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# Cantaré Spring Concert Slated for Sunday, April 30

antaré, an audition performance choir and the premier youth performance choir in Northeast Tarrant County, will perform their annual spring concert in the White's Chapel Sanctuary on Sunday, April 30, at 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Key musical pieces will include "Like a River in My Soul," "Deus Meus" (a Latin song based on Ruth 1:16, referencing highlights of the beautiful friendship shared between Ruth and Naomi),

"Light of a Clear Blue Morning," and "Surface Pressure" (from the movie "Encanto").

"It's a very special experience to be able to share this ministry with such a unique youth community choir," said Founder and Artistic Director

Peggy Sward. "The choir offers a broad range of participants,



with varying musical backgrounds, the opportunity to

create exceptional music experiences together. With the mission of providing quality music instruction and attaining the highest level of artistic excellence in choral performance, our Cantaré choir offers an exciting and unparalleled

experience for advanced singers to learn diverse choral

repertoire and perform for the community."

Founded in 2011, Cantaré offers third graders to high school seniors a unique experience. Singers are public and private school students as well as homeschooled students. The choir sings many styles of music (classical, pop, and songs in other languages) in many different venues (from Six Flags and ballparks to classical concert venues,

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### **Crescendo Choir**

# "Tell Me the Truth" Presented Wednesday Evening in WC Sanctuary

The Crescendo Children's
Choir will present the
musical "Tell Me the
Truth" next Wednesday,
April 26, at 6 p.m. in the
White's Chapel Sanctuary.

he musical is the creation of a team from Little Big Stuff Music based in Nashville, TN. The specific goal of the company is to deliver the highest-quality musicals that are honoring to God, fun for kids, and have life-changing Gospel impact

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### ARTS ACADEMY SHOWCASE

Arts Academy classes showcased their art, dances, stop motion videos, theater performances, and more on April 11. Through this well-loved program, students have the opportunity to use their creative minds and participate in the arts.

## Volunteers Needed for "Spring Renewal"

By Cassidy Johnson

hite's Chapel volunteers are sprucing up our beautiful and well-loved campus! With the renewel of spring, it's a perfection.

renewal of spring, it's a perfect time to also 'renew' the church grounds. On Saturday, May 13, volunteers will

have the opportunity to help beautify the area by participating in a Super Saturday of Service: Spring Renewal event (also known as the campus or trustee workday), a day where members help the

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property team and board of trustees with hands-on volunteer work. From 9 a.m. to noon, church members will help in multiple campus beautification projects.

While the property team does a great job of tending to the needs of the campus, this Super Saturday of Service offers additional support. The longstanding, 30+ year tradition has allowed members to take some ownership of how the church is maintained.

"I was appointed a pastor here in 2014, and that's when I took over property – and we were doing it then," Rev.

Sterling Smith recalled. "But this goes way back... and these workdays were absolutely critical for an aging property back when we didn't have a lot of money."

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### **WC Theater I Production**

### Move It, Move It to "Madagascar, A Musical Adventure JR."

he White's Chapel Arts Academy takes the animals out of the zoo and onto the stage with the

spring stage production "Madagascar: A Musical Adventure JR." May 3, 4 & 5 at 7 p.m. The three-night stage presentation includes the favorite "crack-a-lackin" friends from

the blockbuster DreamWorks film.

Alex the lion is the king of the urban jungle, the main attraction at New York's Central Park Zoo. He and his best friends – Marty the zebra, Melman the giraffe and Gloria the hippo – have spent their whole lives in blissful captivity before an admiring public and with regular meals provided for them. Not content to leave well enough alone, Marty lets his curiosity get the better of him and makes his escape – with the help of some prodigious penguins – to explore the world.

Alex, Gloria and Melman scour the city in search of their friend. Once reunited, everyone tries to remain calm, despite the commotion of the city and the threat of capture by police and animal control officers. Tranquilizer shots bring one adventure to an end, only to begin another, with the animals find themselves trapped in crates bound for Africa. Additional mishaps occur, possibly sending animals to different parts of the globe.

Production songs include "It's Showtime," "Wild and Free," "I like to Move It, Move It," "Grand Central," and "Relax, Be Cool, Chill Out."

