



Please join us [online](#) or in person this weekend as we conclude our sermon series “Meanwhile.” We hope to see you soon!

Fall Into Fun at WCKids’ Fall Fling

Leave the wallets at home, gather the children and prepare to fall into an afternoon of family fun.

White’s Chapel’s Fall Fling will take over the church campus from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25. Hosted by WCKids in partnership with Thrive, the free event is designed for families with children from preschool through sixth grade—and visitors are always welcome. “It’s a fall family event—a chance to bring families together and celebrate all things fall,” said Erin Zajac, event coordinator for WCKids. “The more families who come, the more enjoyable it is. The more, the merrier!”

The afternoon will feature games and activities spread throughout the concourse and outdoor areas. Some attractions will be energetic. Others will be messy. At least one will involve adults watching their children attempt to remain aboard a mechanical bull.

What could possibly go wrong? Younger children can enjoy a fall-themed bounce house, while children ages 7 and older may test their riding skills on the mechanical bull. Parents are encouraged to take plenty of pictures, although children may later retain the right to approve which ones are shared.

A petting zoo from Noah’s Ark will bring rabbits, goats and an assortment of other animals to the festivities. There also will be face painting, pumpkin painting, a fall scavenger hunt, sack races, candy corn limbo, pumpkin golf and fall-themed photo opportunities.

Rock Stars will even participate in a pie-in-the-face game. Because nothing

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THIRD GRADE BIBLES

Continuing a long-standing Methodist tradition, White’s Chapel presented Bibles to 120 third graders, marking an important milestone in their faith journeys and placing God’s Word in their hands as they continue to learn and grow.

Building a Place to Call Home

By Leilani Barrera

Home is an emotional and physical refuge. For many, it is a place of safety and stability that, sadly, can be taken for granted or can be difficult to maintain. Difficult life circumstances and challenges can make owning, affording or caring for one’s home difficult. Organizations like Trinity Habitat for Humanity (THH) bridge the gap and

extend a helping hand—or, as they like to say, a “hand up, not a handout.”

By partnering with families, volunteers and community leaders across the DFW area, THH helps build and repair homes and create homeownership opportunities for others, while helping homeowners afford their mortgages. Habitat homeowners are fully involved, working alongside eager volunteers to help with repairs, renovations and construction.

White’s Chapel has partnered with THH for well over 20 years. Church members have volunteered their time and skills to help homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence necessary to build a better life for themselves and their families. Through the church’s support, sponsorships and willing servants, WC remains committed to

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God Breathed Dreams

By Dr. Judy Hunt

Have you ever wondered what inspires some people? I mean, who looks at a massive clump of rock and thinks, “This would make a great setting for four presidential faces!” What possesses someone to walk a tightrope stretched across Niagara Falls, launch an expedition to the South Pole or transform a blank canvas into an unforgettable masterpiece? Fame? Fortune? Recognition? Or maybe something far less self-absorbed and

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Raising the Roof — Literally

By Debbie McKellar

Before his recent death, Heinrich Downes, White’s Chapel’s executive director of operations, sat down with The Herald for what would become his final interview. After first serving the church as a security guard, Downes went on to oversee its ongoing construction project with extraordinary skill and dedication.

With the Center for Spiritual Care completed and the expanded parking lot finished, White’s Chapel can place two long-awaited check marks on its construction list.

Anyone tempted to celebrate by putting away the hard hats and orange

cones, however, should wait. The construction equipment is not leaving. It is simply moving. Next comes the Students and Youth Activity Center project, which will

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Midweek Meditation meets Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. in Grace Chapel. The 30-minute service includes music, a brief homily and Communion. No registration, homework or weekly commitment is required; attendees may come as their schedules allow. Services follow the school calendar.

Wednesday Reset

By Debbie McKellar

Some may have noticed “Midweek Meditation” on the church calendar or heard it mentioned in an announcement and wondered, “That sounds nice—but what exactly is it?”

With a new semester beginning, this may be the perfect time for a proper introduction—or reintroduction. Midweek Meditation is a 30-minute, nontraditional worship service held

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helping ensure everyone can enjoy a safe and welcoming place to call home.

“This is a unique partnership because we not only sponsor a home, but we work alongside the future homeowners,” said Beverly Strait, WC member and THH organizer. “I have worked with Habitat for many years ... what’s different about White’s Chapel volunteers is we come with a passion for hard work and serving God’s people ... and finish the day with new skills and a stronger sense of community.”

On Oct. 3 and 31, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., WC will once again work with THH to help fund and build a home. Located in the Garden Springs neighborhood of southwest Fort Worth, registered volunteers will work alongside the homeowner, under the direction and supervision of Habitat construction training leaders, on the home’s exterior. Projects and tasks may include raising walls, installing tornado fortifications and windows, and putting up siding.

The church needs 24 volunteers for this project, and all are invited to sign up! Volunteers of any skill level are welcome. With no prior experience required, it doesn’t matter if you’ve never picked up a hammer or don’t know how to use a power saw; anyone can come and participate in the construction of a wonderful new beginning for a family in need.

On the day of the build, early arrival is encouraged for a few opening words and prayer. With safety remaining the No. 1 goal, the project manager will kick off the workday with a quick safety lesson. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old, and youth younger than 18 may not operate power tools.

“Our volunteers see and feel the joy of the future homeowners as they learn to build a home, their home, from the ground up,” Strait said. “You might not think you have the knowledge or skills to help build a home. ... But the THH team teaches you what you need to do and



how to do it well and safely. ... Helping build a Habitat home is a direct and powerful way to work as a carpenter, as did Jesus, to help God’s people build their first home. It is humbling and so very gratifying to do this.”

With homeowners able to partner in the work, building or repairing their current or future home can instill a deeper sense of faith and confidence in God’s promises and faithfulness as they witness the answers to their prayers unfolding before them, through their own two hands.

“The future homeowners are so excited to help build their own home, and they learn how that is done from the foundation up to the rafters,” Strait said. “Their sense of ownership of both home and their community is so much stronger as a result. ... They develop a stronger connection to the place they will call home and the foundation it provides for their family’s stability and development.”

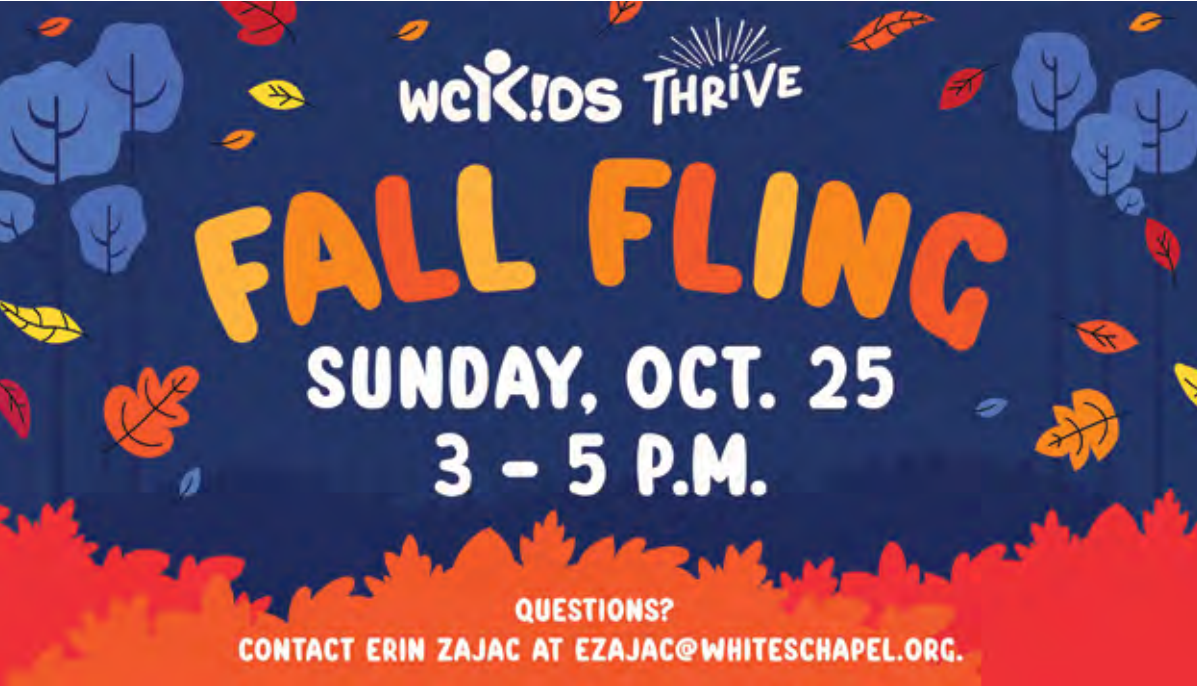
Registration is required and opened Aug. 12. Early registration is recommended to aid in construction scheduling. Those registering more than one person online should follow the specific instructions available on the church website. Upon completion, volunteers will receive an email with the home address, what to bring and wear, and a THH liability waiver to sign and bring on the day of the event.

