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WC Music Ministry Holy Week Hustle

By Clint Blalock

s the season of Lent draws to a close and Christians around the world observe Holy Week, the White's Chapel worship team is completing the finishing touches on a series of services that promise to be moving and uplifting. Those who have attended our church for an extensive period of time have probably been to one of our Holy Week services in the past. More than 24,000 worshippers attended last year's Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter services. These services are all contained in a single week. But have you ever wondered what happens behind the scenes to make these services come together?



Our typical weekly services have multiple worship times and teams that lead across the church campus. While many of these leaders are visible on the chancel and other platforms, many others are behind soundboards, lightboards, and video booths. It takes a monumental effort to bring our all of worship services to life week after week.

With the lead up to Holy Week, this rises to a completely different level. Over the course of a single week, our choir, orchestra, contemporary teams, and soloists will present nearly 100 songs that will be featured across a dozen services. The production staff and volunteers work practically 'round the clock' to transform the sanctuary with decorations, lights, and video, as well as to provide extra

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PALM SUNDAY

Hosanna!

The celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was exciting and joyful last Sunday, as Palm Sunday ushered in the events of Holy Week.

Summer 2023

Mission Trip Registration Open for High School, Middle School Students

By Bella Briseno, Student Minister

t's only April, but WC Students is already preparing for an exciting summer for our middle and high school students. Between preparing for all of our summer trips and going on all of our summer trips, summertime is one of busiest times of ministry for our youth. Among the trips we take are High School Mission Trip, for ninth - 12th grade students, and Middle School Mission Trip, for incoming seventh and eighth grade students.

High School Mission Trip

All students of the graduating classes of 2022-26 are welcome to register for

this year's High School Mission Trip. The trip will take place July 9-14 in Memphis, Tennessee. Students will depart from White's Chapel early Sunday morning and travel to the University of Memphis, serving as their home away from home during the trip. Alongside WC Students, staff, and our summer interns, adult volunteers will accompany students at a ratio of one adult per five students.

Monday through Thursday, students will take a short drive and spend their days serving in various ways, including house improvement projects such as roofing and ramp building for wheelchair access, and working at food banks in West Memphis and east Arkansas.

After returning to campus, students will end each day with a short devotional time followed by a large group worship service and a short time in small groups with their work group from the day. This weeklong trip will allow students to serve while growing in their faith alongside their peers.

This trip is known to fill quickly, so please sign up now. Over 220 people have registered so far! Because space is limited, ALL students will be placed on a WAIT LIST on a first come, first served basis; and when an adult signs up, five students will be placed on the final

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Easter

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Contemporary Service Sanctuary | 5:30 p.m. (Service will be streamed)

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Sunrise Service

Amphitheater | 6:30 a.m.

Sanctuary | 8, 9:15, 10:30 & 11:45 a.m. (Services will be streamed)

Traditional Worship

Celebration of Resurrection Columbarium | 12:45 p.m.

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, "Who Do You Say That I Am?" is available at various kiosks at White's Chapel, or at the Administrative Building front desk. Written by White's Chapel Co-Pastors Dr. John McKellar and Dr. Todd Renner, the guide is available at no charge.

Abandoned Agenda

"For you will certainly carry out God's purpose, however you act, but it makes a difference to you whether you serve like Judas or like John."

- C.S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain

ne of the disturbing moments of Holy Week is the moment when one of the 12 disciples, Judas, betrays Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. He had a first-hand seat to the greatest moment in history, and he missed what God was doing.

We remember that Judas was a zealot. He had a political agenda. He was

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Love and Loyalty

By Dr. John McKellar

ne of the compelling figures of Holy Week was Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor who condemned Jesus to die. He was crystal clear that Jesus was innocent of all charges against him. He tried to pass the buck, compromise, cajole the crowd into letting Jesus go. But at the end of the day, he chose his career over justice, he chose popularity over conviction.

Remember how Holy Week began: with a fickle crowd shouting "hosanna" which means save us now. With reports of Jesus' healing of Lazarus, debating the Pharisees, and defiance of the status quo he seemed to fill their requirements for the ideal leader to take on Rome. When he refused to meet their expectations, their shallow praise turned to derision. The cries of "hosanna" all too quickly became "crucify." Such is the volatile nature of popularity. His disciples rode the roller coaster of these hurtling events trying to understand the nature of the love that Jesus had taught them.

