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*"Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here; He has risen!" Luke 24:5b-6a*

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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:

Palm Sunday 03/25/18

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

Counters: Jimmy Vice, Jim Solomon

Soundboard: John Carmichael, Jeannie Anderson

Readers: Margaret Feld, Jeannie Anderson

Van Driver: Ron Capel

Easter Sunday 04/01/18

Ushers: (8:15) Mary Thomason
(10:30) Carl Stevenson, Amanda Senn,
Ron Capel, Brownie Brown

Counters: Jan Heath, Gene Holsenbeck

Soundboard: John Carmichael, Jimmy Lee

Readers: Mark Willis, Earl Heath

Van Driver: Pam Merritt

NO Children's Worship 3/25 or 4/1.

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT



For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church
March 25—April 7, 2018

He Is Risen!

"The Savior We Need"

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Recently, I read *Easter Earthquake: How Resurrection Shakes Our World* by the Rev. Dr. James A. Harnish, who retired after forty-three years of pastoral ministry in the Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. This book is the focus of the current women's Bible study that Patty is facilitating. Harnish shares the following words about Palm Sunday. As Palm Sunday approaches, God is using these words to speak to me. May they speak to you and others.

Jesus must have looked downright foolish riding into the city on a donkey, his legs dangling down so that his toes scraped the dirt and his robe dragged in the dust. You can look important on a warhorse, but it's hard not to look like a fool on a donkey. The comic image raises some important questions:

What if this story gives expression to the way God laughs at pretentious human pride?

What if the Palm Sunday parade is divine satire that punctures our pretensions of power?

What if the man on a donkey is heavenly mockery of human might?

What if the Savior is inviting each of us to get down from our high horses and follow him in the way of humility?

What if a humble savior is not what we want but what we need?

The people who line the path that day shout "Hosanna." That Hebrew word means "help" or "save." It includes the imperative that gives desperate urgency to the cry. The crowd shouts, "Save us now!" They want a savior to come with military, economic and political power to throw out the Romans and reestablish the throne of David. But this is not the kind of Savior God sent.

The peculiar story we tell this week demonstrates that God saves not through the exercise of loveless power but through the experience of what appears to be powerless love. God saves not through the myth of redemptive violence but through the model of redemptive suffering. God saves not by a rearranging of the world's political players but by a radical reorientation of the human heart. God saves not by destroying those who oppose him but by forgiving those who nailed his Son to a cross. God saves not by escaping death but by going with us all the way to the grave.

The man riding into town on a donkey may not be the savior we want, but he is the Savior we need.

Thanks be to God for the most precious and priceless gift of himself, the Savior we need! To God be all glory, honor and praise!

In Need of Him,

Carolyn

"Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, 'Hosanna!' 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' 'Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!' 'Hosanna in the highest heaven.'" **Mark 11:9-10**

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: Please pray that guests will join us for worship on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and throughout the year. Please invite and bring others with you.

★ Thank you to all who worked, donated and shopped at this year's Rummage Sale!
The sale was a great success, and we raised over \$6,000.00 for our local ministries.


Special Services and Events

March 24 - Easter Egg Hunt, 1 - 3 PM

March 25 - Palm Sunday,

with Palm Processional at each Service

*March 28 - March 30 - 8 Stations of the Cross
for personal reflection 10:00 AM—2:00 PM (SC)*

March 29 - Holy Communion, 6 PM, Sanctuary

March 30 - Good Friday Service, Noon

April 1 - Easter Sunday,

with Celebration Processional at each Service



Egg Hunt March 24!

1:00—3:00 pm

All kids up through 5th Grade

We still need filled eggs for the hunt.

Place donations in Patty's Office by Thursday.

Inspirit Retreat, Blue Lake Camp

April 12-14 ~ Cost \$125/person

(double occupancy)

Rekindle, Relax and Renew 2018:

The Fabulous Fifties and Forward

Dr. Geo. Mathison & Rev. Ed Shirley, Leaders

Registration Deadline: March 29th

Help with Missionary Work in Uganda

John Glasscock is raising support for a summer mission trip to Uganda with Four Corners Ministries, conducting a pastor's conference for those working with South Sudanese refugee camps, and general discipleship. If you'd like to financially support these efforts, please donate to John's GoFundMe account at www.gofundme.com/John2Uganda2018 or by mail c/o 1742 Young Pointe Blvd, Mtgy, AL 36106.

Attendance March 11

Sunday School 33 Worship 54

Attendance March 18

Sunday School 51 Worship 85

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

April 4 - 5:30 Supper Menu: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Salad, Garlic Toast, Dessert, Drinks

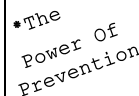
6:15 Program: Resurrection Celebration

Supper reservations due by NOON on Monday before.

Scheduled WNS: April 18, May 2, May 16

The Spirit is published every other week.
Next printing: April 4

All articles must be submitted by March 29 for that issue.



LIFE LINE SCREENING

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Whitfield UMC, Sheppard Center

Pre-Registration Required: 1-888-653-6450

www.lifelinescreening.com

Package 1 - Plaque, Vascular Disease, Heart Rhythm
4 Tests for \$139

Package 2 - Above + Osteoporosis Screening for \$149

Receive a \$10 Discount when you register
for your appointment!

Still time to order 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. All lilies need to be picked up after the 10:30 Easter Service.



If you borrowed crosses from the display in the Davis Martin Classroom, please return them or let me know you have them. Each cross represents a special memory for our class members. Thank you, Jan Heath



Primetimers

April 12, 11:30 AM

Capital Oyster Bar

Call the Ingrams for Reservations, 334-279-9811

ALTAR FLOWERS 4/1

The flowers on the altar are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of Leo Fournier, Jr., on his birthday, by his wife, Alane Fournier.

*The Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary are in honor
and memory of our loved ones.*

WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday

Worship, with Palm Processional
Sunday School
Worship, with Palm Processional

8:15 am
9:15 am
10:30 am

Monday, March 26

Walking Group (M-F)

7:15 am

Tuesday, March 27

Prayer Group
Ladies' Bible Study

7:15 am
2:00 pm

Wednesday, March 28 NO WNS

Stations of the Cross, Sheppard Center
Choir Practice

10a-2p
7:00 pm

Thursday, March 29 Holy Thursday

Stations of the Cross, Sheppard Center
Holy Communion Service

10a-2p
6:00 p

Friday, March 30 Good Friday

Stations of the Cross, Sheppard Center
Good Friday Service, Sanctuary

10a-2p
Noon

Saturday, March 31 Holy Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, April 1 Easter! He Is Risen, Indeed!!

Worship, with Celebration Processional
Sunday School
Worship, with Celebration Processional

8:15 am
9:15 am
10:30 am

Monday, April 2 Office Closed / Easter Monday Holiday

Reservations due for WNS
Walking Group (M-F)

Noon
7:15 am

Tuesday, April 3

Prayer Group
Ladies' Bible Study

7:15 am
2:00 pm

Wednesday, April 4

Newsletter Group
Fellowship Supper
Resurrection Celebration
Choir Practice

8:30 am
5:30 pm
6:15 pm
7:00 pm

Thursday, April 5 No Events Currently Scheduled

Friday, April 6

Sew n Sews

10:00 am

Saturday, April 7 No Events Currently Scheduled

SAVE THE DATE!!

APRIL 29TH IS A 5TH SUNDAY

♦ 10:00 AM Worship

Kate Blackwell's Graduation Celebration

Spaghetti Lunch Camp Fundraiser, 11am



Food Pantry Needs Canned Meats, Veggies,
& Fruits, Dry Milk,
Rice, Beans, Jelly

Restaurant Supper Club Meeting

Monday, March 26

Meet @ 5:30 pm, Eat @ 6:00 pm



Contact the Carricks, 288-8612, or
carrick@charter.net by Saturday, 3/24

A+ Council sponsored Day Trip

**Karl C. Harrison Museum of
George Washington**
in Columbiana, AL



Tuesday, April 17

8:15 am - 4:00 pm

No charge for museum, but we'll
have lunch in Columbiana.

Sign up in Church Office by **April 9th.**

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, 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.*