“Volunteering with Trinity Habitat is a unique way to serve people in our communities who need a permanent, affordable home,” Strait said. “This is a life-changing achievement for these families. The volunteers who are helping these future homeowners feel a special sense of teamwork and community.”

When the world feels heavy and life weighs us down, where is the one place we long to be? Home. Jesus desires His children to experience Him like home, like the weary prodigal traveling back home to his running father.

Join us in giving our brothers and sisters a taste of home this October.

Register [online](#) or by scanning the QR code. For more information, contact Beverly Strait. **Beverly Strait | bcher06@gmail.com**



Fling

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says church fellowship quite like whipped cream applied directly to someone’s nose.

While several of the larger attractions—including the bounce house, mechanical bull and petting zoo—will be outside, many games and activities will take place inside the concourse. That means Fall Fling can offer both fresh air and climate control, two things Texans have learned never to take for granted in October.

Thrive Director Chelsea Cooper is helping plan the event and will be on-site. Her involvement will help ensure that activities are inclusive and welcoming to children and families with a variety of needs and abilities.

Most activities are intended for children of all ages, and parents are welcome to join the fun. Any grown-up who has been waiting for an opportunity to enter a sack race, play pumpkin golf or have a butterfly painted across one cheek has officially run out of excuses.

All that activity may create an appetite, so Funnel of Love will be on-site serving free funnel cakes with three topping

choices—including a pumpkin-flavored option. Lemonade will also be available.

There will be no hot dogs, hamburgers or full meal, so families should plan accordingly. This is an afternoon snack situation—although a warm funnel cake covered in sugar has certainly made a convincing case for becoming its own food group.

Best of all, Fall Fling and its activities are free. Advance online registration is requested—not to collect a fee, but to help organizers plan for enough funnel cakes, pumpkins, paint and other supplies.

Fall Fling gives WC families a chance to meet one another, spend time together and enjoy a carefree Sunday afternoon.

Organizers are even hoping Fall Fling will usher in cooler temperatures along with the pumpkins, animals and funnel cakes. There are no guarantees, of course. Texas weather tends to treat the calendar as more of a suggestion.

Still, whether the afternoon brings sweater weather or one last round of short sleeves, families can count on plenty of laughter, friendly faces and free fall fun.

Register [online](#) and invite another family to join the celebration.

FINANCIALS SEPTEMBER	September	2026	2025
	Week 1	\$235,738	\$216,174
	Week 2	\$195,372	\$270,233
	Week 3	\$215,703	\$381,344
	MTD Actual	\$646,813	\$867,751
	MTD Goal	\$694,639	\$603,840
		\$(47,826)	\$263,911
	YTD Actual	\$8,460,345	\$8,237,603
	YTD Goal	\$8,490,324	\$7,917,522
		\$ (29,979)	\$ 320,081

WEEKEND PREACHING SCHEDULE			
SANCTUARY		THE FOUNDRY	
Sun.	8:20 a.m. Traditional Drs. John McKellar & Todd Renner	Sat.	5:30 p.m. Contemporary Rev. Sam Robbins
Sun.	9:30 a.m. Contemporary Drs. John McKellar & Todd Renner	Sun.	11 a.m. Foundry Service Rev. Sam Robbins
Sun.	11 a.m. Foundation Drs. John McKellar & Todd Renner	WALTON CHAPEL	
		Sun.	9:30 a.m. Traditional Rev. Kyle Roberson

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Meditation

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each Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. in Grace Chapel. It is designed to offer a brief pause in the middle of a busy week—a chance for worshippers to step away from the calendar, silence the to-do list for a few minutes and spend a little time with God.

No reservation is required. There is no book to buy, lesson to prepare or series to follow. No one takes attendance, and missing a week will not leave anyone hopelessly behind. Those who can attend regularly may make it part of their weekly rhythm, while others are welcome to drop in whenever their schedules allow.

Each service includes music, which might be a favorite hymn or a contemporary worship song, followed by a brief homily and Communion. Grace Chapel’s smaller, more intimate setting helps the gathering feel less like another item on the calendar and more like a personal retreat.

Four pastors—Rev. Victor Resendez, Rev. Lori Cotton, Rev. Kyle Roberson and Dr. James Hassell—rotate from week to week. Those who attend throughout the month will hear four voices and

experience four different approaches to worship and reflection.

One week may offer a quiet, contemplative message. Another may include an interesting bit of history or theology that sends everyone away having learned something new. A service may guide worshippers into a deeper understanding of prayer, while another may add a little Gospel-inspired energy to the middle of the week.

Because the homilies are not tied to a single series, each pastor is free to share something currently inspiring, challenging or intriguing. Worshippers never know exactly what a Wednesday may bring—and that is part of the appeal.

