



Please join us [online](#) or in person this weekend as we celebrate Labor Day. We hope to see you soon!

What's Holding YOU Back?

By Leilani Barrera

On Thursday, Sept. 17, at 6:30 p.m., *New York Times* bestselling author, speaker and podcast host Annie F. Downs will join WC Women in the Sanctuary as part of the five-stop tour for her new book, *Don't Let That Hold You Back*.

Tickets are \$25 and include

admission and a copy of the book, which will be released Sept. 15. Registration, payment and childcare registration are available online.

Every human is seeking safety. Psychologically, we want security, so we chase control and predictability. And frankly, risk brings the opposite effect. Risk is frightening, and naturally, we are opposed to taking chances without the

guarantee of success.

Consequently, our culture is largely characterized by waiting. When it comes to taking steps toward our goals, we wait for the right time, the right opportunity, enough resources or even the right version of ourselves. We avoid discomfort and chase security—leaving most of us waiting.

Have you found yourself believing the false narrative

that the life you want is just out of reach? That fulfillment is for other people? That “your turn” is unattainable and the life that has been tugging at your heart all along will come “someday”?

Written in Downs’ warm yet honest signature style, *Don't Let That Hold You Back* offers a bold wake-up call. Downs invites readers to stop waiting, take the risk and step into the life they dream of living.

“It’s an invitation to listen to your gut, confer with God, take the risk, and go after what you want,” Downs writes—even when taking that step is frightening or does not make sense to anyone else.

At every stop on the *Don't Let That Hold You Back* tour, Downs will share the inspiration behind the book and discuss its themes

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Common Ground Interest Groups Turn Passions into Fellowship

White's Chapel Interest Groups offer new ways to turn shared interests into friendship, Christian fellowship and a place to belong.

COVID-19 killed the covered-dish supper—or at least dealt that old church standby a serious blow.

It did not, however, kill the need for fellowship.

People still need places to meet, friendships to build and reasons to spend time together. Interest Groups, a developing ministry led by Sean Bogan, offers a fresh approach to creating those connections by beginning with a simple question: What do you enjoy doing?

The answer might involve fishing, classic cars, golf, pickleball, travel, basketball or mahjong. It might be gardening, photography, books, cooking—or a fascination with very small trains.

That last one is not hypothetical.

White's Chapel's model train display began with people who enjoyed model railroading. A shared interest brought them together; over time, their “little toy trains” became one of the church's favorite Christmas traditions.

Sometimes a hobby grows into something much bigger.

Last week, *The Herald* introduced Navigate, the new ministry designed to help newcomers and longtime members find their place at White's Chapel. Interest Groups continue that conversation by creating more places for people to find.

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WANTED: DRIVERS WITH A LICENSE TO SMILE!

Help us offer a warm welcome before guests ever reach the doors! We're looking for 15 to 20 friendly volunteers to drive our golf carts and shuttles, transporting worshippers from the back of the parking lot and alternate parking areas. The carts are easy to drive—if you can steer, smile and resist the urge to turn the parking lot into a racetrack, you're qualified! Serve one Sunday a month—or more—with rotations available as our team grows. Friendly faces are essential; a good sense of humor may be even more important!
Dorothea Christ | dchrist@whiteschapel.org

Hope for Nepal A Special Communion Offering

A massive ice-and-rock avalanche near the Nepal-Tibet border on Aug. 26 triggered catastrophic flash floods and mudslides. The collapse was so powerful that it registered on seismic instruments at the equivalent of a magnitude 5.2 earthquake. Entire communities have been devastated,

thousands of people are missing or displaced, and approximately 90 Americans remain unaccounted for. At press time, no American deaths had been confirmed.

White's Chapel has a long-standing partnership with Lalgadh Leprosy

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It Takes a Motherhood

Moms of Littles offers faith, friendship and support

By Leilani Barrera

Moms of Littles: Bible and Book Study Mondays through Dec. 14 9:30 a.m. | AE Room 3102
The group welcomes mothers of children from birth through age 7. Class and childcare registration are required online.

