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Please join us online or in person this weekend as we celebrate Easter. We hope to see you soon.

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Over 500 EGGstremely cute kids came to collect hundreds of EGGstraordinary treats last Saturday at the annual Easter EGGSTRAVAGANZA.

Lessons from Lent

Editor's note: "Lessons from Lent" is an annual series of reflections on the six-week Lenten Season. A daily devotional guide, "The Blessing" is available at various kiosks at White's Chapel, or at the Administrative Building front desk.

Written by White's Chapel Co-Pastors Drs. John McKellar and Todd Renner, the guide is available at no charge.

Suffering (Good Friday)

"Tell your heart that the fear of suffering is worse than the suffering itself. And that no heart has ever suffered when it goes in search of its dreams, because every second of the search is a second's encounter with God and with eternity."

– Paulo Coelho –

We miss the point of the Beatitudes if we do not see that they are the blueprints of Jesus' life. He was not merely a great teacher bringing a radical new truth. He lived the truth. He showed us the complete extent of what a person could be. He said, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." He ushered in

God's new Kingdom through his agony and suffering on the cross.

All eight Beatitudes were on display during his fateful hours on Calvary's mount. He emptied his God-given powers to submit to the humiliation and pain. He did not respond to those mocking and cursing him, except to offer

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Saturday, April 6

Codependent No More Is Subject of Upcoming Class

Are you a good listener? So often we find ourselves in a position where we really need to be still; to stop thinking of how we will respond to what someone is saying but simply absorb and process what they are saying.

This is particularly true when that 'someone' is a close family member or friend struggling with addiction.

Chandler's Hope, a White's Chapel addiction ministry, will sponsor a workshop on Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Rawlins

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By Cassidy Johnson

Thrive Program Embraces Kids with Additional Needs

A place to belong. That's something all of us are searching for. A place to belong at work. A place to belong among friends. A place to belong at church. But, for newcomers, it can be difficult to find a place to fit in... and it can be especially

intimidating for those with additional needs.

Research shows that many parents of children with special needs often feel that their child is excluded – even in a church setting. According to Church4EveryChild, associated with Key Ministry, "nearly 50% (46.6%) of special needs parents said they refrained from participating in a religious

activity because their child was not included or welcomed" and "almost 1/3 (32.3%) of the special needs families who did try church said they had left at least one church because their child was not included or welcomed."

Ministry leaders at White's Chapel want to help change

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Holy / Weak...

*"The very first Easter taught us this:
that life never ends and love never dies."
— Kate McGahan*

By Dr. Todd Renner

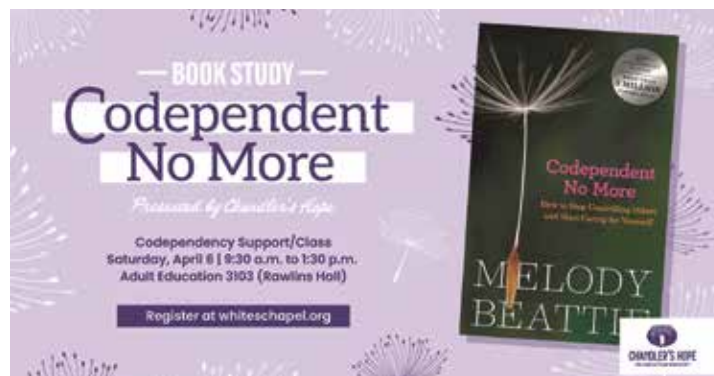
Here we are again: just hours away from one of the biggest weekends in the yearly life of the church, just inches away from the glorious news of Jesus' resurrection with all its promises of new life and new possibilities – and in the midst of loss and uncertainty and grief, isn't that the news we need? Here we are: on the brink of our annual reminder of the extraordinary power of God. Yet, for many of us, we're not quite sure what this story has to do with us. We don't feel any different. We still hurt and ache in places and in ways we don't talk about. We still harbor resentment and mistrust; we still feel the stabbing pangs of guilt from yesterday's mistakes, and we don't think tomorrow's "hallelujahs" will fix them...we're afraid they won't fix us.

