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Golf Tourney is Fun Way to Sponsor Youth Missions

The WC Open golf tournament, which raises money to support our student ministry's summer mission trips, offers a fun opportunity to financially support our student missionaries while enjoying the fresh spring air and scent of freshly-mowed grass. Past tournaments have raised over \$20,000 and have helped to send hundreds of students to places like Tulsa, St. Louis, New Orleans, and more.

This year, our High school students are heading to Memphis, Tennessee to help rebuild, revitalize, and share the love of Jesus Christ with those in a variety of need. Each and every year, we hear testimonies of transformed lives as a result of young people from White's Chapel giving up a week of their summer vacation to go be the hands and feet of Christ in faraway places. What a great reason to 'tee it up!'

The event is open to any and all golfers (both men and women), regardless of skill level.

Little Rock, Arkansas is the destination for our Middle School students. After all the destructive storms this spring, there are a great many needs for people in the Little Rock area. Students will stay at Hendrix College in Conway Arkansas and then participate in work projects to serve local churches, ministries, and neighborhoods.

The 2023 WC Open will be played at Grapevine Golf Course on Sunday, May 7. This tournament is open to both men and women, and participants are encouraged to use it as a fellowship opportunity for friends, family, and business associates. Players may sign up as a foursome, or register as an individual to be matched with a team. The registration fee is \$150. Shotgun start time is 2 p.m., with lunch served from noon to 2 p.m.

The event is open to any and all golfers (both men and women), regardless of skill level. In addition to raising money for student missions, golfers from past years often testify to the incredible fellowship opportunity the tournament provides. And for those who enjoy a

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HE IS RISEN!

What a glorious weekend we experienced, with the amazing celebration of Easter! From Saturday evening, then sunrise to early afternoon on Sunday, worship at White's Chapel was a true gift of God's love and promise!



April 23

Commissioning Scheduled for 12 Stephen Ministers

Twelve individuals will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers at White's Chapel on Sunday, April 23, at the 11 a.m. worship service: Julie Bessire, Ken Cole, Brenda Colvin, Barbie Derby, Kara Hayter, Martha Heineman, Tammy Hough, Debbie Ledet, Betty Paul, June Stokoe, Angie Vaughan and Micki Whalen.

In addition, Stephen Ministers Lisa Dixon, Martha Sharp and Janice White completed an extra 50 hours of training and will be commissioned as Leaders.

Stephen Ministries, headquartered in St. Louis, is a not-for-profit Christian education organization founded in 1975 that produces training and resources known for their excellence, practicality, psychological integrity, and theological

depth. These resources cover topics such as caring ministry, assertive relating, spiritual gifts discovery, grief support, spiritual growth, and more.

This is the 15th class of commissioned Stephen Ministers at White's Chapel. Prior to commissioning, volunteers are required to complete 50 hours of

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Volunteers Welcome for Adult Mission Trip

The deadline is quickly approaching to register for the upcoming Adult Mission Trip to Little Rock, Arkansas, where volunteers will work with Ferncliff's camp and Disaster Assistance Center. Participants must register by Wednesday, April 19 to attend the May 3 – 7 trip.

Ferncliff is a nonprofit camp and conference center that was founded in 1937 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 and a home to their own 10,000 square foot Disaster Assistance Center, "the DAC."

The Adult Mission Trip will begin on Wednesday, May 3, as the group travels together on a 5 1/2 hour drive to the camp (while stopping for lunch along the way). Lodging will consist of hotel-style rooms, each with two beds and a bathroom. Over the next three days, the group will work from 9 a.m. to about 3:30 p.m. in various areas around the camp and in the DAC. Participants will start

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Hallelujah!

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.”

– Pope John Paul II

By Dr. Todd Renner

There was a moment on Palm Sunday that captured the whole week for me. At our 9:30 service, as Jesus walked down the aisle by the donkey (yes, there’s a totally different reason he didn’t ride on the donkey this year... but that story will have to wait for another column) and as our kids waved palms and held all manner of barnyard pets, I glanced down to see Tracy Christensen nearly crawling on the floor, pointing. Now, I’ve seen all sorts of things happen in church before; but, for me, that was a first. “Someone get the duck!” she kept saying. “Someone get the duck!”

Apparently, at some point in all the hoopla and excitement, one of the ducks escaped the tender grasp of her holder. Undoubtedly surprised by everything going on, the duck knew only one thing to do: hide... so, she took cover amidst all the flowers and palms up front. “Someone get the duck!”

And it made me think of my own spiritual journey. It made me remember all the many times when I’ve wiggled free from the tender grasp of our Lord, all the times when I’ve been scared and overwhelmed and surprised, all the times when all I’ve known to do is hide: to seek refuge in what little cover I could find.

