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Volunteers Needed

For Build A Home Project With Trinity Habitat for Humanity

ffordable housing is a critical need in many places, particularly in the Fort Worth area. This has never been truer than it is today. Without safe, affordable housing, families lack the financial stability to weather the challenges of daily life. White's Chapel leaders and volunteers want to help change this.

The church will work with Trinity Habitat for Humanity to fund and build a home in the Fort Worth Hillside/Morningside community to help a family in need. At least 20 volunteers are needed for each of the two build dates: Saturday, April 15 and Saturday, April 22. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old; youth under 18 may not operate power tools.



White's Chapel has partnered with Trinity Habitat for Humanity many times throughout the years, and build dates typically fill up fast because of the organization's well-known reputation for helping the community.

Trinity Habitat for Humanity is a
Christian ministry that partners with
people in local communities to help them
build or improve a place they can call
home. Habitat homeowners help build
their own homes alongside volunteers
and pay an affordable mortgage.
With the church's support (through
sponsorship and volunteers), Habitat
homeowners achieve the strength,
stability and independence they need to
build a better life for themselves and for
their families.

The organization outlines its mission online by stating "Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit housing organization working

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TWO IS BETTER/ MANISTRY

With about 100 people in attendance for Student Manistry and Two Is Better, the WC Students team could not be happier with how great the two retreats turned out. Both had amazing opportunities to make new friends and engage in worship—and many took big steps to grow in their relationship with God!

Neurodiverse Youth Opportunity

Unplugged Gamers will meet in March

he Unplugged Gamers group is for teens ages 12–15 and will meet four Wednesdays in March* (NO meeting on 3/15 due to Spring Break) from 6–7pm. The group is for teens who are interested in playing games and being social in a smaller setting with guidance and structure. The group is limited to 10 teens: parents wishing to sign up their teen must

register and may find out more on the White's Chapel website.

Lyn Neisius, who had success with this model in the past at a local high school, will lead the group. Other adults who will be playing are: Michelle Suttles and Brad Troutman.

Although this is not a therapeutic group, Neisius is a licensed mental

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It's Presidents Day!

By Debbie McKellar

ext Monday is Presidents
Day, and comes as the winter
drags on, often offering (for
some) a celebratory three-day
weekend after the rush of the holiday
season and the observation of Martin
Luther King Jr. Day in January. Presidents
Day is celebrated on the third Monday of
February every year.

After Presidents Day, there are no federal holidays until May, marking a long

drought of three-day weekends in the calendar. Aside from the name, which is an obvious homage to presidents of years past, many people don't know why we chose the day we did, or the journey it took to get there.

The date of Presidents Day changes every year in part because of the Uniform Holiday Bill signed in 1968 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The Uniform Holiday Bill mandated that three holidays, including Presidents Day, occur on Mondays to prevent midweek



shutdowns and add long weekends to the federal calendar. Presidents Day is also called Washington's Birthday as a celebration of the nation's first president. But George Washington's birthday is not on Feb. 20—it's Feb. 22.

Or it might be Feb. 11.

Something you probably didn't know: George Washington was born on Feb. 11, 1731, at a time when Britain and its colonies used the Julian calendar, a

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What is Lent?

By Debbie McKellar

t's difficult to believe that we will be observing Ash Wednesday in just a few short days. The traditional service ushers in the season of Lent, which culminates on Easter Sunday.

White's Chapel typically schedules two services on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on Feb. 22. The services are at noon and 6 p.m. The latter service will include the White's Chapel Orchestra and Choir.

Because so many people within the White's Chapel community have joined us from different faith traditions, we often hear the question "What is Lent?" It's a good question, and one I myself had to explore when I joined the Methodist church.

The Lenten season is an incredibly historic and symbolic time for Christians. The religious season dates back to Jesus Christ's life on earth. Though He lives forever in the hearts of His followers, the Lenten season is a direct reflection of the days that eventually led up to His crucifixion. The day Jesus was nailed to the cross in Jerusalem is recognized as Good Friday in modern times.

White's Chapel has two services on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22. The services are at noon and 6 p.m.

