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

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Night of Worship Returns to Fall Schedule

What had, at one time, become a fall staple, returns on Wednesday, Sept. 7. The White's Chapel Night of Worship will begin at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary, following Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner in Evans Hall.

he worship service
will highlight many of
the most loved songs
from our contemporary
worship services, including
songs by Maverick City Music,
We the Kingdom, and Elevation
Worship. Classic hymns and
original music from the WC
Worship Team will also be
featured.

"Night of Worship is a supersized version of something I'm already passionate about," said Clint Blalock, WC Music



and Worship Deputy Director. "Worship is the reason I'm alive! It's the highest

fulfillment of

the purpose God has for each one of us. It doesn't begin or end with songs or music, and the walls of any church don't contain it. Worship is the natural response of a heart transformed by God. It's a continuous outpouring of all that we are, through actions and

attitudes that are filled with the Holy Spirit. It's our attempt to express our love, thanks and our adoration for the God who made us, who knows us, and who wants us to know Him."

Last spring, the congregation celebrated the first Night of Worship we had in a couple of years. As with so many of the church's traditions, the COVID-19 pandemic had put the annual event on pause.

"The contemporary worship team, as it is now, was really

forged in the challenges we faced as a church during COVID," said Blalock. "When the church members, staff and pastors were each wrestling with how we could continue to worship together, the entire WC staff worked creatively to develop online worship services for each week. Much of the weight of these services rested on Pastors John {McKellar} and Todd {Renner}, the WC

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Third Graders to Receive Bibles in Upcoming Ceremony

By Cassidy Williams

he Third Grade Bible
Presentation is one of many
cherished children's milestones
at White's Chapel, and this year,
it's sure to be another memorable event
for parents and children alike.



"This is one of my favorite days of the year!" said WC Kids Co-Director Hannah Robbins. "Third grade is such a special age, and I love seeing these kids I've watched

grow up proudly read their favorite Bible verse, followed by a huge smile when they receive their Bibles! They carry them so proudly into the sanctuary at 11 a.m. ...it's so special to witness these kids beginning a beautiful journey in their relationship with Scripture!"

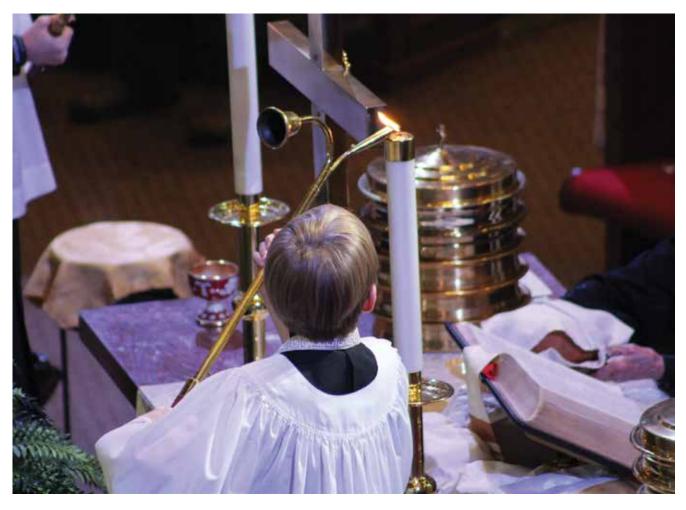
As we know, the Bible provides important information that reflects the character of God and helps us in on our ever-deepening journey of faith. It also holds the story of the Gospel - the story of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Each year, we recognize the importance of sharing these things with our young students by entrusting them with a new Bible during a small ceremony.

On Sunday, Sept. 25, White's Chapel will continue the tradition of handing out Bibles to the next generation of third graders. The presentation of Bibles is done to encourage the children to read God's Word and continue pursuing their faith.

"Bible Basics" classes will surround the presentation to teach kids practical ways to interact with the Word of God, so their Bibles don't just sit on the shelf. These sessions will be offered during the 11 a.m. hour on Sept. 11, Sept. 18, and Oct. 2.

"The classes help build excitement around receiving their Bibles and

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Sunday, Sept. 11 Acolyte Training Scheduled

hite's Chapel is inviting new volunteers, returning participants and their parents to an Acolyte Training event on Sunday, Sept. 11, in the sanctuary cry room at noon.