There's an adage that goes, “Mothers are the thermostats of the home.” Mothers carry influence and impact, with an undeniable power to set the spiritual and emotional atmosphere under their roofs. In the same way a thermostat regulates the surrounding temperature, a mother's calm, joy, stress and, especially, her faith can deeply shape and set the tone for the entire household.

While it may not always be easy to know how to create the right climate, it is a privilege to lead by example and learn grace in the process. Leading from love and a place of abundance requires the support of others. We cannot do life alone, and raising children requires not

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Casting a Wide Net

By Sam Robbins

In Matthew 13:47–50, Jesus says the kingdom of heaven is like a fishing net thrown into the sea that “caught fish of every kind.” Fishing is an image Jesus uses often, partially because several of His disciples were fishermen, so it made sense to them. They knew what it was to cast a net.

Jesus says, “Your work for the kingdom is just like your work as a fisherman! You

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Campfires, Connection & a Little Less Wi-Fi Middle School Fall Retreat | Sept. 18–20 | Sky Ranch | Register online

By Leilani Barrera

White's Chapel is passionate about creating space for the next generation to find redemption, restoration and revival. One way it does this is through WC Students' annual Middle School Fall Retreat. Each year, students trade their

normal weekend routines for a few days at Sky Ranch in Van, Texas—and all the adventure, laughter and memories that come with it.

From Sept. 18–20, seventh- and eighth-grade students will have the chance to get away from the everyday, spend time with friends and leaders, and make room for something that can be surprisingly

hard to find in middle school life: a little quiet.

Well, some quiet. It is middle school, after all.

“Fall Retreat is an incredible opportunity for our middle school students to step away from their everyday routines, have fun, build new

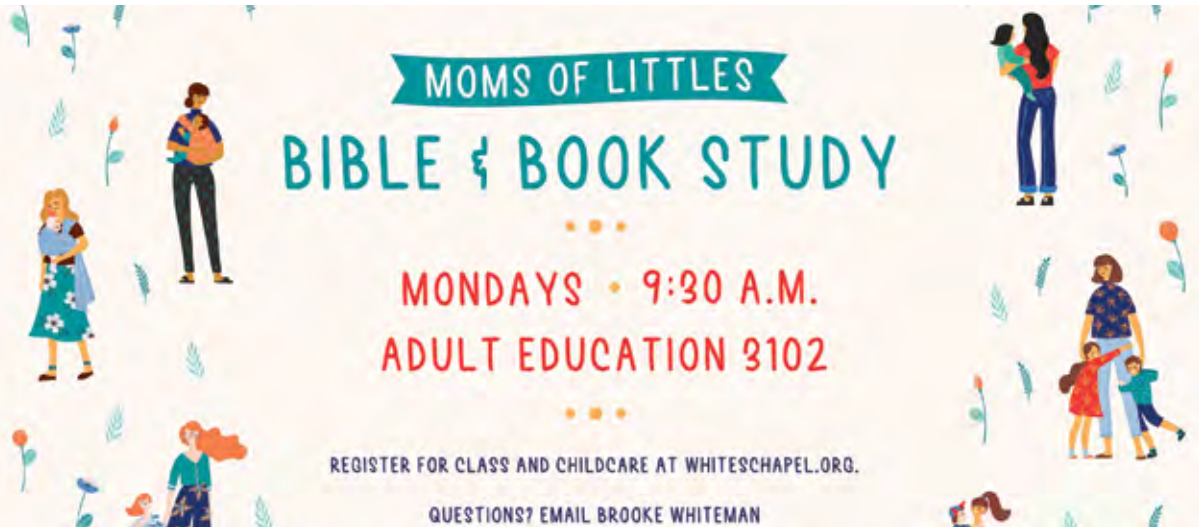
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only asking for help but also intentionally refilling one’s cup through community.

Brooke Whiteman knows this better than most. As co-leader of the White’s Chapel group Moms of Littles: Bible and Book Study, she is passionate about providing a space where moms can find connection, community and care.

“It is important for new moms of littles to find, build and maintain community so that they have support, wise counsel and accountability,” Whiteman said.

“Sometimes you need a fellow mom to remind you that you are not alone and that, while God does care about the diapers you change and loads of laundry you do, that’s not what defines you: He is.”