The Lenten season is six weeks long in the Christian liturgical year. Lent typically falls each year in March or April (it is very early this year), and begins with Ash Wednesday. This falls on a different date each year, but looking at the calendar, Ash Wednesday will always fall on the seventh week prior to Easter.

The day on which Easter falls each year is in relation to something known as the paschal full moon. This refers to the ecclesiastical full moon that takes place any day after March 21, or the Spring Equinox. This process begins to sound very confusing. The most important thing to remember is that the specific date of Easter each year is determined by referencing the lunar calendar.

The cyclical movements of the moon dictate the exact date, but essentially, Easter is always on the Sunday that follows the full moon of Passover. All that being said, Easter for the year 2023 is Sunday, April 9.

Ash Wednesday is described as a religious day observed for the sake of recognizing our faults as human beings and taking the time to repent for the sins we have committed throughout our lifetimes. The 40-day fasting season begins on that day, (Sundays are

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Ash Wednesday
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In the Name of the Church.

Lent begins this coming week with our Ash Wednesday services at noon and 6 p.m.

By Dr. Todd Renner

his coming Wednesday, I'll get to speak words that, because of our preaching rotation, I only get to say once every two years: "In the name of the Church, I invite us to observe a Holy Lent." They are powerful and humbling words spoken with reverence and a holy fear; I mean, who amongst is really worthy to speak on behalf of the Church? And as one who grew up in a tradition that did not observe Lent (Lent really isn't a season that we "celebrate"), I'm always struck by that sincere invitation: an invitation to a 40-day journey of selfexamination, reflection, and fasting; a season of confession, sacrifice, prayer, and penitence. It is a season of honest evaluation as we confess who we are and who we are yet to be. Lent is a season of repentance. But do we truly understand that call? Do we know what repentance is?

Simply put, "repentance" means to turn, to change direction. The definition, though, is the only simple thing about repentance. You see, when taken seriously, the call to turn to God and his righteousness means that we have to turn away from all that seems natural for us. It means that I must turn from all that has become instinctive for me. It means that I must turn from my own selfinvolvement and my self-centeredness; it means that I must turn from all that I see as right and from all that I feel entitled to... it means that I must chose the hard path of faith—a path that leads us back to God, a path that leads us back home.

This is our journey, and it is a road that we are called to travel—not just during

Lent but each day that we are given by the Almighty (Lent just serves as a convenient reminder for those of us who have forgotten our way).

So, let me offer these starter steps as we begin this pilgrimage together:

- Give up complaining... turn to encouragement.
- Give up pessimism... turn to optimism.
- Give up harsh judgments... turn to kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry... turn to trust in Providence.

Give up discouragement... turn to

- hope.
- Give up bitterness... turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred... turn to love.
- Give up negativism... turn to positivity.
- Give up anger... turn to patience.
- Give up pettiness... turn to maturity.
- Give up gloom... turn to the beauty that is all around you.
- Give up jealousy... turn to gratitude.
- Give up gossiping... turn to silence.
- Give up sin... turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up... turn to resiliency.

Yes, inevitably on this journey, we will come upon hard places. We will stumble under the weight of our own lives as we are confronted with who we have let ourselves become. We will meet steep mountains and low valleys. We will get to the wilderness and wonder if we can go on. But in these places, let us remember that we don't travel alone. Let us remember that we make this journey together—each of us capable of helping another along, each of us capable of cheering along the way. More than that, let us remember that God goes with us... and it is God who will welcome us home as we near our sacred destination: that place of pure faith and unadulterated surrender.

Remember, Lent begins this coming week with our Ash Wednesday services at noon and 6 p.m.



Gamers

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health professional (LPC and LSSP) and specializes in supporting neurodiverse youth and the adults who love them. Suttles is currently pursuing certification as an LCDC after having worked with young athletes. Troutman is an experienced parent and currently teaches Sunday School in our Special Servant's Class.

Playing games is fun and provides the opportunity to meet and interact with other teens outside of school and other extra-curricular activities. Some of the games we will play include: Uno, Snake Oil, Monopoly Deal, Spoons, and others.

Interest and feedback will determine future class schedules.

Come play with us!

Rules of Unplugged Gamers:

- 1. Be on time.
- 2. Have your phone (and other devices) put away (and silenced). If a device becomes a distraction, we will keep it for
- 3. Be respectful of others (take turns, use kind and polite language).
- 4. Stay on topic.
- 5. Be a good sport.
- 6. Have Fun!

Presidents

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product of the Roman Republic that went out of popular favor in 1582. The Brits still used it until 1752. The country celebrated Washington's birthday as a sign of respect long before it became a federal holiday in 1879.

After LBJ's Uniform Holiday Bill, Presidents Day was celebrated on the third Monday of February. Around this time, the country also began using the holiday to honor not only Washington but also Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday is Feb. 12.

My husband John is a huge fan of presidential trivia (as well as Presidential gossip!) As a history teacher for 25 years, I realized that this gossip and trivia is probably some of the most commonly interesting information about our presidents. See how many of these questions you can answer without peeking... or using Google!

- 1. Who is the only president to not have been elected in a national election?
- 2. Which president introduced the Social Security program?
- 3. Which president got stuck in a
- 4. Who was the first president to be born in the United States? 5. Who was the first president to be
- born in a hospital? 6. What president is credited with
- bringing Texas into the US? 7. Who was the first president to live in the White House?
- 8. Two presidents died on the Fourth of July within hours of each other. Who were they?
- 9. Who was the first president to ride in a car to his inauguration?
- 10. What does the S in Harry S. Truman stand for?
- 11. Under which president's administration was the Interstate Highway System created?
- 12. What four presidents have won the Nobel Peace Prize?
- 13. Who was the first president to attend baseball's opening day and throw the ceremonial first pitch?
- 14. Who was the earliest president for which we have a photograph?

- 15. Which president was born on July
- 16. Three presidents have been impeached. Which ones?
- 17. Who was the first president to appear on television?
- 18. Which president had 15 children?
- 19. Which president had a bullet lodged in his body for 40 years?
- 20. Who were the top five most intellectual presidents?

Editor's note (Adams, Jefferson, and Madison IQ's are based on score estimates of "Intellectual Brilliance" as IQ testing was not available in their lifetimes. (ddf: Jbb) nosibaM səmat (ddf Kennedy (IQ: 158) Bill Clinton (IQ: Jefferson (1Q: 160) John F. semodT (ETI: OI) smabA ndoL.OS 19. Andrew Jackson 18. John Tyler 17. Franklin D. Roosevelt were brought against him.

16. Andrew Johnson, Bill Clinton and 15. Calvin Coolidge photographed while in office.

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13. William Howard Taft Barack Obama

Wilson, Jimmy Carter and 12. Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow 11. Dwight D. Eisenhower

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9. Warren G. Harding Jefferson

8. John Adams and Thomas Z. John Adams

6. James K. Polk 5. Jimmy Carter

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4. Martin Van Buren (all prior 3. William Howard Taft

2. Franklin Delano Roosevelt resignation)

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Presidential trivia answers:

1. Gerald Ford (appointed Vice-



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= CAF Classic Adult Fellowship

CAF Off to a Huge Start to 2023!

Classic Adult Fellowship, or CAF, celebrates all that those 55 and better represent. The group meets for monthly luncheons, movies, and outings and thrives with fellowship with those in similar stages of life.

January did not disappoint as we gathered for all things "cowboy!" Every year, the group enjoys an annual trip to the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo and, this year, we kicked our heels up with a group of 42! We ate great food, shopped for western attire, saw some champion ranch animals, watched a great rodeo in Dickie's Arena, and met some great friends along the way!

Continuing our cowboy theme, the CAF January Luncheon was a huge hit with guest speaker and favorite cowboy from "Blazing Saddles," Burton Gilliam! We loved every minute of hearing about his journey to Hollywood from Dallas, being flown first class to meet Mel Brooks, living in the same apartment building as John Wayne, and even dating "Wonder Woman," Linda Carter! We could have listened to him tell stories all day, but the group was extremely touched as he recited Psalm 23. Gilliam expressed

his love for the Lord and that He restores his soul every day, just as the Psalm proclaims. What a wonderful reminder for us all, no matter what we may be facing. After the luncheon, Gilliam was so



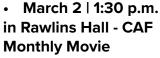
kind to speak to each person who wanted a picture, autograph, or just to share a story. Gilliam is our new favorite Classic Adult, and we all hope he'll join us for many more functions ahead!