"This show is the fourth production put on by our Theatre I, fourth through sixth graders," said Richard Rodenberg,

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# **New Life Breaking Through**

By Dr. John McKellar

t does not seem possible that we lost our daughter Chandler 7 years ago.
I see reminders of her in every part of my life. One of my favorites is this time of year when our flowerbeds break forth in the song of her life. She loved the color purple; and friends have given us all kinds of purple flowers and plants. It seems every year, right at Easter time, these purple flowers just break out in a glorious reminder of the resurrection.

My mother was a gardener. She loved tinkering with and nurturing her garden. She loved flowers, but also planted tomatoes, peppers and zucchini, and after they were in the ground they got her constant attention. I remember something interesting she once told me. She said, "I'm never more content than when I put my plants in the ground. To care for them, to tend them, and to watch them grow reminds me of God's presence more than anything else."

I think she was on to something. Jesus

constantly used agricultural images in His teaching. As we plant, we are reminded that we can do our part, but we cannot make a plant grow. We cannot force the rain or hold back the freeze. We live as if we are in total charge of life, but we need these gentle reminders that we are not. We can do our best... but the growth is up to God.

So it is with moving through the process of grief. So it is with

deepening our faith lives. We can do our best. We can take steps to deepen our faith, but you and I cannot force powerful God moments. We can do our part, but God is always the One who acts, who reaches out to us, who brings about the change in our lives.

The song, "Spring is Coming," has always moved me. Steven Curtis Chapman wrote this song as he was dealing with the tragic death of his

5-year-old daughter. In these words, he captures the hope of how God will move us through the valley of grief. Remember the haunting words:

We planted the seed while the tears of our grief soaked the ground

The sky lost its' sun and the world lost its' green to lifeless brown

Now the chill in the wind has turned the Earth hard as stone

And silent the seed lies beneath ice and snow
And my heart's heavy now, but I'm not letting go
Of this hope I have that tells me
(Chorus) Spring is coming,

Spring is coming

And all we've been hoping and longing for

Soon will appear

Soon will appear
Spring is coming, Spring is coming
It won't be long now It's just about here
Hear the birds start to sing
Feel the life in the breeze
Watch the ice melt away
The kids are coming out to play
Feel the sun on your skin
Growing strong and warm again
Watch the ground
There's something moving
Something is breaking through

I think we instinctively understand the 40 days of Lenten preparation. I think we forget that following Easter, we are called to a 50-day celebration of resurrection. It is a feast of rejoicing and anticipation. It is a time to focus on the new life that God brings. Our hearts meditate on Psalm 30: 5, "weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

But we can't force the

dawn. We must constantly learn the lesson of our gardens: God is the One who grows and guides, in His time and not ours. We can plant, water and weed. But we must allow the spring to unfold, and for God to guide and bless in His good time. I hope that we can live with this attitude of expectancy, to watch the ground and wait for new life to break through... because it's true for all of us: spring is coming! It's just about here!





### Crescendo

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on our world. Their musicals have been produced at White's Chapel for about 14 years.



"We've been working with this company and doing these scripturally-based musicals since before 2009 when I started," explained Peggy Sward, Director of Crescendo.

"Tell Me the Truth" takes the audience back in time to 1970 and into "the grooviest game show on television." With host Jane Cheese, and intrepid announcer Johnny Glibb, three contestants, Skip (a catch and release mosquito wrangler), Mildred (an amateur surgeon) and Adrian (a freelance astronaut) are guided through what should be a simple array of Bible questions. The answers are surprising, and seemingly wrong, until the judges, participants, and audience take a fresh

look and discover the real meaning and message — Jesus!

Original songs include "Tell Me the Truth," "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho," and "We See You, Jesus."

Cast members include Finn Albers, Kenzi Albers, Kyle Appling, Annabelle Balson, Jessica Bartlett, Adeline Bracker, Farrah Cooper, Ronan Gada, Faith Haddock, Lissie Kang, Claire Maloney, Luke Nordin, Anne Sabbia, Emma Snyder, Maci Snyder, Baxter Spitsberg, and Brooklyn Weir.

Mary Beth Scott and Bruce Nymeyer have volunteered to help with the play. Cast parents have also assisted with props and sets.

"We begin our spring musical semester early in January and basically have nine hour-long Monday evening rehearsals to prepare the entire show," said Sward. "Enthusiastic students and families enjoy working together to share these stories in drama and song. We learn about Jesus and others in the Bible in a creative and fun way!"

