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A full house celebrated God's blessings of liberty during White's Chapel's annual patriotic service.

July 23 — Registration Required

Women Gather for Summer Fun

By Leilani Barrera

Prunch-O is back! After two consecutive successful years, White's Chapel women are excited to once again gather for a morning of fellowship, food and fun! The event, planned for July 23 from 10 a.m. to noon in Evans Hall, consists of a light brunch and an engaging game of Bunco. Whether you're an expert or entirely new to the lively dice game, women of all experience levels are welcome and invited to join!

The morning will kick off with a warm welcome and a special prayer by Rev. Joy Roberson, Pastor for

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Construction, Maintenance, and Landscaping Included in Arkansas Mission Goals

By Leilani Barrera

s the saying goes, the *third time's a charm*! This year, from Thursday, August 28, to Monday, September 1, White's Chapel adults will be venturing on

their third mission trip to Ferncliff Camp in Little Rock, Arkansas. This trip will provide participants the opportunity to partner with 15 other volunteers to impact the community.

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Operation Classroom Ready School Drive

By Leilani Barrera

"Fall is here, hear the yell. Back to school, ring the bell. Brand new shoes, walking blues. Climb the fence, books and pens."—We're Going to Be Friends by the White Stripes

While time and technology have transformed school preparation, the late 90s garage band knew that with the semester's approach, there

are still many necessities that never go out of style.

Whether it's new backpacks and fresh haircuts for students, or a new desk calendar and a fresh pack of Expo markers for teachers, some items are always in demand. However, as most know, not only is it incredibly easy for these shopping

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Super Saturday Event Supports

Rise Against Hunger

aturday, July 26, White's Chapel will once again team with Rise Against Hunger to package 30,000 meals to help in the fight to stop hunger. The event is done semi-annually at White's Chapel.

Meal-packing events, such as the one planned at White's Chapel this month, are staged to create fortified, dehydrated, shelf-stable meals that are transported to areas identified as being food insecure. Rise Against Hunger has worked to serve 41 countries. In 2024 alone, the organization packaged approximately 54.3 million meals impacting over 9.4 million lives.

The event is one that encourages families—especially those with younger children—to serve together in a worthwhile, easily explained and identifiable mission.

This ministry is the recipient of one of our communion offerings each year. All the communion money collected for this mission is used to purchase the materials for the bags.

The Methodist Church recently surpassed an incredible milestone by packaging over 100 million of those meals. White's Chapel was a huge part of that effort.

They may look like simple bags of rice and soy, but Rise Against Hunger meals represent the hopes

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8 to 9 a.m.—help

unload supplies/set up

packaging stations

and/or 9 to 11 a.m.—

measuring and

packaging meals.

Rise

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and dreams of people worldwide, as well as a growing global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives, and responding to emergencies. Volunteers who assemble the bags

are the heart of the mission to end hunger, and the millions of meals sent around the globe each year cannot be distributed without these volunteers.

"This is one of the most popular volunteer events we

do," explained Kim Stinson. "Part of the popularity, in addition to being a great cause, is that this event allows entire families to work together for a cause that is easily explained to children."

The organization has five international locations in Italy, India, Malaysia, Philippines, and South Africa. These locations connect passionate volunteers with worldwide communities including Belize, Burundi, Cambodia, Dominican Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Haiti,

Honduras, India, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Nicaragua, Niger, Philippines, Senegal, Sierra-Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Uganda, Ukraine, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe.

Setup volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. in Evans Hall to help unload the supplies from trucks and set

up packing stations. Saturday, July 26: Starting at 9 a.m., volunteers will actively participate in the fight against hunger by measuring and packaging meals for those in need. Approximately 30,000 meals will be packaged and

> shipped globally just from this one day of service.

Registration for this Super Saturday event is available on the church website. Families, friends and church groups are encouraged to attend. Children four years old and older are welcome to help their parents serve. All participants must wear closed-toed shoes.

For more information, contact Dedra Moffat.

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Classic Adult Fellowship

Senior VBS

Classic Adult Fellowship hosted VBS for seniors and it was a huge success! With over 200 in attendance, lots of joy filled the air. Partnering with WC Kids, the adults shared the theme of True North: Faith in the Wilderness with

a focus on seeing God through our past experiences. road trips, and great outdoors.