Through Bible and book studies, prayer, discussion and fellowship, the group helps moms keep God first and lean on Him as they navigate life with littles.

Whether you’re a mom of one toddler, have two children under 2 or have welcomed a new baby into a big family, this group is for you. If you are in the trenches and want to grow in your faith while meeting other moms in a similar stage of life, you are welcome.

“Moms who attend can expect to meet other moms who all have something to offer, whether that’s a new perspective, a laugh, an encouraging word, a prayer or even a meal during a hard time,” Whiteman said. “They can also expect to grow in faith and friendships and have a bit of fun, too!”

As a mom of young children herself, Whiteman understands the challenges



of transitioning into early motherhood. Looking for a place to belong after the birth of her first daughter two years ago, she found support and encouragement. Now, she is helping other moms find the same.

“This group seemed like the perfect way to get connected, keep myself in the Word and help me in the transition into motherhood,” she said. “The life season of ‘having littles’ can be all-encompassing for moms and present some unique challenges, so this group is a chance to honor that. We are women who may be late because a toddler refused to get in the car, because we had a baby blowout or who only finish one page of the reading because someone needed a little extra love and the dishes needed washing. But above all, we show up—because we know the best way to love our families is to remain focused on Christ.”

Whiteman and co-leader Melissa Matus are excited to continue leading the group through “Seamless” by Angie Smith, an in-depth, seven-week Scripture study that offers practical resources and profound truths to help participants understand the Bible as one comprehensive story.

“I hope to see moms really internalize that this story doesn’t end when we close our Bibles—it plays out every day in our lives as well,” Whiteman said.

A mother’s daily presence is vital to the vibrancy of the home, but to keep showing up, moms need the right support. This group is ready to welcome them and help them along the journey.

For more information, contact Brooke Whiteman or Melissa Matus.

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Groups

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Bogan, a White’s Chapel member since 2002 and staff member for more than 19 years, leads both efforts. Navigate pairs an individual with a volunteer guide who can help explore the church’s ministries, classes, service opportunities and groups. An Interest Group might be one of the places discovered along the way.

The two ministries begin with slightly different questions. Navigate begins with someone asking, “Where do I fit?” Interest Groups begin with someone saying, “I enjoy this—does anyone else?”

“There are so many different passions represented at White’s Chapel,” Bogan said. “If there is an interest, we probably have something for it. And if we don’t, we may be waiting for someone to ask.”

An Interest Group does not have to resemble a traditional church program. Members may gather wherever the activity naturally takes them. As it turns out, Christian fellowship does not always require folding chairs—or a casserole.

“A shared interest is a means to an end,” Bogan explained. “It helps people meet one another and find common ground.”

That common ground can make conversation easier and a large church feel considerably smaller. There is no need to struggle for an opening question when everyone already has something to talk about. Over time, unfamiliar names become familiar faces, and an enjoyable activity can grow into genuine community.

Interest Groups may be particularly meaningful for those entering a new stage of life. Parents who once built much of their church involvement around their children may discover that the approaching empty-nest years leave room to rediscover interests of their own. Retirees, new residents and longtime members may also find themselves wondering what comes next.

Bogan understands that transition personally. As his children have grown and his family approaches the empty-nest years, he has begun asking some of those questions himself: What interests me now? Where can I become involved? What might God be calling me to do next?

The answer is not necessarily another entry in an already crowded catalog of church programs. White’s Chapel has plenty of those; figuring out where to begin is part of the problem.

What people need are real faces and real-life common ground. The tricky part is matching the person who quietly loves gardening, photography or books with someone else who does, too. Interest

Groups are intended to make those introductions easier—and to help people discover that the stranger sitting several pews away may have been their kind of person all along.

Sometimes all it takes is one congregant willing to mention an interest and ask, “Does anyone else?” Chances are, someone does. They may simply have been waiting for another real, live person to ask.

There will be some structure. Official White’s Chapel Interest Groups tend to meet regularly, whether weekly, monthly or on another consistent schedule. They will typically keep track of participation and include prayer as part of their Christian fellowship. Those basic expectations will help the church promote the groups while keeping them connected to its mission and values.

But no one is suggesting that every hobby needs a committee, a roll call, a curriculum or a three-ring binder.

