

WHITE'S CHAPEL HERALD



Please join us [online](#) or in person this weekend as we continue our sermon series "The Elephant in the Family Room." We hope to see you soon!

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Christmas Festival Begins Season of Joy

Wednesday | December 3
2 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

By Leilani Barrera

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas here at White's Chapel! As the holidays arrive, we can't wait to officially kick off the most wonderful time of the year with our annual Christmas Festival. With fantastic food and a variety of festive attractions and activities, this beloved WC tradition will happily highlight and celebrate the true meaning of the holiday season.

On Wednesday, December 3, from 2 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., White's Chapel will be magically transformed into a whimsical and wintry wonderland. Our annual night of holiday cheer will include four live nativities, bounce houses, rides, a petting zoo, a snow hill, reindeer photos, games, and more!

The night will conclude with a dazzling fireworks show; spectators will be sure to walk away starstruck and mesmerized!

In efforts to provide a positive, friendly, and engaging environment for the local community to gather in celebration of the joy of Christmas, White's Chapel offers this jovial celebration for free! The event, which draws around four to five thousand guests each year, undoubtedly stands as one of the biggest highlights of the holiday season and is a joyful ritual for all who want to join in the glee of what December brings.

"The whole point is to reach out and bring Christmas cheer and fun to all the families in our community," says Denise Bennett, WC Kids Co-Director. "It kicks off the Advent season with lots of fun and, of course, the true message of Christmas is

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WHITE'S CHAPEL WORKSHOP

Santa's elves are everywhere bringing the Christmas season to White's Chapel! Over 100 volunteers (and that was just one day!) have been busy assembling, packing and placing all the treasures we use to celebrate Baby Jesus.

Hanging of the Greens Ushers in Advent Season

Sunday, November 30 | 9:30 a.m. | Walton Chapel

By Debbie McKellar

Long before the birth of Christ, evergreens were used as emblems of eternal life. Cedar symbolized royalty, fir and pine represented everlasting life, holly reflected the suffering and death of Jesus, and ivy signified resurrection.

The season of **Advent**—from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "visit"—begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. It marks the beginning of the liturgical year for Christians, a time of preparation and anticipation for the birth of Jesus Christ.

While many of us celebrate Christmas as a single day, the traditional Christmas

season extends from sundown on December 24 (Christmas Eve) through Epiphany of the Lord on January 6—often referred to as "the twelve days of Christmas."

Over the centuries, these sacred seasons and their customs have

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Nutcracker: Short and Suite

By Debbie McKellar

When I was a little girl, hearing or reading the classic poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" was always one of my favorite parts of the Christmas season. When it came to the line about "visions of sugar plums dancing in their heads," I had no idea what that meant... I just knew it sounded magical.

Sunday,
November 30
5 p.m.

As an adult, I discovered the music of "The Nutcracker" and the enchanting story that went with it. When my children were young, I loved dressing them up in their Christmas best and taking them to the Fort Worth Symphony to see that season's version of the classic ballet. The music, the costumes, the wonder

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WC TRAINS

Nov. 15 - Jan. 4
Various Times | Wesley Cafe



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JUNGLE BOOK

None of the Bare Necessities were left out of the Theater 1 production of “The Jungle Book” earlier this month.



AVANT CHAMBER BALLET
Kate Puzos, Artistic Director

NUTCRACKER: SHORT AND SUITE

NOVEMBER 30, 2025
5PM

WHITE'S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH

A one-hour performance of the highlights of the holiday classic!
Tickets \$10-25
ApexArtsLeague.com



Nutcracker

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of it all—was indeed the pure Christmas magic I had imagined as a child. I never dreamed I’d one day be part of a church that would bring that same beauty and tradition right into our own community! But every year, like clockwork, Apex Arts League delights White’s Chapel and our surrounding communities with “Nutcracker: Short and Suite”—a (surprise!) short and sweet version of the beloved holiday classic. Performed by the talented dancers of Avant Chamber Ballet and accompanied by live musicians, it’s a performance that brings professional artistry to a community setting. This delightful production captures all the highlights of the story in just under an hour—perfect for families in the holiday rush. You’ll hear Tchaikovsky’s timeless

melodies, from the lilting Waltz of the Flowers to the sparkling Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy, all brought to life with grace, color, and festive joy. Whether you’ve seen “The Nutcracker” dozens of times or are introducing it to your little ones for the first time, this performance offers the perfect blend of tradition and accessibility. It’s the ideal “dessert” after Thanksgiving weekend—a ‘suite’ transition into the Christmas season. Sometimes, the best holiday memories come wrapped not in paper and ribbon—but in music, movement, and a little bit of Christmas magic.

