

# White's Chapel Herald



Join us online or in person as we conclude our sermon series, "Panic Attacks." We hope you will join us.

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## Confirmation Begins this Weekend Registration Still Open

Confirmation begins this Sunday, Aug. 21, from noon to 2 p.m. with a parent information meeting and a fun kickoff activity for students. Classes will then be offered beginning the following Sunday, August 28, at the 11 a.m. hour.

Confirmation is the opportunity for each student to make their faith their own. When children are baptized at a young age, they are entrusted to their faith community to be brought up in the faith until they can claim it for themselves. Confirmation is the opportunity for each student to do just that.

Confirmation classes will be different this year. The classes will be more in-depth, giving students the opportunity for more extensive study of the Bible and the church. Over the course of 10 weeks, students will have the chance to discover for themselves what the Church is all about. Covering every topic from the Bible to baptism, students are offered the chance to learn about their faith in a new way, ask their tough questions, and develop friendships with their peers that can last a lifetime.

Anne-Marie Berg, WC Pastor for Young Adults, will join WC Kids Co-Director Denise Bennett in overseeing confirmation this year. The program will have a new curriculum, written by our pastors with the students specifically in mind.

"Each lesson will be geared toward the interest and engagement of the students, as we work to make sure they are building a faith meaningful to them," said Berg. "Confirmation will take place over the course of several months, ensuring that students will have time not only to develop well grounded understandings of key facets of their faith, but will also have time for fun and new friendships!"

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## BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Last weekend was a busy one at White's Chapel: teachers, students, school administrators, and personnel received a prayer blessing for the new school year, Super Saturday volunteers packed school supplies in backpacks for children in our Adopt-a-Schools, and the WC Open House invited the church community to find their place to plug in.

### August 24

## Wednesday Night Dinners Put Emphasis on Fellowship

It's the best bargain in town. Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners are back and, while the food is a great deal, the best part of the evening is the fellowship.

Since the fall of 1992, White's Chapel has served dinner on the grounds every Wednesday night of the school year, but fellowship has always been the main course.

"We've always struggled with having enough food," said Co-Pastor Dr. John

McKellar, remembering the first year, when the meal was served in the old kitchen and Fellowship Hall (attached to the original location of Founder's Chapel). "Our first caterer was Grandy's, and we ran out of food pretty quickly."

That Fellowship Hall is gone, and Grandy's is no longer located in Grapevine, but the \$5 price tag for the dinner still remains.

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## Why WC?

Whether you've grown up attending the church from a young age or you've just recently started worshipping here, you have a place at White's Chapel. Perhaps you attend because of the heartfelt worship services, or maybe because of the overall sense of community. Have you ever thought about it? What's your story? What's your 'why'?

This fall, the church is embracing "Why WC," an initiative that focuses on people's individual stories and highlights the overall White's Chapel experience. This is an effort to encourage the congregation to pause and think about White's Chapel in a personal way. There are so many powerful stories about God bringing people to this community of faith – and working in and through them – that the church hopes to share them. From worship leaders and pastors to dedicated volunteers and community members, each person has a story.

"During the past year, I've had so many people just stop to tell me how they've been blessed by our worship, special events or ministries," Dr. Judy Hunt shared. "Many of these unsolicited comments have come from someone who is visiting or is a resident of the area but not a church member. So, it made me stop and think about how many ways – both large and small – WC has become an integral part of my life and how that is surely multiplied across the generations and locations of our members and guests. I'm hoping we'll be reminded of the way God has blessed and has used this church for over 150 years to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and to be a beacon of hope, healing and love."

There's a saying among the WC Missions team members that makes quite the statement. "The church has left the building." The phrase is printed on t-shirts and is often referred to when discussing mission work. It shows that the members of White's Chapel are not just a group of individuals gathering in a building but rather a community that comes together and goes out in the name of the Lord. It proclaims the truth

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## Rev. Jo V. Ponder May 22, 1942 - August 15, 2022

Rev. Carolyn "Jo" V. Ponder, loving mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away at her home in Southlake, Texas on August 15 at the age of 80.