The goal is not to disguise a Bible study as a golf outing or turn a casual activity into a complicated program. It is to create space for authentic relationships to form—and to remain open to where those relationships may lead.

For some, the first step toward finding God is simply beginning to seek Him. That may happen in worship, but it also may begin by meeting people through a shared interest. Interest groups make conversation easier while friendships create trust. In time, those conversations may open naturally into questions about faith, purpose and God.

The friendship is not a gimmick or a means of luring someone into church. Hospitality, welcome and companionship are themselves expressions of God’s love. They also create a community in which faith can be explored honestly and allowed to grow.

White’s Chapel has long tried to say “yes” when someone brings forward an idea that can encourage healthy fellowship. Interest Groups extend that invitation both to those searching for a group and those willing to begin one.

Navigate and Interest Groups may start with different questions, but they are headed in the same direction: connection, friendship and a deeper sense of belonging within a community seeking to know and serve God together.

Sometimes that journey begins in worship. Sometimes it begins over coffee.

And sometimes it begins with a very small train headed somewhere much bigger.



For more information, or if you have a special interest to explore, please contact Sean Bogan.
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FINANCIALS			
AUGUST			
August	2026	2025	
Week 1	\$179,150	\$238,884	
Week 2	\$299,247	\$211,458	
Week 3	\$219,285	\$176,762	
Week 4	\$171,028	\$221,241	
Week 5	\$189,925	\$214,916	
MTD Actual	\$1,058,635	\$1,063,261	
MTD Goal	\$1,157,731	\$1,006,400	
	(\$99,096)	\$ 56,861	
YTD Actual	\$7,813,532	\$7,369,852	
YTD Goal	\$7,795,685	\$7,313,682	
	\$ 17,847	\$ 56,170	

WEEKEND PREACHING SCHEDULE			
SANCTUARY		THE FOUNDRY	
Sun.	8:20 a.m. Traditional Rev. Sam Robbins	Sat.	5:30 p.m. Contemporary Rev. Sam Robbins
Sun.	9:30 a.m. Contemporary Rev. Sam Robbins	Sun.	11 a.m. Foundry Service Rev. Logan de Groot
Sun.	11 a.m. Foundation Rev. Sam Robbins	WALTON CHAPEL	
		Sun.	9:30 a.m. Traditional Rev. Kyle Roberson

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Trinity

Habitat

for Humanity

Build a Home Project

Saturday, Oct. 3 & 31 | 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Garden Springs Development, Fort Worth

Registration is required at whiteschapel.org.

For more information, contact Beverly Strait at bcher06@gmail.com.

White’s Chapel is again working with Trinity Habitat for Humanity to help fund and build a home in southwest Fort Worth. The church needs at least 24 volunteers for the build on Oct. 3. Registration is required [online](https://whiteschapel.org) or by scanning the QR code.

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Nepal

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Hospital, which provides medical care and other essential services to some of Nepal’s most vulnerable people. Each winter, the church traditionally designates a Communion offering to

support the hospital and its ministry. In response to this rapidly unfolding disaster, White’s Chapel is now working with Lalghadh Leprosy Hospital and its foundation to provide relief directly to the people of Nepal. One hundred percent of every gift received through this special Communion offering will go to those providing assistance on the ground.



Third Grade Bibles

As part of our commitment to nurturing the faith of our young ones, we are excited to continue our beloved tradition of presenting Bibles to third graders. This special occasion marks a significant step in their spiritual journey!

Third graders will have the opportunity to participate in three “Bible Basics” classes, where they will learn how to read and study their Bibles. These classes will take place on Sept. 6, 13, and 27, coinciding with our 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Families can choose the time that works best for them. On Sunday, Sept. 20, the students will receive their Bibles. The presentation will take place at 9:30 a.m. in the Foundry, followed by a special recognition at the 11 a.m. service in the sanctuary. To ensure your child receives a Bible, please register them.

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Thrive

Family Event: Patriotic BBQ

Sept. 5 | 12–2 p.m.

Respite Night: Bushels of Blessings

Sept. 18 | 6–8 p.m.