The play is open for all to attend. Admission is free.

### Cantaré

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where audiences were from hundreds to thousands). Large commercial clients have requested this group's expertise in recording and performing live for special holiday and promotional events seen worldwide. Sward and Assistant Director Kandice Whitehead attend special music reading sessions during the summer to find the newest published selections for the season. The music selected is at the highest level and normally prepared for adult ensembles.

Auditions for each school year are held in the late summer. This year's auditions will be held Saturday, Aug. 29 in the White's Chapel Choir Rehearsal Hall by appointment only.

### WEEKEND THE FOUNDRY PREACHING SCHEDULE SAT. 5:30 p.m. | Contemporary w/ Rev. Sam Robbins **SANCTUARY** 11 a.m. | Rebroadcasted 9:30 a.m. Sermon 8:20 a.m. | Traditional w/ Drs. John McKellar & Todd Renner 9:30 a.m. | Contemporary **WALTON CHAPEL** w/ Drs. John McKellar & Todd Renner 9:30 a.m. | Traditional w/ Rev. Lori Cotton 11 a.m. | Traditional w/ Drs. John McKellar & Todd Renner

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# Cantaré Auditions 2023-2024:

- Auditions for the next season are by appointment only and will be held Saturday, Aug. 29, in the White's Chapel Choir Rehearsal Hall.
- Submit the registration form, found online at cantaretx.com, and an audition appointment will be scheduled.
- The audition criteria are a love of singing, an outgoing personality, and a strong voice that sings in tune with clear words. While prior musical training is not necessary, an audition is required.
- During the private audition, singers will be asked to:
  - 1. Sing simple vocal exercises as directed.
  - 2. Prepare and sing "The Star Spangled Banner."
  - 3. Prepare and sing "Are You Sleeping," with the directors.4. Sing a song of their choosing please bring
  - accompaniment CD or karaoke track on a handheld device (NO VOCALS on the track).
- The audition process will take only about 15 minutes.



# CAF = Classic Adult Fellowship



### Fun with Classic Adult Fellowship

Classic Adult Fellowship, or CAF, is a great group for those 55 or better that love the Lord, new adventures, and fun. The group meets for monthly luncheons, movies, and outings. Fellowship with those in similar stages of life is a treasure!

The group enjoyed the April movie, "The Most Reluctant Convert - the Untold Story of CS Lewis." This was a little different than our normal selections due to the narrator, C.S. Lewis, talking directly to the camera for most of the film.

The April luncheon was such a special time together as we enjoyed an Easter spread and very enjoyable entertainment. Haley Hodson played beautiful music on her harp; most agreed we could have listened to her play all day! A special thank you to our kitchen staff for not only providing a great meal for us, but also the church-wide Palm Sunday Brunch two days later! We are truly blessed with their ministry of serving so many (and the calories were well worth it!).

White's Chapel made Holy Week such a memorable time. From devotionals, prayer walks, Maundy Thursday reenactments, special events, and music, to Palm Sunday and Easter services, opportunities to connect with our Lord went deep.

Consider joining Classic Adult Fellowship to make new friendships as well as connect with other seniors at White's Chapel. There is a seat for everyone at our table!

### What is on the calendar?

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

April 28 | 11 a.m. (10:30 a.m. checkin) in Evans Hall - Wild for Seniors Luncheon

Jules and Rick Peterson, WC Members and owners of Loving Long Ears Sanctuary and Therapy Center, will be here to talk about their rescued donkeys and how the donkeys actually rescue humans! You'll also meet "Buffy," the kissing donkey! Joey will be making taco salad and great sides as well.

Reservations recommended to plan for enough seats and food. **Contact Director Laurie** Williams.

> May 4 | 1:30 p.m. - CAF Monthly Movie (usually in Rawlins Hall but due to the popularity of this movie, the location may change)

"Jesus Revolution" -In the 1970s, Greg Laurie and a sea of young people descend on sunny Southern California to redefine truth through all means of liberation.

Inadvertently, Laurie meets a charismatic street preacher and a pastor who open the doors to a church to a stream of wandering youth. What unfolds is a counterculture movement that becomes the greatest spiritual awakening in American history.