What is on the calendar?

Check the winter newsletter for more details, but here are some upcoming events:

 February 24 | 11 a.m. (10:30 a.m. check-in) in Evans Hall—Super Senior Luncheon

Find out what it means to be a "super senior" from Ms. Super Senior Universe 2022, Barbara Reincke! This local Grapevine girl is bringing her love of life to our group to celebrate heart health month. Our chefs are also creating a wonderful hearthealthy menu. Reservations recommended to plan for enough seats and food. Contact Director



Laurie Williams.

Join us for our free monthly movie with tresn popcorn, arınks, candy, and great

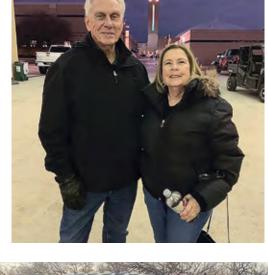
fellowship. The group will be showing "Saved by Ruby," which was the movie that was postponed due to weather in February.

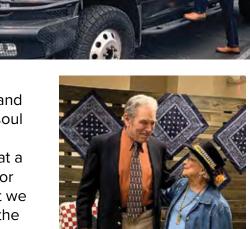
Mailing List Spring

Newsletters are in the works! To be added to the mailing list, please contact Director Laurie Williams and plan to be a part of the fun!

Director Laurie Williams lwilliams@whiteschapel.org









April 15 & 22 BUILD A HOME PROJECT **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers

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in local communities across all 50 states and in more than 70 countries around the world. Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat works toward this vision by building and improving homes in partnership with individuals and families in need of a decent and affordable place to live."

Habitat for Humanity "works together with families, local communities, volunteers, and partners from around the world so that more people are able to live in affordable and safe homes." Many of the organization's efforts focus on reform to remove barriers that prevent low-income families from accessing affordable shelter—a place to call home.

The new home build will benefit a single mother who has been working two jobs to help support and take care of her family. She and her two children have been chasing apartment rent specials just to provide a roof over their heads. The woman will be the first of her entire family to become a homeowner. Her daughter will attend college soon and is excited to have a room of her own, where she can focus on her studies. The family is excited about the stability that home ownership and an affordable mortgage is going to provide for them. They are extremely grateful, and they are looking forward to building alongside volunteers in April.

"Jesus calls us to share our blessings with others—meaning our time, treasure and talent," shared Rev. Sterling Smith, pastor for Outreach and Operations. "It's such a beautiful thing to help a family get established in a community with home ownership!"

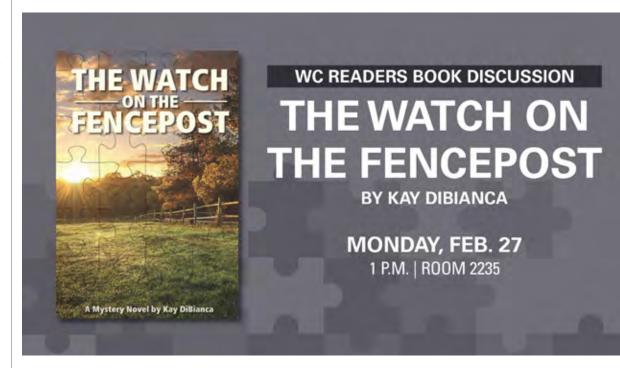
The upcoming workdays will be 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., but WC volunteers should plan to arrive by 7:45 a.m. for a few words and prayer. Safety is the number one goal, so the workday will start with a safety lesson given by the construction project manager. Work may include raising the walls, installing tornado fortifications, installing windows, and putting up siding. However, prior experience is not required to volunteer.

Registration is required to participate, and the digital sign-up page can be accessed through the church website. Early registration is preferred to aid in construction scheduling. After completing the registration, volunteers will receive an email detailing some information about the family and home address, what to bring and wear, and it will also include a Trinity Habitat liability waiver to bring on the day of the event. For more information, please contact Beverly Chernoff at bcher06@gmail.com.