I thank God that, in those times, He’s always sent someone to get me, to find me, to fetch me back to His side! I thank God for His Holy Spirit that’s convicted me and consoled me and brought me back home. And all I can say is Hallelujah!

And after all the incredible moments of Holy Week – from Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday to Good Friday to our Easter celebrations – there is still only one thing to say: Hallelujah! It was only a few of years ago that COVID had us wondering if Easter would ever be the same around the church. This year was proof that, yes, the church is back and stronger than ever. This year was proof that, yes, God is at work in amazing ways... and that resurrection happens on this side of Glory, too. And all we can say is Hallelujah... and Thank You.

We thank God for the powerful presence of the Spirit that filled all our times of worship. We thank Him for His provision and protection... and for His wonderful gifts of new life and salvation! And we want thank you, too! Words cannot convey our appreciation of every single person who made our celebrations possible: our musicians and singers and our Altar Guild, our Production Team, our Parking Team and Greeter Team and Hospitality Team, our students who led the sunrise service, and our kids who welcomed Jesus with palms. Thank you to each of you who offered a smile to a stranger... and maybe even “your pew,” too. Thank you for inviting your neighbors and your friends... and for being the type of church where that doesn’t just happen on Easter and Christmas Eve! Thank you for all that you do... and, more, for all that you are: a community of faith – a family of faith – that’s always willing to find and fetch the duck! We are honored and we are humbled to get to be your pastors.



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training. Several Stephen Ministers and WC Pastors serve as trainers.

“We have excellent teachers and instructors in our program,” said Rev. Kyle Roberson, Pastor for Care and Support. “We found it works best to offer the training every other year so that we can get our new group acclimated to the Stephen Ministry group.”

Upon commission, each Stephen Minister makes a two-year commitment of service in caregiving according to according to Roberson. Each of them is assigned one care receiver with whom they meet weekly.

“This usually is a person experiencing a specific kind of transition,” said Roberson. “They may be trying to get acclimated to a new community. Some are navigating divorce, terminal illness or grief.

“They are not counselors but spiritual guides. The walk is actually a process versus a result. The Stephen Ministers are not trying to fix anything; they’re not trying to get to a result. They’re just being with them through a process until these care receivers have come to a place where their lives are more stable or in a more normal place.”

Stephen Ministers and care receivers meet once a week. Additionally, Stephen Ministers meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month to continue to be provided with supervision, support and ongoing education.

Upon completion of the two-year commitment, Stephen Ministers may renew their commitment, each for a year at a time. Many commissioned Ministers serve for numerous years.

Currently, White’s Chapel has 34 active Stephen Ministers.

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WC Stephen Ministers Gather for Retreat

The Stephen Ministers of White’s Chapel gathered over the weekend of March 31 and April 1 to spend some time together with one another and with Rev. Victor Resendiz, who led them through an introduction to the Enneagram. The Enneagram is an ancient personality typing system that identifies nine personality types that are expressed individually and in relationship to others. After having our Stephen Ministers take a short questionnaire before the retreat began, Resendiz walked them through each of the nine personality types to learn more about themselves and those they offer care to through one-on-one caring relationships. While the time Saturday was focused on walking through the Enneagram, Friday night was filled with fellowship and story-sharing at Spell Chapel. It was a wonderful weekend for all, including our new class of Stephen Ministers scheduled for commissioning on Sunday, April 23 at the 11 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary. A special thanks to our Stephen Ministry leaders, Liz Foster, Betty Battle, and Larry Farrar and our admin extraordinaire, Dianne Will, for planning and implementing an enriching and energizing weekend for our Stephen Ministers.

For more information about our Stephen Ministry, visit the “One-on-One Care” page under Care & Support ministries at whiteschapel.org or email us at stephenministry@whiteschapel.org

WEEKEND PREACHING SCHEDULE		THE FOUNDRY	
		SAT.	5:30 p.m. Contemporary w/ Rev. Sam Robbins
SANCTUARY		SUN.	11 a.m. Rebroadcasted 9:30 a.m. Sermon
SUN.	8:20 a.m. Traditional w/ Rev. Sam Robbins		
SUN.	9:30 a.m. Contemporary w/ Rev. Sam Robbins	WALTON CHAPEL	
SUN.	11 a.m. Traditional w/ Rev. Sam Robbins	SUN.	9:30 a.m. Traditional w/ Rev. Steve Lallier

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Week 1	\$208,288	\$214,392
Week 2	\$314,989	\$166,253
MTD Actual	\$523,277	\$380,645
MTD Goal	\$471,294	\$363,584
	\$ 51,983	\$ 17,062
YTD Actual	\$2,640,254	\$2,605,667
YTD Goal	\$2,625,445	\$2,653,836
	\$ 14,809	\$ (48,169)



WC Music Ministry

**Crescendo Music Ministry
Christian Leadership through Music
First - Sixth Grade**

Music is one of the most important worship elements at White's Chapel. As a result, many opportunities are available for developing musical knowledge throughout our various programs.