Acolytes play a special role during the 11 a.m. worship service. They light the candles on the altar table and then, at the end of service, they take candles out of the sanctuary. It represents

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<u>It Takes a Village</u>

Families of Differently Abled Affirmed with Local Festival

new Safety & Resource Fair, planned for family fun, will take place Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon at Southlake Carroll Fire Station No. 1 on Carroll Avenue. Though the event is off campus, a White's Chapel pastor planted the seeds. The festival has been created and developed in a way that speaks to the unique experiences of families who have a member who is differently abled.



"I firmly believe that when a family has a child who is differently abled, the whole family is impacted, at least that is the case with mine," said Rev. Lori Silvestri, White's Chapel

Pastor for Families with Special Needs. "Although it can be a challenge to find your place in the community at large, this festival is an opportunity for families like

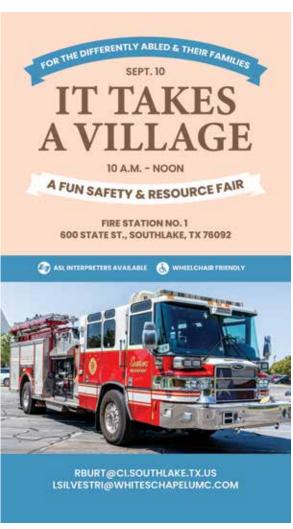
mine to see exactly how much this village cares for us!"

It Takes A Village will include bounce houses, fire station tours, games, bubbles, therapy ponies and dogs, touch a truck (emergency vehicles, classic cars), princesses, Star Wars characters, and a professional photo booth. Parents of differently abled children will be provided lots of resources, as well as water safety and emergency preparedness tips for their family.

Because she is personally a part of this community, Silvestri has a true passion for this ministry. This event was born out of personal experiences and concerns.

"My family has a member with autism," she shared. "God has worked in and through me for many years, equipping me with experiences, tools and resources. My first job out of college

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Beginning Again...

By Dr. Todd Renner

here's an old country truism from deep down the dirt roads that I grew up on that says that the first step toward getting somewhere is to decide that you're not going to stay where you are. What better wisdom is there to start off a new year. And I know what you're thinking: "Preacher, it's August; so why are we talking about a new year?" Remember that, in our church, we have three different calendars: our worship calendar that starts with Advent, our financial calendar that starts in January, and our program calendar that starts right now (as schools resume).

And as I sit back and reflect upon "last year," there is much to celebrate – the lives that were touched by the ministries of our church, the powerful times of worship that we shared, the mouths fed and the souls healed as folks took their first (or next) step toward Jesus. Amidst all of this, though, so many of us struggled. We lost jobs and loved ones. We lost momentum and, for many, we lost hope. But this is a "new year." It's a season for new beginnings, for new starts, for new dreams and new visions. It's a new day for taking new chances... it's the time for us to decide that we're not going to stay where we are.

We, you and I, find ourselves at the crossroads of time, and the question comes, "What road will we choose?" Will we sit idly by, content to suffer from the barbed minutes that count our lives away, complacent and embittered? Or, will we choose the often-overlooked path of restarting, the path of reframing our lives and our dreams? Will we get busy living the lives God created us to live – lives marked by a transformative love, a deepening faith, and a radical compassion that calls us to find ourselves in the most unforeseen of places?

One road leads to life as normal. It's comfy and paved and well worn. The other: just an overgrown road of dirt. It's not a popular road, but it's the only path that leads to real joy and purpose and to the excitement that we only find when we risk something, when we step out in a new direction taking along only our faith in God for the crossing. So, I, for one, am excited! I'm excited by the plans that we have for White's Chapel in 2022-23! I'm excited by the challenges that we will face (as weird as that may sound), for it is only in the challenges that our faith is grown; it is too often only in the challenges that we fully rely upon God; it is only from the sweat of working and creating and investing and dreaming together that we truly get to celebrate the victory that comes at the end of the journey – a victory that is impossible without each of us joining hands and hearts in a common mission.

Oh, yes, I am excited for all that lays before, for the journey that we share, and for all that we will become as we take the first steps from the safety and predictability of where we are to embrace the challenges of where we want to be for the glory of God and the work of His Church!







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Production Team, and a newly-combined group of contemporary worship leaders that had never led together as a team."

Blalock credits God's faithfulness - that in the midst of such a difficult season, each member of the worship and production teams were eager to stretch and grow into the challenges faced in order to see how God might use them to meet the needs of the congregation.

