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*Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor,  
serving the Lord. Romans 12:11*

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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.

### Worship Assistants:

03/11/18

**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

03/18/18

**Ushers:** (8:15) Carol Ann Free  
(10:30) Vic Bradsher, Duffee Family

**Counters:** Betty Dawkins, 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

March 11—March 24, 2018

*“Preacher of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ”*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. On Friday, March 2, following a meaningful worship service celebrating his life and ministry, The Reverend Billy Graham was laid to rest beside his beloved wife, Ruth. Their final resting place is at the foot of a walkway shaped like a cross in the garden of the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, North Carolina. Both Billy and Ruth Graham are buried in \$200 caskets that are made of pine plywood and lined with a mattress pad. On top of each casket rests a wooden cross. These caskets were crafted in 2006 by prison inmates at Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, Louisiana. Roy Graham, grandson of Billy and Ruth Graham, said of the three inmates who crafted the caskets for his grandparents, “The prisoners are people who need forgiveness, too.” According to a recent press release by the Billy Graham Library, Billy Graham’s casket is “a simple casket for a simple man with a profoundly simple message of God’s love.” Despite the fact that Billy Graham’s name is known worldwide and his net worth is estimated at \$25 million, the truth of the matter is that each of us is equal at the foot of Calvary’s cross. Each of us is a sinner in need of a savior. Each of us is a sinner saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

In his book *Living in God’s Love: The New York Crusade*, Billy Graham proclaimed, “Our world is constantly changing but the needs of our hearts remain the same, and so does God’s power to transform our lives and give us hope for the future.”

Our God is a God of redemption and restoration. During this season of Lent and beyond, may we submit ourselves to God’s transforming power and allow Him to do His redemptive and restorative work in each of us. May we point others to Christ and trust Him to do His redemptive and restorative work in others, as well.

Thanks be to God for His greatest act of love for each of us and all humanity displayed on the cross! Thanks be to God for breaking our chains of bondage to sin and death! Thanks be to God for His priceless gifts of forgiveness of sins, salvation, eternal life and reunion with loved ones in heaven!

Billy Graham’s grave is marked by a field stone that is etched with these simple, yet powerful, words under a cross:

*Billy Graham*

*November 7, 1918 – February 21, 2018*

*Preacher of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ*

*John 14:6*

Yes, there is only one Billy Graham, and we are confident that he has heard Jesus say, “Well done my good and faithful servant.”

Like Billy Graham, each of us is uniquely called and equipped to serve as a “Preacher of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Through the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, may each of us be faithful to the tasks of winning souls and making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. To God be all glory, honor and praise!

In Him,

*Carolyn*

**“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” John 14:6**

*. Thank you to Rev. Nancy Pugh for preaching and leading worship on Sunday, February 25.*

**Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer:** Please pray for God to restore broken relationships.



**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
**APRIL 29TH IS A 5TH SUNDAY**

- ◆ 10:00 AM Worship
- ◆ Kate Blackwell's Senior Recognition Day
- ◆ Spaghetti Lunch Camp Fundraiser, 11am

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**  
 March 21 - 5:30 Supper Menu: Baked Chicken, Potatoes Au Gratin, Turnip Greens, Tropical Fruit, Dessert, Drinks  
 6:15 Program: Lenten Stations of the Cross

*Supper reservations due by NOON on Monday before.*

*Scheduled WNS: April 4, April 18, May 2, May 16, May 30*

**Special Services and Events**

*March 21 - Final Stations of the Cross Program*

*March 24 - Easter Egg Hunt, 1 - 3 PM*

*March 25 - Palm Sunday,*  
*with Palm Processional at each Service*

*March 28 - March 30 - Stations of the Cross*  
*for personal reflection & contemplation (SC)*

*March 29 - Holy Communion, 6 PM, Sanctuary*

*March 30 - Good Friday Service, Noon*

*April 1 - Easter Sunday,*  
*with our Celebration Processionals*

The Spirit is published every other week.  
 Next printing: March 21  
 All articles must be submitted by March 15 for that issue.