But that's the thing about Easter: it's for people exactly like us. It's for those of us who are broken, for those of us who mourn. It's for those of us who've been hurt and disappointed. It's for we, sinners, who need something more than an empty promise; it's for us who need an empty tomb. For this weekend, we will come together with thousands of others who are looking for something more, with men and women who are hoping that maybe something will happen, that maybe life can swallow death and joy will overcome defeat. We will gather with

our brothers and sisters and, together, we will lift our songs with the prayer that the dimming embers of our faith might be rekindled.

I know I've shared it before, but I love what D.L. Moody once said: "We are told to let our light shine; and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining – they just shine." This weekend, we are called to shine. We are called to reflect the radiant beauty of God's love into the world around us. And that's the point: we don't have to manufacture the light; we don't have to manufacture forgiveness or mercy or grace: we simply have to receive it and, then, reflect it.

It is our hope, then, that even right now you'd pause for just a moment to lift up this weekend's services in prayer. Pray that all those who join us (whether in person or online) would experience the love of God and the grace of the Savior. Pray that we might all find ourselves refreshed and renewed, that the resurrection might happen in us. Pray that those to whom Jesus is a stranger will find in Him hope and love and the truest of friends, that they might begin a lifelong journey of faith. Pray that those who may have wandered from the faith might come home. Pray, simply, that all of us would shine our light so that the world might know that Jesus is alive!



10/25/22) by author Melody Beattie. This book has helped countless readers change their codependent behaviors and understand that they are powerless to change anyone but themselves. Highlighted content will be taken from the book and reviewed together. Purchase of the book is not necessary,

Codependent

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Hall, Room 3103, Adult Education Building that will address topics of listening, co-dependency, and addiction. Pastries, coffee, and lunch will be provided. The class is free.

The purpose of the training is to provide skills and tools to anyone who has been touched by addiction. The training/discussion will include instructive life stories, personal reflections, exercises, and self-help tests. For those who have loved ones or friends who struggle with addiction/recovery, this workshop will provide you with needed support.

"This workshop is available for everyone and anyone who is interested in learning about the connection that codependence has with addiction," said Rev. Victor Resendiz, Chandler's Hope Director, who will facilitate the class with Shannon Luce.

The class will focus on the book, "Codependent No More" (revised

although it may be purchased on Amazon. The training is dynamic and will include conversations as well as Q&A. Participants are welcome to include friends, family, or anyone who has been touched by addiction. Support will be found within this workshop.

"The book is a wonderful resource to learn all about the unhealthy characteristics of codependence," said Resendiz. "In the workshop, we will be highlighting important ways to recognize such characteristics and how to outgrow them."

Membership at White's Chapel is never a requirement at Chandler's Hope classes or events. All are welcome, but registration is strongly suggested.

The mission of Chandler's Hope is to provide resources and guidance to individuals or families that have a loved one struggling with addiction. The ministry's leadership team is available to accompany and to hold space for anyone looking in the direction of a consistent plan of recovery.

Register online.

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Lessons

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mercy. He offered peace to the soldiers carrying out the awful deed. In the purity of his sacrifice, we see God.

How can we ever grasp Christianity without experiencing the depths of this day? How can we ever face our own trials without a piercing awareness of our Savior's suffering?

The traditional Good Friday service begins with a silent procession and the presider prostrating before the altar. In this dramatic act, the worshippers are saying, "We have killed God's son." And we are all guilty. We have all killed that divine spark in one another – through a callous word, a harsh condemnation, or a heavy hand. We are all guilty of killing the Hope of the world. As the service continues, Psalm 22 is read: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?" With these verses, we remember Jesus' words from the cross, and we witness the full

humanity of Christ. In this moment, He descended to the depths of human exile. And yet, that was not the end of the story.

