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**Palm branches.
A quiet upper room.
A darkened cross.
An empty tomb.**

By Leilani Barrera and Debbie McKellar

Holy Week carries the Christian story through its most powerful moments—from celebration to sacrifice to resurrection joy.

Lent is a journey, and as the season reaches its final days, that journey becomes Holy Week. These sacred days invite believers to slow down, reflect and walk through the story of Christ's final week on earth.

White's Chapel began the Lenten season with a meaningful Ash Wednesday service, and that spirit of reflection continues throughout the days leading to Easter. Each service during Holy Week offers a different opportunity to experience the story—through worship, music, prayer and communion.

For some, Holy Week is a long-held tradition. For others, it may be a first experience.

Either way, the impact tends to linger. "Folks remember the impact of these services their whole lives," said Shaunna Fuller, co-director of music and worship.



Palm Sunday

Holy Week begins with celebration. Palm Sunday has become one of the most beloved traditions at White's Chapel, opening Holy Week with a joyful reenactment of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

During the Palm Parade, children and adults alike step into the story, lining the aisles with palm branches as the sanctuary fills with celebration. Children gather with their Sunday School classes before the services, while adults who wish to participate may meet outside the choir room—between the bookstore and the sanctuary—to receive costumes and join the processional.

"It's such a fun service to be a part of, but it's also really beautiful at the same time," said Tracy Christensen, director of

adult discipleship. "It's one of my favorite services of the year. It really is reenacting Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Even though the townspeople are waving their palms and shouting, 'He's here! He's coming!' we also know how the rest of the week turns out. So this is really the last moment of triumph before Jesus goes through all the trials He faced for us."

In a vivid recreation of the Gospel account, Jacob Garcia will portray Jesus, entering the sanctuary on a donkey as palm branches wave throughout the room. Lambs, goats, chickens and even a few bunnies make an appearance—a reminder that all of creation joins in



I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

A free Palm Sunday Brunch will be served in Evans Hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and everyone is welcome.

To assist with parking, trolleys will run from Rockenbaugh Elementary School



celebrating Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. Music will also play a special role in the service. Arnold Rawls will sing the classic "New Jerusalem," and the choir will present the powerful anthem "When



to the church campus from 7 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

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WC Open Tees Up Support for Student Missions

By Leilani Barrera

Are you ready for another un-forgotten tournament? This year, the 2026 WC Open Golf Tournament is back on the beautiful Grapevine Municipal Golf Course, Sunday, April 19. Bring out your clubs and get ready for an afternoon of friendly competition and fellowship! Whether you're a business associate, participant, or student worker, this event is for you.

For almost two decades, the Men's Ministry at White's Chapel has been hosting this tournament to support the Student Ministry Mission Trips. Recognizing the financial burden of mission trips, the Open Golf Tournament makes it more attainable for students to serve and witness God's transformative

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OLIVER!

The cast and crew of Oliver! shine on stage during White's Chapel's March production.



Editor's note: Lessons from Lent is an annual series of reflections on the six-week Lenten Season. A daily devotional guide, UnChristian, is available at various kiosks at White's Chapel, or at the administrative building front desk. Written by White's Chapel Co-Pastors Dr. John McKellar and Dr. M. Todd Renner, the guide is available at no charge.

The Plea of Prayer

"Dear Jesus, help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go. Flood our souls with your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly that our lives may only be a radiance of Yours. Shine through us, and be so in us, that every soul we come in contact with may feel Your presence in our soul. Let them look up and see no longer us, but only Jesus! Stay with us, and then we shall begin to shine as You shine;

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so to shine as to be a light to others. The light, O Jesus, will be all from You, none of it will be ours; It will be You, shining on others through us. Let us thus praise You without preaching, not by words but by our example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what we do, the evident fullness of the love our hearts bear to You. Amen."—Mother Teresa



of freedom and choices; we are comfortable. Now, in the face of such comfort, can we really pray (or, do we really want to pray) that we want God to consume us, that we are really willing to sacrifice it all for the sake of shining God's light into the darkness of the world? Are we willing to be examples of God's compassion, Christ's love, and the Spirit's comfort at the cost of our own free will so that our very lives preach a sermon?

Does God want us to sell all that we have, to live in poverty, to move to Calcutta? I don't believe so. But I do think that God wants us to be willing to give it all up. God desires for us to be so passionately sold out for his holy cause that nothing—no house, no job, no excuse—is more important than him. Further, God does not need a million Christians serving in Calcutta (though I'm sure it wouldn't hurt); instead, I think that God needs a million Christians to find their own Calcuttas—their own mission fields, their own places to serve, their own hands to hold and hearts to mend. God needs us to find our own cities of overwhelming need and stifling poverty (whether that be economic, spiritual, or emotional) to which we can spread the glorious fragrance of Jesus' love and mercy.

