

# WHITE'S CHAPEL HERALD

VOLUME 16, NUMBER 6

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025

571870

## Arts Academy, Theater Registrations Available Aug. 1

Registration for the fall semester of White's Chapel Arts Academy, Theater 1, and Theater 2 will open Aug. 1, according to directors Erin Schechter and Julie Blalock. The Tuesday afternoon Arts Academy classes are faith based and offer instruction and activities centered around cultural arts, while Tuesday/Thursday Theater classes are instructive in the performing arts.

Registration will be open right up until the first day of class, which is Sept. 2, or until we are full. However, classes tend to fill up quickly, so it's better to register sooner than later.

The program maintains the mission to reclaim the arts for the church through helping students in Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade find their passions and learn how to worship with their lives. Through the weekly classes, children absorb how to use their talents to worship God. During each weekly class, dynamic teachers lead a devotional and teach students the ins and outs of their craft.

### Arts Academy

Arts Academy was established for the child who thrives in a smaller group rather than some of the larger classes experienced at school or other local venues.

The **Arts Academy Variety** program introduces students to a wide range of hands-on skills—like art, science, cooking, LEGOS,

**REGISTRATION cont'd on page 2**



*So many wonderful volunteers helped make this summer's Feed our Kids program a smashing success! For 15 days in June and July, White's Chapel volunteers, working with GRACE, fed local kids in areas where children typically receive their meals through schools. In addition to the great lunch menus, children were given the opportunity to enjoy water balloons, games, balloon art and even a birthday party (with cupcakes!) for a stuffed animal's fifth birthday!*

## Fall Confirmation Classes Registration Available

Registration has begun for White's Chapel Fall Confirmation classes according to Denise Bennett, Co-Director of WC Kids.

The classes begin Sunday, Aug. 10 with an overview for students during the 11 a.m. service. The overview will be offered again on Wednesday,

Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. Registration is available for sixth, seventh and eighth graders, as well as high school students.

Classes will continue to be offered on Sundays and Wednesdays throughout the semester, though

**CONFIRMATION cont'd on page 3**



By Rev. Sam Robbins

My wife Hannah and I started dating back in October of 2014. Our first couple of dates went great... but then life happened. One Sunday afternoon, I was walking around the house

watching a Cowboys game with some buddies when I stepped on a skateboard my roommate had left out. I went flying, landed hard, and dislocated my knee. I tore my MCL in the process. Easily the worst injury I've ever had.

So, for the first couple of months Hannah and I were dating, I was in a full leg brace. And let me tell you, it's really hard to look cool or suave when your entire leg is wrapped in a cast for 8 weeks. **But that didn't stop me from trying.**

I remember early on inviting Hannah and a few of her friends

**MUSINGS cont'd on page 3**

## High School Musical Performance Set

This could be just what you've been looking for! White's Chapel's Theater II team presents the classic **High School Musical** for three nights July 30, 31 and Aug. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Foundry. The 90-minute production promises fun for the entire family. Admission is free.

Troy Bolton is best known as the player who keeps the East High School basketball team on the scoreboard. Life isn't always about athletics, though, and as Troy slam-dunks on the boards, beautiful and brainy Gabriella is raising the school's reputation as the key member of its highly successful academic team. Despite their outgoing natures, no one would ever peg Troy or Gabriella as theater types. When word gets out that this popular pair has decided to audition for the school's musical, the students of East High are about

**MUSICAL cont'd on page 3**

## Communion Offering Benefits 'Operation Classroom Ready'

It's almost August, so it's time to help those schools!

For many years, White's Chapel has been providing much needed school supplies to Title 1 schools in our area. "Operation Classroom Ready, 2025" will focus on the overall classroom, impacting five

**COMMUNION cont'd on page 2**



# Registration

Cont'd from page 1

building, and inventing—all in a pressure-free, encouraging environment. Every student will have the opportunity to experience each of these subjects throughout the session. It's the perfect way for kids to 'dip their toes in the water' and explore different hobbies to see what they might want to pursue more deeply as they grow.

**Preschool Dance** classes are only 30 minutes long and are specifically for kids three years old through 5 years old.

**Arts Academy's Broadway Bound** offers a dynamic class designed just for young performers ready to take the spotlight. Students will explore **music, dance, and singing**, while building the confidence and skills needed for theater.

