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In God's Studio Opens in WC Gallery

The White's Chapel Arts Council is pleased to announce its newest exhibition, *In God's Studio*, featuring the work of two accomplished plein air painters, Irma Ward and Tina Bohlman. The show opened last week in the church gallery and will remain on view through the end of November.

Together, Ward and Bohlman present 32 works that celebrate the beauty of the natural world. While Ward's contributions are all oil paintings, Bohlman's body of work includes oils, watercolors, and gouache. Both artists are active members of the Outdoor Painters Society (OPS), with Bohlman serving as its current president.

A reception for *In God's Studio* will be held on Saturday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the gallery.

The exhibition's title reflects the heart of plein air painting—an art form born in the 19th century when the portability of paint in tubes allowed artists to work outdoors. Made famous by Impressionists such as Monet, Renoir, and Pissarro, plein air remains a vital discipline. Through their brushstrokes, Ward and Bohlman "capture the essence of God's world in every corner, incorporating the spirit, light, colors, textures, and movement of the world around us," the Arts Council notes.

About the Artists
Irma Ward was born in St. Louis and now lives in Fort Worth. After a 31-year career with American Airlines, she turned

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THIRD GRADE BIBLES

Lots of happy faces lined the pews last Sunday as 87 third graders received their first Bibles. The Bible presentations are an annual celebration.

God's Love to All

A Two-Part Series on White's Chapel's Kairos Ministry

Part 2: Kairos Outside & Torch

By Debbie McKellar



If Kairos Inside is the heartbeat of prison ministry, then Kairos Outside and Kairos Torch are the arms that reach farther still. Both exist because incarceration does not just impact those behind bars—it ripples outward, shaping families, marriages, children, and entire communities. White's Chapel has stepped into those spaces too, and the effect is nothing short of sacred.

Tristan Hunt, who helps coordinate the White's Chapel Prison Ministry, describes it this way: "When we show up inside a

prison, we meet men and women who know the weight of their mistakes. But when we step outside those gates, we meet

wives, sisters, mothers, and children who carry those same burdens. It's the other side of the same story."

Kairos Outside was created for women whose lives have been touched by incarceration. That includes spouses, girlfriends, mothers, sisters, and even daughters. For them, shame and isolation often become silent companions. Friends fall away. Churches sometimes don't know how to respond. And many of

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Through the Storm

By Dr. John McKellar

History tells us that Abraham Lincoln's young secretary, John Hay, rose to become Secretary of State under President William McKinley. His assignment was monumental: negotiating the treaty for the Panama Canal. The debate was fierce—some wanted the canal in Nicaragua, others in Mexico, and others in Panama. The newspapers attacked him relentlessly.

One day, discouraged, Hay handed President McKinley a resignation letter, fearing his troubles might harm the President. Later that day, McKinley responded with a note full of wisdom and encouragement: "*Nothing could be more unfortunate than to have you retire. We must bear the atmosphere of the hour. It will pass away. We must continue working on the lines of duty and honor. Conscious of high purpose and honorable effort, we cannot yield our posts however the storm may rage.*"

What a word for us! Life often surrounds us with storms of criticism, doubt, and hardship. Sometimes the

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Souvenirs of Summer

Summer 2025 is over. As of this past Monday, Autumn is—at least according to the calendar—officially here.

By Debbie McKellar

There's a sweet ache in this turning point of the year. The air sharpens just a little, though in Texas that isn't always permanent, just something to hope for. School buses have returned on morning streets. Pools have become a little iffy. Even the sun seems to clock out earlier, nudging us toward the cozy rituals waiting around the corner. Soon it will be crisp afternoons, the first wisps of smoke

curling from chimneys, and pumpkins popping up on porches as if they've been waiting all along.