Unwittingly, they showed us what love is all about. It is loyalty when the plan falls apart. It is determination in chaos. It is that grit that refuses to walk away when the tide of public opinion turns. True love has a strong strand of stick-toit-ness in its DNA.

Bear Bryant said a remarkable thing during his tenure at the University of Alabama. He said, "I plan on staying at Alabama for the rest of my career. I guarantee that I'll be here for you through it all, regardless of what happens."

Loyalty is Peter who falls asleep in the garden when Jesus needed him most. but who woke up and defended Jesus with his sword against the armed guards. It is disciples lurking in the shadows during Jesus' trial, afraid to speak up, but too devoted to walk away. It is John and Mary at the foot of the cross with their hearts breaking at the injustice they could not stop.

Easter begs a question that causes us to squirm. Is our discipleship more like the crowd or the disciples? Too often our commitment lasts until it ceases to be fun or meets our needs. We walk away from prayer when the answers don't suit us. We want what we want.. when we want it. And anyone who disappoints us, we move on. But we look back to Jesus. And we remember that there is a cost to love. There is a price for grace. And only when we understand the sacrifice of a great commitment can we plumb the depths of a great devotion. Benjamin Franklin once said, "Be slow in choosing a friend, and even slower in changing."

Join us this weekend as we pledge our loyalty to our Risen Savior!



schoolers! Just as with High School Mission Trip, ALL students will be placed on a WAIT LIST on a first come, first served basis, and when an adult signs up, five students will be placed on the final roster. If a parent of a student on the wait list registers as a workgroup leader, their student will automatically be added to the final roster. Registration forms for this trip can be found at whiteschapel.org.

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Middle School Mission Trip

WC Students will also be traveling with incoming seventh and eighth graders to Conway, Arkansas, from June 12 - 16 to serve the local community. Middle

schoolers will arrive at White's Chapel early to embark on a long day of travel up to Hendrix College, where the students will stay for the week. The same volunteer policy is followed as on the High School Mission Trip: Adult volunteers will accompany in a one adult to five students ratio. After arriving, students will kick off the week with dinner and worship. A typical mission trip day

Rock is similar Tuesday through Thursday. The day starts bright and early at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast, loading lunches, and heading for work sites. Work sites include various projects, ranging from lawn care to food banks to playing with local children. After a lunch break at noon, students return to the lodging site to shower, eat dinner, and get ready for all the fun

Students will participate in games, devotional time, and worship to connect with their community and the Lord. Finally, students will return home tired but happy on Friday afternoon.

For many students, this is their first experience serving others in a mission trip environment while also being away from home for so long. Still, the Middle School Mission Trip provides fantastic memories that lay the groundwork for students' time at White's Chapel. We are

Adult Leaders and Volunteers

High School Mission Trip and Middle School Mission Trip are some highlights of our year here at WC Students. These week-long trips allow students to serve the people of Conway, Arkansas, and Memphis, Tennessee, while growing in their faith and community with their peers. For as many students as possible to have the opportunity to attend these trips, we need over 75 adult leaders to serve as workgroup leaders. These trips truly could not happen without members of our congregation taking a week out of their summer to serve our students and serve alongside them. While the days may be long, we believe that the rewards

> of seeing God move in our students and your own lives throughout the trip are worth experiencing firsthand. More than anything, our students, as the young people of our congregation, need to know the rest of their church community wants to invest in them as they grow in their faith journey. It truly takes a village, and the more members of this church we have to take

> > our students under their wing, the more they will know how the rest of the congregation wants to invest in them. We don't believe there is a perfect mold of a great mission trip leader. Great leaders are not limited to a specific age or career. They are not limited by having a student in the ministry or having previous experience serving students of this age. Great leaders are marked by an open and willing heart to invest in the young people

of our congregation as they make God known by serving others. Though it may seem intimidating or something you never considered before, we believe it is worth stepping outside of your comfort zone to join as an adult leader to be a part of the incredible work God will do this summer. We hope you will take this as your personal invitation to sign up to join us this summer!

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Toddler Time Wednesday, April 19 9 to 9:30 a.m.

Friends and bugs!!
We will be reading a story about friends and fairness. And, it just so happens that those friends are all bugs, so

we will be singing songs enjoying fun activities about bugs. Two and three-year-olds, bring your parents and join us for our story time created just for you. We will meet near the indoor playground on April 19 at 9 a.m. After story time, stay and play and make new friends at our indoor playground. We will meet the third Wednesday of every month.