"We are always looking for more volunteers," Hannah Robbins WCKids Co-Director added. "You don't have to be a professional artist, chef, or Lego-builder to serve in Arts Academy. If you love God and care about kids, you are the perfect person for the job!"

Classes are held on Tuesdays. Complete class scheduling and registration is available [online](#).

**Erin Schechter**  
[eschechter@whiteschapel.org](mailto:eschechter@whiteschapel.org)

## WC Theater 1 & 2

Theater 1 and 2 concentrates on Theater and produces a musical each semester. Classes and rehearsals are on Tuesdays and Thursday. Past productions have included kids versions of *Annie*, *Seussical*, *Elf* and *High School Musical*, as well as the full production of *The Sound of Music*.

WC Theater celebrates the belief that God has gifted each of us with unique talents, and how we use those talents is our gift back to God. Students are given the opportunity to express their creativity, celebrate their differences, and work together to produce amazing Broadway-inspired performances. By fostering a loving atmosphere, students are provided a safe space to explore who they are, and who God has made them to be. WC Theater has truly become more than just a stage.

**Julie Blalock** | [jblalock@whiteschapel.org](mailto:jblalock@whiteschapel.org)

**For both Arts Academy and Theater 1 & 2, adult teachers (18+) must complete a criminal background check and child safety training video before teaching. This is the same process we use for all of our WC Kids volunteers. High school helpers must read and sign a Code of Ethics form.**

There is a \$50 fee per class. Scholarships are available. Register [online](#).

Stinson explained that each year church coordinators and volunteers meet with the schools to find out their specific needs. "Ultimately, we decide what the process will look like. For example, most schools were not interested in receiving backpacks filled with supplies for this school year. As a result, we decided to put a new spin on the event and focus on the teachers and their classrooms."

100% of the monies collected today will go to fund this great mission.



# WC MISSIONS & OUTREACH



**"Operation Classroom Ready" School Supply Drive**  
**July 27–Aug. 8**  
**Super Saturday—Aug. 8 & 9**

Come join us as we help schools in our area prepare for a great new year! "Operation Classroom Ready" focuses on the overall classroom... impacting five elementary schools, 138 teachers and 3,300+ students. The supplies will benefit O.H. Stowe, Van Zandt-Guinn, Bellaire, Grace E. Hardeman and T.A. Sims elementary schools. We will start things off with our annual school supply drive, July 27–Aug. 8.

The list of needed supplies can be found here: Disinfecting wipes (35ct. canister or larger), Kleenex (standard size), hand sanitizer (8 oz. or larger), gallon size plastic zipper bags, quart size plastic zipper bags, and sandwich size plastic zipper bags. Donations can be dropped off inside the east welcome doors.

The Super Saturday event will be on Saturday, Aug. 9 with initial supply sorting on Friday, Aug. 8. These are the volunteer opportunities available:

- Friday, Aug. 8:**  
Supply Sorting | 10 a.m.–noon
- Saturday, Aug. 9:**  
Prep Work | 9–10 a.m.—Box assembly & assembly-line supply fulfillment  
Box Packing | 10–11:30 a.m.—Decorating & packing boxes  
Box Delivery | 11–11:30 a.m.—Delivering boxes & bulk supplies to elementary schools

This is a family-friendly event so we encourage children six and over to join their parents! Register [online](#).

**Dedra Moffat**  
[dmoffat@whiteschapel.org](mailto:dmoffat@whiteschapel.org)

**WC Men's Mission Trip 2025**  
**Oct. 15/16–19 | San Antonio, Texas**  
WC Men are returning to Blueprint Ministries in San Antonio this fall

(Oct. 15/16–19) to share the love of Jesus Christ. All men, 18 and older, are welcome on this trip. We also welcome male high school seniors who want to serve alongside their father! No experience is necessary, just a willing heart. This is a terrific opportunity to serve Christ and meet other men from the church. The three-day cost is \$290, and the two-day cost is \$250. Register online. For more information visit [mensmissiontrip.com](http://mensmissiontrip.com).

**Jay McMeans** | [jay@mcmeans.us](mailto:jay@mcmeans.us)

**Serving Dinner with Love**  
**Third Saturday of the Month**  
**4:15 to 7 p.m.**

The Morris Foundation Women & Children's Center in Fort Worth provides immediate shelter to families in need and helps them find a place to call home.