Excerpt from *The Heart of Doing*, a Lenten study published in 2016 and written by White's Chapel Co-pastors Dr. John McKellar and Dr. M. Todd Renner. All rights reserved.

To be wholly and utterly consumed by God—this is the heart of every saint. Penned by the iconic Mother Teresa of Calcutta, these words echo the sentiment of her life's work: namely, to bring compassion and dignity and love to those who had been cast out from society. Here, on the margins of human existence, she labored and prayed; there, in the faces of orphans and the diseased, she, both, saw the face of Christ and became the face of Christ—shining for all the world to see, reflecting true faith and the love of God.

Now, let's bring this prayer a little closer...maybe too close for some of us. On the whole, we live blessed lives: comparatively speaking, if we have clean water to drink, then we ought to count ourselves fortunate. We live in a land of opportunity, a land



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work firsthand. The funds raised from this tournament will help the WC Student Ministry offset the cost of the student summer mission trips.

This year, WC High School (July 12–17) and Middle School (June 8–12) Mission Trips 2026 are week-long adventures that let students grow in their faith and strengthen their friendships while serving the communities of Baton Rouge, LA, and San Antonio, TX. They're excited to work on projects that will help build up local churches, ministries, and neighborhoods. Most of the projects involve light home repairs and renovations, painting, lawn work, and cleaning up.

Stretching over 6,900 yards, this 27-hole course offers everything you could want in a top-notch golf experience, delighting golf enthusiasts since 1979. Rated #1 in the state under \$40 by *The Dallas Morning News*, the Grapevine Municipal Golf Course is built on stunning scenery, with a blend of water hazards, sand traps, and rolling fairways. Whether you're a pro or just starting, this course is a great mix of challenge and relaxation, designed to suit your skill level. The City of Grapevine Golf Course is committed to ensuring everyone, from beginner to seasoned pro, has an amazing time, making it a great place to spend a day out.

For both men and women of all ages, participants are invited to register. Whether you're a solo player or want to team up with a friend, we'll pair you with other players based on your skills to make great lineups and ensure fair play. The registration fee is \$155 per person.

"You don't need golf experience!" exclaims Floyd Joseph, WC Student Co-Director. "Anyone can participate. Mainly, men and women who are golfers participate. Sometimes, high school students play with their parents as well."

The event kicks off at noon with the opening of registration and the driving range, along with a delicious lunch courtesy of Taco Casa. Then, at 1:45 p.m., all players will head to their carts as the driving range closes. Then, at 2:00 p.m., the tournament officially begins with a shotgun start, setting the stage

for an exciting game. All participants are encouraged to use this friendly competition to build fellowship with their friends, family, and business associates.

If golf isn't your thing, but you'd still like to be part of the fun, you can sponsor the event. We have some great sponsorship opportunities this year. And guess what? All sponsorships are tax-deductible!

"Sponsors get advertising at the tournament," says Joseph. "The level of the sponsorship determines the prominence of their logo placement."

Whether you're a Golf Ball Sponsor or a Beverage Cart Sponsor, there are plenty

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of ways to support the tournament and promote your business. You could have a place tent at a Tee Box, put your company name and logo on the sponsor banner, or include your business items in a player's goody bag! Head over to the tournament website for all the details on how you can become a sponsor this year.

This year, we are also accepting Raffle Item donations. If you or your company would like to contribute items for the raffle, you can select the Raffle Item Donation option on the tournament website.

Donation opportunities are also available if you would like to contribute a few dollars to the cause. With multiple standard amounts offered, you can select any amount to give. Your donation will be included in your individual giving record.

Students can get involved in this event and even earn money for their mission trip. They can volunteer to work at the tournament and sign up for shifts from 12 to 6:30 p.m. For more info, check out the [registration website](#).

While there is no hard deadline, this event is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will remain open until full capacity or up to the day of the tournament.

We sure have a hole lot of love for this game, and we are thrilled to raise the par with you over a tee-rific time on the course.

Check out the WC Students website or contact Floyd Joseph if you have questions. To register to play, become a donor or sponsor, or simply for more information about the tournament, see [wc-open.com](#) or scan the QR code.