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Mission Mania April 23 Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Third and fourth graders, it's time for Mission Mania! We will meet in Room 7 on Sunday, April 23 at noon

for a pizza lunch. After lunch we will be painting suncatchers for local nursing homes. Along with the suncatchers, we'll be assembling care packages to gift the seniors full of word puzzles, sugar free candy, and more! Join us as we spread God's love to the seniors in our community.

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Club 56 Movie Night April 21 | 8 to 10 p.m.

Fifth and sixth graders bring a lawn chair or blanket and join us for s'mores, popcorn and a movie under the stars.

Check-in and s'mores at 7:45 p.m. Movie will begin at 8 p.m. \$5 per student. Club 56ers are always encouraged to invite fifth and sixth grade friends.

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WC Kids Fun Run Saturday, May 20 | 9:30 a.m. Outdoor Amphitheater

WC Kids will host the third annual Fun Run on Saturday, May 20 with the goal of raising money for Heifer International. All ages are welcome to participate... so bring your friends, family, and children in strollers or dogs on leashes and walk, run, skip, hop, or jump to the finish line! Don't worry if you aren't a race enthusiast, all runners, walkers and joggers are invited to join in on the fun. Everyone will meet at the amphitheater by the pond at 9:30 a.m. for a word of prayer, then take off! There will be fun, interactive stations along the way including a petting zoo! Breakfast will be served at the finish line for everyone to enjoy by the pond. Registration is \$10 per person and 100 percent of registration fees will be donated to Heifer. Register by April 29 for a FREE t-shirt. If you would like to participate in the Fun Run but cannot attend, you can still donate! Hannah Robbins I hrobbins@whiteschapel.org



Food Truck Party VBS 2023 June 12 – 15 | 9 a.m. to Noon

Food Truck Party VBS is based on Matthew 6:11 (NRSV): "Give us this day our daily bread." This verse reminds us that everything we have comes from God—but it also calls us to turn to God in prayer for our daily needs. Food Truck Party is a fun event where 'Chefs' learn important lessons about God's ability to provide. 'Chefs' are guided each day to learn how we can depend on God to take care of us. Because God loves and cares for us, we, in turn, can love and care for the rest of the world. We care for others because God first cared for us. In this way the Church becomes the hands of God, ensuring that everyone's needs are met. Each session focuses on different ways God has met the needs of God's people and reminds us that God is still doing this today through us.

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Don't forget about WC Kids Wednesday Theme Nights!

Join WC Kids each Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. for our fun themed nights. Kids 4 years old - sixth grade will have 30 minutes of Bible study and then activities to go along with each night's theme. April themes are Egg Hunt, Hula Hoop, Game Night & on our final Wednesday of the school year, April 26, Snow Cone Night. Hannah Robbins I hrobbins@whiteschapel.org

WC Kids looking for new Rockstars!

Rockstars are high schoolers who lead worship, perform skits and share the Word with WC Kids on Sunday mornings. They make connections with the students and serve as role models and mentors. Teens will also assist with events and in other areas as needed throughout the year.

Auditions for the Rockstars will be on Sunday, May 7. After registering, you will receive an email with a monologue to memorize and a form to fill out and bring to the audition. At the audition, each teen will perform a monologue and read through an improvisational script.

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SAVE THE DATE!

WC Kids Arts Academy and WC Theater will open registrations for summer camps on May 1.

Arts Academy Summer Camp 1
June 26 – 29 | 9 a.m. to Noon

Arts Academy Summer Camp 2 July 31 – Aug. 3 | 9 a.m. to Noon

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Holy Week

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capacity for as many people as possible. All of this is just the tip of the iceberg!

Before most people have even taken down their Christmas trees, a dedicated group of creative minds from WC Worship, Production, and Adult Education begin meeting with our pastoral team to dream and plan the White's Chapel Holy Week services. By the time Lent begins with Ash Wednesday services, most elements of the Holy Week services have been planned. At this point, the work and the fun are just beginning.

In mid-February, hundreds of singers, musicians, actors, and dancers begin meeting regularly to rehearse. In fact, the sanctuary choir adds a Sunday night rehearsal specifically for Holy Week in addition to their normal Wednesday night choir practice! Dozens of production and audiovisual experts are beginning to generate content and install technology that will be used during that very special week.

The creative team that began the planning will continue to meet each week as the work really begins to ramp up. Music is purchased or created.

