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## State Fair of Texas 2022

Food, Fun and... Fringe!

"Everything is bigger in Texas," and the fair is no exception.

ow until Oct. 23, families can enjoy the sound of exciting carnival rides and the sight of unique Texas attractions. What makes the State Fair of Texas stand out from other state fairs around the country is the abundance of uniquely-fried food, fun family shows, rich cultural exhibitanding cooking competitions.

family shows, rich cultural exhibits, longstanding cooking competitions, livestock events, and, of course, "Big Tex," the well-known 55-foot cowboy who greets fair attendees.

#### A New Look for Big Tex

According to an article posted on WFAA's website this September, fair attendees may notice something different about Big Tex this year. They wrote: "The beacon of Fair Park will be donning some new threads this year, sporting a brand new shirt, which was unveiled on Friday, Sept. 16. The shirt is designed by Dickies, who have been the official outfitter of Big Tex and the State Fair of Texas for the past 20 years... State Fair officials unveiled Big Tex's new outfit on Daybreak, and there is a new feature we haven't previously seen: fringe on the sleeves! A new, refreshing twist to the fit. The stars on the chest are a classic touch."

#### Deep-Fried & Delectable

In addition to Big Tex and his new look for 2022, Texans can also look forward to additions to the typical fair menu. Corny dogs, nachos, lemonade, turkey legs, and corn on the cobs are popular festival concession items that are readily available to fairgoers. There are other – perhaps, more unique – items to try as well.

The new fare includes the "Doh-Muff" (a donut/muffin with bananas and strawberries), the "Chocolate Dipped Cheesecake on a Stick," the "Cajun

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#### DAD-KID RETREAT

We could not have had a more beautiful weekend to celebrate dads and kids! There was lots of fun in the sun last Saturday at Camp Thurmon as families enjoyed the weather, the creeks, the trees, and the fellowship

#### Be the Church

### A Return to Costa Rica Missions

By Sharon Nelson

fter three years away, we are excited that White's Chapel adults are heading back to Costa Rica

to help the children of the Roblealto Bible Home. We know the program and the children have struggled these past couple of years and it will be great,



once again, to help their environment and put our loving arms around them. The Roblealto Bible Home takes care of children who come from critical situations, are at social risk or are in

need of specialized care. The campus includes several houses, each with a

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## Oct. 16-30

## Coats, Gloves & Hats Collected As Winter Months Near

fter the long and very hot summer experienced in our area, the cooler temperatures have been met with great delight. Smiles are returning, sleeves are making a comeback, and walks in the great outdoors are once again becoming commonplace.

However, the further into fall we stride, the closer we are to really colder days, and for many, the very cold is as dangerous as the very hot. As the temperatures continue to drop, White's Chapel will collect new and gently-used coats and jackets (plus hats, gloves, and scarves) for those who are in danger from the cold.

The winter clothing drive begins Sunday, Oct. 16, lasting two weeks - through Sunday, Oct. 30.

The winter clothing drive begins Sunday, Oct. 16, lasting two weeks - through Sunday, Oct. 30. Items will be collected for all ages to help families within the El Buen Samaritano Community in Fort Worth, as well as refugee families, and others in need.

There will be three drop-off locations on campus: near the Welcome doors in the main concourse, in the WC Kids mission corner, and in the Administration building.

"Coats can be brand new or gently used." said Dorothea Christ, White's Chapel Director for Involvement., "and we need coats and jackets of all sizes! We are also asking for donations of scarves, hats & gloves for all ages."

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#### <u>Oct. 16</u>

## Blessing of the Animals Celebrated at WC pond

ceremony of the Blessing of the Animals will be celebrated on Sunday, Oct. 16 at 1:30 p.m here at White's Chapel Pond and amphitheater.

In the Scriptures, the act of blessing means 'the imparting of power



Wesley

or life.' The person performing the blessing is mediating that power from God or Christ to the person performing or the animal involved. To bless is more than an expression of goodwill and caring. To

bless is to impart God's power in person. The blessing of each animal, by name, means that health, healing and life are being mediated from God for the benefit of the animal in its relationship with its human partners.

The celebration is not new at White's Chapel. There have been very few of the last 20 years in which it has not been observed. The late Rev. Jo



Squidward

Ponder initially began the observance for our congregation.