Floyd Joseph | fjoseph@whiteschapel.org

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FINANCIALS MARCH		
March Week 1	\$264,215	\$433,973
Week 2	\$333,302	\$220,104
Week 3	\$234,845	\$216,334
Week 4	\$179,290	\$251,957
MTD Actual	\$1,011,652	\$1,122,368
MTD Goal	\$828,892	\$795,409
	\$182,760	\$326,958
YTD Actual	\$2,557,158	\$2,661,993
YTD Goal	\$2,486,696	\$2,386,229
	\$70,462	\$275,763

MARCH 29
PALM SUNDAY
Brunch
8 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Evans Hall
Traditional Service
8:20 a.m. | Sanctuary
Triumphal Entry
9:30 & 11 a.m. | Sanctuary

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APRIL 9	O.H. STOWE ELEMENTARY
APRIL 16	GRACE AT MUSTANG STADIUM
APRIL 23	BELLAIRE ELEMENTARY
APRIL 25	T.A. SIMS ELEMENTARY
APRIL 30	GRACE E. HARDEMAN ELEMENTARY

SCAN TO SIGN UP OR REGISTER ONLINE AT WHITESCHAPEL.ORG.

We partner with Tarrant Area Food Bank to provide groceries to families in need throughout our community. On the first Thursday of each month from 4:45–7 p.m. at O.H. Stowe Elementary (4201 Rita Lane, Haltom City), volunteers distribute boxes of food by loading the boxes into client cars. For more information or questions, please contact Jared Smith at jsmith@whiteschapel.org.



Holy Week

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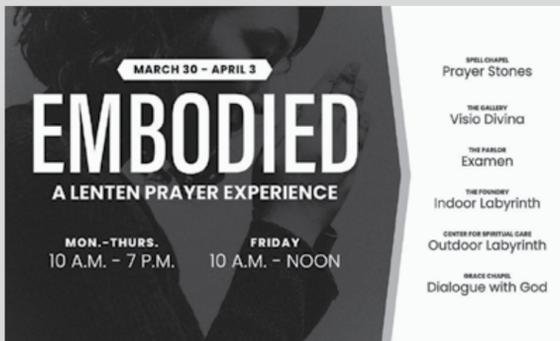
Lenten Prayer Experience

During this special Lenten season, White's Chapel is offering unique prayer experiences that will get your mind, body, and spirit engaged as we remember Holy Week and meditate on its immense meaning.

From Monday, March 30, to Thursday, April 2, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday, April 3, from 10 a.m. to noon, six different prayer stations will be available on the church

campus. These stations will have spiritual and physical elements, as well as contemplative prompts. There are no right or wrong ways to do this. Feel free to bring anything that helps you connect with God and unleash your divine creativity, like a journal, a camera, an art pad, or even your Bible.

"The inspiration of the embodied experience for Holy Week is to set up spaces of transformation where people can experience a profound encounter with the Divine Presence of God through the



prayer practices," says Rev. Victor Resendiz, Spiritual Formation Pastor and Director of Chandler's Hope. "Lent is a time to have an opportunity to be intentional about our time in contemplation and reflection about our faith journey."

This experience is highly saturated with deep spiritual meaning and symbolic representations. You'll find spiritually immersive practices like prayer and meditative spaces, as well as physical engagement elements like symbolic prayer stones and indoor

and outdoor labyrinths and pathways. This year, new elements are coming to the experience. Incorporating practices that aid us in our spiritual formation journeys, our newest addition will promote Visio Divina (divine seeing),

inviting people to encounter God's spirit by gazing at paintings, photos, and other visual representations.

With each sense engaged, they'll help you cling to God's word and remember that He's everything we need. During our fasting season, when our bodies are weak and vulnerable, this experience reminds us that nothing else can satisfy us like God!

Come experience God in a new immersive way this Lenten season. Tend to your soul, find peace, clarity, and rest for your soul, and allow God to meet you as we prepare for the celebration of His resurrection.

Lenten Prayer Experience

Maundy Thursday

While Palm Sunday celebrates Christ's arrival in Jerusalem, Maundy Thursday invites worshippers into a quieter and more reflective moment in the story.

The evening service remembers the Last Supper and the beginning of Jesus' journey to the cross.

"Maundy Thursday is unique at White's Chapel," Fuller said. "This is a solemn service to help us experience the depth of Jesus' pain and sacrifice.

Our service is family-friendly—we show the Passion of Christ on screens rather than live action so as not to alarm younger members. This is an emotional hour concluding with Communion by the Jesus Fountain."

For many musicians, it is one of the most meaningful services of the year.

"For many of our musicians, Maundy Thursday is a favorite service because through narration, drama and music we enter into the suffering and death of our Savior," Fuller

said. "It's hard to have the Easter resurrection without the crucifixion. It's a very somber and moving service."

The evening will open with "Pie Jesu," an original composition by White's Chapel's own Dr. Hunt Whitehead.

Praise musicians Clint Blalock, Dee Dee Elliott, Jacob Garcia, Jacob Serano, and Grace Zeller, will join the White's Chapel Choir and orchestra to present "Then I Will," "Forsaken," "Pieta," and the beloved "Lord, Have Mercy," along with instrumental



selections. Following the service, Communion will be offered

outdoors at the Jesus Fountain, offering a quiet moment for reflection.

Maundy Thursday



Good Friday

Good Friday provides additional opportunities for prayer and reflection.

A come-and-go prayer service will be held in Grace Chapel from noon to 3 p.m., allowing visitors to pause and reflect during the traditional hours remembering Christ's crucifixion.

Later that evening, Pastor Lori Cotton will lead a Tenebrae service in Grace Chapel. The historic service of shadows



gradually extinguishes light as the story of the cross unfolds. Grace Chapel and the Foundry is also the location

of the Embodied Lenten Prayer Experience, offering interactive spaces for prayer throughout Holy Week.

Good Friday

Easter Weekend

After the solemn reflection of Holy Week comes the celebration.

Easter Sunday begins with a sunrise service in the outdoor amphitheater, welcoming the day with

worship and reflection.

Sanctuary services throughout the morning will feature the full White's Chapel Choir and Orchestra, filling the room with music and celebration.

The morning will open with the orchestra performing "Crown Him" by Winkler along with a

White's Chapel arrangement of "I Know a Name." The service will conclude with the traditional "Hallelujah Chorus," followed by Ken Nelson's exuberant "Oh Happy Day."

A Celebration of the Resurrection in the

Columbarium will follow the final Easter service.

All services will be livestreamed through the church website for those unable to attend in person.

White's Chapel welcomes members, neighbors and visitors alike to take part in any

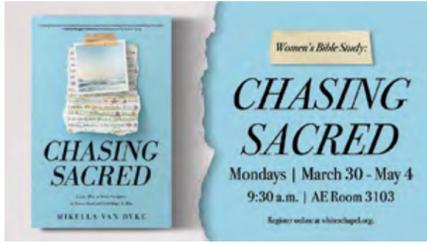
or all of these services during Holy Week.

Whether attending for the first time or continuing a long tradition, Holy Week offers a meaningful opportunity to pause, reflect and celebrate the hope of Easter together.

Easter Weekend



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Women's Bible Study: Chasing Sacred
by Mikella Van Dyke
Begins Monday, March 30 | 9:30 a.m.
AE Room 3103

If you have ever struggled to spend time in God's Word on a regular basis, you are not alone. So many of us deeply desire to come to Scripture for meaningful connection, but with the chaos of everyday life, God's Word often takes a back seat to the immediacy of life's needs. Yet firm grounding can be found in the pages of the Bible when we truly take the time to understand what it says. Join facilitator Susann Smith for the five-session Bible study and chase the sacred narrative woven through the pages of Scripture and get to know God in a deeper, more intimate way. Using the Inductive Bible Study method, journey with Mikella through the books of Colossians and Philemon. In this study, Mikella offers the reminder that Jesus longs for you to rely on truth, to look up beyond the impossible demands of the world, and to stand firm in the Father's unconditional love.



Surviving Grief Together
April 2, & May 7 | Noon-1 p.m.
(First Thursdays of the Month)
Center for Spiritual Care Living Room

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

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

If, after the death of someone you love, you are seeking help, healing, and hope, join us on the first Thursday of each month at Surviving Grief Together from Noon to 1 pm in the living room of the Center for Spiritual Care at White's Chapel. Registration not required.

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White's Chapel Men's Softball Team Spring 2026 Season

White's Chapel has fielded a men's softball team since 1993, bringing together men for Christian fellowship, exercise and a little bit of sliding in the dirt Tuesday nights at Oak Grove Park in Grapevine. This Spring, the league will begin March 31 and play a double header each Tuesday night. The eight game season concludes after just 4 weeks. The White's Chapel team usually does well enough to compete for the championship in the single elimination tournament that wraps up each season.



If you are interested in joining the team for some spirited softball and fellowship, contact Scott Olson at scottwolson1@gmail.com. League Fee is just \$25 per player. Join us for some Softball!