Jo was born on May 22, 1942 in Cairo, Illinois to Betty and Edwin Vowels (deceased). After growing up in Charleston, Missouri, she studied at Ole Miss,

and received undergraduate degrees from both Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and from Dallas Baptist University. She received her Master of Divinity from Texas Christian University's Brite Divinity School.

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# Remembering a Mentor and Dear Friend

**We are still in shock as we grieve the loss of our beloved Rev. Jo V. Ponder, who passed into her eternal reward Monday morning. After decades of life-changing, life-giving ministry, Pastor Jo was reunited with her husband and sons, who preceded her into the Savior's arms.**

Jo came to White's Chapel in the summer of 1996, and the church and our ministry bears her imprint of excellence. She dreamed, motivated, and saw the best in all of us and challenged us to strive for it. She was a cherished mentor, leader, and friend.

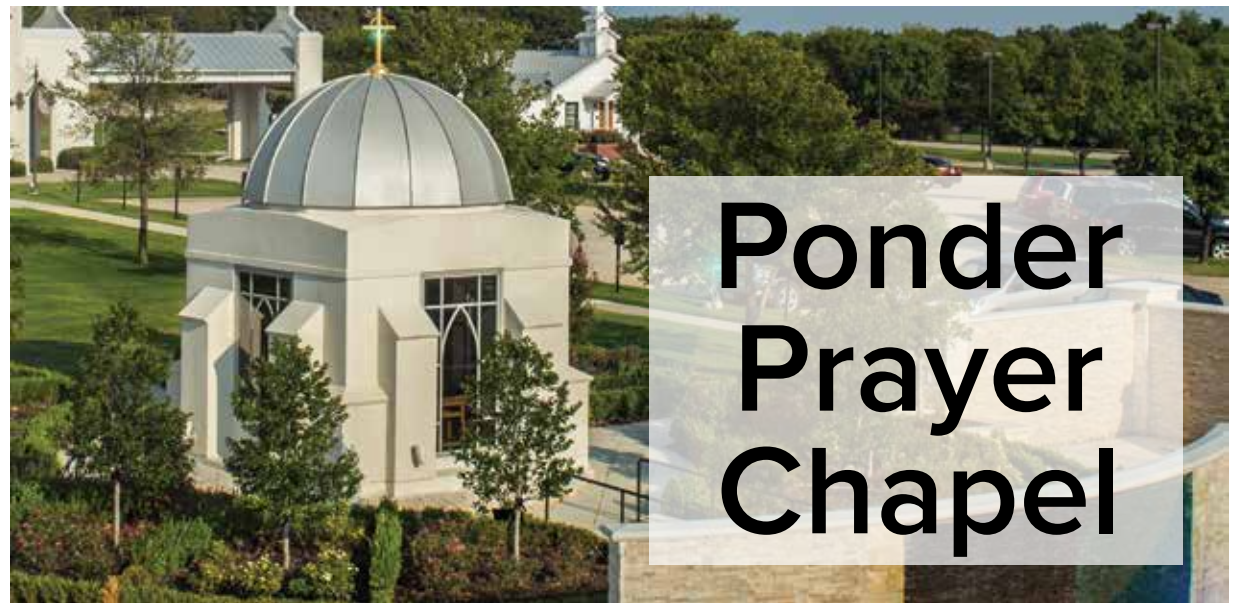
I remember our Senior trip of 1999. While the students went to a water park for the day, Jo and I rented a car and toured the Alamo Heights United Methodist Church in San Antonio. Their Sanctuary and facility were so striking that we imagined what that would be like for our community. We called and got the names of their architects, and when we were choosing a design for our new Sanctuary, those architects were among the top three that we interviewed and were ultimately selected.

Jo was a driving force in the design, the fundraising, and the planning of ministry for our Sanctuary. The program of classes and activities that define our church also bears her imprint. She was one of the most creative people, who could always see out ahead of what others could see.