He added that "...the early months of the pandemic were a crucible of content creation, deadlines, and learning how to lead worship in a completely different way. It was challenging to visualize and lead the people we knew would be worshipping with us on the other side of the cameras and screens."

All that effort led to what Blalock described as "powerful moments of worship" for the team.

"There were so many holy moments in those days of filming that carried us as a team, and also catalyzed the way we minister together," he shared. "So when we came through the other side of all of that virtual and socially-distanced mess, we knew our congregation needed to stretch and grow into a deeper level of personal and corporate worship."

Blalock, who has been at White's Chapel for more than 15 years, describes today's worship as the "most exciting days of {his} time at our church." He suggests it is perhaps a byproduct of the gratitude we all have for worshipping together after such a long absence - and he firmly believes this momentum is just getting started.



Worship leader Grace Zeller remembers when the annual Night of Worship began. "I have been at WC since 2005 and

seen everything from southern Gospel revival nights to the One Voice worship services," she said. "WC has done so many versions of the Night of Worship through the years because worship can look like so many things."

Zeller added that in the May return, the team made a point to "explain {their} hearts for worship and even encourage or teach the congregation to participate in worship. Whether that's lifting hands, kneeling or lifting their voices everyone can worship in their own way."

"We want this worship night at WC to be a way for the congregation to connect more closely with God but also to keep learning how to worship, to press closer to the Lord, and to express themselves through their faith," she added. "I spent my whole life in church but it took me a while to figure out what worship really is."

Both leaders agree that the desire for the evening is to create a space where each person can pour their hearts out to God in worship without the pressure to move on to the next thing on their schedule.

"We hope the congregation will lean into the holy moments we experience when we worship God," said Blalock, "and then linger long enough to really listen and discern what God has to say to each one of us."

The Night of Worship will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. Before the event, Babe's fried chicken will be served in Evans Hall from 5 to 6 p.m. Additional scheduled programming will take the night off so people of all ages can worship together in the sanctuary.

Childcare will be available for children three and under.



WC Men are returning to work with Blueprint Ministries in San Antonio this fall (Oct. 19 - 23) to share the love of Jesus Christ. All men, 18 and older, are welcome on this trip. Male high school seniors, who want to serve along their fathers, are also welcome! 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 \$265, and the two-day cost is \$225. (First and last days are travel time only.)

Crave & Intersection Kick Off

We are so excited that Crave and Intersection is back! This past Wednesday, we kicked off the fall semester with a fun game night. Each week, middle school students will be able to come as early as 5:45 p.m. to hang out, eat snacks, play 9 square, and more. Crave will start at 6 p.m. and end at 7 p.m. Programming for high school students will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 8:45 p.m. This semester, we will start something totally new—a rotation of activities for each week of programing. Two weeks a month, it will be the Crave and Intersection worship service that our students know (games, worship, speaking). We will also have one Wednesday night a month where students participate in a mission project as well as one night where they get to have pure fun together. Next Wednesday, Aug. 31, Crave and Intersection will meet in the Foundry for a normal worship service. The following week, Sept. 7, WC Students will meet in the Sanctuary to join the congregation in a Night of Worship led by the WC Worship team. Sept. 14, students will meet in The Foundry again for a typical Crave and Intersection. The following week, students will meet for C+I Serve, a missions night.

Cell Group Kick Off

On Sunday, Sept. 11, Cell Groups, the WC Students small group ministry, will begin for 9th through 12th grade students. Cell groups were created to help students find community and walk out their faith with their peers. During their time together students enjoy fellowship and small group discussion about their faith. All students are invited to join a group. To learn more, visit wcstudents.com. If you are interested in leading, offering your house as a host home, or joining a Cell Group, contact Shelby Aman at saman@wnitescnapelumc.com for more information.

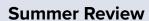
Senior Bible Study

Drs. John McKellar and Todd Renner have seen how critical each student's senior year is as they make so many big decisions about their future. They would like to walk these seniors through this critical time in their life with a fun, practical, no-questionsbarred Bible study, and fellowship time. Seniors will meet with their pastors in the Center for Spiritual Care on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. Our senior pastors will discuss the core beliefs of our faith and apply them to this changing, exciting time in our seniors' lives.