One such program, Crescendo, allows first through sixth grade students to enjoy the opportunity to develop the art of Christian leadership through music while giving them a place to connect with each other, be creative, and contribute to the church community. This exciting program offers children in the congregation and community musical skills that become more advanced with age and experience. The children participate in worship as well as special concerts and events throughout the year.

Crescendo meets each Monday evening from 5 to 6 p.m. in the choir rehearsal hall behind the sanctuary.

Each school semester offers a fast-paced hour of exploration as students experience the world of music through Orff and percussion instruments, hand bells and chimes, recorders, as well as choral singing. Emphasis is placed on the vital role that music plays in worship and in life.

This spring semester, a prepared, scripturally-based musical has been the focus. It's a fun way to learn the stories of the Bible through music and movement. In January, auditions were held for speaking parts and solos for this offering.

The semester will conclude with this musical performance in April. This year's musical, "Tell Me the Truth," is a groovy Biblical trivia game show set in 1970. This fun show will be presented Wednesday, April 26, at 6 p.m. in the White's Chapel sanctuary.



Cantaré Audition Performance Choir Third – 12th Grade

Cantaré is an audition performance choir, and it is the premier youth performance choir in Northeast Tarrant County.

Founded in 2011, Cantaré is a unique youth community choir in the DFW Metroplex that offers third graders to high school seniors the opportunity to create exceptional music experiences together. Cantaré sings many styles of music (including classical, pop, and songs in other languages). The group has performed in many different venues (from Six Flags and ballparks to classical concert venues, hosting audiences from the hundreds to the thousands). Large commercial clients have requested this group's expertise in recording and performing live for special holiday and promotional events seen worldwide.

Cantaré welcomes public and private school students as well as

homeschooled students. With the mission of providing quality music instruction and attaining the highest level of artistic excellence in choral performance, many Cantaré singers have become the youngest varsity choir members at their local schools and are regularly accepted to honors and state choirs. Rehearsals are held each Tuesday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. in the rehearsal hall behind the White's Chapel Sanctuary.

Many students graduating from Cantaré have pursued music degrees at prestigious universities across the country. Others have launched careers in musical theater and with professional vocal groups.

On Sunday, April 30, at 5 p.m., Cantaré will perform a spring concert in the sanctuary. These concerts are a visual and vocal experience that has awed audiences for years.



2023 WC OPEN

BENEFITING WC STUDENTS MISSION TRIPS

MAY 7 GRAPEVINE GOLF COURSE

LUNCH NOON

SHOTGUN START 2 P.M.

REGISTER ONLINE AT WHITESCHAPEL.ORG

Golf

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little competition mixed in with their fellowship, there are prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, as well as long-drive and closest-to-the-pin contest holes.

"The tournament provides a great opportunity for fellowship for those involved," explained Rev. Jon Reeves, Pastor for Men's Ministry. "However, the main goal is to provide financial assistance for students who need it. Our student ministry's summer mission trips provide our young people with a chance to experience the power of God's grace through serving those in need. The spiritual growth, friendships, and mission experience leave an indelible mark. We want this experience to be open and available to any young person who wishes to go. The funds raised through the golf tournament go a long way toward that goal."

Reeves added that the money raised varies from year to year, but this year's goal is around \$20,000. Last year the tournament brought in over \$18,000.

Proceeds from the tournament are divided into two different funds. "Money is either put into a general scholarship fund that helps students who can't afford to go on the trip, or it goes to those students who volunteer to help with the golf tournament fundraiser," said Floyd Joseph, Co-Director of WC Students. "For the latter, depending on how much is raised, they will get a discount based on the hours they work helping prepare for the golf tournament or helping out on the day of the golf tournament."

Joseph was quick to explain that some students need financial help. "We do have families who need assistance," he asserted. "All are welcome to reach out to our Administrator, Darla Barnes. She will send out a scholarship application

and, based on need, these students can either receive a partial or full scholarship."

While the financial piece is important, a greater benefit is the connections this tournament provides between our students and the rest of the church. "Church members, who don't have teenagers in the student ministry, get to see what the students are doing on these trips and get to know the students. For the students, they get to see all the support and excitement that they have from the rest of the church," said Joseph.

Registration for the tournament is available on the church website. The cost to play is \$150 per golfer, including lunch. Those who have a foursome in mind may register as a team, and will be scheduled to play together. For those who would like to play but do not have a team together, please register as an individual, and you will be placed on a team.

For non-golfers who would still like to offer support, every donation to the cause helps! Sponsor spots are available for individual holes. An individual, family, Sunday School class, or business, is also encouraged to sponsor a hole at the rate of \$500; this includes a sign representing the sponsoring entity at the hole location.