Jo was also a passionate mentor and encourager of pastors. I love what one colleague wrote of her: "As we remember Jo, let's all thank God for her pioneering leadership and pastoring as a woman. What seems like a normal role for women today is possible because of the courage, devotion and grit of women like Pastor Jo. I am so grateful to the Lord too that she was part of my life and part of the life of our church."

Her service of celebration and resurrection will be Friday afternoon, August 26, at 3 p.m. Every detail of the service was planned by Jo, and it will capture the values that she held dear!

Let us continue to pray for her family and for our church family as we deal with our loss.



Directly west of the fountain, at the front of the White's Chapel sanctuary, stands a memorial gift to God, the church and the community.

Ponder Memorial Prayer Chapel has been a refuge for many in this area since the opening of the sanctuary in 2002. It was originally built in memory of two family members of Pastor Emerita Rev. Jo V. Ponder: her late husband, Lee (who passed away in 1997, only a year after her appointment to White's Chapel), and their son Pete (who perished about two years earlier).

"My husband was an investment banker who traveled extensively around the country," said Ponder in an interview in 2011. "In doing so there were many organizations and representatives who were kind enough to send donations to help build this chapel. We took that amount and added to it from friends and family."

The idea for the chapel came while researching architectural models for the current sanctuary.

"I came to White's Chapel in 1996 and the next year the [pastoral] staff went to see the Crystal Cathedral (Garden Grove, California)," she said. "I saw their prayer chapel at that time and I kind of put it in the back of my mind. The next year, John took the pastoral staff to San Antonio to visit the Alamo Heights United Methodist Church, and again, while there, we saw their prayer chapel."

The architects of the White's Chapel sanctuary were also the architects for Alamo Heights UMC. "Many things of our church are inspired after the look of that church," she said. "The prayer chapel was certainly accessible, and I decided we had to do that."

The gift of the chapel was especially near to Ponder's heart because she felt it was the embodiment of so many of the qualities she loved about her church. "It represents a great deal of what is true about White's Chapel," she said.

Most importantly, the chapel is physically accessible to all, and it is open to anyone at all times of the day and night. "Anyone of any faith that would like to come.... we designed decks so that it is handicap accessible; heating, cooling, and lights would be on at all times."

It was especially important to Ponder that the prayer chapel not have a lock on the door. "No one can be locked out," she said. "That was really important as it is an expression of the extension of White's Chapel: If there is any need of anyone in the community and perhaps their pastor or a friend is not available, we designed it so that it would always be available as a refuge."

# Rev. Jo V. Ponder

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Jo married her high school sweetheart, Charles Lee Ponder, and they had three children: Steve, Lori Ann Moravec (Jim), and Charles Lee "Pete" Jr.

One of her family's endeavors was to endow the Ponder Memorial Prayer Chapel in honor of her late husband Lee and son Pete on the campus of White's Chapel United Methodist Church in Southlake. She was honored to serve at White's Chapel for 26 years.

Jo was beloved at White's Chapel. She was known for her Southern hospitality and her love of the arts. She was an

excellent pastor, preacher and teacher.

Her husband, Charles Lee Ponder, and sons Pete and Steve preceded her in death. Her daughter Lori Ann, her three grandchildren, Jolee, Olivia, and Lawren, sister Ann McCuiston and several great grandchildren survive her.

A Memorial service will be held at White's Chapel on August 26 at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Jo V. Ponder Memorial Fund at White's Chapel or a charity of your choice.

	August 2022	2021	
<b>FINANCIALS AUGUST</b>	Week 1	\$185,263	\$138,718
	Week 2	\$150,494	\$163,390
MTD Actual	\$335,757	\$302,108	
MTD Goal	\$362,235	\$327,554	
MTD Variance	\$(26,478)	\$(25,446)	
YTD Actual	\$5,967,399	\$5,246,368	
YTD Goal	\$5,921,367	\$5,294,018	
YTD Variance	\$46,033	\$(47,650)	