A previous volunteer shared their involvement by saying, "What a great experience! It warms my heart to feel that I am helping someone. I enjoyed the fellowship and learning experience."

Volunteer Link: https://sugeni.us/dDCx trinityhabitat.org









Register or use QR code to the left.

Lent

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excluded in the count).

In some Christian communities, followers abstain from eating meat and drinking on Fridays during Lent. This in no way means their faith is stronger or better than someone who doesn't restrict their intake. Fasting is simply an additional way of paying mind to one's deep repentance for prior sins, but the decision is optional, and more importantly, it's entirely personal.

In other communities, Christians commit to fasting in other ways. Many people make a vow to fast from specific foods or habits such as negative thoughts, gossiping, social media, binging shows on streaming sites, alcohol, and much more. New traditions also include adding things to your life

for these 40 days—such as setting aside time to meditate and pray each day, visiting shut-ins, and doing service. Many go a step further and dedicate money they would have spent on the restricted food or habit and give it to the poor.

There are certain days always observed during Lent: Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Holy (Maundy) Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and of course Easter. Many of these days are not formally observed in many Protestant faiths.

In short, Lent is a period of preparation in which Christians remember the life of Jesus through prayer and penance, but it is more directly related to His ministry than His death. The scriptural impetus for Lent is the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness after His baptism. It reminds us of what Jesus went through when He died on the cross to cover our sin. It concludes with the celebration of the Resurrection.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Family Bingo Night Feb. 24 | 6:30 p.m. | Evans Hall

Meet new friends, laugh out loud and win fun prizes. Prizes include gift cards, games, novelties and fun toys. This event is appropriate for all ages. The fun will be in Evans Hall with dinner and then Bingo!! We will be serving Chick-fil-A sandwiches, chips, cookies and water. The cost is \$15 per family if registered by Feb. 22, and it's \$25 beginning Feb. 23.

Line Dancing Classes Thursday, March 2, 9 & 16 | 6 to 7 p.m. Evans Hall

Join dance instructor Donna Whiteley for a three-week series on learning a variety of line dances. Whether you're eight, 88, or somewhere in between, we have a great way for you to meet new friends, get in shape, and laugh—a lot! These classes are for singles, couples, and families. The cost is only \$5 per person, per week for those 13 and older. Please register and pay online.

Tracy Christensen | tchristensen@whiteschapel.org

Open Hearts Thursday, March 2 | 6:30 p.m.

Open Hearts resumes on Thursday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the living room of the Center for Spiritual Care. Our speaker will be Cathy Evans. Cathy will be presenting research on New Testament passages and sharing her personal epiphanies that lead her head and heart to align with the LGBT community.

Open Hearts is a group that respects and welcomes all people. We strive to support, both spiritually and socially, those in the LGBT community. We believe that God loves all and seek to provide a safe environment for discussion and fellowship.

Janice White I janicedwhite74@gmail.com

Agape Meal Volunteers Every Third Thursday

Be the hands and feet of Jesus as White's Chapel volunteers (ages 6 and up) serve a meal to the homeless on the third Thursday of each month during the Agape Meal at Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Each Agape Meal service opportunity begins at 4:15 p.m. at the WC Welcome doors (east parking lot) with group introductions and a prayer. Then, the groups gets on the church bus. At 5:30 p.m., there is a short volunteer orientation in the Followship Hall at Broadway Baptist Church and then people get tables ready to begin serving the homeless. The doors open at 6 p.m. The worship service begins at 6:30 p.m. After cleaning up, the group heads back and arrives at White's Chapel at 7:45 p.m. WC volunteers can ride the bus for drive separately (and meet at Broadway Baptist at 5:30 p.m.). Please plan to eat before.

Please contact the WC volunteer lead, Kathy Abelanet at <u>kaabel@verizon</u>. <u>net</u> if you have any questions. Register through the sign-up page on the <u>church</u> <u>website</u>.