Each month, volunteers may meet at White's Chapel by the concourse "Welcome" doors at 4:15 p.m. to ride the church bus or meet the group at the shelter at 5 p.m. Parking spots are provided in a gated lot. At the shelter, volunteers will serve dinner while providing love, encouragement, and fellowship. This is a family-friendly opportunity. Children must be at least 12 years old and accompanied by a parent to participate.

**Robin Cassell** | [rcassell53@att.net](mailto:rcassell53@att.net)

**Agape Meal**  
**Third Thursday of each Month**  
**Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth | 4:15–7:45 p.m.**

Be the hands and feet of Jesus as White's Chapel volunteers (ages six and up) serve a meal to the homeless on the third Thursday of each month at Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Volunteers gather at the concourse "Welcome" doors at 4:15 p.m. to ride the church bus or meet the group at Broadway at 5:30 p.m. We will return to White's Chapel by 7:45 p.m. Registration is required.

**David Kinnamore**  
[davdkinnamore@msn.com](mailto:davdkinnamore@msn.com)  
**Madeleine Green**  
[mzeisler10@yahoo.com](mailto:mzeisler10@yahoo.com)

# Communion

Cont'd from page 1

elementary schools, 138 teachers and 3,300+ students. Coordinators Dedra Moffat and Kim Stinson say the supplies will benefit O.H. Stowe, Van Zandt-Guinn, and Bellaire, as well as Grace E. Hardeman and T.A. Sims Elementary schools, each of which are Title I schools, yet each with unique needs.

FINANCIALS JULY	July	2025	2024
	Week 1	\$272,234	\$220,756
	Week 2	\$168,908	\$186,080
	Week 3	\$215,321	\$183,672
	MTD Actual	\$656,463	\$590,508
	MTD Goal	\$603,840	\$615,705
		\$ 52,623	\$ (25,197)
	YTD Actual	\$6,156,214	\$5,993,655
	YTD Goal	\$6,106,002	\$5,678,190
		\$ 50,212	\$ 315,465

# Musings

Cont'd from page 1

over to a buddy’s house to watch a Razorbacks football game. I offered to provide the food. I figured I’d impress them all by grilling burgers. *Who says chivalry is dead?*

Well, what I failed to consider was the seven large stairs between the kitchen and the grill. Picture this: I’m trying to play host, clumsily hopping up and down stairs with one good leg over and over, holding buns and condiments, sweating through my shirt, pretending this was all perfectly fine. It was not.

Meanwhile, Hannah and her friends kept offering to help. “Can I grab that for you?” “Need anything from inside?” “Would you like to sit down for a minute Sam?” And every time, I stubbornly insisted, “No! I’m good. I got this!” **I most certainly did not “have it.”**

But, something in my college guy brain told me that asking for help would make me look weak or unattractive or somehow less impressive. So I kept hopping, sweating, and grilling... **all alone.** It had to have looked pretty pitiful. But at the time, for whatever reason, I just couldn’t let myself accept the help.

Here’s what I’ve come to realize now that I’m a lot older and maybe just a bit wiser... We need each other. We just do. Whether in ministry or marriage, in friendship or faith—we’re not built to do life solo.

It reminds me of the old African proverb: **“If you want to go fast,**

**go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”**

We see this truth woven all throughout Scripture. In Genesis, God creates the heavens and the earth, creates man, and says, “This is good.” But then God notices something missing and declares, “It is not good for man to be alone.” So God creates another human—not just for companionship, but because he knew they would go further together.

And then in the Gospels, when Jesus launches his ministry, the first thing he does is gather a team. Twelve disciples, one shared mission, doing life side by side. Like even God incarnate didn’t go it alone! Because he knew they’d go further together.

And after the resurrection, those disciples keep the mission going, planting churches, forming communities, living out the Gospel together. Paul, Peter, Barnabas, Priscilla, Timothy—they weren’t just preaching. They were building circles of support, accountability, and purpose. Because again, they knew they would go further together.

And this truth is as true for us today as it was for anyone in the Bible. Life works best in community. Ministry works best in community. Faith grows best in community.

**So please, let someone help you make the burgers.** Don’t be afraid to say, “Yes, I could use a hand.” You just might discover that the help you thought made you look weak is actually exactly the thing that makes you strong.



# Musical

Cont'd from page 1

to learn an important lesson in teamwork while gearing up for a performance that will have their audience dancing in the aisles.

The play is based on the 2006 smash hit from Disney, and features popular songs from the film. It’s a production that has been in the works for longer than you would think.

“I am so excited to get another chance at High School Musical,” said Director Julie Blalock. “We were in the middle of production rehearsals for this show five years ago when COVID-19 hit and the world shut down. We got creative then and put together a Brady Bunch style video of each individual kid saying their lines and singing their parts and watched it on a big screen outside – six feet apart of course!”

Blalock notes, “Nothing can replace performing on stage! We have opted to do the One Act Edition which is longer than a typical “Junior” show, but not quite as long as the full version. It is such a classic story of learning how to get along with others, finding yourself, and being brave enough to show the world who you are!”

“The play features some ‘epic’

Y2K style fashion and music!” said Blalock. “One of our biggest challenges is the lightning-fast set and scene changes. We are using minimal set and focusing on costuming and props to achieve the vibe we want. The other big challenge is teaching theater kids to play basketball and dance at the same time!!”

Eleni Brooke assists Blalock as Music Director and Prop Manager. The two collaborated on costumes while Ann-Marie Heilman took the challenging chore of Choreographer. Christian Brooke was on hand as Lighting Director.

Audio and video will be run by our WC Productions staff.

Stagehands include Rylan Dixon, Zoey Heilman, Cade Lewis, Emily Morris, Emily Petersilge, Reese Roberts, Jude Schultz, and Sam Thompson—all of whom are former WC Theater kids.

The cast features Lively Baldrige, Kaci Bear, Caroline Besancon, Eden Brannon, Gracie Brannon, Brynn Cordrey, Olivia Delgado, Adeline Dempsey, Frankie Dillard, Amelia Dixon, Brayden Dougherty, Nathan Dougherty, Christopher Elliott, Briella Fiore, Lily Fiore, Martin Flight, Samantha Foreman, Joshua Giras, Phoenix Heilman, Chloe Hurley, Jacob Lee, Acadia Lester, Asher Lewis, Taylor McMaster, Lexi Ann Moyer, Julianna Nichols, Aria Parish, Jack Paschall, Noah Pearson, Agustin Eyherabide Pons, Maddie Pratt, Amulya Raghupatruni, Antonella Colonico Rincon, Emily Takala, Vivien Terry, Poppy Thompson, Megan Treat, Quinn Willis, Emma Young, and Madeline Zabrouski.

# Confirmation

Cont'd from page 1

participants only need to attend one class of their choice per week. The classes will end with a service in which the students will be welcomed into full membership at White’s Chapel. This service is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 2.

“We know family schedules can get hectic,” said WC Kids Director Denise Bennett. “If you need other options for classes, please contact me for info on parent-led and online classes.”

Bennett oversees the classes and

is the main contact for Confirmation. Different pastors and leaders teach the large group portion of the class throughout the semester, with parent volunteers to leading small group time.

“Most students participate in Confirmation in 6th grade, but we also take any younger student that a parent may think is ready,” said Bennett. “This is typically an age and time when students start asking more questions and making decisions for themselves. It’s such an important time in their faith development, and there’s so many things to think about: from theology to history to how the church works, and more.”

Confirmation is just the beginning

of the conversation about what it means to be a Christian, living one’s faith, commitment, and God’s call. If a student leaves Sunday with questions and wants to discuss the things from the sermon or Sunday school, they are probably ready. Confirmation embraces the importance of community in the journey of faith development and provides fellowship with their peers that can help them face more difficult questions as they get older.

“Confirmation is the opportunity for students to *confirm* the faith handed down to them by their families and claim it for themselves,” added Bennett. “They get to dive deeper into topics like the Bible, salvation, prayer, and worship.

This is the time they start asking the ‘whys and hows’ that will lead them deeper into their faith as they mature.”

Students in 7th–12th grade that may have missed the classes can use this time to go through the confirmation process before leaving high school.

Registration for Confirmation is available on the church website, under the WC Kids ministry page. Parent volunteers are welcome to contact Bennett to help in the upcoming Confirmation program.

**Denise Bennett**  
[dbennett@whiteschapel.org](mailto:dbennett@whiteschapel.org)

Register at [whiteschapel.org/wckids](https://whiteschapel.org/wckids).