\*Laurie W.'s review: "One of the best Christian movies I've ever seen!"

Mailing List

Spring/Summer Newsletters are complete and have lots going on! To be added to the mailing list, please contact Director Laurie Williams and plan to be a part of the fun!



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### Madagascar

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Technical Director. "It is also the largest show to date."

"For the first time in WC Theater's history, we have one of our former students directing the show," Rodenberg added. "Zoe Thompson, who was a student of WC Theater for many years, spent this semester working with the production team to develop a vision for the show. She worked each rehearsal to put on the best show possible! We could not be more proud of her!"

Cast members include Emma Altschul, Eden Brannon, Gracie Brannon, Rocco Brunelle, Mariana Camacho, McKinley Cockrill, Nora Cook, Daniel DeLaune, Jeana Douglas, Martin Flight, Phoenix Heilman, Taylor Henderson, Ryder Hiller, Clara Hobby, Blair Horsley, Landry Killian, Elizabeth Langston, Jacob Lee, Acadia Lester, Asher Lewis, Charlotte McGroarty, Taylor McMaster, Channing Morgan, Juliette Munster, Emily Neal, Elizabeth Nelson, Kimber Niemi, Aria

Parish, Vivian Patterson, Maddie Pratt, Amulya Raghupatruni, Emily Renfrew, Ridgely Snead, Sadie Trammel, Poppy Thompson, Emmitt Waterstreet, Violet Wolfe, Emma Young, Madelyn Zabrouski, and Roxy Zimmerman.

"As always, the best part of the show is getting to spend time with these kids," said Rodenberg. "We love teaching them the basics of theater and stage performance, as well as helping to foster their relationships with God."

In addition to Rodenberg and Thompson, others working behind the scenes include WC Theater Director, Julie Blalock; Music Director, Lindy Hagen; Stage Managers, Daniel Flood and Brooklyn Zimmerman; Choreographer, Lee Blalock; and Stage Hands, Avery Lewis, Seth Rowden, and Obed Schultz. WC Kids Co-Director, Denise Bennett and Hannah Robbins, Arts Academy Coordinator, Erin Schechter; and parent volunteers, Jaclynn DeLaune and Melissa Zimmerman also contributed to the production behind the scenes.

The performance, in the The Foundry at White's Chapel, is open to the public. Admission is free.



### Volunteers

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This year, some of the major projects include: hauling rocks to line the Stations of Light trail, cleaning and polishing the pews in the main sanctuary, Grace Chapel and Walton Chapel, planting flowers near the flagpole area, Admin Building and Spell Chapel, painting the Welcome Hut (Tiki Hut), power washing and cleaning church trailers, buses and trucks, sanding and painting stair handrails, and a few general, assigned projects. About 50 volunteers are needed to complete these tasks.

On the day of the event, people will meet near the small garage in the back parking lot (near the Admin Building) at 9 a.m. Volunteers will be divided into teams, given necessary tools, and then tend to certain tasks. Water will be provided, but participants are asked to bring work gloves and wear closed toe shoes (or work boots). Volunteers are also encouraged to bring gloves if they

Anyone interested in participating in the Super Saturday of Service: Spring Renewal event is encouraged to sign up digitally through the church website.

Signing up early will help church leaders

provide an accurate number of tools/ supplies needed for the day, and allow participants to choose the area they wish to work. While skilled volunteers are certainly welcome to participate, prior knowledge of landscaping is not needed. Due to the type of work projects though, children must be at least 12 years old to assist.

"This gives us an opportunity to have a hand in helping our church be more beautiful," Smith said. "All of our projects that we do like this are to keep our campus safer, to keep things more efficient and to just make it beautiful... we are doing our part in helping our gorgeous, gorgeous church."

To sign up to volunteer for this upcoming event, visit the church website or use the QR code below. For more information, please contact Rev.



Sterling Smith at ssmith@ whiteschapel.org. In case of rain or bad weather, the volunteer workday will be rescheduled.

Sign up here:





- 2 pounds cubed steak (you do not have to brown this beforehand)
- 1 14-oz can onion soup
- 1 package sliced mushrooms
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 cup red wine
- 1 package egg noodles, cooked



### Directions

Put everything in a Crockpot except for the egg noodles and cook on low for 5 to 6 hours. