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A New Season Begins *Onward & Upward at White's Chapel*

By Debbie McKellar

August always feels a little like New Year's at White's Chapel. Summer vacations begin winding down. Children trade swimsuits for backpacks. Bible studies begin filling up again. Choirs return.

Ministries across campus come alive with fresh energy and familiar faces. There's an excitement that comes with new beginnings. **This year, that excitement is even greater.** Throughout the coming year, our church family will embrace **Onward & Upward**, a ministry theme inspired by

Philippians 3:12–14. It isn't simply the title of a sermon series. It's an invitation to keep growing in faith, serving with purpose and following wherever Christ leads next. Dr. John McKellar believes the timing couldn't be better. “We're calling this theme Onward & Upward because that's exactly where

God is leading us,” McKellar says. “None of us has arrived. Every day is another opportunity to grow, to serve and to become more like Christ. As long as God gives us another day, He's not finished with us yet.” The journey officially begins on **Sunday, Aug. 2**, as White's Chapel **ONWARD cont'd on page 2**

Class Act: WC Gets Teachers Classroom-Ready

By Leilani Barrera

Teaching is a demanding profession. Educators' work requires tremendous physical, mental and emotional energy throughout the school year. Every day, they show up with resilience, versatility and a deep commitment to their students. Known for their dedication and dependability, the majority of teachers often go above and beyond their contractual days and hours, while often providing student supplies at personal expense. For more than 15 years, White's Chapel has supplied school materials to local schools with which the church is connected. In recent years, however, WC has reevaluated where the greatest needs exist and how the church can continue to meet them. Through those evaluations, the church discovered new and more impactful ways to support hardworking teachers. The mission shifted to focus more directly on teachers' needs by creating and donating special boxes filled with school supplies, gift cards and other helpful items for the new school year. These boxes ease some of the pressure teachers face by providing resources students need to succeed in the classroom. With these supplies in hand, teachers can feel more confident and ready to inspire their students as they begin another year. This summer, WC is getting set for Operation Classroom Ready! Through this event, volunteers will help numerous local schools prepare for another successful year, beginning with the

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FAITH AT WORK IN BATON ROUGE

More than 200 White's Chapel high school students and adult sponsors braved the Baton Rouge heat and humidity to serve residents facing physical and economic challenges. Teams tackled light carpentry, painting and simple home repairs, while others cleaned up overgrown landscaping—transforming properties, lending a helping hand and putting their faith into action.

Find Your Place at White's Chapel

By Leilani Barrera

With autumn just around the corner, there are endless opportunities to embrace a fresh start, try something new, meet new people, and discover where you belong. However, we understand that stepping into an unfamiliar place can

feel overwhelming. New surroundings, unfamiliar faces and uncertainty about where to go can make even the most exciting new beginning seem intimidating. Whether you're searching for a church home, visiting White's Chapel for the first

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The Mission Continues....

By Leilani Barrera

Last week White's Chapel High School Students embarked on a five-day mission trip to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Students in the graduating classes of 2026–30 were invited to participate in this impactful week, dedicating their time to serving the local community, building meaningful relationships and deepening their faith together. Through service projects and intentional discipleship, students experienced authentic faith firsthand, discovering God's presence in personal and powerful ways. As the trip came to an end, the stories and testimonies were just beginning. Each student returned home with a unique reason to celebrate and thank

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The Lesson of the Bagpiper

By Sam Robbins

One of my favorite moments from the Old Testament comes in 2 Kings: 2. The prophet Elijah knows his earthly ministry is ending, so he asks his protégé, Elisha, one final question: “Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you.” Elisha's answer is bold: “Let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He isn't asking for wealth or fame. He wants the courage and spiritual power to continue Elijah's work and ministry. Soon afterward, Elijah is taken into heaven in a whirlwind, leaving behind only

his “mantle” (his cloak). Elisha picks it up, strikes the waters of the Jordan River, and they part just as they had for Elijah. He picks up where his mentor left off. This story is where we get the phrase “taking up the mantle.” It is a beautiful picture of one generation faithfully passing on God's work to the next. And Elisha's request to receive a double portion of Elijah's spirit is answered very literally. Elijah is recorded as performing seven miracles, while Elisha performs 14.

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annual school supply drive from July 26-Aug. 7.

The congregation—and anyone else who has the means—is invited to donate classroom essentials, including disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, highlighters and more. An updated, expanded and comprehensive list of needed supplies is available on the church website. Donations may be dropped off inside the Welcome Doors near Evans Hall.

The collected supplies will benefit WC’s five designated Adopt-a-Schools: O.H. Stowe, Van Zandt-Guinn, Bellaire, Grace E. Hardeman and T.A. Sims elementary schools, all of which are Title I schools.

This year, WC is excited to expand its impact by adding a sixth school: Silver Lake Elementary, a GCISD school near Grapevine Lake. Together, these efforts will benefit 178 teachers and approximately 4,500 students.

On Friday, Aug. 7, volunteers will gather for the annual Prep Work event from 10 a.m. to noon in Evans Hall. There will be numerous opportunities to help, including shelving, sorting and organizing the donated supplies.

Then, on Saturday, Aug. 8, Super Saturday begins!

From 9-10 a.m., volunteers will

assemble boxes and organize supplies for the packing lines. Box packing and decorating will take place from 10-11:30 a.m. Finally, from 11-11:30 a.m., boxes and bulk supplies will be delivered to the elementary schools.

Both days are family-friendly events. Children ages 6 and older are invited to join their parents, and those 16 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Singles, couples, families, college students and entire friend groups are welcome to participate and support the mission.

“We encourage our church community to join in this endeavor,” shares Rev. Joy Roberson, WC Women’s pastor and Missions and Outreach pastor. “Many tasks need to be done to make the teacher boxes happen. One of the most fulfilling roles is delivering the boxes to the schools. The principals, counselors and teachers are so appreciative, and it is a very rewarding experience to unload their supplies into the school with them.”

If you are looking for a meaningful way to serve as a family before the summer ends—or simply want to give back to the community—this is the perfect opportunity. Come join the fun and help WC invest in local educators!

Registration for Super Saturday is available online and will close when the event reaches capacity or on Aug. 7.

For questions or more information, contact Hayley Little.

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Onward

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launches the Onward & Upward theme for the new ministry year. From there, each Sunday in August builds on the one before it, inviting the congregation to worship, connect, serve and celebrate together.

Some moments will inspire. Others will make us laugh. Some will encourage us to discover a new place to serve. All of them are designed to remind us that God is continually calling His people forward.

If you’ve driven onto campus lately, you’ve probably noticed that moving onward sometimes means taking a different route than you’re used to.

Orange cones have appeared. Parking patterns have shifted. A favorite entrance or classroom may have moved. You may even find yourself stopping in the hallway to ask, “Now ... where did they move that?”

Anyone who’s ever remodeled a home knows the feeling.

For a little while, nothing seems to be where it belongs. You take a few extra steps to get where you’re going, and every now and then you find yourself laughing because that’s all you can do.

But when it’s finished, you rarely remember the inconvenience.

You remember the excitement.

The anticipation.

The moment you stepped back and thought, It was all worth it.

That’s exactly where White’s Chapel is today.

The construction may be the most visible sign of change, but it isn’t the story.

The real story is what God is building within His people.

Over the next year, White’s Chapel will dedicate its new Center for Spiritual Care, begin construction on an expanded Children’s and Student Ministry facility and, if all goes according to plan, begin construction on the future Foundry. Those projects represent exciting physical growth, but they exist for one purpose—to create more opportunities for people to encounter the love of Christ, grow in their faith and find a place to belong.

“The buildings are going upward, but so are we—upward in faith, upward in holiness, upward in generosity and upward in mission,” McKellar says.

Rather than asking the congregation to simply “bear with us” during construction, church leaders are inviting everyone to embrace the journey.

Because that’s exactly what August is all about.

eternal difference.

Some opportunities might require an hour each week.

Some may ask for an hour each month.

Others may need only a few hours over the course of an entire year.

Whatever your schedule, whatever your gifts, the Open House offers an opportunity to ask two simple questions:

What is my passion?

Where can I bear fruit this year?

For Adult Ministry Director Tracy Christensen, the annual Open House is one of the best opportunities for people to discover where they belong.

“When people discover where God has gifted them and begin serving in that area, wonderful things happen,” Christensen says. “The church grows—not just in numbers, but in relationships, discipleship and service. Every person has something valuable to contribute.”

The goal isn’t simply filling volunteer positions.

It’s helping people discover where their passion meets God’s purpose.

The journey continues on Sunday, **Aug. 16**, when Football Sunday invites everyone to wear a favorite team jersey or T-shirt and celebrate the return of football season.

Whether your loyalties belong to the Cowboys, Dragons, Panthers, Mustangs, Bobcats, Indians, Aggies, Longhorns, Horned Frogs, Red Raiders, Bears, Sooners or Razorbacks, everyone is welcome.

We’ll save the rivalry for football and the fellowship for everyone.

Hot dogs, popcorn and plenty of laughter will remind us that sometimes one of the best ways to build a church family is simply by enjoying one another’s company. No one will be keeping score.

On **Sunday, Aug. 23**, Upward Sunday encourages everyone to lift their eyes—and their hearts—toward Christ. A balloon artist will add a little lighthearted fun, and everyone can take home a balloon as a joyful reminder that God is continually calling His people upward in faith, hope and purpose.

The month concludes on Sunday, **Aug. 30**, with Bearing Fruit Sunday, celebrating what happens when God’s people continue taking faithful steps forward. It is also a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend, neighbor or family member to experience what God is doing at White’s Chapel.

Each Sunday builds upon the one before it.

Together, they tell one story.

A story of a church moving forward in faith.

A story of people discovering new ways to serve.

A story of lives being changed.

As exciting as the new buildings will be, they are simply the backdrop.

The real story will always be the people whose lives are transformed inside them.

“The buildings will be wonderful,” says Dr. Todd Renner, co-pastor. “But what excites me most is what

God is doing in the lives of His people. That’s what this season is really about.”

At the end of August, we’ll remember the laughter, the conversations, the worship, the balloons floating overhead, the new friendships and the opportunities to serve.

We’ll remember the hot dogs and popcorn.

The team shirts and friendly rivalries.

The excitement of discovering a new place to belong.

Perhaps we’ll even remember the friend we finally invited to church.

More importantly, we’ll remember taking another step together as a church family.

Because a new year at White’s Chapel isn’t measured by the turning of a calendar.

It’s measured by lives changed, faith strengthened and people discovering the next step God has prepared for them.

And that’s a new season worth celebrating.

FINANCIALS JULY	July	2026	2025
	Week 1	\$317,729	\$272,234
	Week 2	\$181,411	\$168,908
	Week 3	\$161,401	\$215,321
	Week 4	\$179,170	\$150,377
	MTD Actual	\$839,711	\$806,840
	MTD Goal	\$926,185 \$(86,474)	\$805,120 \$ 1,720
	YTD Actual	\$6,754,897	\$6,306,591
	YTD Goal	\$6,637,954 \$ 116,943	\$6,307,282 \$ (691)

WEEKEND PREACHING SCHEDULE			
SANCTUARY		THE FOUNDRY	
Sun.	8:20 a.m. Traditional Dr. John McKellar	Sat.	5:30 p.m. Contemporary Rev. Lori Cotton
Sun.	9:30 a.m. Contemporary Dr. John McKellar	Sun.	11 a.m. Foundry Service Rev. Lori Cotton
Sun.	11 a.m. Foundation Dr. John McKellar	WALTON CHAPEL	
		Sun.	9:30 a.m. Traditional Rev. James Hassell

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One of the highlights of the month comes on Sunday, Aug. 9, during White’s Chapel’s annual Ministry Open House.

For more years than anyone can remember, the Open House has helped people discover the many ways they can connect, grow and serve at White’s Chapel. It isn’t simply an opportunity to stroll through ministry displays or collect brochures. It’s a chance to discover where God may be calling you during this new ministry year.

Every ministry has a place.

Every ministry has a purpose.

And every person has gifts waiting to be shared.

Whether your passion is greeting first-time guests with a warm smile, rocking babies in the nursery, mentoring students, singing in the choir, joining a Bible study, serving on a mission team, helping with hospitality, packing meals, supporting care ministries or working quietly behind the scenes, there’s a place where your gifts can make an



Creativity Under Construction

Arts Academy makes room for another fall of faith, friendship and fun

By Debbie McKellar

Hard hats are optional, but a little flexibility may be required as White’s Chapel’s Arts Academy prepares for another creative—and slightly unconventional—fall semester. With the Student Education Building undergoing an exciting expansion, Arts Academy will not have access to the building throughout the fall. But a little construction has never stopped creativity. The program is simply adjusting its plans, sharpening its pencils and preparing to make some joyful noise in its familiar WC Kids classrooms.

“I love that Arts Academy stays fluid because it is a good representation of God’s continual work on us and in our lives,” says Erin Schechter, Arts Academy coordinator.

Technically a branch of WC Kids, Arts Academy has become a community after-school staple, offering children a place to explore their talents, strengthen their confidence and build friendships in a supportive, faith-filled environment. Whether students arrive ready to dance, sing, perform or try something entirely new, there is room for them to discover the gifts God has given them—and have plenty of fun along the way.

This fall’s lineup includes Preschool Dance, Variety and Broadway Bound. Each class combines creative instruction with time for a snack and devotional, allowing students to grow artistically while also learning more about their faith.

“What makes Arts Academy unique is that there’s something for every child,” Schechter says. “Whether they love to sing, dance, act, build, experiment, create or cook, they have the opportunity to try new things without the pressure of competition. It’s all about discovering the gifts God has given them while having fun!”

Classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 8, which is also the registration deadline. Registration opens online Aug. 5 at whiteschapel.org. The cost is \$50 per child, per course, for the semester. Arts Academy follows the Carroll ISD calendar, so when school takes a break, the paintbrushes, dancing shoes and dramatic monologues will take one, too.

All classes will continue to meet in the elementary hallway of the WC Kids area. Preschool Dance and Variety students will be dropped off in Classroom 5 (4105), with pickup locations posted on the hallway screens. Broadway Bound students will be dropped off and picked up in Classroom 7 (4108).

Construction may be changing the scenery around White’s Chapel, but it is not changing the heart of Arts Academy. The classrooms may look a little different and everyone may need to watch the hallway screens, but the program’s mission remains the same: helping children discover their creativity, grow in confidence and experience a community where their individual gifts are celebrated. After all, creativity does not require a perfect stage, a permanent classroom or even a building without construction cones. Sometimes it simply needs a welcoming place, an encouraging teacher and a child willing to step forward and say, “Let’s try it!”

This fall, Arts Academy is ready to do exactly that—one dance step, colorful creation and Broadway-worthy moment at a time.

“We hope every child leaves Arts Academy knowing they are uniquely created by God, feeling more confident to try new things and excited to use their talents to serve others,” Schechter says. “If they leave with new skills, new friends and a deeper understanding of God’s love, we’ve accomplished our goal.”

Musings

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It’s the story of one follower of God passing on what he has to the next generation. And this is something we need to pay attention to. Because this is our story, too. We need to be people who are willing to pass the mantle ... and people who are willing to pick it up.

Because that’s where we best live out one of White’s Chapel’s mottos: “A church where tradition meets today.”

Several summers ago, my wife, Hannah, and I visited Pebble Beach Golf Links in California. It was our babymoon before our daughter was born. As a golf fan, seeing one of the world’s most famous courses was amazing—though I didn’t get to actually play it. The most memorable part wasn’t the golf course itself.

While we were there, we got to witness one of the great traditions of this historic place—the bagpiper. Every day, rain or shine, a bagpiper has played along the Pebble Beach coastline since 1987. The tradition started after the famous golfer Tom Watson, who helped design the Scottish-style course, said, “Spanish Bay is so much like Scotland; you can almost hear the bagpipes.”

By the time Spanish Bay opened in 1987, you actually could hear the bagpipes. The creators of this course wanted to honor the history of this originally Scottish sport.

And so, still today, a bagpiper performs beginning on the first tee at The Links at Spanish Bay in front of the restaurant Sticks, where we had dinner that night.

And I can tell you—it’s strangely powerful. There is something moving in it. It’s amazing to see that they’re still honoring the place where golf was invented. Through this odd little practice, tradition is meeting today.

The Christian faith works much the same way. We honor those who came before us by carrying forward the mission they entrusted to us. Elijah passing his mantle was never about a piece of fabric. It represented God’s continuing work in the world. Elisha honored his mentor not by admiring the mantle from afar, but by putting it on and going to work.

Every church, including our own, has mantles waiting to be picked up. Some are opportunities to teach our kids in Sunday School. Others involve serving our neighbors, leading studies, singing in the choir, working in the parking lot, or welcoming guests. The ministries change over time, but the mission remains the same: to love God, love our neighbors, and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

At White’s Chapel, we stand on the shoulders of all those who came before us. They sacrificed, served, prayed, gave, and built a church that has impacted countless lives. Now it’s our turn.

The question each of us must answer is simple: What mantle is God inviting you to pick up?

Places, Everyone!

WC Theater Announces Its Most Dramatic Season Yet

By Debbie McKellar

Cue the overture. Raise the curtain. Warm up the vocal cords—and kindly remove any tap shoes, cat ears, glowing noses or ice powers from storage.

WC Theater is preparing for its biggest season yet, with three theater groups, three beloved productions and opportunities for students in fourth through 12th grades. This year’s lineup promises singing, dancing, adventure, Christmas magic, backstage drama—the productive kind—and enough theatrical excitement to warrant at least one dramatic fainting couch.

Whether students dream of becoming a Parisian alley cat, guiding Santa’s sleigh or ruling the kingdom of Arendelle, there is a place for them on the WC stage.

And here is the best plot twist: Everyone who registers is in the show. Auditions are held to help directors cast individual roles, so there is no need for students to pace nervously outside the audition room while imagining an early end to their Broadway careers.



Theater 1: Everybody Wants to Be a Cat

Theater 1, designed for students in fourth and fifth grades, will present *Disney’s The Aristocats KIDS*.

Based on the beloved animated movie, this jazzy adventure follows Duchess and her kittens as they attempt to return home with help from some streetwise alley cats. Expect memorable characters, lively music and enough feline mischief to make everyone grateful that real cats cannot sing and dance through the house.

Auditions will be held Aug. 8. Students should prepare approximately one minute of a song of their choice and will participate in cold readings from the script.

Rehearsals begin Aug. 18 and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5–6 p.m. Performances are scheduled for Nov. 5 and 6.



Theater 2: A Very Bright Christmas

Theater 2, for students in sixth through eighth grades, will dash into the holiday season with *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer™ JR.*

Rudolph, Hermey, Yukon Cornelius and the residents of the Island of Misfit

Toys will all take the stage in this musical adaptation of the Christmas classic. There will be familiar songs, festive fun, an Abominable Snow Monster and, presumably, no difficulty locating the theater in heavy fog.

Auditions will be held Aug. 15. Students should prepare approximately one minute of a song of their choice and will also complete cold readings from the script.

Rehearsals begin Aug. 18 and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6–8 p.m. Performances are scheduled for Nov. 18–20—just in time to send audiences into the holidays humming and searching for their own blinking red noses.

Theater 3: The Teens Take Charge

And now, prepare yourselves for the season’s most dramatic revelation: WC Theater is adding Theater 3 for students in ninth through 12th grades.

The new program will give older students opportunities to perform while also pulling back the curtain on everything required to create a production. Theater 3 students will learn directing, choreography, costuming and more. They will then attend Theater 1 rehearsals and help younger performers bring *The Aristocats KIDS* to life.

Yes, the teenagers are being placed partially in charge. Remain calm. They have been training for this moment.

More importantly, the program creates a mentoring bridge between WC Theater’s oldest and youngest performers. Theater 3 students will gain leadership experience while helping Theater 1 students develop skills, confidence and a love for the stage.

Theater 3 will meet Mondays from 5–8 p.m. beginning Aug. 17. Because this group will begin with instruction, planning and mentoring, its audition schedule will look a little different. Students will register and begin meeting before auditioning for their own production, *Disney’s Frozen*.

Auditions will be held Sept. 12. As with the other programs, everyone who registers will be included in the show.

Based on Disney’s animated film and Broadway production, *Frozen* features familiar favorites from the movie along with songs written especially for the stage. Performances are scheduled for Jan. 14 and 15, 2027—because if WC Theater is going to freeze the kingdom, January seems like the responsible time to do it.

So prepare the songs, practice the cold readings and get ready for a season filled with cats, Christmas and controlled amounts of ice magic.

Places, everyone. The next act is about to begin.

Registration for each theater program is \$50 per student and is available online at whiteschapel.org. For questions about WC Theater, contact Julie Blalock jblalock@whiteschapel.org

For scholarship information, contact Denise Bennett. dbennett@whiteschapel.org



We’ve all been breathing our entire lives, yet most of us never learned how to harness the power of breath as a tool for mental and physical health. The proposed session is for a one-hour presentation including guided experience with several types of breath practices, presentation slides, opportunity for discussion, and a resource guide for participants. Information will be tailored for this group including calming breath practices and guidance for parents of children with special needs.

Childcare is provided so you can fully rest and connect.

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Certified Teacher Position Open Chapel Hill Preschool

Do you have a heart for teaching and a passion for helping young children learn and grow? Chapel Hill Preschool is looking for a certified teacher to join its caring and dedicated team! This is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children while being part of the White’s Chapel community.

For more information, contact Marna Parker or Leslie Westerman.
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Baptism 101 Classes Aug. 2 | 9:30 a.m. | The Foundry

Presenting your child for baptism is one of the most important decisions you will make as a parent. The pastors of White’s Chapel want to help you understand the meaning and purpose of this sacrament so that you can choose the appropriate time for this life-long commitment. Join us as we explore the church’s understanding of infant or child baptism and share tools for helping your child develop a personal faith in Jesus Christ.
Rev. Sam Robbins | srobbins@whiteschapel.org



Surviving Grief Together Aug. 6 | Noon–1 p.m. (First Thursdays of the Month) Center for Spiritual Care Living Room

Navigating the journey of grief after the death of a loved one can be confusing, disorienting, and isolating. You don’t have to walk this journey alone.

Surviving Grief Together, our monthly drop-in grief support group can provide you with reassurance, support, a safe space to explore and share your feelings, and a set of coping strategies that you can rely on to re-enter life with renewed intention, having found hope once again. No registration necessary. Simply show up on the first Thursday of each month to participate.

If, after the death of someone you love, you are seeking help, healing, and hope, join us on the first Thursday of each month at Surviving Grief Together.

Rev. Kyle Roberson
kroberson@whiteschapel.org

WC Singles (30–50s) Brunch Aug. 2 | 12:15 p.m. | Chuy’s 1221 E. State Hwy 114

Join WC Singles for brunch at Chuy’s on Sunday, Aug. 2 for great food and fellowship.



Prayer List

Kim Agosta, Kathryn Albertini, Mark and Britt Allen, Jimmy Arnold, Darrell Ashmore, Dudley Barnes, Mr. Beck, Brent Bedgood, Mauricio Behar, Mary Blackwill, Kim Bolton, Jesse Cobb, Lola Cobb, Carolyn Cockerell, Bill and Jimmie Nell Cook, Leslie Craig, Bart Davis, Robert Dixon, Judah Dixon, Bill Dykman, Allison Ellridge, Linda Evans, Ralph Evans, Jeff Evans, Sonia Carrasquillo Falcon, Ellie Fellers, Earl Geddes, Nick Gogos, Lynn Graham, Cynthia Graham-Yust, Heather Grapes, Buddy Hall, Luke Hamblin, Abigail Hampton, Carolyn Hausler, Carol Hebert, Patricia Hendricks, Charles Hendricks, Brad Hildreth, Karen Hodges, Dan Hoffmann, Alice Knowles-Holliday, Bill Hood, Judy and Mike Howell, Bob Hudson, Price Hulsey, Justin Itz, Maddie Iverson, LuAnn Kime, Alexandra Kubiak, JoAnn Lee, Michael Lee, Bud Liles, John Lind, Michael Lucas, Luke Lunday, Ruth Ann Madden, Margaret Massey, Michelle Massiatte, Katherine McCarthy, Jami McElroy, Sue McNutt, Jeff Miller, Matthew Mitchell, Mary Mitchell, April Moody, Paris Morse, Stephanie Murphy, Oleta Paige, Bob Perdue, Dee Perkins, Elaine Perkins, Rick Peterson, Bill Preston, Brent Ratliff, Roger Reed, Amber Reeves, Norma Resendiz, Eddie Robertson, Harper Schildknecht, Darrell Schirmer, Shepherd Schuler, Blair Scott, Kalee Sewell, Gregg Short, Martha Sibley, Kay Sides, LeGrand Spradley, Carol Spratt, Julie Stapleton, Jamieson Stewart, Grey Stinson, Betty Stinson, Luke Strain, Steve Swanston, Jerry Tassa, Karoline Thomas, U.S. Government, Stephanie Watson, The Weaver Family, Shannon Weimers, Megan and Eric Whitehead, Emma Williamson, Luke Williamson, Carroll Willis, Vicki Winn, Melinda Witt. Recent deaths: The Family of Michael Clancy, The Family of Janet Costin, The Family of Carolyn Faulkner, The Family of Johnny Fields, The Family of Sarah Francis, The Family of Wally Funk, The Family of Morris Gates, The Family of Tom Jenkins, The Family of Kyle Kirkpatrick, The Family of Bobbie Miller, The Family of Sally Moran, The Family of Emma Morris, The Family of Judy Nichols, The Family of Leigh Northridge, The Family of Frances Votaw, The Family of Charlene Weseloh, The Family of Ellie Whiddon.

Submit names via QR code or www.whiteschapel.org/prayers.html.
(Names will remain on this prayer list for two weeks unless otherwise notified via QR code or www.whiteschapel.org/prayers.html.)



White’s Chapel Campus

Walking Tour

Sunday, Aug. 2
12:15 – 1 p.m.

Meet at the Involvement Desk
in Main Concourse

For more information, contact Dorothea at dchrist@whiteschapel.org.

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time or simply looking to get plugged in, White’s Chapel has the perfect opportunity to help you feel at home.

To help eliminate confusion and build confidence, White’s Chapel is offering its quarterly **WC Campus Walking Tour on Aug. 2 from 12:15 to 1 p.m.** Led by Director of Involvement Dorothea Christ, the guided tour introduces participants to the campus, answers common questions and highlights the many ministries and resources available throughout the church.

During the walking tour, guests will visit key locations across campus, including worship spaces, children’s and student ministry areas, classrooms and gathering spaces. Along the way, they’ll gain practical information about what happens in each space and discover opportunities to take the next step toward getting involved.

If more information is what you need, or you’re a new member or a curious guest, you’re invited to attend a **Welcome to WC Orientation on Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. in AE Room 3103 in Rawlins Hall.** If you want to know more about White’s Chapel or are thinking about joining, our team of associate pastors, along with Director of Involvement Dorothea Christ, will unpack information about White’s Chapel and Methodist

doctrine. This welcoming environment provides an opportunity to ask questions and speak with trusted church leaders.

“We spend a little time getting to know each other,” shares Christ. “Then we explore topics such as White’s Chapel’s key cultural elements and mission statement, core Methodist beliefs, Methodist vows of membership and how to gather information and get involved at White’s Chapel.”

Similarly, the **“Ready to Get Involved?”** class is offered periodically to provide a deeper look at volunteer opportunities available through White’s Chapel and within the local community. **Held the last Wednesday of each month, except July and December, from 6 to 7 p.m. in AE Room 3103 in Rawlins Hall,** this one-hour class gives participants time to explore their passions and connect them with meaningful opportunities to serve.

“This class allows time to explore individual passions and link them to service opportunities—or even create a new opportunity to serve!” Christ shares.

Whether your place is serving in the community during the week, joining a Bible study, volunteering on Sunday mornings or simply worshipping alongside others each weekend, your presence matters. There is a place for you here, and we’d love to help you discover it.

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God for the ways He had transformed their lives on the mission field.

To help keep that spiritual momentum alive, the team reunited just two days after returning home for its annual High School Mission Trip Reflection Night on Sunday, July 19. What began more than a decade ago as an opportunity for students to gather for worship and meaningful reflection has become a treasured tradition for WC Students. The evening provided a space to celebrate the many ways God revealed Himself throughout the mission trip while encouraging students to carry those experiences into their everyday lives.

“This evening began as a way to allow students to come back together after the mission trip to reflect on the incredible ways God worked throughout the week,” shares Bella Briseño, student minister. “It provides a space for them to share their experiences, celebrate what they learned and encourage one another. We hope the impact of the trip doesn’t end when they return home but continues to shape the way they live out their faith each day.”

Gathering in the Foundry, students and staff came together for an evening of worship, fellowship, shared testimonies

and heartfelt gratitude for all they experienced in Baton Rouge. The evening began with intentional time to reconnect and reflect on the transition back home before students and leaders shared memorable moments from the trip and the ways God strengthened their faith.

“It’s always a powerful time of celebrating all that God accomplished throughout the week and encouraging one another through these personal stories,” Briseño says. “It is so encouraging to see the impact this trip has on the lives of our students. Hearing their stories and seeing the ways God worked in and through them is an incredible encouragement to us as a staff because it is the very reason we do what we do.”

The evening celebrated God’s unmistakable presence throughout the mission trip while also looking ahead with hope and purpose. As students prepare to return to school and the routines of everyday life, they do so encouraged by one another, strengthened in their faith and reminded that the lessons learned in Baton Rouge are only the beginning of what God continues to do in and through them.

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