"Jo made a point of how important pets are to families and that this should be a part of our ministry," explained Dr. John McKellar. "She

wrote our current liturgy based on the liturgy of St. Francis of Assisi." St. Francis is the patron saint for animals. The October date was chosen for this event to coincide with St. Francis Day celebrations, slated around the world on Tuesday, Oct 4. The blessing is really an ancient practice, the recognition that our pets are valued and are a valuable member of our family, no matter the species.

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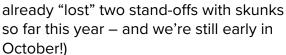


## Skunks: 2 // Murphy: 0

"Sometimes you will never know the value of something, until it becomes a memory." - Dr. Seuss

couple of nights ago, as I was driving home, I smelled it. My eyes started to water, and my mouth got that tale-tell acrid bite toward the back of my tongue. It

was a skunk. Now, it might sound a little strange, but I actually kind of like that smell – for some reason, it reminds me of the dirt roads where I learned to drive. But for as much as I kinda' like the smell in the air, I hate it on my dog. (For those of you who've asked for an update: Murphy has



But it all got me to thinking (yeah, God moves in the most mysterious of ways): usually by this time of year, that skunk-y aroma is everywhere. Typically, during these early weeks of autumn, I smell it almost every time I drive home... but this year, for whatever reason, it just doesn't seem as prevalent. Now, I promise this thought it going somewhere...

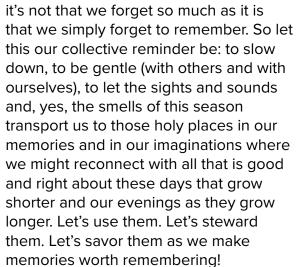
Somewhere, deep in the recesses of this strangely articulated brain of mine, I started to think about all those things that we forget to remember. For example, I hadn't thought about those skunks since this time last year; I hadn't had any

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reason to think about them. I didn't have any reason to miss them.

Now, when we're talking about skunks, I would assume they are small things to overlook. When we're talking

> about deeper things more meaningful, more important things, though, we run a great risk of missing something powerful. And, if we're honest, we have to admit that this time of year presents us with plenty of opportunities to forget the important stuff... and maybe



(Murphy will be attending the Blessing of the Animals for the first time this weekend. Let's hope that will help protect him in future skunk encounters!)



Murphy







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## Coats

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"Two of the schools that we partner within our Adopt-A-School program have specifically asked for winter coats for some of their students," said Christ, "so we definitely need coats and jackets for kids."

WC Kids is joining the church-wide drive during the month of October to collect coats - especially kids' coats. Additionally, our Looms of Love program volunteers are making hats while the Heavenly Stitchers are making scarves to add to the collection.

As always, volunteers are needed to help sort and organize the donated coats and accessories. Additional volunteers will be needed for distribution.

"We would love Spanish-speaking volunteers to help with the Thursday, Oct. 27 distribution, as many of the adults in the El Buen Samaritano community speak Spanish as their primary language," added Christ.

The volunteer signup can be found on the website at whiteschapelumc.com. Please help us keep families in need stay warm and safe this winter!

**Dorothea Christ** dchrist@whiteschapelumc.com whiteschapelumc.com

#### Dates for distribution are planned as followed:

• El Buen Samaritano (White's Chapel Dental Clinic) -Thursday, Oct. 27 from 2 to 7 p.m.

- Refugee Initiative ELL Classes in Hurst Saturday, Oct. 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Two Elementary Schools (T.A. Sims in Fort Worth and O.H. Stowe in Haltom City) - TBA

Additional coats will be given to other families in need.

## State Fair

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Lobster Bisque Croquettes," the "Fat Elvis" (a biscuit with peanut butter, jelly, marshmallow fluff, bacon, and bananas), the "Deep Fried Honey," the "Raspberry

Chipotle Sopapilla Cheesecake," the "Texas Ranch Hog Wings," and the "Pickle Pizza," just to name a few!

While many of the items above are tasty in their own right, this year's Big Tex Choice Award Winners are the real 'talk of the town.'

This year's "Best Taste -

Savory" winner is the "Fried Charcuterie Board." It offers meats, cheese, and fruit – all together in one tasty bite! It's topped with goat cheese and a drizzle of hot honey for an extra kick. The winner of the "Best Taste Sweet" food category is the "Peanut Butter Paradise," made with a deep-fried honey bun layered with peanut butter, Reese's Pieces, and crushed Butterfinger crumbles. The winner of the "Most Creative" food category is the "Cha-Cha Chata," a creamy horchata that is served with deep-fried arroz con leche bites and a churro straw! Other notable finalists for the Big Tex Choice Awards include: the "Deep Fried BLT," the "Holy Biscuit" (with low-smoked shredded brisket, fire-roasted street corn queso, thick-cut bacon, and Texas honey), and "The Ultimate Brookie Monster" (served with a scoop of vanilla ice cream and strawberry sauce).

With so many yummy treats offered this year, it may be difficult to pick just one to try!

#### **New Attractions**

The State Fair of Texas offers everything from shows and attractions to live music and livestock events. Be sure to check out the schedule to see who is performing and what shows are available

> during your trip to the fairground.

In addition to traditional events, a new Starlight Parade will be featured this year! It will include colorful floats, lights, puppets, people in costumes, and more. The parade begins each night at 7:15 p.m. Families are sure to enjoy this fun and energetic end to a great day at the

#### White's Chapel & The State Fair of

Classic Adult Fellowship, a group of people 55 and older at White's Chapel, will visit the fair on Thursday, Oct. 13 from 9:20 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. Director Laurie Williams will lead participants to the fair by riding the TRE (station located in Richland Hills). For just \$8 (plus the cost of fair extras and food), senior citizens will be able to enjoy a fun day at the fair without the stress of driving or parking in Dallas. People do not have to be members of the group to participate; guests are welcome! For more information, please contact Laurie Williams at Iwilliams@whiteschapelumc. com.

#### State Fair of Texas: Sept. 30 - Oct. 23

For more information about the fair, please visit bigtex.com.



#### Mission Mania Sunday, Oct. 23 | 12 p.m.

Third and Fourth graders, it's time for Mission Mania! We will meet in Room 7 on Sunday, Oct. 23 at noon for a pizza lunch. In honor of Blessing of the Animals this month, we will be working on projects that help our furry and feathered friends! We will be making cereal bird feeders to take home as well as dog toys to donate to Operation Kindness. Join us as we do our part to take care of God's creatures.

Register at wckids.org or contact Hannah Robbins with questions. Hannah Robbins hrobbins@whiteschapelumc.com

#### Pumpkins on the Playground Saturday, Oct. 29 | 2-4 p.m.

Preschool through second grade families join us for a creative and fun morning at the White's Chapel outdoor playground. Pumpkin games, pumpkin cookies and a pumpkin scavenger hunt are included. Enjoy the fun and get to know other WC Kids families!

Registration is FREE, but required for supplies! Register at wckids.org or contact Erin Zajac with questions.

Erin Zajac | ezajac@whiteschapelumc.com

#### Don't forget about WC Kids Wednesday Theme Nights!

Join WC Kids each Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. for fun themed nights. 4-year-olds - sixth graders will have 30 minutes

of Bible study and then activities to go along with each night's theme. In September, we played fun outdoor games like Spider Ball, lawn Jenga, Tic-Tac-Toe and Rock, Paper, Scissors Hula Hoop Game. October will include a Superhero Night, pumpkin games, Fall Bingo, and a Candyland night.

Beginning Oct. 5, the 4s – kinder will begin learning Christmas songs to perform in the Children's Christmas Eve Service.

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#### Club 56 Sunday, Oct. 30 | 1 p.m.

Fifth and sixth graders' next event is at Summit Climbing Gym at the new Grapevine facility. Activities will include top-rope climbing, bouldering, climbing games and more. Staff will teach students basic climbing safety and work to improve climber confidence.

Lunch will be included.

Club 56 is the name of our programming for fifth and sixth graders, including Sunday School, Wednesday programming and fun monthly events. Events are geared to connect students with friends inside and outside of church and help them build Christian community. Students are are always welcome to invite fifth and sixth graders from outside the church.

Register at wckids.org or contact
Denise Bennett with questions.

Denise Bennett
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Confirmands had a blast with ropes courses, archery tag, and glow in the dark gaga ball at an overnight retreat in Dallas.

## Return

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'Mommy' and a 'Poppy' who take care of around 10 children in a safe home. There's also a school and a cafeteria on campus. This year, the Roblealto Association celebrates 90 years of helping the children of Costa Rica.

We have two mission teams going this winter, where each team works three days and also meets as a group to enjoy a day of field games and pizza with the kids. Additionally, we get a chance to learn about the culture of Costa Rica. No matter your skill - we always have something for you to do. In the past, we've painted, worked on the construction of new homes and gazebos, repaired the older homes, done landscaping, and even sorted nails and screws in the workshop! While the work is important, the best part is playing and interacting with the children. They know the love of our Lord and it's a great chance to remind them how wonderful they are in this world.

As Chris Rowley, a past participant, has said "We go as a church to a facility that takes care of children in a safe environment and brings them closer to God until they can be reunited with their families - it is so rewarding to be a part

of." And Kathy Abalenet added: "The other thing about Costa Rica is that I get to meet people from our church that I would not normally meet. I have loved working with them and understanding that all of us want to try and make the world just a little bit better than the way we found it. I believe that we as the church can do that, and it is through missions that we are able to be the hands and feet of Jesus."

There are two departure trip dates: Jan. 31 - Feb. 6, 2023 or Feb. 3 - 9, 2023. The cost of \$1,200 per person includes all transportation, a shared hotel room, and most meals. Out of pocket costs are a few dinners and an excursion to see Costa Rica, with an upcharge for a private hotel room. You also get a White's Chapel t-shirt! Registration is online at the church website, with a \$500 deposit due upon registration. Please join us for an informational meeting on Monday, Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. in Room 2235 (upstairs in Evans Hall).

As Pastor Todd tells us each Sunday, 'go out and Be the Church!' Join us on this mission trip as we do just that - 'Be the Church' in sharing God's love with the children of Roblealto.

For more information, please contact Sharon or Ken Nelson.

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## Blessing

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"I've been to all the Blessing of the Animals events at White's Chapel over the years," said Rev. Steve Lallier, who is directing this year's Blessing event. "My family has always been me and my beloved 'pupper dogs!' My love and the responsibility I feel toward these creatures is second to none; we celebrate all aspects of life together. So, when the opportunity comes each year for me to include 'my family' in a celebration at church, we don't miss it!"

Lallier firmly believes dogs go to heaven. "I'm the first to witness to the sting of death that comes when their short lives end here, but am comforted in the belief that when I finish my race here and open my eyes in heaven, all my furry companions who have gone before me will be standing there with their eyes dancing and their rear ends wiggling, just as they have always waited for me to return home."

The formal liturgy of Blessing of the Animals begins at 2 p.m. Families and pets then break into different groups according to types of animals. This is when pets receive an individual, more informal blessing. It isn't a long ceremony, but it is fun and gives people a chance to share these family members with others.

While it sounds like chaos, the afternoon is actually very organized. Those who have experienced it insist that the pets are almost always on their best behavior.

For those who come to the blessing, keepsakes will be handed out to put on each pet's collar as a reminder that they are blessed. A certificate of blessing will be presented as well.

Because it is a short ceremony, it is recommended that participants be in place no later than 1:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served after the blessings, both for people and for pets.

#### **Animal Anecdotes**



"The first time my family came to a Blessing of the Animals we brought our border collie, Mack (he passed away several years ago). Border collies are exceptionally smart creatures, very curious. However, sometimes their 'smarts' are trumped by their need and desire to 'herd' (it's hardwired into their DNA after countless generations of herding sheep). Well, it turns out that our border collie was

Ike and Ringo

happy to herd any living thing... including small children. And of course, at the Blessing of the Animals, there are lots of small children. Although Mack was on a leash he was a handful because he kept trying to get away to corral the small children running around and playing. All Mack wanted to do was get as many children as possible trapped into as small an area as possible. It was too much! Mack went nuts. In subsequent years, we left Mack at home for the Blessing of the Animals... and instead brought our two pugs, Ike and Ringo, who were very content to sit still and let the children pet them on the head!"



Rev. Sterling Smith
Executive Pastor for Outreach and Operations



Callie &
Cornbread

"When Sam first went into ministry, we were seniors in college. He got his first 'official' pay check (it wasn't much), and he spent it on adopting a heeler/collie mix named Callie. We were dating, so Callie became our baby. She was terrified of everything, as she had a rough past of neglect. We didn't hear her bark for months. Slowly but surely, she warmed up and is now the happiest and most loyal pup. Like I said, we got Callie when we were dating, she was there at our engagement, our wedding,

SEVERAL moves, the good times, the tough times, pregnancy and soon a new baby... and everything in between. She now has a little brother named Cornbread, another rescue, who is a dachshund mix. One time, we accidentally left our front door cracked and it blew wide open. When we got home hours later, we found Callie on guard at the front door, keeping our house safe and making sure Cornbread didn't run out.