The service follows the school calendar. Midweek Meditation begins with the fall semester and continues until just before Thanksgiving. It resumes when school begins again in the spring and continues through May. When local schools take a break, Midweek Meditation does, too.

For those who have noticed the name but never quite knew what it meant, this is an invitation to bring a friend, slip into Grace Chapel and enjoy 30 minutes to breathe, reflect and reconnect.

The to-do list will still be there afterward.

With any luck, however, it may seem a little less intimidating.

WCStudents

A Place Students Want to Stay

One of the sweetest things we have noticed since moving our programming into our new spaces is something we did not necessarily expect: our students are staying.

Instead of rushing out the door when programming ends, students are sticking around to play, talk, laugh and spend time together. After services, we have seen students across grades gather for a game of Nine Square, including students who may not normally spend much time together. It has been so fun to watch those friendships happen naturally.

Our high school students have also started making plans to keep hanging out after programming, with a group heading to Yogurtland together after Wednesday nights. What starts as a night at WC Students often turns into more time together simply because they are not ready for the night to end.

We love seeing our students enjoy being together and building relationships beyond their usual friend groups and grades. These extra moments—the games, laughter and spontaneous plans—are a sweet picture of the community we hope to create at WC Students. More than anything, we love that our students are finding a place where they genuinely want to stay.

Exploring New Spaces on Sunday Mornings

Sunday School looks a little different this year, and our students have been having a lot of fun exploring it. Since our Sunday School spaces are now in the church offices, many of our students are discovering a part of White’s Chapel they did not even know existed!

From finding out that there is a whole separate office building to discovering all

the fun tucked inside it, Sunday mornings have become a bit of an adventure. We even moved our arcade games from the former youth floor into the offices so students can enjoy them on Sundays. Worship happens together in a big, open hallway space, and each week, students head into a different office for their small-group time.

It has been entertaining to watch our students explore, discover new spaces and make themselves at home in a place that was never originally designed for them. In the middle of all the change, they are finding new ways to make these spaces feel like their own, and we are loving every minute of it!

Serving Beyond WC Students

This year, we are excited to see our high school students, especially our upperclassmen, taking a new step on Sunday mornings. Instead of attending Sunday School like they have in the past, we are encouraging them to serve throughout the church.

Whether they are serving in Children’s Ministry, greeting people as they arrive or helping as ushers during worship services, we want our students to recognize that they have an important role to play in the life of our church.

Our hope is that students will begin to take ownership of their church and see themselves as more than just members of WC Students. Serving gives them the opportunity to use their gifts, build relationships across generations and experience what it looks like to contribute to the larger church community. We are excited to watch our students step into these new roles and discover the many ways they can serve and lead at WC.

Construction

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involve demolishing the current Spiritual Formation Center and making major changes to the Students Building.

And “major changes” may be putting it mildly.

“They’re taking the roof off the Students Building,” Downes said.

That is not a metaphor for an especially enthusiastic youth worship service. The existing roof must actually be removed to make way for a third floor.

Downes explained that the two jobs would be treated as parts of one larger project. Work would begin on the Students Building first so that students could return to their space as quickly as possible.

“We’ve asked them to start on the Students Building first because we want those kids back in the building by January,” Downes said.

The placement of the cranes also should minimize blocked access to the parking areas used by the congregation. With the fencing and construction materials removed from around the Center for Spiritual Care, more parking spaces will become available, and no major additional parking restrictions are expected during this phase.

Most of the heaviest work is expected to take place from Monday morning through Friday evening, reducing disruption to weekend worship. Weekday ministries, however, will continue meeting while construction is underway.

That means Bible studies, Wednesday evening activities and other gatherings may occasionally compete with cranes, construction equipment and the percussion section provided by power tools.

“Please pardon our mess,” Downes said.

By now, White’s Chapel members have become remarkably skilled at navigating fences, detours and orange cones.



The general contractor agreed to make that portion of the project the priority, with the goal of returning students to the building around Jan. 1. While the roof is removed and the third floor is added, the Students Building will be off-limits for approximately four months.

At the same time, demolition will begin on the current Spiritual Formation Center, clearing the site for the next portion of the project.

Construction crews will relocate their staging area to the former playground behind the old farmhouse. Cranes and other large equipment will operate primarily from the back of the building, helping keep the work away from the areas most often used by members and visitors.

“By putting the construction group back here behind the old farmhouse, they will be out of the way for most of our general traffic,” Downes said.

Patience, flexibility and creative parking may not appear in the traditional list of spiritual gifts, but the congregation has certainly demonstrated all three.

White’s Chapel will remain fully operational throughout the project, something Downes stressed to the general contractor. Access must be maintained even as crews remove a roof, demolish a building and prepare the campus for what comes next.

It will require, Downes said, “a lot of grace and a big old smile.”

One major project is complete. The next one is beginning.

The fences may be moving, the cranes are setting up behind the farmhouse, and the congregation is being asked once again to offer that grace and smile.

And this time, when someone says White’s Chapel is raising the roof, there is absolutely no exaggeration involved.



SPLASH FLASH

Before school got serious, fifth and sixth graders made sure summer went out with a splash! Splash Flash gave students one last chance to soak up the fun—and take advantage of the lingering Texas heat.

Musings

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much more noble? Inspiration, after all, can be fueled by an endless variety of motivations. But perhaps the word itself points us toward something deeper.

At its root, *inspire* means “to breathe into.” It carries this beautiful image of something being God-breathed—an idea, a purpose, a passion breathed into us that moves us beyond ourselves. It’s a holy whisper—or shout—that calls us to action for the sake of others and God’s reign here on earth.

We have only to look around us to affirm those effects. Certainly, White’s Chapel has a legacy of such inspiration. Early on, it was faithful men and women who looked across these open fields and sparsely populated acres and envisioned what could be—not just in terms of buildings, but of precious lives transformed because of what they heard and saw and felt when presented with the glorious truth of the Good News. Later, their numbers grew to include circuit riders and lay leaders—generations inspired by the faithful women who kept this church open through their willingness to provide potluck dinners and nurture the children

and teens who gathered week after week.

Eventually, a young, fledgling family sent to pastor a flock unwilling to grow caught a greater glimpse of the vision for those whom God would lead to this place of worship, kingdom work, restoration and celebration. Here, seekers and believers on their discipleship journeys continue to witness God speaking into existence new life, new buildings and new horizons in which the gospel of Jesus Christ is not only proclaimed but lived out to God’s glory.

And each of us is invited to participate fully because God still breathes dreams into ordinary hearts and still invites us to look beyond what is and imagine what *could be*.

So, what dream has God placed deep within *your* heart—or perhaps right there on the surface? What life is waiting to be changed simply because you’ve been entrusted with a passion for the possible? And what might happen if you were brave enough to say “yes” to God’s inspiration?

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.

We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.—1 Thessalonians 1:2–3

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Women’s Bible Study: The Way of Wisdom
Wednesdays beginning Oct. 14 6 p.m. | EH Room 2235
Bible teachers Jen Wilkin, Ruth Chou Simons, Kelly Minter, Adrienne Camp, Elizabeth Woodson and Courtney Doctor invite you to place your feet firmly on the path of life revealed in the book of Proverbs. As you consider wisdom principles on everyday topics like words, work, friendship, marriage, parenting, neighborliness, money management, leadership influence and more, you’ll discover the wisdom of Proverbs as an invitation to steadily walk God’s way in God’s world. Join facilitator Kara Hayter for this study. Register for class and childcare [online](#).

Women’s Bible Study: The God You Need to Know by Margaret Feinberg
Thursdays, Oct. 15–Nov. 19 9:30 a.m. | EH Room 2235
Join Rev. Joy Roberson as we work through Margaret Feinberg’s “The God You Need to Know.” This six-session study invites you to encounter the Holy Spirit throughout the Old Testament. Learn how the Spirit reveals the character, competence and compassion



of God while leading, guiding, and comforting you. Purchase a study guide at the bookstore or [online](#). Register for class and childcare [online](#).
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Thrive Karaoke Night: Lift Every Voice
Saturday, Oct. 17 | 6–7:30 p.m. Evans Hall
Get ready to grab the mic and sing your heart out! Join us for an unforgettable evening of music, laughter and fellowship at Thrive Karaoke Night. Whether you’re a seasoned performer or just love to cheer on your friends, there’s a place for everyone to shine.
We can’t wait to sing, laugh, and worship alongside you. Bring your family, invite a friend, and come experience a night filled with joy, encouragement and the love of our Thrive program!

Wednesday Night Dinner

SEPT. 30 | 5-6 PM | EVANS HALL

Entrée
Pot Roast w/ Carrots & Potatoes

Sides
Field Peas
Cornbread

Soup
Turkey & Rice

Dessert
Pineapple Upside Down Cake

\$5 PER PLATE



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers attended the 50th Anniversary celebration for the DFW region at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Aug. 29.

Blessing OF THE Animals

Sunday, Oct. 11 | 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. | WC Amphitheater & Pond

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