New Mexico Adult Mission Trip April 23–29 | Santa Fe, New Mexico

Mark your calendars to join other White's Chapel adults on a mission trip to McCurdy Ministries. There will be a variety of work for all skill levels during the week including improvement projects, administrative work, and program support. Deadline to register is March 15. Check out their website at www.mccurdy.org.

The trip is limited to 30 volunteers. Contact Larry or Karen Smith at smith4family@verizon.net.



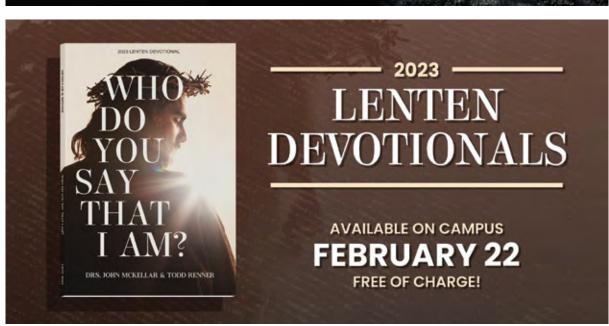


Prayer List

Adriana Abbasi, Rex Akers, Thomas Anderson, Libby Assenheimer, Jack Bair, Carol Barret, Walt Barret, Jerry Barron, David Baxley, Joyce Billingsley, Bethia Blomquist, Mindy Bogan, Brad Boyd, Kay Brandt, Marlin Brandt, Ernie Brashear, Jeremy Brown, Ron and Carol Bryant, Joe Burns, Bobbie Cameron, Nikki Campbell, Connie Center, Jimmie Nell Cook, Grace Copeland, Kathleen Cox, Natalie Cramer, Levi Dietz, Andy Dillon, Jean Doricko, Cooper Dunaway, Bobbi Dunbar, Audry Dusendschon, Wilma Dykman, Nick Elizondo, Ralph Evans, Mark Fidler, Alfred Fritsch, Joan Gaszak, Rick Gaszak, Jane Grazer, Alan Grey, Joshua Grimstad, Chris Gruenewald, Marilyn Hale, Tiffany Hall, Judith Hallam, Michelle Han, Alberta Hays, Maxie Hays, Tommy Helton, John Hering, Art Hill, Jarrett Hodnett, Elyse Huettl, Tom Hutchison, Kevin Johnson, Ron Johnson, Russ Jones, Helen Kimble Kutch, Kevin Kolbye, Dolores Kopesec, Steve Lallier, Connie Lamb, Caleb Graham Larson, Suzy Lundquist, Rich Lyon, Jennifer Matchett, Kosse Maykus, Jared McAda, Blair McLaughlin, Leara Miles, Nancy Miller, Betty Morris, Thomas W. Morris, Jim Murray, Bill Olson, Michael Partin, Mary Mardovin Pekowski, Kathy Pierce, Myrna Puls, Fadia Pyatt, Julie Richmond, Megan Robison, Elizabeth Rowland, Sharon Seago, Diane Shafer, Lou Sherman, Kim Shuck, Pat Skinner, Steve Swanston, Jasper Talley, Connie Taylor, P.D. Taylor, Carolyn Thompson, Jenny Thornell, Gladys Van Horsten, Rollie Villaruel, John Walling, Jeremie Wampler, Guy Warner, Pat Warner, Darles Watson, Terry Webster, Dick Williams, Ken Williams, Barry Wilson, Dave Zebriski, Jared and Family, Joey, Pat. Recent deaths: The Family of Patricia Adams, The Family of Jack Agosta, The Family of Mario Alvarez, The Family of Kaye Bounds, The Family of Ted Collins, The Family of David Cotton, The Family of Royce Harber, The Family of Clifton Joseph, The Family of Imogene King, The Family of Ferry Anne Neal, The Family of Charles Sledge Jr., The Family of Paul Spain, The Family of Robert Tettleton, The Family of Barbara Tipton, The Family of Gerald Wallace, The Family of Paul Wright.

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





COSTA RICA

Although the weather prevented some from going to Costa Rica, those who made it had a wonderful and productive trip. Our volunteers were able to work on the exterior of a school, among other projects, and build relationships with some of the students there.