Now, as September promises to fade into October, the season feels like a suitcase being zipped shut—overstuffed with beach days, backyard barbecues, ballgames, and fireflies. For many, travel was just one bright thread in the larger fabric of the summer, woven together with sticky popsicles, lazy porch evenings, and sandals that finally wore thin. Each moment, fleeting as it was,

seemed to hum the same reminder: don't take yourself too seriously, and don't hoard joy when it's meant to be shared.

Summer lends itself to souvenirs: a t-shirt here, a snack there, something that hopefully doesn't shatter in the suitcase. These are the tangible souvenirs of summer. But the keepsakes that matter most weren't lined up on a shelf. They were tucked inside, stitched into the memories of each day.

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Irma Ward her attention fully to art. She has studied fine arts at Tarrant County College and trained with several well-regarded artists, receiving a teaching certificate from the Liliedahl School of Traditional Oil Painting. Ward’s current works, created in oil and cold wax medium, are non-objective abstractions that emphasize bold color, contrast, and texture. Her paintings invite viewers to explore visual pathways and personal memories sparked by shape and form.

Tina Bohlman, a Texas native and self-taught artist, has spent more than 50 years refining her plein



Tina Bohlman

air practice. Known for her luminous watercolors and expressive oils, Bohlman has earned over 60 awards, including four Best in Show honors, with two-thirds of those accolades coming in the last decade alone. Her work has been featured in national competitions and is held in collections across the United States and abroad. As president of OPS, she leads a nationally recognized organization of over 300 plein air artists.

Reception

A reception for *In God’s Studio* will be held on **Saturday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m.** in the gallery. Guests will have the opportunity to meet the artists, view their work, and learn more about the plein air tradition.

Summer

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The best keepsakes aren’t in your suitcase — they’re the small truths you bring home with you.

Travel, after all, teaches in ways postcards never can. The season’s lessons arrive tucked between train schedules, café tables, and laughter echoing off unfamiliar streets. Flexibility beats frustration. Plane late? Enjoy the airport. Miss the train? Take the bus. Miss the bus? Find the ice cream. Kindness is universal, and a smile translates in every language. Laughter is contagious, especially when the punchline is you. And joy multiplies when shared—preferably over a long meal with good company.

The interesting thing is... these aren’t just travel tricks. They’re life rules. Meeting people in different cities, regions, countries are all the same. People want to be acknowledged. They

want to know they matter, that they are seen and valued as human beings. Summer simply gave us more chances to practice it—whether on a faraway street or in a neighbor’s backyard.

So before rushing ahead, summer deserves its bow. It wasn’t just a season; it was a reminder that life doesn’t have to be perfect to be rich. Planes get missed. Plans unravel. Ice cream melts faster than expected. And somehow, in the mess, the best memories are made.

The real souvenirs don’t clutter shelves or gather dust. They’re the easy laugh when things go wrong, the patience to reroute without complaint, the generosity to share joy instead of keeping it bottled up. If all it takes is a smile, a scoop of gelato, and the ability to laugh at yourself—well, that’s packing pretty light for the journey ahead.

Besides, who says summer gets to keep all the good memories? Autumn is waiting just outside the door, holding a mug of cider or seasonal latte, and a pumpkin or two, ready to remind us that every season carries its own souvenirs—if we’re willing to notice.

THIRD GRADE BIBLES



FINANCIALS SEPTEMBER	September	2025	2024
	Week 1	\$216,174	\$165,354
	Week 2	\$270,233	\$167,299
	Week 3	\$381,344	\$232,198
	MTD Actual	\$867,751	\$564,851
	MTD Goal	\$603,840	\$615,704
		\$263,911	\$(50,853)
	YTD Actual	\$8,237,603	\$7,899,729
	YTD Goal	\$7,917,522	\$7,525,304
		\$ 320,081	\$ 374,425

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. Tristan Hunt

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Carrot Brownies

A SNEAKY WAY TO GET IN SOME EXTRA VEGGIES!

