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Please join us online or in person this weekend as we continue our sermon series "Field Trip." We hope to see you soon.

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Young Adults Plan First Mission Trip

By Leilani Barrera

s young adults, it is easy to feel like our twenties are just a waiting season; we're waiting to graduate, to get the next promotion, or to get married and start a family. For most, this chapter of life can feel like a stage to simply endure.

However, over the recent years, young adults have started to awaken to the reality that we, too, have a role to play and something of value to offer the world. We, too, can participate and proactively contribute, here and now.

Two years after the COVID-19 lockdown, churches noticed a significant drop in the number of online service viewers. When the Barna Group asked young adults their reasoning for their lack of attendance, the conclusion was this: "They don't want to sit back on the couch and fade away; they want to be active."

According to another Barna Group study, "while only 9% of Americans have participated in short-term mission trips, adults under the age of 25 are more likely than older adults to have engaged in such trips."

Revival and transformation begin with young adults.

Logan de Groot, College and Young Adult Director at White's Chapel, describes this contagious and rippling desire that is occurring in the hearts of young people across the globe. "There is a movement that is spreading in young adults; [it's] a desire to pour into the community, to serve, to introduce people to Jesus and to open the

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MY FAIR LADY

White's Chapel's first full length musical, was a smashing success! With an all-WC cast, the music, the acting, and the fun were all sensational. (More pictures on p. 3)



The Language of Pentecost

By Dr. Judy Hunt

ave you ever been misunderstood? No, not your intentions or motivations but literally, misunderstood. Perhaps it was your Texas twang, valley girl vernacular, Southern drawl, or Jersey jargon that obscured the meaning of what you were trying to say. And, maybe in the process

you unintentionally erected a barrier between you and your conversation partner.

Let me share a case in point. While working on a project last week, I found it necessary to connect with a call center. You might guess where this is going because I'm almost certain the center was not located in the continental USA! While the agent was quite polite and really seemed to want to be helpful, I found myself more frustrated than appreciative. Be patient, I reminded myself. You are representing Jesus today, I thought. I even conjured up images of St. Francis admonishing me to seek to understand rather than looking for understanding. However, I'm quite certain that the agent had his own opinion of me as well, because I constantly found

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Classic VBS Not Just for Kids

By Debbie McKellar

Bible School! Bible School! Happy, Happy Bible School! Where we work and sing and play, we learn of Jesus every day! Bible School! Bible School! Happy Bible School!

can still remember songs I learned as a child when I went to Vacation Bible school every summer.

And if you have been on church campus this past week you once again experienced the excitement of our annual WC Kids Vacation Bible School. Songs, crafts, games, snacks, and learning about Jesus; it's all still there.

But did you know a second VBS will occur this next week for a completely different group?

Classic Adult Fellowship will meet for their fourth annual Adult Vacation Bible School on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 17–18 from 8 a.m. to noon: Just follow the signs to the Wesley Café area. Pre-registration is available online (preferred) or you may register at the event. Cost is \$30.

Just like the younger version of VBS, the adult version features Bible studies, singing in the chapel, crafts, games, new friendships, special speakers, a National Park Ranger, and even Kool-Aid and cookies. The schedule is simple: After check-in, join your small group in Grace Chapel, then have fun with 10 breakouts over the two-day period. Day one will offer food trucks at lunchtime for optional purchases and day two will have hamburgers/hotdogs (included in VBS registration cost) in Evans Hall.

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WC Young Adults Trivia Night at Third Rail in Harvest Hall

Tuesday, July 22 | 6:30 p.m.

Logan deGroot | Idegroot@whiteschapel.org



June 2025 2024 \$200,463 \$220,410 Week 1 \$198,631 Week 2 \$221.060 MTD Actual \$421,523 \$419,041 \$419,577 MTD Goal \$448,782 \$(27,259) (536) YTD Actual \$4,849,669 \$4,843,682 YTD Goal \$4,828,990 \$4,433,119 20,679 \$ 410,563





Super Saturday: Rise Against Hunger Saturday, July 26 | 8 to 11 a.m. Evans Hall

White's Chapel is teaming up again with Rise Against Hunger to help people around the world who are food insecure. On July 26, over 150 volunteers will be needed to package food for the hungry. The dry, packaged food, supplied by Rise Against Hunger, will provide a nutritious meal when recipients mix it with water. There will be two volunteer opportunities: (1) help unload supplies from the truck and set up packaging stations from 8 to 9 a.m. and/or (2) actively participate in the fight to stop hunger by measuring and packaging meals for those in need from 9 to 11 a.m. Approximately 30,000 meals will be packaged and shipped globally!