The group welcomed guest speaker Courney Blevins, Regional Forester at Texas A&M Forest Service, to tie practical tree knowledge to Biblical concepts. We learned that Texas is the second most forested state, thanks to the Mesquite tree, and that the oldest trees are in California. Most surprising was finding out "Smokey" is Smokey Bear and not

Smokey the Bear! Who knew? Each morning started with

Shaunna Fuller and Linda Jenkins singing and playing piano followed by ten breakout sessions. Tracy Christiansen, Adult Discipleship Director, taught us about "air plants" and how God can use us no matter where we "grow," Rev. Victor Resendiz taught us a new way to find God's beauty and meaning through photographs, and Sarah Hamilton, one of our talented WC graphic artists, helped us create bookmarks from pressed wild flowers, reminding us that through the pressing, we reflect God's beauty. Logan De Groot, our Young Adults Director, led a breakout with Alec Hansen, another talented WC graphic artist, and Intern Emily Cowan to bridge the gap between young adults and classic adults. With a fun Q&A session about growing up and road trips, the two groups not only learned a lot about each other but want to continue the conversations! Rev. Lori Cotton shared her

expertise as an ornithologist by detailing birds of the Bible and lots of smiles filled the games area with Floyd and Michelle Joseph, Student Ministry Directors. Not only did staff help with breakouts, but Dennis and LuAnn Kime showed us how to turn old wood chips into something

> inspirational with a marker and a heat aun. To assist our seniors with rideshare apps as well as God moments, Duncan Duvall helped us understand not only how the apps work, but ways to stay



Thank you to all of the facilitators as well as over 50 volunteers who helped with snacks,

assistance getting to and from breakouts, guiding groups, and assisting in breakouts. Also, a big thanks to Joey and the kitchen staff who spoiled us with homemade desserts and drinks. Biggest thanks go to the CAF Committee and to the VBS assistant coordinator, Lynn Pettigrew. God was in every detail, and we can't wait for next year!



Upcoming Event Highlights

- July 25 | 11 a.m. (check-in begins at 10:30) Evans Hall **CAF Patriotic Luncheon** Celebrate all that makes our country great, wear patriotic colors, and prepare for a great time. Register online.
- Aug. 7 | 1:30 p.m.—CAF Monthly Movie | Rawlins Hall Watch a movie together with fresh popcorn, drinks, candy, and fellowship.
- Correction from newsletter-Musical Bingo is Aug. 22.

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Classroom

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lists to pile up, but they can amass quite a bill if money is tight.

For many years, White's Chapel has worked to reduce some of these stresses within the local school district. This year, from July 27 to August 9, WC will host its annual school drive, "Operation Classroom Ready." By collecting and delivering donated materials, the drive aims to help teachers prepare for the school year and meet community needs. This campaign's mission is to ease some of the pressures most teachers face when it comes to overall classroom preparation.

These supply drives specifically impact five area schools: O.H. Stowe, Van Zandt-Guinn, Bellaire, Grace E. Hardeman and T.A. Sims schools, each of which are Title I schools, yet each with unique needs.

In two weeks, the congregation will be asked to donate supplies, which volunteers will use to pack teacher boxes with essentials like folders, markers, scissors, notebooks, and more. Other requested items include disinfecting wipes, tissue, hand sanitizer, and

plastic zipper bags of various sizes. Each box will include a note from WC and a \$25 gift card to Teachers Tools, a teaching supply store where most classroom decorating materials can be purchased. A complete supply list is also available on the

church website.

With a variety of capacities to serve, there is a spot for everyone. On Friday, Aug 8, Supply Sorting will be conducted from 10 a.m. to noon (10-15 volunteers are required). On August 9, WC's annual Super Saturday will take place in Evans Hall. From 9-10 a.m., volunteers will assist with table preparation and box assembly (approximately 20 volunteers are needed). Then, from 10-11:30 a.m., box decoration and packing will follow (around 25 volunteers are required for this station). Lastly, delivering boxes and bulk supplies to the schools is scheduled for 11-11:30 a.m. (an indefinite number of volunteers can assist with this task).

If a fun and engaging way to volunteer before summer ends is what you've been looking for, come join the fun! This is an enjoyable, family-friendly event; parents with children ages six and older are invited to participate! Singles, couples and friend groups are also welcome to contribute.

If you'd like to register for this event, the form is available on the <u>church website</u>. For more information, contact Dedra Moffat.

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Brunch

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Women's Ministry. A delicious brunch will follow, served by the WC Kitchen staff. After mealtime, the game will begin! Never played Bunco before? Don't worry. An instructional PowerPoint will be provided to teach everyone how to play. Prizes will also be awarded to the winners! Each table will start with four participants, and individuals will relocate to a new table group according to the roll of the dice. This enjoyable and interactive game is specifically designed to encourage meeting new people.