No matter what the day holds, we know we can count on coming home to wagging tails and excited barks. How many PEOPLE can make you feel that extraordinary? Without even using words! Our rescue pups teach us that no matter what your past holds, you can choose joy. They teach us that there isn't much some cuddles, a snack, and a walk outside won't fix. They teach us loyalty and unconditional love. They are not just pets they are family.

Both of our dogs have been blessed at Blessing of the Animals at White's Chapel. Our dachshund rescue, Cornbread, even wore his bowtie that matched pastor Todd's! It's always so fun to get to see everyone with their pets."



Hannah Robbins Co-Director WC Kids



Jake

"Last July, Jake (my 14-year-old Golden Retriever) was really struggling with his mobility. He developed a new, unique bark when he wanted help to stand up on all four legs. After hearing it, I'd go lift Jake up in a standing position and he'd go on about his day. I've had eight dogs and have been blessed with never having had to take one of my kids to be put down!

I knew Jake was not getting better. On that morning in July, we ate, I got Jake up to eat and go outside. When he returned inside, I prayed, 'Lord, you know how much I love Jake, but please don't have me take him to be put down. Please take him, when it is his time.'

Jake laid down on the floor near me and I fell asleep in the bed. A few minutes later, I woke up and looked down at Jake. He was gone! I felt so close to God at that moment. God creates beautiful things! Our pets are His specialty. I think they are perfect in so many ways! They bring endless-joy and they know when we need to be comforted."



Rev. Steve Lallier Pastor Single Adults 50+

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

#### Christians Facing Cancer Tuesday, Oct. 11 | 6:30 p.m.

We are pleased to welcome cancer nutrition specialist and registered dietitian Debra Hilliard-Jones as the guest speaker this month. Debra is a licensed nutritionist, has additional certifications in the area of food sensitivities (CLT), and works with glutenrelated conditions. All are welcome. supportgroups@whiteschapelumc.com

#### Oktoberfest Volunteers Needed Oct. 14 - 16

White's Chapel volunteers are needed to help greet people at Southlake's Oktoberfest! Join in on the fun by greeting community members, handing out WC bags and 'God Is Big Enough' bracelets, and helping kids create soldier cards. Sign up online to volunteer for various shifts over the weekend!

#### Soul Feast: Book Discussion Meeting Wednesday, Oct. 19 | Noon to 3 p.m.

Reading a good book is a true joy and one to be shared. "Soul Feast" will be a time to come together and share reflections of how God is speaking through words and passages that shimmer from the books chosen. "This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories That Make Us" by Cole Arthur Riley will be the first of three books we will share (other books on later dates). Register on the church website.

#### Seasonal Drinks Now Available At Wesley Cafe

Get a tasty fall drink to celebrate the new season! Specials include: Caramel apple cider, s'mores frappe, pumpkin spice latte, raspberry white mocha, and more!



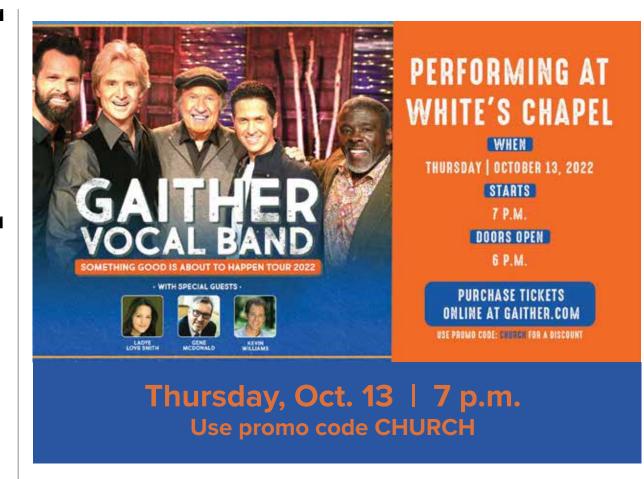




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You may submit prayer requests at whiteschapelumc.com/prayer-request.html





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