Biblical scholar Kathy McGovern offers a fascinating interpretation of this passage. She writes, "After Jesus, in agony, calls out the beginning verse: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?', some women 'standing at a distance' respond in synagogue-style to his introduction by reciting the rest of it – all 31 verses, including the triumphant end, when the Suffering One proclaims that 'All will proclaim the Lord to generations still to come, his righteousness to a people yet unborn.' Jesus relied on 'those standing at a distance' to finish the psalm for him." And He still does.

At his lowest moment, Jesus knew that, ultimately, it all ends well, as God had planned. That certainty is what we hold on to. When the hour of persecution comes, when we are reviled and attacked, when our worlds come undone, we know and we worship the God who has been there – a God who will finish our prayers for us!

Waiting (Holy Saturday)

"I said to my soul, be still, and wait without hope, for hope would be hope for the wrong thing." – T. S. Eliot –

"Blessed are the persecuted," He had said. But where was the blessing? Where was the blessing in the shame? Where was the blessing in the scorn? Where was the blessing in the agony and torment and pain? He had promised more. He had promised goodness, but there was only pain. He had promised joy, but there was only sorrow. He had promised life, but there was only the fetid, rotten stink of Roman death that remained. And, with that, it was over. It was finished.

Love was dead. Hope was gone. Light extinguished by darkness.

But hope is born in darkness. Hope is revealed in pain. Hope is found when waiting gives way to sacred reign. And so, they waited – one excruciating moment bleeding into the next. They waited, and they remembered. They remembered how they'd slept whilst Jesus prayed. They remembered how they'd hidden while He was led away, how they had left him alone, forsaken, and abandoned. They couldn't shake the thoughts. They remembered the crowds, the whips, the nails. They remembered the cries, the quake, the veil. They remembered the echoes of who He was

and of who they still needed Him to be.

There, in the shadow of his death, the disciples strained against their fearful numbness to remember the Savior's life. They strained to remember his words. They strained to remember his power, to remember his smile and his loving, healing touch. Together, they remembered the world they once felt so close to – lessons He never had the chance to teach and miracles He never had the chance to perform. They remembered a better vision of their world and a better version of themselves. They remembered moments that all seemed like distant, fading memories.

The Promise had been betrayed by cruel lies. And it was over. All they could do was wait. And hope. They could only hope for another miracle, hope for another chance, hope for a Hope that was greater than any they could imagine. In the dark silence of that day, all they could do was to wait and to hope that the sunrise would bring an echo of Life, a Blessing that not even death could not deny.

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FINANCIALS			
MARCH			
March	2024	2023	
Week 1	\$286,609	\$160,180	
Week 2	\$166,565	\$213,715	
Week 3	\$209,802	\$235,606	
Week 4	\$202,801	\$201,650	
MTD Actual	\$865,777	\$811,151	
MTD Goal	\$755,322	\$824,246	
	\$110,455	\$(13,095)	
YTD Actual	\$2,398,304	\$1,958,204	
YTD Goal	\$2,153,603	\$1,935,003	
	\$ 244,701	\$ 23,201	

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WC Students

Two is Better/Manistry

Each year, 8th-12th grade students are invited to participate in Two is Better and Student Manistry. The two retreats occur simultaneously but guys and girls will participate in separate activities for the full 24 hours. Both programs provide an opportunity for students to engage the Lord while they grow in community with their peers. Splitting up the guys and girls allows each group to enjoy activities they may not be able to do otherwise. The cost of the retreat is \$75. All students of the graduating classes of 2024-2028 are welcome to register.



support our incredible students as they lead these two services.

WC Students Serve: Church Workday

Middle and high school students and their families are invited to partner with WC Missions and participate in a Super Saturday of Service. This church workday

is an opportunity for students and their families to help take care of things that are needed around the church property. This church workday will be Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. Community service hours are available. We recommend bringing work gloves and wearing closed toe shoes. Register on wcstudents.com.