### WEEKEND PREACHING SCHEDULE

**SANCTUARY**

**SUN.** 8:20 a.m. | Traditional  
Sanctuary w/ Drs. John M. & Todd R.

**SUN.** 9:30 a.m. | Contemporary  
Sanctuary w/ Drs. John M. & Todd R.

**SUN.** 11 a.m. | Traditional  
Sanctuary w/ Drs. John M. & Todd R.

### THE FOUNDRY

**SAT.** 5:30 p.m. | Contemporary  
The Foundry w/ Rev. Sam R.

**SUN.** 11 a.m. | Rebroadcasted  
**NEW** 9:30 a.m. Sermon

### WALTON CHAPEL

**SUN.** 9:30 a.m. | Traditional  
The Foundry w/ Rev. Sterling S.

White's Chapel

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## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WITH DRs. JOHN MCKELLAR & TODD RENNER

# RESUMES AUG. 23

POINT | COUNTERPOINT

# WATERSHED

WITH DRs. JOHN MCKELLAR & TODD RENNER

BEGINS WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24  
6 P.M. | GRACE CHAPEL





**CAF Connections**

Classic Adult Fellowship, or CAF, is a great group for those in the 55 and better stage of life! You do not have to be a member of White's Chapel to attend functions, so friends are always welcome. If you are not a member and would like to be on the mailing list for upcoming opportunities and connections, please email or call Laurie Williams, Director for Classic Adult Fellowship. Consider attending one of our monthly events!

**GREAT Summer With CAF**

Record-breaking heat did not keep us from having fun this summer! Our "Gone Fishin' Luncheon" was a big hit with seafood as well as our very own fishing record holder, Craig Rowley, for the program! The July luncheon featured a patriotic party with all things red, white, and blue – including our military and guest speaker from the British Flying Training School in Terrell. The group learned about the partnership between Great Britain and the US to train pilots during WWII – right here in Texas!



In addition to great luncheons, CAF hosted the very first "Classic VBS" here at White's Chapel. What started off as a small idea grew into eight rotations with



crafts, singing by the pond, Bible stories, games, testimonies, journaling in Walton Chapel, food trucks, and even Kool-Aid and cookies! God was in all of the details for sure: the coolest summer days for starting by the pond, a wonderful WC staff that helped make it happen, over 100 in attendance, and opportunities for relationships to form and grow. The best part was seeing the group together, laughing, smiling, and feeling valued! Planning has already begun for our next VBS, so plan to be with us next summer!



**What's on the Calendar?**

Laurie is finalizing the current seasonal newsletter and it will be mailed in the next week. Call or email Laurie to be put on the mailing list to receive your copy, or pick one up at the WC information desks.

- **Friday, Aug. 26 | 11 a.m. (10:30 check-in) – "Flamingo Bingo Luncheon"**

Join CAF for a fun twist on traditional bingo. Dress in tropical attire and play for bingo prizes donated by our WC Circuit Writer's Books and Such bookstore. Best outfit will win a prize! This is a great time to meet new folks and catch up with others. Joey will be making lots of party food for us, so email or call Laurie Williams to reserve your spot.

- **Thursday, Sept. 1 | 1.30 p.m. – CAF Monthly Movie in Rawlins Hall "Zoo"**  
As the Belfast Blitz ravages the city, a lonely widow and awkward teenager with misfit friends take an elephant named Buster from the city zoo and hide it in their terraced house's garden.
- **Thursday, Sept. 15 – A trip to the Fort Worth Stockyards.** Details coming soon!

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**Wednesday**

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The dinner has sustained the enormous growth of the community and of the church. The location on the church grounds has changed numerous times, but the meal remains a meeting place for families and friends, young and old.

During the pandemic, Wednesday Night Dinners became a mainstay of communication: church and community members driving through the parking lot exchanged family reports, financial needs, prayer concerns, and community news for weekly meals. White's Chapel delivered meals to many with health risks. For months, the Wednesday mealtime was the only time we saw each other.

"Our dinners allowed people to get out of the house in a safe, healthy way, and provide an inexpensive meal during an uncertain period of time," said Dr. Judy Hunt. "We also used it as a way to stay connected to shut-ins and others who needed a message of encouragement."