Parent Support Group: Conscious

Breathing with Dr. Lyn Neisuis

Sept. 21 | 6–7:30 p.m.

Chelsea Cooper | cocooper@whiteschapel.org

Arts Academy

There’s still time to register for Arts Academy Variety classes this fall! Kindergarteners through fourth graders will enjoy a fun-filled rotation through all of our favorite classes, including art, cooking, LEGO, science, music, and STEM. Each week brings an opportunity to create, build, experiments, and explore. Classes meet on Tuesdays from 4:30–6 p.m. Cost is \$50 per child for the semester.

Erin Schechter | eschechter@whiteschapel.org

To register for all WC Kids upcoming events, scan the QR code.



Mission Mania

3RD & 4TH GRADERS

Sunday, Sept. 13

12:15 p.m. * \$5

Decorate care package boxes for our Soldier Care Campus Mission Team.

Registration opens on Aug. 10.

Questions? Contact Erin Zajac | ezajac@whiteschapel.org

ACOLYTE TRAINING

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

NOON | EVANS HALL

PIZZA LUNCH & TRAINING

For boys and girls, 4th grade and older.

To sign up or for more information, please contact Amy Janecek at acolytewc@gmail.com

WC THEATER 3 AUDITIONS

Disney FROZEN

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12 | 10 A.M.

9TH - 12TH GRADE

MONDAY REHEARSALS FROM 5 - 8 P.M.

REGISTER ONLINE OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE.

QUESTIONS? JULIE BLALOCK | jblalock@whiteschapel.org

CLUB 56

Splash Bash

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

12:30 - 2:30 P.M.

MEET AT WESLEY CAFE

Questions, Email Lindsey McCallum at Lmccallum@whiteschapel.org.

wcK!Ds Wednesdays

5:30 - 6 p.m. WC Kids Choir | 1st - 6th Grade

6 - 7 p.m. God Made Me from A to Z | 3-Year-Olds

4K Choir & Bible Study | 4s & Kinder

Game Night | 1st - 6th Grade

Childcare for 2 and under.

AN EVENING WITH ANNIE F. DOWNS & KAILEY DICKERSON

ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

SOUTHLAKE, TX

Women

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of calling, purpose and partnership with God. She will help women uncover what is holding them back and consider the things they have always wanted to do but have not yet done. What obstacles keep them stuck, and what might help them take that next step toward the life God is calling them to live?

With plenty of fun in store, the tour is also packed with surprises. At each stop, a mystery guest will take over the microphone and interview Downs. The guest could be a familiar friend from her popular *That Sounds Fun* podcast—or someone the audience would never expect. Together, they will keep the conversation lively and upbeat while exploring topics that are both powerful and profound.

“Annie likes to have a conversational-style event, so her time with us will be focused on her conversation and questions with her discussion partner,” said the Rev. Joy Roberson, WC Women’s Ministry pastor. “Through this conversation, she will share her heart



and what led her to write this book.” Known for weaving together humor, personal stories and Scripture, Downs has sold more than 1 million books. Her bestselling titles include *That Sounds Fun*, *Remember God* and *100 Days to Brave*. Her *That Sounds Fun* podcast has surpassed 100 million downloads and features conversations with authors, pastors, musicians, comedians, chefs and athletes.

WC Women are invited to join the fun. Grab a ticket and a friend, and come ready for a night of Spirit-led insight and inspiration. Designed to bridge gaps and build connections, the gathering will create opportunities for new friendships and lasting memories. With soul-deep topics and heartfelt laughter, women should come prepared to giggle, cry and leave empowered.

“Each time we can bring women together in Christ, we expect God’s presence to be strong and the Spirit to move,” Roberson said. “These events build community and invite new people into a church environment, maybe for the first time.”

I want to be among those who turn their dreams into reality. I would rather live with the marks of trying than the pangs of regret years from now, wishing I had started today. I would rather carry the scars of growth than the weight of “what if.”

It is time to put a stop to the “maybe later” and the “maybe never.” God has a personal calling on your life, and He wants to partner with you. Stop waiting for the right conditions and step into the fullness of life with God. Come discover what may be holding you back, how to break free from those lies and what it means to truly flourish.

Registration will remain open until the event reaches capacity. For questions, contact Roberson.