Sunday, November 30 | 5 p.m.
Tickets available through Apex Arts League
ApexArtsLeague.com
General Admission:
Adults: \$25
Seniors & Apex Members: \$20
Students & Children (under 12): \$10



White's Chapel

Christmas Festival

Wednesday, Dec. 3 • 2 p.m.
Fireworks Finale • 7:15 p.m.

The Holly Jolly Trolley will run from Rockenbaugh Elementary School (301 Byron Nelson Parkway) from 4 - 8 p.m.



Scan to sign up to volunteer!



Festival

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expressed through our live nativities.” White’s Chapel aims to celebrate with all the gladness and merriment of the season, providing activities and amusements for individuals of all ages. In consideration of those with little ones, “the event begins at 2 p.m. to allow preschoolers to enjoy the festival before larger crowds arrive,” shares Bennett. There will be charming pony rides, a magical snow-covered hill, and exciting carnival rides. Be sure to stop by and see the live reindeer and camel station for fun photo opportunities to capture the moment. A petting zoo with a variety of four-legged creatures, as well as whimsical inflatables will transform the site into a storybook dream. There will also be a special Preschool Storytime at 3 p.m. by the pond. What is a festival without fantastic food? Beginning at 4 p.m. assorted food trucks will provide oodles of scrumptious snacks and tasty carnival treats available for purchase—kid-friendly food items such as pizza, hot dogs, hamburgers, corn dogs, nachos, funnel cakes, and more. Complimentary items such as cotton candy, popcorn, and piping hot cocoa will also be available, just in time for the snow hill and mechanical rides to open! The four live nativity showtimes will be featured at 5:30, 6, 6:30, and 7 p.m., each of which will be performed by the pond. These touching and heartwarming performances will undoubtedly captivate

the audience and leave them spellbound by the miraculous truth of Christ’s unprecedented birth. Performances will reenact the nativity story, bringing the stories of the Bible to life. There’s something new and exciting coming to White’s Chapel! This year, the Holly Jolly Trolley will be transporting visitors from Rockenbaugh Elementary School from 4 to 8 p.m., making travel time a whole lot quicker and much more magical. Skip the mile walk and step onto a magical holiday adventure! “Not only will this make parking easier, but it will also be loads of fun with caroling, hosts in costumes, and a special golden Bible buck prize for kids,” exclaims Bennett. To finalize the festival, the night will conclude with a dazzling fireworks show; spectators will be sure to walk away starstruck and mesmerized! Adults and youth volunteers are needed to help with inflatables, games, and refreshments. If you are interested in getting involved and helping behind the scenes of our Christmas festival, there is a spot for you. No matter your age or level of experience, volunteers are welcome. “We have multi-levels of volunteers and we welcome anyone from 5th graders through adults,” says Bennett. “They run games, bounce houses, concessions, snow hill, and more! They can sign up at wkcds.org.” This Christmas, lots of festive fun and wonderful experiences await you at White’s Chapel. For additional information, please contact Denise Bennett. **Volunteers | Scan QR code above**
Denise Bennett | dbennett@whiteschapel.org

FINANCIALS	NOVEMBER		
	November	2025	2024
	Week 1	\$319,138	\$237,736
	Week 2	\$268,648	\$235,272
	MTD Actual	\$587,786	\$473,008
	MTD Goal	\$498,596	\$526,304
		\$ 89,190	\$(53,296)
	YTD Actual	\$9,933,898	\$9,403,970
	YTD Goal	\$9,614,589	\$9,309,451
		\$ 319,309	\$ 94,519

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. Steve Lallier

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WCStudents

Middle School Boys and Dads Basketball Runs

The basketball event between the middle school boys and their dads was a huge success, bringing together families for an evening filled with laughter, teamwork, and friendly competition. The gym was full of energy as the boys showed off their growing skills, while the dads stepped onto the court with enthusiasm and sometimes a little playful trash talk. There were moments of impressive teamwork, surprising shots, very tired dads and plenty of high-fives all around. More than the final score, the event was about connection and encouragement, reminding everyone how sports can strengthen relationships and create lasting memories. It was a great reminder that the best victories are the ones shared together.