**Rummage Sale — March 16 & 17**  
 3/11-14 — Set up in Sheppard Center

**Thursday, 3/15 — Open to Members & Church Staff**  
 8am-2pm

**Friday, 3/16 — Open to Public**  
 8am-2pm

**Saturday, 3/17 — Open to Public**  
 8am-Noon (Clean up completed by 2pm)

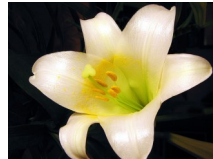


**WE NEED EGGS!**

Our Easter Egg Hunt is **March 24!**  
 We need **filled eggs** for the hunt.  
 Please deliver the eggs to Patty's Office.



Now is the time to order Easter Lilies!



You may place an Easter lily in the Sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one. Plants are \$10, and forms can be found in the Church Office and the Sunday bulletins.

All lilies need to be picked up after the 10:30 Service on Easter, April 1.

**A+ Council Upcoming Activities**

**Inspirit Retreat, Blue Lake Camp**  
**April 12-14**

\*More info coming soon...

**Day Trip to Columbiana, AL**  
**George Washington Museum**  
**April 17**

**ALTAR FLOWERS 3/11**

The flowers on the altar are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of my son, Doug Cobb, by Joyce Cobb.

**ALTAR FLOWERS 3/18**

The flowers on the altar are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of my wife, Peggy Brown, by Brownie Brown.

**There are still many dates available on our Flower Calendar. Contact the church office to request your date.**

**Attendance February 25**

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| Sunday School 46 | Worship 76 |
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**Attendance March 4**

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| Sunday School 49 | Worship 89 |
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**WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS**

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| <b>Sunday, March 11</b> Set Clocks Forward 1 Hour!!     |          |
| Worship   | 8:15 am  |
| Sunday School   | 9:15 am  |
| Worship   | 10:30 am |
| Rummage Sale Set Up in Sheppard Center— <b>All Week</b> |          |
| <b>Monday, March 12</b>                                 |          |
| Walking Group (M-F)                                     | 7:15 am  |
| <b>Tuesday, March 13</b>                                |          |
| Prayer Group  | 7:15 am  |
| <b>Wednesday, March 14</b> NO WNS                       |          |
| Choir Practice  | 7:00 pm  |
| <b>Thursday, March 15</b>                               |          |
| Rummage Sale for Members & Staff                        | 8AM—2PM  |
| <b>Friday, March 16</b>                                 |          |
| Rummage Sale Open to Public                             | 8AM—2PM  |
| <b>Saturday, March 17</b>                               |          |
| Rummage Sale Open to Public                             | 8AM—Noon |
| Clean Up to Follow                                      |          |
| <b>Sunday, March 18</b>                                 |          |
| Worship   | 8:15 am  |
| Sunday School   | 9:15 am  |
| Worship   | 10:30 am |
| <b>Monday, March 19</b> Reservations due for WNS        |          |
| Walking Group (M-F)                                     | 7:15 am  |
| <b>Tuesday, March 20</b>                                |          |
| Prayer Group  | 7:15 am  |
| Ladies' Bible Study                                     | 2:00 pm  |
| <b>Wednesday, March 21</b>                              |          |
| Newsletter Group  | 8:30 am  |
| Fellowship Supper                                       | 5:30 pm  |
| Stations of the Cross                                   | 6:15 pm  |
| Choir Practice  | 7:00 pm  |
| <b>Thursday, March 22</b>                               |          |
| Gladlane HOA (SC)                                       | 6:00 pm  |
| <b>Friday, March 23</b>                                 |          |
| Sew n Sews  | 10:00 am |
| <b>Saturday, March 24</b>                               |          |
| Easter Egg Hunt   | 1:00 pm  |


*Thank You!*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, calls, and cards during my hospitalization and recovery. I greatly appreciate them all.

I miss being in church with you and look forward to being back soon.

Love, Martha Pippin



Jelly, powdered milk, 14-16 oz cans  
 Fruit & Vegetables,  
 Toothpaste, Toothbrushes



**Daylight Saving Time begins @ 2AM Sunday, March 11!**  
 Don't be Late!!

**UMW Circle Meeting**  
 Wednesday, March 21

**Games Day**  
 Tuesday, March 27

**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, Peggy Gordon, 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, Jeff Varner, Margaret Ann Batley, Joy Lushington, Kate Lindsey, Wayne Merritt, Brad Ruud, Jean & Gary Lee, Cindy Macready Flowers, Pat Nelson, Darla Battle, Family & Friends of Martha Ann Hansen, 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.*