WHITE’S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH

185 S. WHITE CHAPEL BLVD.  
SOUTHLAKE, TX 76092



Prayer List

Sandi Attwood, Jerry Barron, Kait Rhone Batts, Cheryl Brashear, Sarah Bryson, Carol Burns, Joe Burns, Clay Burns, Bobbie Cameron, Stephanie Cape-Lake, Sonny Caughey, Connie Center, Carolyn Cockerell, Chris Courtney, Ray Crockett II, Celia Cuadras, Roland Deliniere, Steve Dowd, Wilma Dykman, Marilyn Edwards, Bessie Escondo, Ralph Evans, Mark Fidler, Charlotte Fox, Paul Gentry, Shelly Gillette, Jackie Grifka, John Guthrie, Buddy Hall, Vernon Lee Harrity, Carol Hebert, Raymond Hebert, John Heresz, Philip Herr, Dixie Hubbard, Amy Hudson, Jody Irwin, C.J. Jones, Lynn Joseph, Joe King, Beth Knowles, Teresa Kreager, Connie Lamb, Lindy Manchac, Sue McNutt, Wayne Meckley, Dennis Minder, Irene Myers, Christopher Owen, Charisma P., Karen Parrish, Thomas Persing, Troy Petersen, Julie Potter, Bill Preston, Steve Pugh, Jon Reeves, Norma Resendiz, Jane Robertson, Laurie Rosenblatt, Allison Chaney Simmons, Davis Celli Smith, Lexi Spustack, Joe Steadham, Jamieson Stewart, Orville Summey, Jim Takemoto, Joyce Tamer, Katlyn Thomas, Sara Thomas, Carter Timms, Kim Vick, Stacey Ward, Carolyn daughter of Charlene Weseloh, John Will, Vicki Winn, Mark Wolfe, Patricia Wozniak, Kay Young, Kasey Young, K.G., Presley. Recent Deaths: The Family of Eddie Bob Black, The Family of Susan Cherry, The Covington Family, The Family of Margie Duffy, The Family of Mary Duncan, The Family of William C. Estill, The Family of Gary Fickes, The Family of Robert Glenn, The Harber Family, The Family of Charmaine Harrity, The Family of Tami Leighton, Camp Mystic Kerr County TX, The Family of Mary Renner, The Family of Doug Wheat, The Family of Dennis Whitehead-Darling.

Submit names via QR code or [www.whiteschapel.org/prayers.html](http://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](http://www.whiteschapel.org/prayers.html).)



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Book Study “Understanding Your Suicide Grief”  
Wednesdays, Sept. 24–Dec. 10  
3:30–5 p.m.  
Center for Spiritual Care

Grief after death by suicide of someone we love is a uniquely painful, naturally complicated journey, too encompassing and all-consuming to navigate on our own. “Understanding Your Suicide Grief,” written by renowned death educator and grief counselor Dr. Alan Wolfelt, is a 10-week grief support group for those of us who have recently suffered the death of a loved one who completed suicide. Registrations for this class closes on Friday, Aug. 29. Once registered,

a one-on-one meeting with facilitator Rev. Kyle Roberson will be scheduled to discuss your unique experience and provide you with the necessary resources for our group experience.  
Rev. Kyle Roberson  
[kroberson@whiteschapel.org](mailto:kroberson@whiteschapel.org)



Thrive Family Event  
Saturday, Aug. 9  
10:30 a.m.–noon | Wesley Cafe  
Everyone participating in the Thrive Program at White’s Chapel and their families are invited to attend this time of fun and connection. This event is specifically designed for those with additional needs.  
Alyson Bator | [abator@whiteschapel.org](mailto:abator@whiteschapel.org)

WHITE’S CHAPEL

HERALD

Church office—(817) 481-4147

Editor Debbie McKellar

Managing Editor Sean Bogan

Graphics and Design Susanna Cunningham

Graphics Consultants Alec Hanson & Sarah Hamilton

White’s Chapel Herald USPS 25541 is published weekly except for the second week of March and the week of Thanksgiving, and then changes to alternate weeks beginning the Friday after Memorial Day, changing back to weekly in mid-August, and skips the week between Christmas and New Year, by White’s Chapel Methodist Church, 185 S. White Chapel Blvd, Southlake TX 76092-7308. Periodicals Postage is paid at Grapevine, TX and additional mailing offices. Subscription rate: \$10 for one year. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to White’s Chapel, 185 S. White Chapel Blvd, Southlake, TX 76092-7308