Storyboards and scripts begin to cover the whiteboards and walls of the Worship Department. Every moment, transition and creative element of each worship service is thoughtfully imagined, planned, and revised. Sometimes directions change completely, and it's not uncommon for the team to passionately disagree. Yet, there is always a spirit of grace and commitment to sharing God's love and salvation in the very best way we can.



All the hard work and preparation leads to a week full of worship experiences that capture the heart and soul of God's love for us, as revealed in Jesus' death and resurrection. It starts with Palm Sunday, as the 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sanctuary services include a celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with an exciting procession set to music. Many members also enjoy the annual Brunch in Evans Hall.

Our Maundy Thursday service combines many of the typical elements

from both a Maundy Thursday and a Good Friday service. Reverent songs of worship, drama, narration, and video elements are consistently woven together to retell the Last Supper, Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. In many ways, this service is the counterpart of our Christmas Worship Experience. It is fueled each year by God's love and the price our Savior paid for our salvation. The service concludes with Dr. McKellar

and Dr. Renner leading the congregation outside to receive Communion around the Jesus fountain. Each year, there are people that say this is the most profound worship service of the year for them.

Easter at White's Chapel begins at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 8 with a contemporary Easter service. The praise teams from Saturday and Sunday combine to create a unique experience for those eager to begin celebrating Easter. Midnight in Israel happens in the middle of our service, so it's exciting to join with worshipping Christians that are celebrating Easter in Jerusalem. At 6:30 a.m. Sunday morning, worshippers gather in the amphitheater by the pond for a sunrise service. The WC Students' Youth Worship Team – as well as our Pastors – lead this unique Easter experience. This is followed by four services in the Sanctuary at 8, 9:15, 10:30, & 11:45 a.m. These identical worship experiences feature the choir, orchestra, worship band, and soloists.



It's hard to overstate just how much goes into planning, preparing, and leading these services. We pull out all the stops, and these services really showcase our very best efforts to glorify God and share the Gospel. Music and Worship Co-Director Shaunna Fuller says, "We're so excited for the church to experience the music we're preparing. We're working hard on exciting new music as well as familiar favorites. We have dramatic songs with choir, orchestra and praise team that will tell the story of Jesus death and resurrection. It's all coming together for unforgettable worship that is uniquely White's Chapel!"

One of the prayers I pray with my team each week is that God will take the gifts we bring to our worship service and accomplish something so great that only He can take the credit for it. It's my hope that knowing a little more about what our creative teams are doing behind the scenes this year will excite you for what's coming. But more than anything, I hope you will come worship with us... bring a friend or neighbor... and celebrate with us as God transforms lives with the power of His death and resurrection!

Clint Blalock is the Co-Director of the White's Chapel Music and Worship Ministry.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Christians Facing Cancer Tuesday, April 11 | 6:30 p.m. Room 2129 | First Floor Evans Hall

CFC welcomes a presentation by On Point Acupuncture & Wellness in Southlake. Kalpesh L. Patel, L.Ac. (Licensed Acupuncturist) and Imelda Villea Hernandez, Certified Massage Therapist & Esthetician will discuss acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine, health benefits of massage, and more.

Several years ago, Patel recovered from a debilitating form of tendinitis by treatment with acupuncture. This experience led him to obtaining a master's degree in acupuncture at the American Institute of Alternative Medicine "AIAM" in Columbus, Ohio. He then completed herbal studies at AOMA Graduate School of Integrative Medicine in Austin. Patel also studied abroad at the Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine. He now enjoys the blessings of sharing wellness with everyone.

Hernandez translated her passion for helping others into a profession by getting her degree in massage therapy. She practices as a licensed massage therapist at One Point Acupuncture & Wellness.

Christians Facing Cancer provides encouragement for cancer patients, caregivers, family members, and friends whose lives have been impacted by a cancer diagnosis. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month. For additional information, contact BJ

Landers at landerscln@aol.com, or supportgroups@whiteschapel.org.



WC Women's Mission Day Saturday, April 22 | Grapevine Housing Authority | Meet at 9 a.m.

Let's head outside to help others!
Join WC Women on April 22 to spruce up and mulch yards for residents at the Grapevine Housing Authority. The group will meet at 9 a.m., pray, and then divide up into teams for the houses.
Registration is needed so leaders can plan for an accurate number of homes to work on. People are welcome to donate \$10 for supplies. For additional information, contact Rev. Joy Roberson.