Middle School Fall Retreat

Fall Retreat will be Sept. 30 - Oct. 2. This year on the middle school fall retreat, campers will get an opportunity to enjoy so many of the wonderful things that Sky Ranch has to offer. Students will be able to play games, fly down the zip line, go fishing, play gaga ball, and so much more! There will also be time to engage in worship and small group discussions with their cabins. WC Students will be leading the programming. It is sure to be an unforgettable weekend! The cost for the trip is \$199. Space

for this trip is extremely limited, so do not hesitate to sign up. Students will not want to miss a weekend where they can stay in a cabin with friends while playing crazy games and making some seriously incredible memories!



It is hard to express the feelings the WC Students staff has felt at the conclusion of this summer. God moved in powerful ways through all our summer trips. There were 505 people who participated in WC Students summer trips this year. On the 7th Grade Trip, incoming seventh grade students were able to participate in fun activities, meet peers and make



new friends, and get to know the WC Students staff. On Middle School Mission Trip, students stepped in to help families in



need through various work projects for a local mission organization and at houses of residents in need. On High School Mission Trip, 18 work groups spread out throughout Conway and Little Rock, Arkansas to help those in need. Work groups were divided between various work sites that included building wheelchair ramps, working at a local mission organization, and working on various house repair projects for local families in need.





As we look forward to the fall semester, we cannot do so without expressing our gratitude for the support and encouragement of this congregation. This summer of ministry would not be possible without you. Thank you for empowering us to forge new relationships with seventh grade students, deepen relationships with incoming seniors, develop student

leaders, and impact the world through missions. We are eternally grateful for your prayers, encouragement, gifts, and endless support.





RD GRADE BIBLES

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



Scan the QR Code or visit wckids.org to register your third grader. Please register by Sept 10. Questions? Contact Hannah Robbins at hrobbins@whiteschapelumc.com

Bibles

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teach them how to navigate the table of contents, books, chapters, and verses," Robbins said. "We also work memorizing books of the Bible... some of the books have odd names that are hard to pronounce, and we want kids to be familiar with them so they aren't intimidated. Between Bible baseball, flashlight games, and Scripture cookies... these classes are anything but boring!"

This year, the ceremony will take place in The Foundry. Parents are invited to join their students there at 9:30 a.m. for the Bible presentation. Following the event, a short break will allow parents to congratulate their children before the

group gathers outside by the memorial fountain at 10:45 a.m.

After the presentation, the students will take their new Bibles and proceed together into the 11 a.m. worship service. During the service, the group will be recognized and prayed over by WC Co-Pastors, Drs. John McKellar and Todd Renner.

Students will receive the NRSV Adventure Bible, a favorite among young students. The Bibles will have a contemporary cover and the student's name inscribed on the inside.

Parents wanting their child to participate in the annual tradition must register online by Sept. 10.

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Festival

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was teacher of special education. Then I became of parent of a child with autism. And now, finally, I am a pastor who cares for and with other families like mine. In all of the stages and ages of parenting, I wished that I had a support system and a community surrounding me, and it just didn't happen. Now that my son is an amazingly independent college student, I am pouring myself into creating that community for others who walk a similar journey to mine."

The idea for this event has actually been simmering in Silvestri's mind for several years. Because parenting a child with a disability comes with it's own different set of concerns, questions, and unknowns about the present and the future, the apprehensions are constant.

"A big concern for me, when my son started driving, was how he and emergency personnel would react to and relate to one another," she explained. "If say, he were to be pulled over for speeding while driving, I wondered if his lack of eye contact or his communication differences would appear as lack of respect or cooperation. I have heard other parents share similar concerns about their kids. My dream was for police officers, fire fighters, and EMTs to spend a little time with kids who are differently abled – for everyone's sake – because, when we spend time together, we learn about each other and get comfortable with each other."

She initially reached out to the Southlake Fire Station to plan the event together. She discovered that Renni Burt, Fire Prevention Officer, also has a big heart and a passion for the differently abled. The two jumped right into the partnership. As the vision came into focus, they invited other agencies to partner in the event. The Office of **Emergency Management, Carroll ISD** Special Programs, and Texas Hands and Voices (Deaf/Hard of Hearing advocacy group) were quick to respond. Others also joined the cause.

"There are so many businesses that support this community of families in so many different ways," said Silvestri. "Carroll ISD has an internship program for high school kids in the special programs and many local businesses employ their students. Some of them will be represented at the festival.

There are other businesses that provide support and resources for us such as a photography studio, dentists, therapeutic centers, advocacy groups, and equine therapy."