With the pandemic waning and vaccinations available to all ages, Hunt is excited that this fall's Wednesday Night

Fellowship Dinners will return to their original purpose: fellowship.

"Now that communities are out of lock down and so many of our programs are reestablished, we have other ways of connecting and getting the information to minister to the congregation and community," she said.

"We want to return to games and programming that make the dinners fun and entertaining. We want it to return to a family atmosphere."

She added that the dinners "obviously feed into the Wednesday night programming, which is also family-oriented, offering classes and activities for all age groups." This is just another way for our community to meet other people with the same interests and commonalities within the church family.

While the meal will continue to be served in Evans Hall, one change will be that to-go meals will not be offered.

"It's like the loaves and fishes," laughed McKellar. "No matter how many we plan for, there is always very little left over."

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners start back on August 24, with a menu of beef or chicken fajitas and all the fixings. Child-friendly menu items are also available. Serving lines are open from 5 to 6 p.m. Fall programming will follow.**

**confirmation**  
claim your faith

**FALL CONFIRMATION 2022**

Confirmation Orientation | Sunday, Aug. 21 | Noon to 2 p.m.

Continuing Classes | Sundays at 11 a.m. | The ROCK

Please register online at [whiteschapelumc.com](http://whiteschapelumc.com)

**Confirmation**

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Berg has fond memories of her own confirmation experience.

"What stands out to me about my own confirmation class, more than 15 years ago, was that I knew, even as a sixth grader, that my confirmation teachers really cared about me," she said. "Even more than just how I was doing, and what I liked, these teachers really cared that I learned and valued the information I was given. With their careful attention to our lessons and the students each week, I walked away thinking that they were giving me something really important."

Berg remembers distinctly the service in which she was confirmed. "I was

this program at this time in their lives, students are offered a new level of learning just as they need it. They are able to not only fully inherit faith from their church community and family, but to make it last by making it their own. Finally, the opportunities to share life, love, and laughter with their class leads them into middle school and high school, not only with a firm foundation of faith, but a solid network of friends and mentors to turn to in the coming years."

Knowing when a child is ready to engage in confirmation is up to each parent. However, by the time a student enters sixth grade, they more often than not, possess the skills and experience needed to engage in their faith in this new way.

Nevertheless, if a student does not experience confirmation in sixth grade,

Confirmation is a space that combines key Christian education, spiritual development, and an invitation into the fuller life of the church, just at the time students need it most.

surrounded by my community of faith, and how I felt like, for the first time, I did not just go to this church, I was part of this church. That experience drew me back to church time and time again as a teenager, college student, and young adult, and my hope is that the students at White's Chapel will be able to experience that same level of care, and value; that same gift I was given at their age."

White's Chapel places a particular emphasis on confirmation for those in the sixth grade and older. When a student enters this phase of their life and education they are simultaneously letting go of purely abstract thinking, and moving into the ability to understand more in the abstract. It's in this crucial phase of development that students experience new levels of understanding, are able to formulate new kinds of questions, and need community more than ever.

"Confirmation comes at this stage as the perfect answer to each of those needs," said Berg. "By engaging in

they have not missed out. Additional resources for any student interested in pursuing confirmation are available in a way that makes sense for their stage of life.

Unlike any other Sunday School class, this program concludes with a ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 13, as confirmands may express a public profession of faith, and are invited to join the church as full members.

More than anything else, confirmation is a space that combines key Christian education, spiritual development, and an invitation into the fuller life of the church, just at the time students need it most.

Parents with questions are encouraged to reach out to Denise Bennett or Anne-Marie Berg.