INGREDIENTS

- 2 Eggs Large, Room Temperature
- ½ cup Oil
- ¼ cup Water
- 1 cup Carrots Finely Grated
- 1 Box Brownie Mix (Anything in 18 oz. or larger size does not work well.)
- 1 tsp Cinnamon Powder
- ½ cup Chocolate Chips Semisweet

DIRECTIONS

- In a mixing bowl, add eggs, oil, water, grated carrots and mix everything together until smooth.
- Add brownie mix powder, cinnamon powder, chocolate chips and mix until just combined. Don’t over-mix! The mixture will be thick.
- Pour the batter into a square pan (Dimensions: 9x9), lined with parchment paper and sprayed with oil. Spread batter with a spatula.
- Bake at 350°F for about 30 minutes or until an inserted toothpick comes out with a few sticky crumbs. Many people prefer brownies slightly under-baked because they are more fudgy this way. Also, the residual heat of the pan continues to bake them as they cool.
- Let cool to room temperature. Then, cut slices and enjoy!
- For variation, try adding white chocolate chips, butterscotch chips, peanut butter chips, walnuts, pecans, marshmallows.

WCStudents



Crave & Intersection
We are so excited that Crave and Intersection are back! Middle School students are invited to Crave, the weekly worship service for 7th and 8th grade students. Crave will be from 5:45–7 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 7:30–8:45 p.m. on Wednesdays. Both groups will meet on the second floor of the student education building. We are so excited about what this Fall semester will look like and how it will help students better know and follow Jesus together with their peers.

Sunday School Unplugged
WC Students is now offering a Sunday School class during the 9:30 am worship service on Sunday mornings for our Middle School students. The format for this Sunday School class will differ from our classes offered during the 11 a.m. service. This class will be a smaller class with a focus on a deeper study of the Bible.

Cell Group Kick Off
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

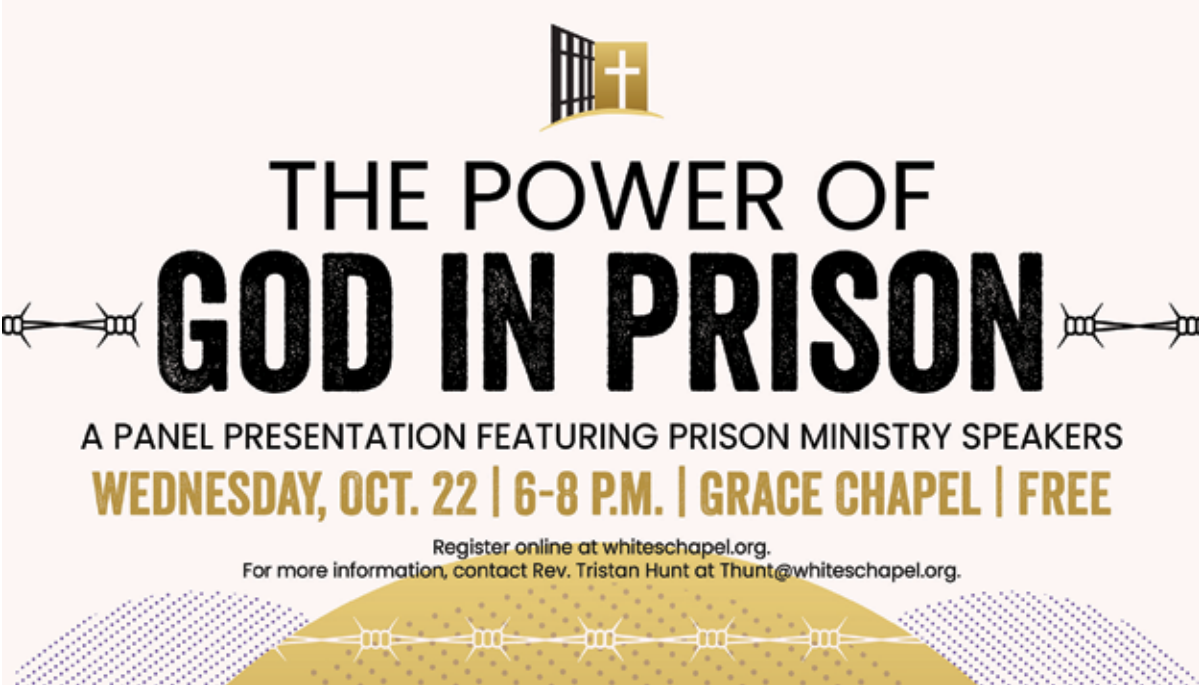
story, praying for each other, and figuring out life through a Biblical lens. If you are interested in leading, offering your house as a host home, or joining a Cell Group, contact Michelle Joseph at mjoseph@whiteschapel.org for more information. Cell groups kick off Sunday, September 7.