Prayer List

Nasim Akar, Malta Akins, Rae Albertini, Roland Anderson, Jack Beam, Brent Bedgood, Jim Blair, Nancy Bradley, Mrs. Bunker, Bobbie Cameron, Kay Chapman-Coy, Lola Cobb, Carolyn Cockerell, Bill and Jimmie Nell Cook, Leslie Craig, Logan Davis, Karen Dickey, Paige Dobyns, Lisa Elam, Sue Ensslen and Family, Anna Ericson, Ralph Evans, Kyle Fairchild, Jennifer Fordham, David and Connie Fred, Kelly and Austin, Emmy Gaarder, Morris Gates, Dexter Gatlin, Shelly Gillette, Kay Hasseltine, Maxie Hays, Sally Henneberger, David Hinkle, Keira Hodges, Joy Holekamp, Alice Knowles-Holliday, Robert Holmes, Mary Howry, Bill Hudson, Michelle James, Tom Jenkins, Barry Johnson, Jerry Kight, Dolores Kopesecc, Connie Lamb, Jon Lamb, Zephyr Lee, Robin Long, Marshall Ludwig, Reba Madera, Sharon Martin, Carl Matthys, Katherine McCarthy, Debbie McCullough, Sue McNutt, Rev. Sam McRae, John Melton, Matthew Mitchell, The Montecillo Family, Jamie Monticello, Dave Mueller, Ross Mulholland, Aaron Neuding, Kayla and James Oliver, Christopher Owen, Dee Perkins, Azor Phelps Sr., Kay Pierce, Bill Preston, Norma Resendiz, Kathryn Robbins, Eddie Robertson, Adriana Rodriguez, Heath Roy, Jim Rupe, Pat Server, Barbara Shaw, Paul Sikes, LeGrand Spradley, Dean Stacy, Bill Stevenson, Steve Swanston, Oscar Temblador, Judy Tong-Allcock, U.S. Military, Jacob Utley, Rick Warner, Timothy Weaver, Shannon Weimers, Ellie Whiddon, Megan and Eric Whitehead, Luke Williamson, Carroll Willis, Warren Willis, Linda Winant, Vicki Winn, Melinda Witt, Kay Young, Rocio Zarubiak, Emma, Lawrence, Tatum. Recent deaths: The Family of Enrique Aliva Jr., Morgan Callaway and Family, The Family of Judy Greenwald, The Hinkle Family, Tom Mann and Family, The Family of Doyle McAda, The Family of Nancy Melton, The Family of Brian Nance, The Family of Jimmie Slough, The Family of Rick Varner.

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.)



Fun with Classic Adult Fellowship

Classic Adult Fellowship, or CAF, is a great group for those 55 or better that love the Lord, new adventures, and fun. The group meets for monthly luncheons, movies, and outings. Fellowship with those in similar stages of life is a treasure!

The group enjoyed the March movie, *Faith of Angels*, the true story of a little boy that gets lost in a mine in Utah and catches the attention of the nation to find him. Great movie that ties faith with hope to accomplish the impossible.

The February luncheon was fun and educational with Nutritional Health Coach, Dana Pettigrew. Dana works for Natural Grocers teaching nutrition classes and one-on-one dietary needs assistance—for free! We learned that our bodies need healthy fats (yes, you heard that right), lots of protein, and sugar is okay, but watch the “added sugars” to be healthier. Balancing meals seem attainable after listening to Dana's presentation. If you would like more information or to work with Dana one-on-one, visit her at the Natural Grocers off Precinct Line in Hurst. Special shout out to our kitchen staff for not only providing a great meal for us but creating a heart healthy meal for our theme!

From devotionals, prayer walks, Maundy Thursday, special events, and music, to Palm Sunday and Easter services, White's Chapel offers many opportunities to connect with our Lord. Classic Adult Fellowship may not be

having our monthly luncheon due to the busy calendar in March, but there are many friends that would save you a seat at services or Palm Sunday Brunch here at the church!

Consider joining Classic Adult Fellowship to make new friendships as well as connect with other seniors.

What is on the calendar?

- **Reminder—No March Luncheon**
Please check for many other opportunities to fellowship during the Lenten Season at White's Chapel.
- **Trip to Amazon—Coming in May!**
Go behind the scenes to see how we get those magical packages right to our doorsteps! More information coming soon!
- **Senior VBS—Under One Canopy June 16–17 | 8 a.m. to Noon**
\$25 through April 15
\$30 after April 15
Join us for our FIFTH year of vacation Bible school just for seniors! Complete with Bible stories, singing in the chapel, crafts, games, friends, food trucks, and fellowship, you are sure to have a ball. Revisit the nostalgia of VBS combined with an adult lens and add in Kool-aid and cookies and you have the perfect combination for a wonderful, two-day event! Register online!

Director Laurie Williams
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