Also, WC Students is currently accepting donations of items for the silent auction tables. These could be gift certificates to local businesses for goods, services, gift baskets, —we are willing to get creative! To those who have already purchased a sponsorship or made a donation, we can't say thank you loudly enough!

If you have any questions about playing in the tournament or becoming a sponsor, please contact Rev. Jon Reeves.

Contact information:
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Scholarship and payment information:
Darla Barnes | info@wcstudents.com



Do you want to make a difference for people who are facing food insecurity in North Texas?

Join us as we partner with Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB), which provides more than 1,000,000 meals each week through hunger-relief charities and feeding programs in Tarrant County and 12 surrounding counties. The church is offering an opportunity on a quarterly basis to volunteer at the TAFB Distribution Center, in Fort Worth, for "Quality Control" and sorting of donated foods. Once sorted, the donations are then distributed through their system. The sorting session is from 1 to 4 p.m. TAFB requires volunteers to be vaccinated for COVID-19, show proof of vaccine (vaccination card), and be at least 12 years old to participate. Registration is required online.

Rev. Sterling Smith | ssmith@whiteschapel.org

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Human Trafficking 101: Awareness & How to Combat April 19 | 6 to 7 p.m. Rawlins Lecture Hall

White's Chapel has partnered with the Poimea Foundation to help bring awareness to the growing problem of domestic human trafficking through education and action. The upcoming class, Human Trafficking 101: Awareness & How to Combat, will outline how to recognize trafficked victims and their perpetrators, as well as how to be a part of the solution to this widespread problem. It will also highlight the powerful stories of survivors. Please register online to attend. Contact Melissa Zimmerman at zimmerman.five@gmail.com for more information. After completion of this class, volunteers will be able to participate in the Community Awareness Outreach event on Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to noon in Evans Hall.

Sign up: <https://bit.ly/3loBso3>



WC Women's Mission Day Saturday, April 22 | Grapevine Housing Authority | Meet at 9 a.m.

Let's head outside to help others! Join WC Women on April 22 to spruce up and mulch yards for residents at the Grapevine Housing Authority. The group will meet at 9 a.m., pray, and then divide up into teams for the houses. Registration is needed so leaders can plan for an accurate number of homes to work on. People are welcome to donate \$10 for supplies (optional).

Rev. Joy Roberson | jroberson@whiteschapel.org

God As CEO: Encounter Saturday, May 6 | 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

God as CEO is a faith-based nonprofit ministry for business owners and industry professionals (employers and employees). The purpose of God as CEO is to ultimately inspire, challenge, and change business peoples' view of God's involvement in our work and life. Continental breakfast and lunch will be offered. Register online.



MAUNDY THURSDAY



With powerful visuals, reenactments, and musical arrangements, the Maundy Thursday service came alive as we were faced with the harsh reality of Christ's last moments and His sacrifice for our sins.

WED. NIGHT APRIL 19 | 5-6 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

ENTRÉE Chicken Alfredo	SOUP Broccoli & Cheese	DESSERT Brownies
SIDES Grilled Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Garlic Bread		

MAY 3-7

ADULT MISSION TRIP

LITTLE ROCK, AR

register at whiteschapel.org

Mission

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each morning with a group devotion and end each evening with heartfelt worship. Everyone will return on Sunday, May 7.

Experienced mission trip leaders, Larry and Karen Smith, will lead the trip to Little Rock, Arkansas. They are excited to get to go after other mission trip delays. "We've been doing missions for a while now – it's just what we need to do... we feel that it's important to stay connected."

There will be a variety of work available to volunteers on the upcoming trip, making this a great first-time mission trip to attend. Tasks will span across all skill levels including light construction, maintenance, and landscape work around the campus. Leaders believe there will also be a lot of work done with the DAC, as many recent storms and tornadoes have impacted the community of Little Rock as well as the state.

According to NWS Little Rock, the official twitter account for the National Weather Service Little Rock, there have been 18 tornadoes counted in Arkansas through April 8. The strongest tornadoes

(two of them) were rated EF3, having windspeeds between 136 and 165 mph, and they occurred on March 31. The tornadoes tracked through the Little Rock (Pulaski County) area and Wynne (Cross County).

"I think this is a good opportunity because of the wide range of work volunteers will be able to do," Jared Smith from WC Missions shared. "It's not just construction or heavy manual labor, so it really opens it up to a bigger group of people to be able to go."

The cost of the trip is \$300 per person. The fee includes lodging, a t-shirt, transportation, some of the meals, and sack lunches. Participants will need to bring money for dinners and travel meals/snacks. Registration is available online, on the church registration page.

Leaders plan to inform attendees about specific travel information and items to pack in a trip meeting. The meeting will be held before May 3 and will be communicated with volunteers upon/ after registering. For more information, please contact Jared Smith.

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Register: whiteschapel.org
ferncliff.org

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