Middle School Fall Retreat
Fall Retreat will be from November 14–16. This year, on the middle school fall retreat, campers will get an opportunity to enjoy many of the wonderful things that Sky Ranch offers. Students can play games, fly down the zip line, go fishing, play gaga ball, and so much more! There will also be time for worship and small group discussions with their cabins. WC Students will be leading the programming. It is sure to be an unforgettable weekend!
Registration forms for this trip can be found on wcstudents.com.

Senior Bible Study
Drs. John McKellar and Todd Renner know how pivotal the senior year is as students face big decisions about their future. To help guide them, they’re leading a weekly, fun, practical, no-questions-barred Bible study and fellowship time.
Beginning Wednesday, September 3, the group will meet each week from 6–7 p.m. in the Pastor’s Study. Our senior pastors will walk students through the core beliefs of our faith and show how they apply to this exciting and ever-changing season of life.



Sunday, Oct. 12 | 1:30–2:30 p.m. | WC Amphitheater & Pond



Prison

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these women quietly bear the financial strain of supporting a loved one inside. “**Kairos Outside** is where we tell these women, ‘You are not alone. You are seen. And God still has a plan for your life,’” Hunt explains. Weekend retreats form the center of this ministry. They are filled with conversation, prayer, encouragement, and healing. Simple acts—like a handwritten note from a stranger or a table set with flowers—speak volumes. “One guest told me, ‘I thought God forgot me. But this weekend proved He didn’t.’ That’s why we keep showing up,” Hunt says.
Then there is Kairos Torch, which ministers to youth in correctional facilities. The name could not be more fitting. In places where the future often looks dim, Torch brings a flame of possibility. Volunteers commit to mentoring teenagers, many of whom have never experienced stability, encouragement, or unconditional love. “The program tries to capture kids before they get into the prisons,” said Hunt. “They’re the ones that are out here in Grapevine—we have a program in Corsicana, too—and we try to capture the youth offenders before they become adult offenders.”
“These kids are 13, 14, 15 years old,” Hunt shares. “For some of them, no one has ever said, ‘I believe in you.’ Kairos Torch is about changing that narrative. It’s about helping them write a new story before the old one hardens.” Mentors meet regularly with the youth, teaching practical skills and modeling what consistent love looks like. Over time, walls come down. Hardened expressions

soften. And hope begins to flicker.
Like Kairos Inside, these programs require deep commitment. Retreats are planned months in advance. Background checks, training sessions, and fundraising are part of the rhythm. But every volunteer will tell you—the effort pales in comparison to the blessing received.
Hunt admits that this ministry is not easy. “There are moments when you feel the weight of it—the stories, the brokenness, the cycles of hurt. But then you remember, this is exactly where Jesus would be. He sought out the forgotten, the hurting, the ones everyone else passed by. That’s our call too.”
And the impact stretches far beyond the individuals served. When an inmate finds Christ, their family is changed. When a woman discovers healing through Kairos Outside, her children experience a new kind of stability. When a teenager in Torch chooses a different path, an entire community feels the ripple.
It all circles back to Kairos—God’s appointed time. These ministries live in that sacred interruption, where God breaks through walls of despair with the promise of a new beginning.
“The gospel is always about second chances,” Hunt reflects. “Whether it’s a man in prison, a woman waiting outside, or a teenager with their whole life ahead of them, God is always saying, ‘You are loved. You are not forgotten. And your story isn’t finished yet.’”
A panel presentation on the *Power of God in Prison* will be held Wednesday, Oct. 22 from 6–8 p.m. in Grace Chapel. Registration for the event and for childcare is available online.
For more information about serving with Kairos Prison Ministry—Inside, Outside, or Torch—contact Tristan Hunt. **Tristan Hunt | thunt@whiteschapel.org**