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Registration | [www.wckids.org](http://www.wckids.org)

**Register Now. Begins Sept. 11!**

**3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE BIBLES**

Presentation | Sunday, Sept. 25  
"Bible Basics" Classes | Sept. 11, 18 & Oct 2



Scan the QR Code or visit [wckids.org](http://wckids.org) to register your third grader. Please register by Sept 10. Questions? Contact Hannah Robbins at [hrobbins@whiteschapelumc.com](mailto:hrobbins@whiteschapelumc.com)





# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

## Military Community Groups Info Meeting Sunday, Aug. 21 | 12:15 p.m.

Have you or your spouse served in the military? Join us for an Information meeting about starting WC's Military Community Groups for active duty or retired military. A light lunch will be provided. Contact Leigh at leigh@winzeler.net for more information.

## Women's Bible Study: "The Gospel on the Ground"

Begins Aug. 25 | 9:30 a.m.

Come along with biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland in this seven-session study as she unpacks the life of the early church in the Book of Acts and shows us that the Kingdom of God is always on the move. Register for this class online.

## "Understanding Your Grief"

Begins Thursday, Aug. 25 | 2 p.m.

The death of a loved one often leaves us feeling paralyzed, confused, and wondering how we can move forward. If you are experiencing grief over the death loss of a loved one, we want to invite

you to participate in this 12-week study. Register online.

## Cantare Auditions

Saturday, Aug. 27 | Time Slots Vary  
Choir Rehearsal Hall, Ensemble Room

Auditions for the 2022-2023 season will be held Saturday, Aug. 27 at White's Chapel. Simply complete and submit the audition registration form on the audition registration page at cantaretx.com, and you will be contacted with an available appointment time. To audition, one must have a love of singing, an outgoing personality, and a strong voice that sings in tune with clear words. While prior musical training is not necessary, an audition is required.

## Serving Our Seniors

Do you have three hours a month to drive a senior to the doctor or to a grocery store? White's Chapel is partnering with SOS: Serving Our Seniors to help seniors in northeast Tarrant county keep their quality of life and remain independent.

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REGISTER ONLINE AT WHITESCHAPELUMC.COM

**WED. NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNER**  
AUG. 24 | 5-6 P.M.

<b>ENTRÉE</b> Beef & Chicken Fajitas	<b>SIDES</b> Cilantro Lime Rice Refried Beans Chips and Queso
<b>SOUP</b> Tomato	<b>DESSERT</b> Apple Pie

▶ **TO-GO MEALS UNAVAILABLE** ◀



## Prayer List

Roger Ackley, Sally and Randy Adams, Eddie Asher, Libby Assenheimer, Floss Barham, Carol Barret, Walt Barret, Darla Beggs, Tena Bibb, Joyce Billingsley, Jay Bittick, Ed Blalack, Bethia Blomquist, John Bloom, Dillon Bredvick, Ron and Carol Bryant, Ruby Buffalo, Whitney Butler and Baby Pierce, Becky Collins, Brenden Courtney, Witany Cramer, Galen Creighton, Jean Doricko, Shuhua (Eve) Du, Margie Duffy, Wilma Dykman, Linda Evans, Ralph Evans, Von Ceil Evans, Caroline Fleps, Jess G, Billy Glass, Lou Grant, Jane Grazer, Philip Gronemeyer, Marilyn Hale, Judith Hallam, Nancy Hampton, Sheila and Al Hansen, Jennifer Harness, Gloria Howe, JoAnn Jensen, Corby Jespersion, Ziba Johnston, Tom Kelly, Ashley King, LuAnn Knowles, Dolores Kopesec, Mike Kopesec, Brenda Lackey, Joan Lakin, Connie Lamb, Ken Land, Phil Larson, Jordan Lindner, Lisa Lockhart, Bonnie Mart, Margaret Massey, Pat McLaughlin, Wanda Merrill, Gary Mills, Buddy Mincey, Diane Moon, Richard Moreau, Carolyn and Tom Morris, Connie Muncy, Jim Niewald, Caiden Oddo, Sandra Patty, Bob Perry, Azor Phelps, Kathy Pierce, Otto Pollei, Wesley Putnam, Jim and Mary Renner, Scott Reynolds, Howard Rogillio, Johnnie Ruth Rogillio, Dan Russell, Megan Sharkey, Cindy Skeesick, Shelly Slagle, Sid Soileau, Chris Soto, Grey Stinson, Sherrie Stoecker, Norma Strathdee, Steve Swanston, Peggy Sward, Jim Thompson, Laura Vastola, Xesus Velarde, Anne Vinci, Jean Ward, Charlene Weseloh, Chris White, Dick Williams, Leigh Winzeler, Joyce Wuetig, Jared and Family, Military and their Families. Recent Deaths: The Family of Seth Adams, David Ball and Family, The Family of Steve Beaird, The Family of Ginny Bolding, The Family of Cheyanne Caldwell, The Family of Mike Cedro, The Family of Janie Lawrence Davis, The Family of Rob Eller-Isaacs, The Family of Maxine Hackworth, The Family of Mike Hall, The Family of Larry Hood, The Family of Toni Jennings, The Family of Catherine Jones, The Family of Casey King, The Family of Matt Martin, The Family of Margaret Rosenkoetter, The Family of Bonnie Skelton, The Family of Jack Swatzell, Chelsea and Family.