High School Serve Night: Mobile Market

High School Students and their parents are invited to join the White's Chapel Mobile Market Ministry and serve the community around O.H. Stowe Elementary on Thursday, May 2. WC's Mobile Market Ministry provides food free of charge to people and communities experiencing food insecurity. Participants can either meet at O.H. Stowe Elementary at 4:30 p.m. or at the church to ride the church bus at 4 p.m. The night will end at 7 p.m. The church bus will return at 7:30 p.m. Space is limited. The registration form can be found on wcstudents.com.

Middle School Serve Night: Mobile Market

Middle School Students and their parents are invited to join the White's Chapel Mobile Market Ministry and serve the community around Grapevine Community Outreach Center on Thursday, May 9. WC's Mobile Market Ministry provides food free of charge to people and communities experiencing food insecurity. Participants can either meet at the Grapevine Community Outreach Center at 4:30 p.m. or at the church to ride the church bus at 4 p.m. The night will end at 7 p.m. The church bus will return at 7:30 p.m. Spaces are limited. Register on wcstudents.com.

Senior Sunday Photos

We would like all graduating seniors to be a part of Senior Recognition Sunday, a memorable event during the traditional worship service at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 5. **To be included in the video slideshow that morning, please send two photos of your senior in jpeg form (one photo taken during your student's senior year and one taken as a baby or during early childhood) to wcseniorphotos@gmail.com.** Put your student's FULL NAME in the subject line. The name in the subject line of the email will be the one shown in the slideshow. Most parents choose to use their student's first, middle, and last name. Please submit photos no later than April 15. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Joseph. We will send out more information about Senior Recognition Sunday (such as arrival times, dress, etc.) as we get closer to the date.

WC Student Takeover

WC Students will be leading Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at the amphitheater. The following Saturday, April 6, our students will be taking over the Saturday night service at 5:30 p.m. The entirety of both services will be led by our students worship leaders, student teachers, student ushers and more. We would love to see you and have you



Thrive

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this by intentionally welcoming and encouraging people – no matter their age, ability, or situation. Anyone can belong here... and anyone can **Thrive** here.

Thrive is an additional needs ministry at WC that is committed to caring for and journeying with those who have varying social skills, emotional needs, sensory needs, cognitive abilities, and physical abilities. Regardless of age, diagnosis, or story, it is the church's mission to create awareness, provide accessibility, and offer a space of true belonging for all people as they engage in their faith.

"We want to ensure that all children receive the support they need in a Sunday School classroom," shared Thrive Coordinator and WC Kids staff member Alyson Bator. "We want them to feel the love of Christ, and the love of our WC Kids staff."

Thanks to dedicated leaders and volunteers, Thrive now includes about 15 families and it continues to see growth. The program has seen success with the new Reboot room, used on Sunday mornings, and the Thrive buddy program.

The Reboot room is a sensory room that has been open since last August. It is designed to help kids reset and regulate when other Sunday School classrooms are overwhelming. (See picture above.) At 11 a.m., a class is held in the Reboot room for children who may struggle in the typical classroom setting. Volunteers are currently needed to serve in this area.

For additional support, Thrive also offers a one-on-one buddy assistance program to kids who may benefit from it. Those enrolled in the Thrive program are paired with a high school or adult volunteer after filling out a short form about themselves.

"We are also always looking for volunteers (high school and up) to be paired with a Thrive kid," Bator said. "You do not need to be an expert in working with children with additional needs. You just need to have a big heart!"

Bator's background and degree in Special Education has been integral to the Thrive program and the volunteer training. While leaders are equipped to handle any challenging situations that may arise, Bator and Thrive assistant Mayson Wilkie regularly see positive interactions with everyone involved.

"I have seen God orchestrate buddy pairs, and watching the child connect with the buddy and build authentic relationships is absolutely beautiful to watch," Bator shared. "I also love watching many of our Thrive kids worship. Many are so joyful and come in with a heart that is ready to love God with all that they have... My goal each week is to make sure that all of the Thrive kids know that they are loved by

God and loved by our WC Kids staff. God shows up and makes this happen each week."

"For me, it is as simple as seeing God through each kids' growth and improvement each week," Wilkie said, "[and] each of our Thrive kids realizing and being shown that they are loved and incredibly valuable."

On Saturday, April 6, Thrive kids will have the opportunity to gather for the first-ever Thrive family event - Grow in God. It is specially designed for anyone with additional needs. The event, offered from 10:30 a.m. to noon, will provide a space to build community with other families involved in Thrive. Participants can register online for the free event, and



newcomers are also welcome to attend.

"We would love for other families who have children with additional needs, who may not have heard of Thrive, to join as well," Bator said.

Bator hopes that the Thrive program will continue to grow, because she knows it is making a difference and providing a place for so many kids to belong.

"Being a parent to a child with disabilities has been the most spiritually transformative experience of my life," shared Alison Hamilton, a parent of a child in Thrive. "Getting to share our daughter with a church community who welcomes her, makes space for her, and supports her so she can be included with her peers is the biggest blessing for our family - and for those who encounter her. Elise gleefully shouts 'Hi!' every Sunday as she enters the Rock, spreading her joy and excitement for worship at White's Chapel. Thanks to the common threads support group and Thrive buddy program, White's Chapel feels like home for our whole family, which can be really hard to find, so it is something we truly cherish."

For more information about Thrive or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Alyson Bator at abator@whiteschapel.org.

**There is also an adult additional needs ministry called God's Special Servants. The group meets on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. (Room 3202) and new members are always welcome.*

Scan this QR code to sign up for the first-ever Thrive family event - Grow in God on Saturday, April 6.



EASTER'S ON ITS WAY!

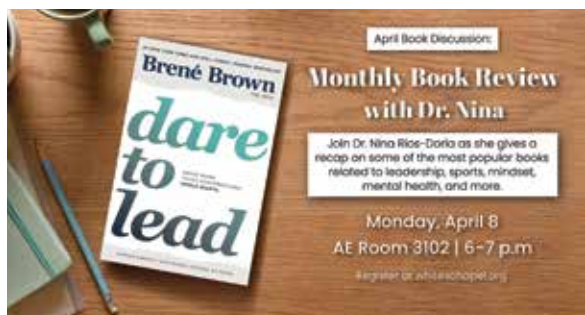
Baskets full of Easter Joy provided many happy faces at the Easter Eggstravaganza.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

A Celebration of the Resurrection Sunday, March 31 | 12:45 p.m. Columbarium and Memorial Garden



This short service will be a Celebration of the Resurrection of our Savior and, through His sacrifice, the resurrection of those we have lost over the years. Join us at 12:45 p.m. at the Columbarium and Memorial Garden for prayer, Scripture, bagpipe music, and the release of white doves.



Book Review with Dr. Nina Monday, April 8 | 6-7 p.m. AE Room 3102

Join Dr. Nina Rios-Doria as she gives a recap on some of the most popular books related to leadership, sports, mindset, mental health, and more. Book Reviews will take place once a month.