Get Involved with Kairos Prison Ministry

White’s Chapel members are serving through Kairos, a ministry bringing Christ’s love into prisons and to families impacted by incarceration. You can help by:

- **Writing letters of encouragement**
- **Serving on a retreat team (Inside or Outside)**
- **Mentoring incarcerated youth (Kairos Torch)**
- **Praying for inmates and volunteers**

No special skills required—just a willing heart.

Musings

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temptation is to throw up our hands and walk away. Yet McKinley’s words echo Biblical truth: “Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9).
The Apostle Paul knew this struggle well. Shipwrecked, imprisoned, and maligned, he still urged believers to “stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58).
Faithfulness isn’t measured in ease but in endurance.
When storms rage in our lives—when a job feels overwhelming, when family tension weighs heavy, when health falters, or when situations seem

impossible—our call is not to retreat, but to stay the course with God’s help. Like Secretary Hay, we may feel weary, even ready to step aside. Yet our Lord whispers the same encouragement: “*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go*” (Joshua 1:9).
McKinley reminded his friend that storms are temporary: “The atmosphere of the hour will pass away.” That’s true for us as well. Seasons of hardship may feel endless, but they do pass. What lasts is the fruit of faithful service, the quiet strength of staying at our post, and the assurance that God is with us in the storm.
So let’s keep going. Let’s keep working “on the lines of duty and honor,” trusting that in God’s time, the storm will pass, and His purpose will shine.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Build a Home Project—Trinity Habitat for Humanity
Saturday, Oct. 11 & 25
7:20 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Garden Springs Development, Fort Worth
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 each of the two Saturday build dates, Oct. 11 and 25. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old; youth under 18 may not operate power tools.
Trinity Habitat for Humanity is a Christian ministry that partners with people in local communities to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and for their families.
[Online registration](#) is required. Contact Beverly Chernoff for more information.
Beverly Chernoff | bcher06@gmail.com

Tuesday Morning Pastors’ Bible Study
9 a.m. Breakfast | 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
Evans Hall
Join Drs. John McKellar and Todd Renner for their Tuesday Morning Bible Study. The team will continue their fascinating study of “Firsts.” Having studied much of the first Book of the Bible (Genesis) and the first Christian letters (1 and 2 Thessalonians), Our time together is designed for every student of the Bible: whether you’ve spent years studying God’s word or this is your first time in a Bible study, you’re sure to find your place around the table. Breakfast will be served beginning at 9 a.m.
Tracy Christensen
tchristensen@whiteschapel.org

WC Presents: Michael Bethany Concert
Friday, Oct. 24 | 7 p.m. | The Foundry
Join us for an evening of Praise and Worship with Christian artist Michael Bethany. Bethany is passionate about creating multicultural worship experiences that activate an overflow of intimacy with God. His online worship services have received over 20 million YouTube views and has been featured on several prominent industry-leading media outlets. This is a free concert and open to all, but [online registration](#) is required.
Arnold Rawls | arawls@whiteschapel.org

Spiritual Formation Event Featuring:

Alexander John Shaia

AUTHOR OF HEART AND MIND:
FOUR GOSPEL JOURNEY OF
TRANSFORMATION

FRIDAY, OCT. 17
6 - 8:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, OCT. 18
9:30 A.M. - NOON