"This game is a perfect way for you to mingle and meet new people, Rev. Roberson laughs, "You can bring a friend, but chances are you won't stay with them!"

WC leaders were overjoyed at the past two years' success, and there was no doubt that this event would make a reappearance in 2025. The heart of the event is to build community. With the arrival of summer, this is an enjoyable and easy way to create friendships and learn a new game before the school year. Whether you're the extrovert

or the introvert, coming alone or with the girls, this is a safe space to get to know others and hopefully walk away with new acquaintances.

"This gathering is fun because there are no weird ice breakers; you're just rolling the dice!" Rev. Roberson adds, "Women

of all ages and life stages can come and meet others. There's food, free babysitting, and friends. That's not a bad deal to me!"

Because of its positive response last year, WC Women are again partnering with the Ronald McDonald House in Fort Worth to help fill their Toy Closet. This Toy Closet is used to encourage and celebrate the birthdays of local ill children. Brunch-O participants are encouraged to bring a toy to donate on the day of the event. Participants are asked to select toys from any of the following specific toys/brands: Lego sets, V-Tech toys, Baby Einstein, Fat Brain, Melissa & Doug, Playskool, LeapFrog, Barbie, and Playmobile. The Toy Closet's administrator will make a guest appearance to collect the donated toys and share an encouraging word.

With 160 available spaces, online registration will remain open until July 20. The ticket cost is \$10. With the event selling out entirely both years, Space is limited, and the number of tables will be determined based on the number of registered participants. Childcare can be accessed through the online registration form.

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Mission

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Founded in 1937, Ferncliff is a non-profit camp conference center that provides a place for the Little Rock locals to enjoy God's glorious creation and experience a welcoming community. Originally established as a summer camp, their expansion has led to the inclusion of a nature preschool. Additionally, they have become a Good360 Community Distribution Center as well as a Disaster Assistance Center, otherwise known as "The DAC," which spans an impressive 10,000 square feet.

Over the weekend, the WC team will tackle various projects consisting of construction, maintenance,

and landscaping. Work inside the DAC includes preparing emergency and hygiene kits, which are sent across the nation to areas in need. If domestic projects are more of your expertise, some off-site home repair opportunities in Little Rock will potentially be available.

The overall trip cost is \$400; transportation, lodging, meals, and materials will be provided through Ferncliff. Lodging consists of their



Brown Center hotel-style rooms, which contain two full-sized beds and a private bathroom.

Larry and Karen Smith, the trip's

leaders, are enthusiastic and eager for this year's trip. "We are looking forward to the fellowship, fun, games, and serving our awesome God, which are all rolled up together in a mission trip. We hope that people will have an opportunity to experience missions in a fun and loving atmosphere that starts (or continues) a lifelong journey of serving others."

Participants can anticipate developing deeper and more

intimate relationships with other White's Chapel members as well as encountering the heart of God by engaging in loving acts of service.

Mitchell Dyson, a past participant, gave three reasons this trip proved itself fruitful: "[You] give back to others, meet new people, [and] get plugged in."

Single or married, employed or retired, adults of all walks of life are encouraged to join in on the fun! Regardless of skill level or experience, there is a job for you! Your presence and willingness are all that is required.

As spots are limited, online registration will remain open until Aug. 11.

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Prayer List

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

CONNECTIONS



WC Young Adults Trivia Night at Third Rail in Harvest Hall Tuesday, July 22 | 6:30 p.m.

Instead of our usual Tuesday
Night Worship, we're heading to
Third Rail at Harvest Hall for a
night of fun, laughter, and friendly
competition at Trivia Night! Come
ready to test your knowledge, enjoy
some great food and drinks, and
hang out with other young adults.
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Spiritual Awakenings Roundtable Sundays | 6-7:30 p.m. | Zoom Resumes July 13

After a brief summer break (now ongoing), the Roundtable will resume its regular online meetings

on July 13. Our beloved Dr. Todd Renner will launch July 13th's discussion of the Holy Spirit Then and Now, i.e., views of the Holy Spirit's role in the thinking and living of modern-day Christians. On July 20, Father Brendan Pelphrey, renowned 20th c. theologian and missionary, will continue the conversation with a review of ancient writings and modern experiences. Everyone is invited for these two special forums, as well as our August study of The Orthodox Heretic, a re-consideration of the parables. This is a highly participatory forum! All are welcome! Ann Davis | davis.ann.k@gmail.com



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