 a.m. |
| Worship Sunday School Worship Handbells Finance Committee Meeting Church Council Meeting | | 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. |
| Monday, February 19 Walking Group (M-F) | | 7:15 a.m. |
| Tuesday, February 20 Prayer Group Ladies' Bible Study | | 7:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, February 21 Newsletter Group Choir Practice | NO WNS this week | 8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, February 22 Friday, February 23 Sew n Sews | <i>Nothing Currently Scheduled</i> | 10:00 a.m. |
| Saturday, February 24 | <i>Nothing Currently Scheduled</i> | |

You Are In Our Prayers!!

Whitfield Members
 Kirk Wood, Martha Parker, Alma Reynolds, Jo Moody, Peter Brambir, Dottie Suber, Charlotte Brambir, Mildred Jones, Betty Fuller, Bill Fischer, Kay Littlepage, Lib Cain, Tom Burns, Elmer Stelk, Helon Haack, Daisy Stelk, Ann Cheney, Caryll Carrick, Vivian Rogers, Edna Kohn, Peggy Byrd, Peggy Gordon, Pam Merritt, Spencer Mashburn, Martha Pippin

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


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

Friends of Whitfield
Wayne Russell, Verna Stevens, Bill Miller, Jeff Varner, Sharon Brugh, Margaret Ann Batley, Emma Hope Shaw, Joy Lushington, Kate Lindsey, Mary Ellen Millis, Paul Lanier, Myles Wright, Wayne Merritt, Bailey Casteel, Brad Ruud, Jean & Gary Lee, Cindy Macready Flowers, Pat Nelson, Mary Kate Godwin, Darla Battle, family of David McDaniel

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.*

Isaiah 58:6-7

6Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? 7Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter — when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?



Food Pantry Needs
 Peanut Butter, jelly, dried beans, powdered milk, paper products

Lenten Season Stations of the Cross



We will explore the *Stations of the Cross* during our Lenten Wednesday Night Programs. Each of the 3 weeks, we will explore 5 stations, taking a deeper look at the events of Christ's life in his last week on earth, and the lessons we can take into our own lives, as individuals and as the Body of Christ in this place.