GOD AS CEO ENCOUNTER Saturday, May 6 | 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

God as CEO is a faith-based nonprofit ministry for business owners and industry professionals (employers and employees). The purpose of God as CEO is to ultimately inspire, challenge, and change business peoples' view of God's involvement in our work and life. Continental breakfast and lunch will also be offered. Register online.





Prayer List

Anne Armstrong, Jack Bair, Carol Barret, Walt Barret, Michelle Bartunek and Family, Laura Baumgartner, Mark Baumgartner, Billy Bell, Joyce Billingsley, Bethia Blomquist, Kay Brandt, Marlin Brandt, Cheryl and Ernie Brashear, Walt Braun, Ron and Carol Bryant, Ruby Buffalo, Joe Burns, John Cairns, Bobbie Cameron, Nikki Campbell, Connie Center, Freddie Charles, Hsiao-Lan Chung, Graeme and Meena Clugston, Jimmie Nell Cook, Grace Copeland, Andy Dillon, Bobbi Dunbar, Duncan Duvall, Trudy Earley, Susan Elms, Gene Evans, Ralph Evans, Mark Fidler, Charlotte Fox, Roland Galyean, Jane Grazer, Chuck Gregg, Chris Gruenewald, John Guthrie, Lisa Halbert, Judith Hallam, Ron Healey, Barbara Sidorowicz Heide, Lucille Helton, LoCinda Hennerberg, Nathan Hight, Jarrett Hodnett, Bill Jacobs, Doug Jenkins, Scott Klingensmith, Ethan Knifley, Joan Kowalski, Dennis Kozey, James and Dennis Kozey, Connie Lamb, Caleb Graham Larson, Serenity Lee, Chik Leehan, Dan Lenex, Kosse Maykus, Caleb McMurray, Kelli Meyers, Buddy Mincey, Susan Mincey, Barbara Montya, Thomas W. Morris, Ellie Nadeau, John Nadeau, Helen Owen, Rondi Perry, Gerti Phillips, Kathy Pierce, Otto Pollei Jr., Lynne Pompetti, Jerome Reed, Jim and Mary Renner, Kim Rhodes, Allison Rice, Johnnie Ruth Rogillio, Jacob Rurka, Carmen Salas, Bill Savage, Diane Shafer, Rachael Shafer, Ken Sheffield, Jeanie Shoop, Alan Smith, Christy Smith, Katherine Smith, Don Snyder, Sid Soileau, Gayle Sorenson, Doris Splichal, Jasper Talley, Jenny Thornell, Hunt Turner, Sue Vignaroli, Brenda Walker, Gaylene Wallace, Paula Watson, Paul White, Dick Williams, Ken Williams, Macie Williams, Radell Williams, Barry Johnson, Ida Wilson, Leigh Winzeler, Dave Zebriski, Ron, , The Family of Celinda Allen, The Family of Helen Bartkowiak, The Family of Diann Clary, The Family of Herman Dillon, The Family of Wade Elliott, The Family of Rita LeRae Hight, The Family of Dennis Hobbs, The Family of J.C. Howell, The Family of Michelle Long, The Family of Barbara Peacock, The Family of Denise Price, The Family of Geoff Reed, The Family of Caleb Stewart, The Family of Richard Thompson, The Family of Lindsey Smith Trapp, The Family of Lauren Elise Williams, The Ft. Campbell KY Airmen.

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

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Little bunnies, boys and girls filled the hallways and lawns last Saturday as White's Chapel celebrated the annual Eggstravaganza. More than 900 people were in attendance!













Lent

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looking for a military Messiah to restore the Davidic monarchy. He kept trying to force Jesus to be the One he wanted, rather than accepting who Jesus was.

Judas was saying to Jesus, "Read the signs. You are at the height of your popularity. The crowds are shouting 'Hosanna – Save Us Now! 'You have just cleansed the Temple; You've shown your strength. You are teaching about the final days, inspiring the vision of God's reign. Seize the moment. Let's march on Rome." But Jesus refused to meet his expectations.

Judas couldn't adjust his agenda; and in bitterness, he betrayed God's Son. We can ponder his motive. Was it disappointment? Was it an effort to force Jesus 'hand and inspire the others to take up a sword in retaliation? We can never know the heart of Judas, but we see clearly Jesus 'response. "Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" the Scriptures tell us.

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