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Musings

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cast out nets, but instead of catching fish for people, you catch people for the kingdom.” Jesus is saying that our job is to cast a wide net—which is exactly what those disciples did all the time.

Now, often when we think of “casting a net,” we imagine one person throwing out a small, circular net, trying to nab a couple of fish. But that’s not the image Jesus is drawing on here. **He’s referring to a dragnet.** Dragnets were how fishermen in the first-century world caught fish. They were usually about 6 feet deep and up to several hundred feet wide, and they required several men to operate.

That distinction actually matters. Jesus isn’t just tasking us individually with casting our nets. He’s also tasking us as a community. Just as with a real dragnet, we need one another to fish most effectively.

A former staff member once told me about a time when her college ministry decided to undertake an evangelism project. They wanted to grow the ministry and reach new people, so they decided it would be a good idea to give something away on campus to advertise and let people know they were there—because college students love free stuff.

They decided to give out lollipops. Each lollipop had a little tag with all their information on it: their logo, the time of the worship service and, for good measure, a Scripture reference. They very appropriately chose Psalm 34:8, which says, “Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in Him!”

That’s what the church is. It’s a collection of people who gather together, knowing that we’re better together.

evangelism initiative until someone pointed out that there was a typo on the tag. It didn’t have Psalm 34:8 on it. Whoever made the tags had accidentally inverted the numbers. So, instead of Psalm 34:8, they put Psalm 38:4, which says, “My guilt overwhelms me—it is a burden too heavy to bear.”

They handed out hundreds of lollipops.

If only the person who made that tag had someone there helping them and proofreading their work. If they had, it would have made this evangelism strategy a lot more effective—and a lot less aggressive. That’s why evangelism is better when we do it together, when we all grab a part of the net and get to work!

And that’s what Jesus is calling us to do. He says the kingdom of God is like a dragnet. It’s many of us working together to catch new people, introducing them to the love of God and the good news of the gospel.

Casting a wide net requires all of us.

That’s what the church is. It’s a collection of people who gather together, knowing that we’re better together. We go deeper in our discipleship when we lean on one another. We undertake bigger missions when we combine our gifts and resources. And we do better evangelism when we all have a hand on the net.

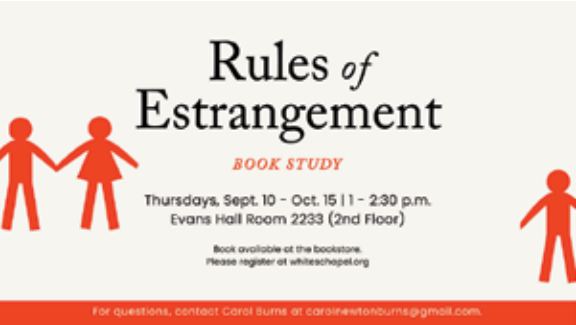
So, rather than viewing evangelism as individualized work, what if we changed our perception? What if we worked together to create hospitable environments for new folks? What if we took on our little section of the world so that the church could reach even further? What if we all did our little part and grabbed the net so we could catch “fish of every kind”?

Because the kingdom of God is a dragnet... it requires all of us.

Pretty cute, right?

They were feeling great about this

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

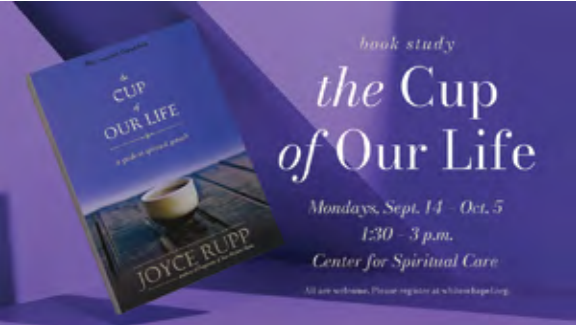


Book Study: Rules of Estrangement
Thursdays, Sept. 10–Oct. 15
1–2:30 p.m. | EH Room 2233

Estranged Parents of Adult Children often find themselves in ongoing emotional turmoil as they struggle to understand the meaning of rejection by their adult children. Too many estranged parents suffer silently because they fear unspoken judgment by others. The search for answers to endless questions results in misery. In Rules of Estrangement by Joshua Coleman, Ph.D., estranged parents explore the complex landscape of the various possible explanations, including societal factors, changing family dynamics and evolving approaches to therapy for individuals and families. Coleman offers parents ways to manage painful emotions such as fear, guilt, shame, and confusion. He teaches parents how to engage in the process of reconciliation. Most importantly, he encourages parents to have hope and to create fulfilling lives for themselves.

Join WC member Carol Burns in this six-week study.

The book is available for purchase at WC’s Circuit Writer’s Books & Such bookstore. Register [online](#).
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The Cup of Our Life | Book Study
Mondays, Sept. 14–Oct. 5 | 1:30–3 p.m.
Center for Spiritual Care

Anyone thirsting for a more intimate and disciplined life of prayer will find a rich wellspring in “The Cup of Our Life.” In this original and practical book, author Joyce Rupp shares how ordinary cups can become sacred vessels that draw us closer to God.

Join Rev. Victor Resendiz in this four-week interactive class to learn how to deepen your prayer experience by learning through everyday life. The book is available for purchase at WC’s Circuit Writer’s Books & Such bookstore. Register [online](#).

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Prayer List

Angle Atlee, Jimmy Arnold, Darrell Ashmore, Dudley Barnes, Judy Belter, Sheri Blalock, Nancy Bowman, Zach Bruton, Carol Burns, Dennis Burt, Ross Chapman, Kay Chapman-Coy, Bill Charters, Scott Chilcutt, Brenda Clark, Shirley Clay, Carolyn Cockerell, Bill and Jimmie Nell Cook, Terri Craddock, Leslie Craig, Sharon Davidson, Melodi Doran, Bryce and Devon Duran, Richie Ellison, Linda Evans, Ralph Evans, Jeff Evans, Andy Flansburg, Nick Gogos, Christin Gonzales, Cynthia Gonzalez, R.G., Sheena Hall, Buddy Hall, Mike Hall, Patricia Hardman, Kay Hasseltine, Carolyn Hausler, Brian Heidebrecht, Patricia Hendricks, Ronnie Holcombe, Alice Knowles-Holliday, Paul Holmes, Bill Hood, Tammy Hough, Mary Howry, Dixie Hubbard, Barb Idol, Tonja Johnson, Jack Keen, Christopher Kender, Jerry Kight, Jeff Klein, Charlynn Knight, Dolores Kopesec, Kris Kraglanis, Connie Lamb, JoAnn Lee, Michael Lee, Lynn Little Bald Eagle, Michael Lucas, Lori Eagleston Luedtke, Lucas Lunday, Cindy Marshall, Rustico T. Martinez, Tena McCall, Don McCall, Katherine McCarthy, Courtney McDougal, Sue McNutt, Eva Milby, Ashley Miller, Jeff Miller, Kevin Mitchell, Benjamin Mojica, Debbie Moran, Connie Muncy, Jeff Nadeau, Linda Nadeau, Patrick O'Dell, James Ortiz, Joy Paprskar, Warren Parr, Beth Paschall, Tom Payne, Dee Perkins, Carol Petrinowitsch, Azor Phelps Sr., Bill Preston, Brent Ratliff, Amber Reeves, William Rowntree and Family, Pamela Salvador, Darrell Schirmer, Ron Schneider, Dot Self, Gregg Short, John Slocum, JJ Snook, Jamieson Stewart, Luke Strain, Spencer Strong, Ann Swain, Steve Swanston, Texas Grass Fires, Brad Veach, Tom Walker, Haley Ware, Rick Warner, Shannon Weimers, Daniel Wells, Lavonne and Ricard Wenndelken, Nan Wenrich, Leslie Westerman, Megan and Eric Whitehead, Ron Whitson, Jack Wiggers, Danny Wilkins, Carroll Willis, Vicki Winn, Melinda Witt, Brian Womble, Ken and Janie Woodard, Bobby Wroten, Irma Zamora, Marcelina and Luis Zuniga, Carter. Recent deaths: The Family of Jane Campagna, The Family of Jim Chambers, The Family of John Duckworth, The Family of Sally Haschke, The Family of Larry Lethcoe, The Family of Thomas W. Luce III, The Family of Beverly McDonald, The Family of Joe McNamara, The Family of Mary Mitchell, The Family of Matthew Mitchell, The Family of Ed Molberg, The Family of Gerald Moses Jr., The Family of Kathi Palmatary, The Family of Helen Post, The Family of Blair Ann Scott, The Family of Olivia Ann Solomon, The Family of David Thomas, The Family of Suzanne Wilson.