You may submit prayer requests at [whiteschapelumc.com/prayer-request.html](https://whiteschapelumc.com/prayer-request.html)

**WHY WC**

WHAT'S YOUR WHY?  
#WHYWC

TELL US ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR THE CHURCH WEBSITE  
WHY YOU CHOOSE WHITE'S CHAPEL!

## Why WC?

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that the people are the church.

That was especially evident during COVID-19, when the congregation couldn't regularly meet on campus. The church still thrived despite only being able to offer online services, drive-thru dinners, and a chance to give much-needed supplies to community members. Why is that? White's Chapel has never been just a building; it's always been a place to make genuine connections while striving to grow deeper in faith. Even though the property itself is more than 150 years old, the church has continued to meet people's needs through programming, support and fellowship. The church building is just a structure, while the church community is what really makes WC special. It's a place to learn about the Gospel and a place to share that joy with others.

People often need other people for support, and that's why many have come to this church. They've found a unique community of faith and encouragement when they've needed it most.

Carrol B. recently shared how she found comfort at White's Chapel after losing her mother. She wrote: "In March, 2007, I buried my mother on a Saturday and on the following Monday morning, I went to WC seeking help - no appointment; I just showed up. I was not a member. My husband and I had visited a few times and I guess something happened inside me that Monday morning that led me to a place of comfort. The first person I met was Pastor Betsy Godbold, and that meeting deepened my spiritual life many times over the years. Through remarkable worship experiences during each liturgical year; receiving care through

the Stephen Ministry; participating in delightful social events; learning more about and growing my faith through various classes; and getting to know some of the pastors well are just a few of the ways WC is deeply embedded in my heart and soul. God shined His compassionate love on me that morning He guided me to WC. I continue to meet His love in so many people at WC."

Carrol's story is one that may resonate with many others. Finding comfort in the midst of a difficult moment is such a blessing - and having a church where that happens regularly is inspiring. No appointment is needed to be led by God. It often happens in the moment; we just have to be open to it.

Sarah H., a staff person and longtime member of the church, shared her 'why': "There's something comfortable about White's Chapel... it's a big church that feels small. The community starts to become more and more like family, you know? I didn't have a huge family growing up, so my parents' Sunday School class threw all my bridal and baby showers ... they really became an extension of our family. I felt like I got so much out of the church when I was younger... so now, working with the church, I feel like I am giving back to the community that's given me so much. And now, my son is growing up in the church, too - just like I did."

White's Chapel is made up of a diverse group of believers, all with unique stories like Sarah and Carrol. Please consider sharing your own story with us as well, either on social media (using #WhyWC) or on the church website. We hope to continue telling these powerful stories in several ways!

For whatever your 'why' may be, we are so glad you are continuing to strengthen your faith and using your gifts here at White's Chapel!

**WC MEN'S MISSION TRIP**

REGISTER ONLINE AT  
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**OCT. 19-23**  
THREE-WORKDAY  
OPTION

**OCT. 20-23**  
TWO-WORKDAY  
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