It was decided to hold the event off campus because the effort was created with the local, differently abled community in mind. The Southlake Fire Station No. 1 has a very large, gated area behind it, an important aspect in choosing the location. Children on the autism spectrum often times "elope," meaning they wander away from caregivers or from a safe situation.

"That is why we sometimes hear or read in the news about kids with autism who have run off, or why we receive amber alerts about kids with autism," explained Silvestri. "It is a difficult challenge with kids on the spectrum. Likewise, kids with ADHD can make impulsive decisions and before you know it, can wander away from their family. This is not about bad parenting; it is a very real and stressful characteristic of many kids who are differently abled. Because of this, as an extra safety feature, adult volunteers will monitor all entry/exit points at the festival."

"It truly does take a village for all families - and especially families who have a member who is differently abled to find community, to feel connected, and to achieve a true sense of belonging," Silvestri continued. "I hope that the outcome of the event is exactly that; community, connection and belonging."

WC's own Billy-Ray Glass has been selected as the ambassador for the upcoming event. Billy-Ray sings in the WC choir and has been a lifelong church

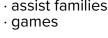


member. It was his prominent place in the praise band, seen on Sunday mornings in The Bridge a few years ago, that made White's Chapel feel like home to the Silvestri family.

If you feel a special connection with It Takes A Village and would like to support these families, please contact Rev. Lori Silvestri at Isilvestri@whiteschapelumc. com or scan the QR code below. Registration is not required for attendees.

Volunteers are needed to

- · set up/take down tables
- · monitor entry/exits
- · monitor bounce houses parking
- · assist families





COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Cantaré 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

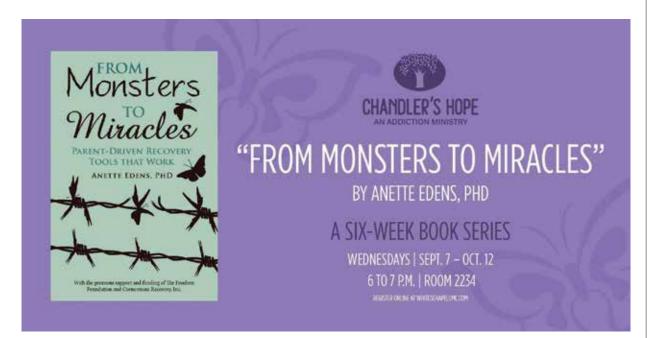
Do you have three hours a month to drive a senior to the doctor or to a grocery store? White's Chapel is partnering with SOS: Serving Our Seniors to help seniors in northeast Tarrant county keep their quality of life and remain independent.

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Women's Fall Event Thursday, Sept. 29 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Join WC Women for our Fall Women's Event featuring Amberley Neese. It will take place on Thursday, Sept. 29, starting at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and a message from Amberley. Amberly Neese is a national speaker, comedian, and Bible study author who ties together humor and God's Truth in a relatable, encouraging way. Amberly is a featured speaker for the Aspire Women's Events and the main host and female comedian for Marriage Date Night, two popular Christian events that tour nationally. The cost is \$25 and registration is online.





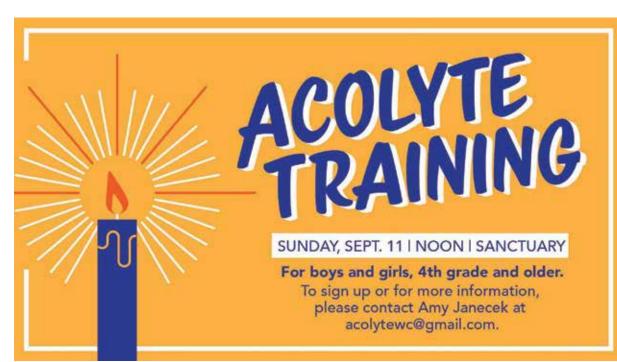


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You may submit prayer requests at whiteschapelumc.com/prayer-request.html





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bringing the light of Christ into the service and then bringing it back out into the world.

Boys and girls, in fourth grade or older, are welcome to participate in this year's training. At the event, children will learn

how to process in and out with the pastors, light the candles and assist with the offering.

Participating students will regularly help during the 11 a.m. service throughout the school year. Acolytes will also assist during special worship services (such as Christmas Eve).

To attend the upcoming training, please sign up by contacting Amy Janecek at acolytewc@gmail.com.