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.)



FALL 2027 TRIP INFORMATION MEETING

SPLENDORS OF EGYPT

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13 | 12:15 P.M.
ADULT EDUCATION ROOM 3103

Join White’s Chapel along with Drs. John McKellar and Todd Renner for a Splendors of Egypt: In the Footsteps of Moses, Joseph & the Holy Family trip from Oct. 19–29, 2027. Guests will travel from Cairo to Mount Sinai on this 10-day trip that includes a three-day Nile cruise and an optional extension trip to Petra and the Dead Sea. The first information meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 13, at 12:15 p.m. in Rawlins Hall. We will discuss the trip itinerary, cost, and registration procedures along with any other questions. Brochures for the trip are located at the Welcome Desk in the Concourse. Registration is now open [online](#).
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Retreat

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friendships, and grow closer to our staff and student leaders,” said Bella Briseno, WC Students student minister. “Most importantly, it gives them space to encounter God, deepen their faith, and discover more about who He has created them to be.”

And that space matters. In this digital age, our culture runs on attention—and focus is its currency. Students are growing up in a world of constant notifications, endless scrolling and algorithms designed to keep them watching, clicking and coming back for more. For parents, simply keeping pace with the technology competing for their children’s attention can feel like a full-time job.

Young people are particularly vulnerable to that pull. While researchers continue to study the neurological and psychological effects of excessive screen use, one thing is increasingly difficult to dispute: There is a battle for students’ attention, and their minds are valuable territory.

But that is only half the story. Against the backdrop of all that noise, something hopeful is happening. Research from Barna Group points to renewed spiritual curiosity among young people, with Gen Z and millennials helping drive a resurgence of interest in Jesus. About 77% of U.S. teens report being at least somewhat motivated to continue learning about Jesus throughout their lives.

In other words, young people may be scrolling—but they are searching, too. And sometimes getting away from the noise creates just enough room to hear what they have been searching for.

At White’s Chapel, leaders understand the value of each student’s mind, heart and faith, and they are ready to pour into them. Fall Retreat gives students an opportunity to put down the phones, step outside their routines and spend a weekend simply being together—playing, laughing, worshipping and discovering more about God and one another.

The timing is especially meaningful this year. With significant transitions underway for WC Students, the retreat offers a chance to strengthen relationships among students and leaders while reinforcing the kind of community the ministry hopes to build.

The WC Students staff hopes the weekend will “strengthen the culture we’re trying to build in this season—one centered on relationships, belonging, and students taking ownership of their faith,” Briseno said.

As WC Students navigates a season without a permanent meeting place, the student ministry is discovering something important about church, fellowship and community: None of them is confined to a building. Church happens wherever students gather in faith, worship together, care for one another and create a place where they know they belong.

“This retreat gives us an opportunity to create space for students to connect, have fun, worship, and encounter Jesus together in a way that reminds them that they are the church wherever they are,” Briseno said. “We can be intentional about showing students that what makes WC Students special isn’t a room, but the people and the presence of God.”

And Sky Ranch provides a pretty terrific place to put that idea into practice.

Both new and returning students can look forward to everything that makes a weekend away memorable—plenty of fun, time with friends, meaningful worship, small-group conversations and the particular kind of silliness that tends to happen when a bunch of middle schoolers leave home together for a weekend.

But tucked inside all that fun is something deeper. Through intentional, undistracted discipleship, students have the opportunity to discover that faith is not something tied to a particular room, Wednesday night gathering or Sunday morning. They carry it with them—even to camp.

“We can’t wait to see this retreat help students feel connected to one another and remind them that wherever we gather, God is building something special in and through them,” Briseno said.

For one weekend, at least, the notifications can wait.

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