April's Book -

"Dare to Lead" by Brene Brown

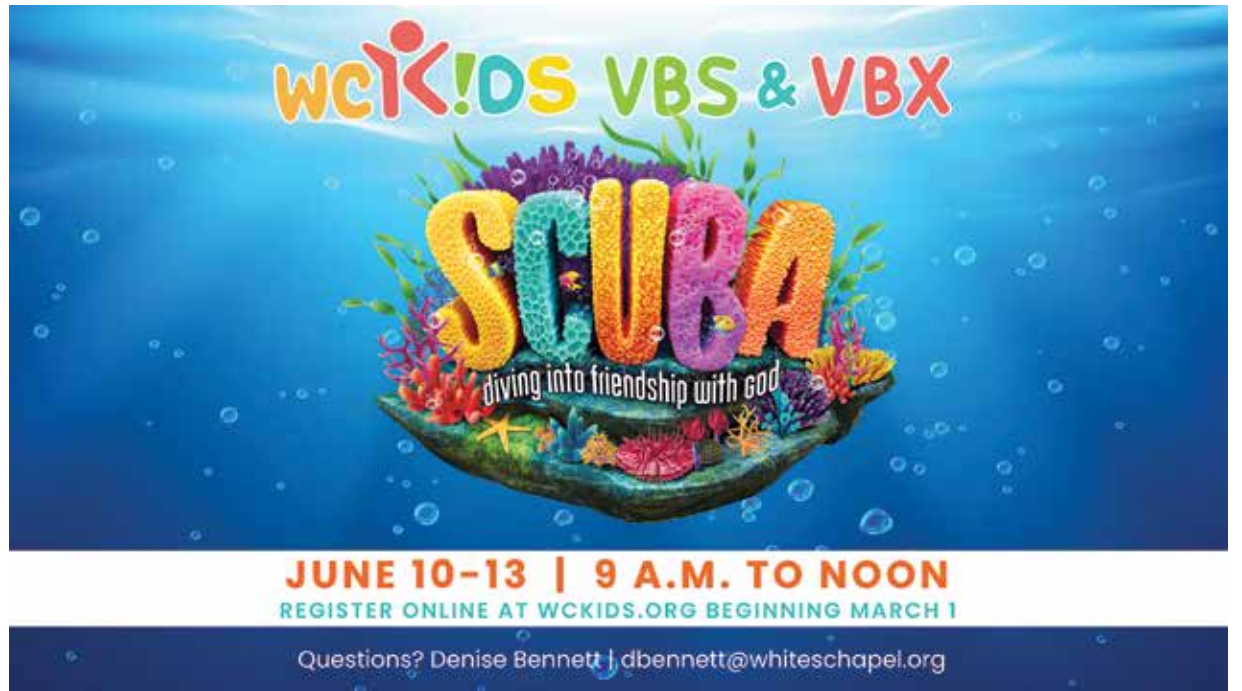
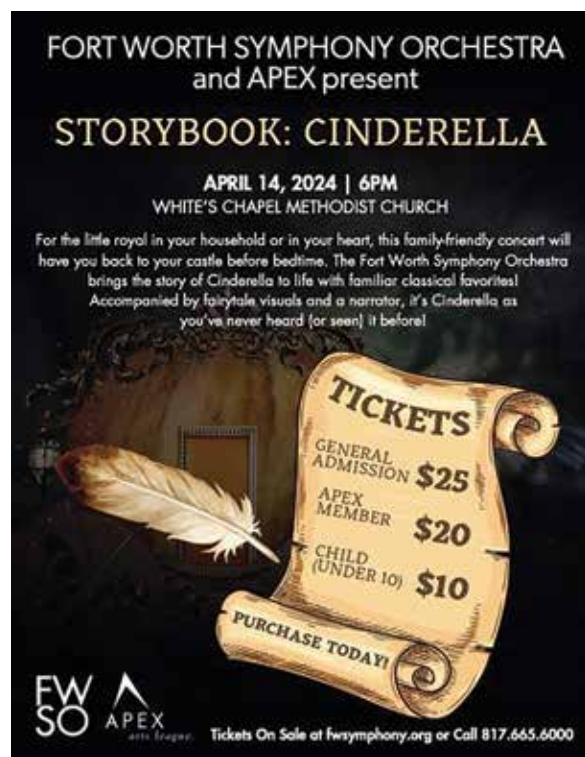
Rios-Doria will be sharing some key "takeaways" about what makes a great leader, what gets in the way, and how to begin today. This book can resonate with anyone that wants to improve relationships and make a positive impact on others. A discussion will follow after

the review with support and ideas to embrace your leadership role. Register online.