Parent Summit: Communicating with your Children

We recently hosted our first Parent Summit featuring counselor Satchel Stilwell, who led an engaging and interactive presentation on building healthy communication with children. Satchel guided parents through practical strategies for active listening, asking meaningful questions, and creating space for honest conversations at home. Throughout the session, parents had opportunities to discuss real-life scenarios, share experiences, and practice the techniques together. The atmosphere was welcoming and encouraging, with many parents expressing how helpful and relatable the insights were. Overall, the evening offered valuable tools and strengthened our partnership in supporting the relationships between parents and their children.

Crave & Intersection

Middle School students are invited to Crave, the weekly worship service for 7th and 8th grade students. Crave will be from 5:45 to 7 p.m. each Wednesday. High School students are invited to Intersection, the weekly worship service for students in 9th through 12th grade. Intersection will run from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. on Wednesdays. Both groups will meet on the second floor of the student education building.

Sunday School Unplugged

WC Students is now offering a Sunday School class during the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday mornings for our Middle School students

Cell Groups

Cell Groups are WC Students’ take on small groups—created just for 9–12th graders. We meet on Sunday afternoons or evenings during the semester in awesome host homes that open their doors for a time to hang out, dive into God’s Word, and grow together. This isn’t just about reading the Bible—it’s about real friendships, honest conversations, sharing your story, praying for each other, and figuring out life through a Biblical lens. If you are interested in joining a Cell Group, contact Michelle Joseph at mjoseph@whiteschapel.org.

Senior Bible Study

Drs. John McKellar and Todd Renner understand the significance of the senior year, as students confront major decisions about their future. To help guide them, they’re leading a weekly, fun, practical, no-questions-barred Bible study and fellowship time. The group meets each week from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Pastor’s Study.

CAF Classic Adult Fellowship

Fall Classics

Classic Adult Fellowship, the best 55 and up group around, is having a ball this fall. From free movies to monthly luncheons, the group is making new friends and having lots of fun together.

The kick-off in September was a huge hit with guest speaker, Holly Stevens. As an art historian and professor, Holly not only gave facts about the famous Sistine Chapel, but intermingled tidbits about Michaelangelo and his dealings with various Popes along the way. Holly brought the stories to life as well as educated everyone about how the impressive paintings came to be. One of the best speakers, Holly will definitely be back in the future!

From the Sistine Chapel, we pivoted to Texas dinosaurs in October. “Dining with Dinosaurs” was a blast with the rangers from Dinosaur Valley State Park in Glen Rose, Texas. Complete with Joey’s pot roast, we learned all about the dino tracks through the riverbeds and even made our own tracks around Evans Hall—in costumes! This group knows



how to have fun for any occasion, and this luncheon was a blast.

On the Calendar

CAF hosts monthly movies and luncheons. Read below and contact Laurie Williams for more details, for reservations, or to be placed on the mailing list for up-to-date information.



Thankful for our Veterans Luncheon

All veterans, and those that love our veterans, are invited to attend a special time together enjoying a Thanksgiving feast as well as sharing service memorabilia. Those that own service items are encouraged to bring and share their stories with the group. Tables of honor will be set up to display the priceless keepsakes with a time to walk around to view. Please invite friends and especially veterans to this luncheon.

Email or call Laurie Williams to reserve your spot.

Director Laurie Williams
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williams@whiteschapel.org

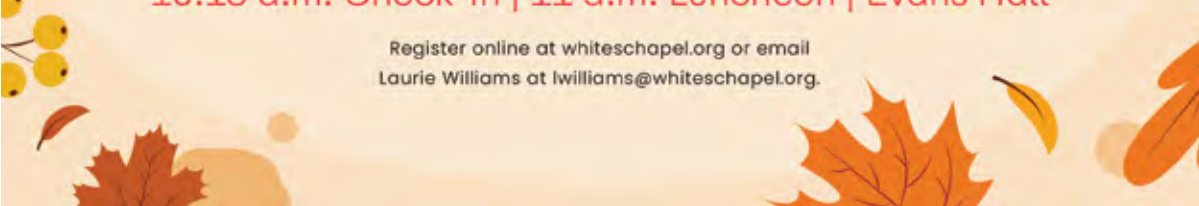


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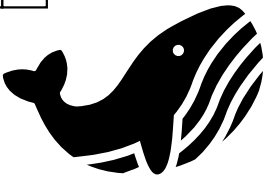
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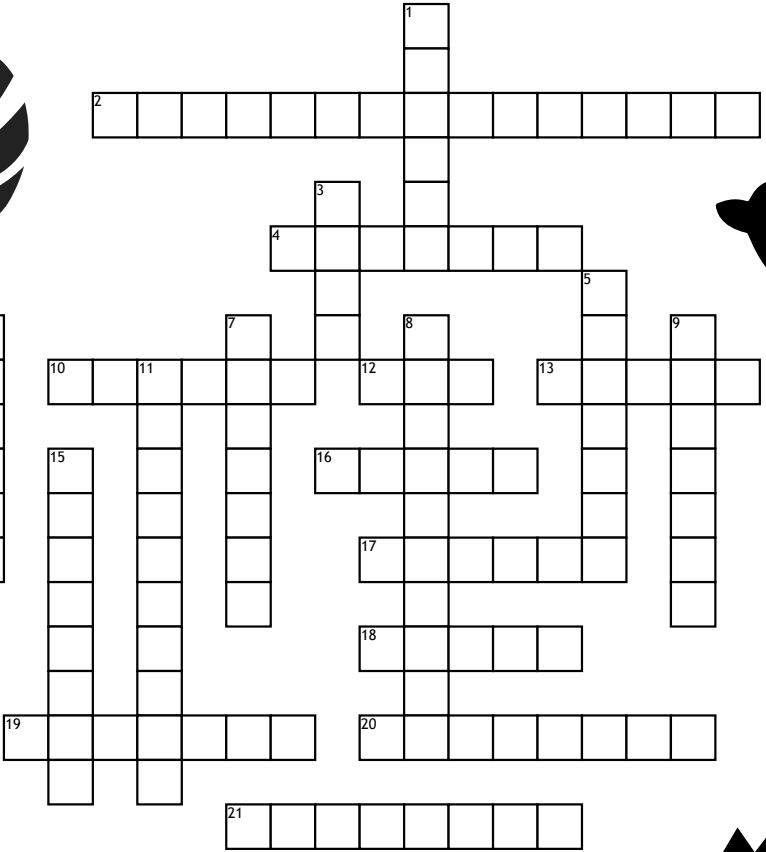
10:15 a.m. Check-In | 11 a.m. Luncheon | Evans Hall

Register online at whiteschapel.org or email Laurie Williams at lwilliams@whiteschapel.org.



Old Testament Basics







Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, Nov. 30 | 9:30 a.m. | Walton Chapel

For more information please contact Rev. Steve Lallier | slallier@whiteschapel.org

- ACROSS
2. Adam and Eve were cast out of -----.

4. And on the ----- day of creation, God rested.

10. "Here am I! Send Me!" said young -----.

12. The patience of ---.

13. His mother was Rebekah, and he is Abraham's grandson. Who is he?

16. Because he rejected God's call to go to Ninevah ----- was swallowed by a fish.

17. A boy who became king; David is credited with writing the -----.

18. Scripture says ----- walked with God, meaning that he lived a lifestyle of faith in the Lord and did not experience death.

19. The last book of the Old Testament

20. The Bible has a total of -----.

21. "The Lord is my -----, I shall not want."
- DOWN
1. Jacob had ----- sons.

3. Adam and Eve had three sons, Cain, Abel, and ----.

5. In the beginning, God created the ----- and the earth.

6. Big Sister ----- saved Baby Moses from death when Pharaoh commanded that all male babies be killed.

7. The ----- tempted Eve in the garden.

8. Where did Moses receive the Ten Commandments from God?

9. Known as the wise King.

11. The oldest man to ever live, he died at 969 years old.

14. Two by two --- gathered animals in the ark God instructed him to build in preparation of a great flood.

15. God ordered Lot to leave Sodom and ----- because they were sinful cities.

ANSWER KEY



ACROSS

2. The Garden of Eden

4. Seventh

10. Samuel

12. Job

13. Jacob

16. Jonah

DOWN

1. Twelve

3. Seth

5. Heavens

6. Miriam

7. Serpent

8. Mount Sinai

9. Solomon

11. Methuselah

14. Noah

15. Gomorrah

17. Psalms

18. Enoch

19. Malachi

20. Sixty Six

21. Shepherd

Greens

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developed and evolved through many cultures. Ancient traditions were refined and reinterpreted, their meanings deepened to reflect Christian faith and celebration. What matters most today is not what these customs may once have meant, but what they mean for us now—as expressions of hope, renewal, and everlasting life through Christ.

The Hanging of the Greens service is a cherished tradition for the first Sunday in Advent. Rooted in English custom, it involves decorating the home—or in this case, the church—with wreaths, garlands, evergreens, and a Christmas tree. In

a church setting, the service prepares both the sanctuary and the hearts of worshippers for the coming of Christ.

This year, White’s Chapel’s Hanging of the Greens service will be held on Sunday, November 30, at 9:30 a.m. in Walton Chapel. Led by Rev. Steve Lallier, the service will include members of the congregation in the renewal and teaching of many of the symbols and customs of this blessed season.

Families and individuals are warmly encouraged to participate in this special time of preparation and praise as together we welcome the Advent season in joyful anticipation of the birth of Jesus Christ.

No reservations are needed. For additional information, please contact the church office.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Eyes on the Future: Protecting Your Retinal Health
Monday, Nov. 17 | 1 to 2:30 p.m.
AE Room 3103 (Rawlins Hall)

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Patrick D. Williams, a 17-year White’s Chapel member and 2001 graduate from Texas Tech University of Health Sciences Center School of Medicine. He will discuss retinal eye diseases, their diagnosis and cutting-edge treatments. As a specialist with Texas Retina Associates, Dr. Williams will provide valuable insights into macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and more. He will also be available for Q&A. All are welcome, please register [online](#).
Alynn Rivers, RN | WC Wellness Director
arivers@whiteschapel.org

Angel Tree Forest
Now until Dec. 7

The annual White’s Chapel Angel Tree Forest once again adorns the corridors. Each tree represents angels from specific groups in crisis, allowing people to focus on a particular area of outreach that they are passionate about. This event allows people to participate in a

donation experience that is unique to White’s Chapel and has been a beloved, long-standing tradition here for 18 years. The Angel Tree Forest is available for your perusal between Wesley’s Café and Evans Hall. In what has been a very difficult economic year, please give generously. Gifts should be submitted by December 7. For more information, visit our [website](#) or scan the QR code below.



NEW DATES
Stephen Ministry Training
Class Dates are:
Thursdays
Jan. 8–May 28
6 to 8:30 p.m.

Center for Spiritual Care Living Room

If you would like to submit an application, please email: stephenministry@whiteschapel.org.

Once your email is received, the application, class schedule and general information will be sent to you for your completion. Applications are due by Saturday, Nov 15.

Feel free to contact us at stephenministry@whiteschapel.org with any questions.

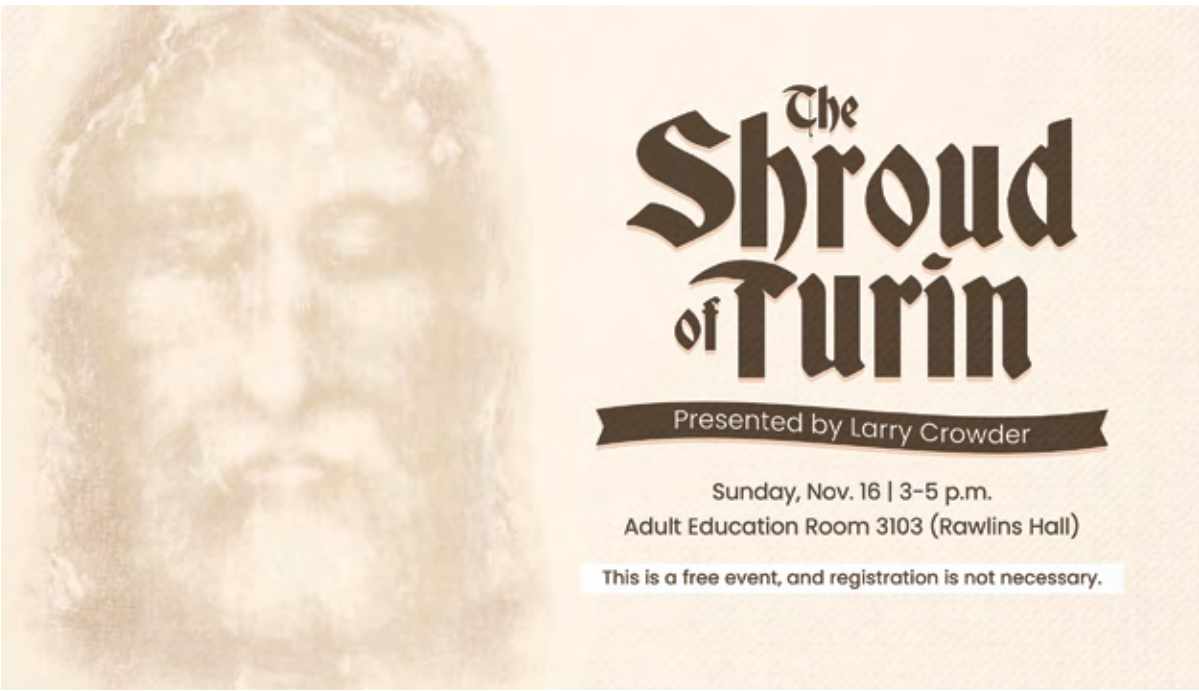




Prayer List

Patti Ackley, Brayden, Gaye and Sandy Anderson, Charlie Anderson, Andrew Balson, Carol Barret, Jerry Barron, David Baxley, Clint Blalock, John Boelens, Cade Bradshaw, Cheryl Brashear, Sarah Brown, Zach Bruton, David Buddin, Mark Burdette, Lillian Cabla, Bobbie Cameron, Gigi Capili, Pat Carpenter, Logan Hubbard, Jesse Cobb, Lola Cobb, Ruth Cochran, Carolyn Cockerell, Shelby Coody, Cliff Courtney, Nevin Cunningham, Barton Davis, Brynli Davis, Rick Davis, Amy DeGray, John and Amy Duckworth, Chris Dyer, Bill Eden, Bill Ellermeyer, Jan Emory, Laurie Evans, Ralph Evans, Brandi Yellock Frugé, Emmy Gaarder, Landon Gaspari, Janice Gauntt, Shelly Gillette, Betsy Godbold, Buddy Hall, Tiffany Hall, Gail Haterius, Maxie Hays, Al Hermansen, Karen Hodges, Patricia Hoffe, Bob Horn, Mary Howry, Annette Keller, Dean Kim, Lynda Knorpp, LaJuana Knott, Michael Lee, Robert Lott, Lisa Louks, Michael Lucas, Luke Lunday, Matt Mabie, Steven Mart, Sharon Martin, April McCartney, Sue McNutt, Debbie Moran, Barb Mundis, Alice Myers, Kayla and James Oliver, Ray Payne, Lee Penney, Jan Phillips, Tom Powers, Bill Preston, Jon Reeves, Norma Resendiz, Kat Robbins, Jane Robertson, Ethan Robinson, Megan Robison and Brayden Steele, Johnnie Ruth Rogillio, Scott Sabre, Jim Sanders, Laura Schroeder, Paul Sewall, Sandy and Deetz Shepherd, John Sloan, Mike Smith, Patsy Smith, Kris Sorowasz, Marshall Sorowasz, LeGrand Spradley, April Stafford, Nancy Steffel, Jamieson Stewart, Orville Summey, Steve Swanston, Paul Termin, Keller Trent, Laura Vastola, Linda Wallace, Rick Warner, Carley West, Jackson Widaman, Lynn Will, Ken Williams, Elizabeth Willis, Linda Winant, Vicki Winn. Recent deaths: Misty Anderson and Family, The Family of Judy Faulkner Bostick, The Family of Steve Dowd, The Family of Joe Dudziak, The Family of Gerrye Frantz, The Family of Evelyn Iszak, The Family of Debi Lamarr, The Family of Linda Robertson, The Family of Clint Smith, The Family of Cile Steward, The Family of Jim Swanson, The Family of Myra Taunton, The Family of Susan Vitek, The Family of Glen Wahrmund, The Family of Gladys Zrake.

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.)



The Shroud of Turin Presented by Larry Crowder
Sunday, Nov. 16 | 3 to 5 p.m. | AE Room 3103 (Rawlins Hall)

In this PowerPoint presentation with over 60 slides, Larry Crowder, who has been interested in the Shroud for over 50 years, will present scientific evidence that the Shroud of Turin is truly the burial cloth of Christ. You will learn details that you did not know about the Crucifixion and discover that the Shroud presents evidence of the Resurrection itself! The Shroud is truly a message of hope for our age. This is a free event, and registration is not necessary.







Poinsettias

order form

If you wish to place a poinsettia in our sanctuary during Advent this year, please complete the order form below. The poinsettias are \$15 each. You may pick up your poinsettias after the final service on Wednesday, December 24.

Please make checks payable to "White's Chapel Methodist Church" and write "Poinsettia" in the memo portion of your check. Submit form and payment to the church office by Sunday, November 30.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Quantity Ordered: _____ x \$15 (each) = \$ _____ enclosed

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