THE FOUNDRY

Spiritual Formation Event Featuring Alexander John Shaia
Friday, Oct. 17 | 6–8:30 p.m. and
Saturday, Oct. 18 | 9:30 a.m.–Noon | The Foundry
Join us for a weekend of lectures and discussions with the incredible wisdom of author, Alexander John Shaia. He will be walking us through his book, Heart and Mind: Four Gospel Journey of Transformation by teaching about the history, context, and the spiritual insight of the Gospels. This is a unique opportunity to experience the ancient Christian Story in a fresh, new way. The cost is \$50 person and includes dinner on Friday evening and a continental breakfast Saturday morning. [Register online](#) or by scanning the qr code above.
Rev. Victor Resendiz | vresendiz@whiteschapel.org

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Scalloped Potatoes

— DESSERT —
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2-DAY OPTION
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3-DAY OPTION
Oct. 15–19 | \$290

Prayer List

Bill and Lisa Aldrich, Janet Antilla, Karen Black, Cheryl Brashear, Annette Breazeale, Tom Bresnahan, Sarah Brown, Zach and Katie Bruton, Tony Buono, Carol Burns, Joe Burns, Jamie Cadiz, Bobbie Cameron, Jill Carter, Johnny Carter, Connie Center, Craig Chapman, Jenny Cline, Carolyn Cockerell, Bill Collins, Cliff Courtney, Patricia Couture, Leslie Craig, Barbara Cross, Joe Culpepper, Barton Davis, Bonnie Davis, Janice Davis, Pam Dountas, Steve Dowd, John and Amy Duckworth, Tommy Duer, Mark Duffy, Bill Ellermeyer, Ralph Evans, Dorothy Fontana, Gerrye Frantz, Emmy Gaarder, Shelly Gillette, Betsy Godbold, Alice Hall, Buddy Hall, Tiffany Hall, Gail Haterius, Mr. Helms, Robin Helms, Al Hermansen, Bob Horn, Deborah Jewitt, Tiffany Job, Nancy Joplin, Christine Kane, Connor Kenney, Danny King, Connie Lamb, Julie Langston, Michael Lee, Lynn Littlebaldeagle, Grace London, Chris and Erica Lucas, Michael Lucas, Steve Lucky, Doris Marston, Elaine Martin, Sharon Martin, Sue McNutt, Wayne Meckley, Mary Miller, Susan Mincey, Ellie Grace Nadeau, Jeff Nadeau, Linda Nadeau, Kimber Niemi, Kevin Nors, Myra Nunez, Christopher Owen, Bill Preston, Jon Reeves, Cindy Rosewell, Carol Schramm, Dean Scott, Kathy Seoane, Logan Slick, Marianne Snyder, Jamieson Stewart, Orville Summey, Katlyn Thomas, Benton Thomason, Carolyn Thompson, Abby Townson, Tia Walker and Shelby Whinery, Rick Warner, Kelly Weaver, Carley West, Walker Whalen, Carroll Willis, William Wilson, Linda Winant, Vicki Winn, Christina Wymer, Bill Y., Donna Young, Ankith, Ryan and Sarah, The People of Gaza, Victims of Gun Violence. Recent Deaths: The Family of Marie Avidon, The Family of Debbie Brown, The Family of Kyle Clark, The Family of Joshua Coleman, The Family of Mike Crutcher, The Family of Wilma Dykman, The Family of Gerald Hinten, The Family of Wyatt Jenkins, The Family of Joe King, The Family of Charlie Kirk, The Koob Family, The Family of Jerry Lee, The Family of Fletcher Merkel, The Family of Harper Moyski, The Family of Steve Niekamp, The Family of Pat Adamcik-Patak, The Family of Patricia Reichert, The Family of Barbara Steormann, The Family of Joyce Tamer, The Family of James Taylor, The Family of James Todd, The Family of Rick White.

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.)

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