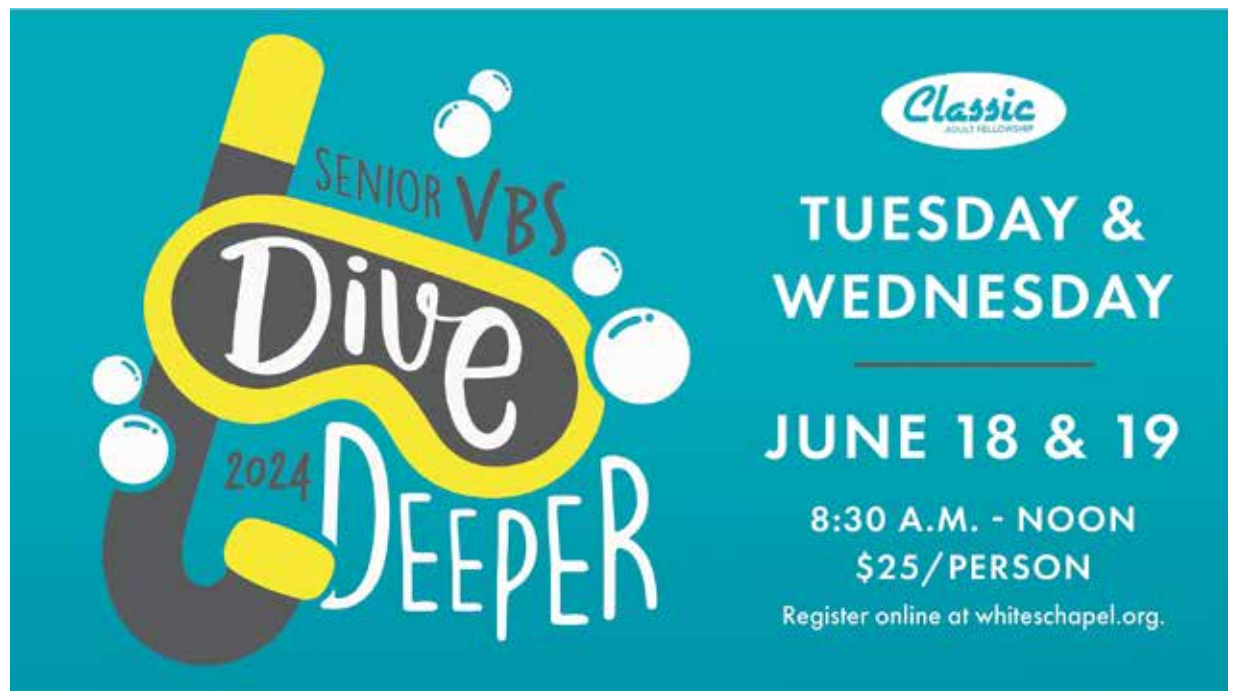
Solar Eclipse Watch Party Monday, April 8 | Noon to 2 p.m. WC Back Parking Lot

Our campus will welcome eclipse viewers on Monday, April 8. Please make sure to bring your own viewing glasses to protect your eyes!



JUNE 10-13 | 9 A.M. TO NOON
REGISTER ONLINE AT WCKIDS.ORG BEGINNING MARCH 1

Questions? Denise Bennett | dbennett@whiteschapel.org



Classic Adult Fellowship will host its third year of VBS for senior adults, and they need lots of volunteers to help!

June 18 - 19 | 8:30 a.m. - Noon

(June 17 reserved for set up and decorating)

Volunteering or leading a group is a great way to participate in the excitement of VBS while helping the group! They are expecting close to 200 participants this year, if not more. If you would like to sign up to volunteer, please scan the provided QR code.



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APRIL 20, 2024

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