Registration will be available online beginning July 6. Children four years old and older are welcome. All participants must wear closed-toe shoes.

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Arkansas Adult Mission Trip Aug. 28-Sept. 1

Join us on our third adult mission trip to Ferncliff in Little Rock, Arkansas where you will have the opportunity to work alongside 15 volunteers to complete meaningful and much needed work for the community.

Ferncliff is a nonprofit camp and conference center founded in 1937 to provide a place for youth and adults to gather and experience creation in community with one another. While founded as a Christian summer camp, they have expanded over the years to include a nature preschool, and they have become a Good360 Community Distribution Center, as well as home to their own 10,000 square foot Disaster Assistance Centerr, "The DAC."

Lodging will be on site and provided through Ferncliff in their Brown Center hotel-style rooms. Each room includes two full-sized beds as well as a private bathroom. All meals will be provided through the camp. The trip will consist of three work days, with a large variety of work that spans across all skill levels and abilities. Work at Ferncliff includes construction, maintenance, and landscaping around the camp as well as work inside the DAC preparing emergency and hygiene kits that are shipped around the country to areas in need. There is the possibility of home repair work off campus at local homes.

The total trip cost of \$400 which includes all transportation, lodging, meals, and materials for the weekend.

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Sewing with a Mission Wednesdays | 12 to 3 p.m. AE Room 3204

The main focus of Sewing with a Mission is sewing dresses and shorts for local and international missions. We recently sent over 80 dresses with the volunteers on the New Mexico Adult Mission Trip to be given to the McCurdy community. We also make pillowcases for local missions and for our own WC Soldier Ministry. If you are able to cut fabric, iron, or sew, we can use your help!

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door for others to experience God."
In her private conversations with various young adult members of White's Chapel, de Groot noticed a common thread; individual sources revealed a collective expression and desire to "do more." de Groot recalls, "Different people kept telling me they had a desire to serve and contribute to the larger community as well as a desire to participate in something alongside their peers."

In efforts to fulfill their hunger to serve, this summer, from July 31 to August 3, White's Chapel young adults will be heading to San Antonio, Texas, for their first-ever mission trip.

Partnering with Blueprint Ministries, this team will follow the middle school and high school groups to assist the community by renovating and repairing homes as well as participating in other maintenance projects.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 30, your presence is wanted! de Groot implores young adults to sign up and partake in this trailblazing and transformational experience. "I am expectant and excited to see hearts softened and opened to what God is doing."

This trip not only provides young adults the opportunity to serve Christ, but it also promises the prospect of growing deeper in one's faith. The team will enjoy intentional devotion time, collective group bonding activities, and the chance to develop more meaningful friendships.

There is nothing quite like a shared experience to forge a valuable and lasting community. "There's something unifying about embracing the spiritual practices in community, serving being one of them," de Groot shares.

Registration closes on July 10. Spots are limited; applicants are encouraged to secure a spot while they are still available. "The earlier you register, the better," de Groot explains, "The sooner you do, the more we know and the better prepared we can be to help you get ready." Upon registration, packing lists and necessary trip information will be provided.

Personally aware of and compassionate towards the complications that come from being a young adult, de Groot acknowledges that time and money can be two primary obstacles and points of discouragement.

While the registration fee is \$200 per individual, White's Chapel refuses to let financial limitations be a hindrance or the reason keen individuals refrain from registering. "Don't let money be the reason you stay away," de Groot appeals, "we want to help you."

Financial aid forms are available upon request for those who need assistance. To obtain further details or inquire more about the qualifications, please contact Logan de Groot.

Mindful of those who have nine-tofive jobs, this trip was intentionally designed to accommodate the various workday schedules. Set to depart on Thursday evening and return late Sunday afternoon, only one workday would be required to request leave.

With this being the first-ever young adults mission trip, not only is this an opportunity to witness first-hand the pioneering and initial steps towards breakthrough for young adult ministry at White's Chapel, but it is also the chance to personally participate in the movement that is already happening across the world. Millions of young adults are already actively expanding the kingdom of God; the chance to join them is one opportunity you don't want to miss.

Regardless of skill, talent, or knowledge, everyone will be blessed by your obedience and willingness to serve. No prior experience is necessary!

"The great thing about this is it's all our first time, we're all in it together. If we make mistakes, we make them together," de Groot explains, "We get to set the precedence, and we can only grow up from here."

Just because Jesus did not start His ministry until his thirties, does not mean His twenties were irrelevant; the twenties are a gateway to experience genuine growth and transformation, as well as a oneof-a-kind window to witness the wonderful workings of God.

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Musings

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myself interpreting his language before I could even hope to follow his directions. Certainly, this twostep process and length of time it took to complete it left that sales rep wondering if *this* customer ranked among those whose elevator didn't quite go all the way to the top!

Perhaps that's why this year's celebration of the miracle of Pentecost hit me in a new way as I was struck by the possibilities of what happened in Acts 2. Scripture describes it as "the sound like the rush of a violent wind... And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each." Can you imagine what it might be like if—at the direction of the Holy Spirit each of us could actually have a conversation in our own language with anyone in the world, regardless of all the actual and artificial barriers we erect? How might our actions and attitudes change if we celebrated our similarities rather than focusing on our differences?

As we live out the promise of Pentecost, how about letting that power of the Spirit's fresh wind and fire blow through *us* this week? If we look closely at scripture again, I hope we recognize that the unity humanity destroyed in the attempt to *be* God in the building up of the Babel Tower was reclaimed through Jesus' resurrection and the birth of God's body of believers, the Church, on that first Pentecost. I hope we remember that it is in and through that Church, that there really IS a

new language that spans all nations and races, all ages and stages of life—the language of Love. And that it's only through selfless love that we can truly experience the Spirit's gift of peace, pardon, faith, hope, and joy!



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Register here.

"What ISN'T fun about it?" laughs Laurie Williams, CAF Director. "Seriously, this is a way God brings us all together for small world connections and nostalgic walks down memory lane—coupled with new friendships—and with Jesus at the center! A few folks have met in the breakout sessions and still attend together since the first year. One group all wanted to stay together this year because they loved their group leader and friendships made over the last couple of years. From laughter filling the halls, new ways of looking at familiar scripture, learning to see God's beauty through our memories and current surroundings, to being thankful for good times and badthere is something for everyone if you're willing to venture out."

Join the fun, and don't forget to bring a friend!

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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 Theater 1—Summer Camp Performance

"A Night of Stars" | June 27 | 7 p.m.

Join us for "A Night of Stars" as summer camp students shine bright on the stage. This free performance is the culmination of a week of hard work and fun! Students will be featured in multiple musical ensembles throughout the night. You'll recognize songs from Disney, Broadway and other well known shows

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Open Doors Sunday School Class 9:30 a.m. | Age 40+ Center for Spiritual Care

Welcome to the Open Doors
Sunday School class—a place
where faith meets fun and questions
are always encouraged! Many
Sundays feature engaging speakers
who share real life journeys and
fresh perspectives on spirituality,
social justice and everyday life. We
dive into thought provoking book
studies that challenge and inspire,

from modern Christian authors to interfaith voices! We take field trips and enjoy discussing current events, along with brunch! It's a progressive, inclusive group where everyone has a voice and a place, whether you are exploring your faith or deepening a lifelong journey. Come curious and leave inspired!

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WC Kids Summer Fun! Story Time Wednesday, July 2 | 10 to 11 a.m. Annex Next to the Bookstore

Come and cool off from the Texas heat with us! This event is perfect for families with children in second grade and under. We'll have fun with stories, a craft and a snack! After story time, families can visit the playground or have lunch in Wesley Cafe. This is a great way to meet other families and make new friends!

Contact Erin Zajac with questions or for more information.

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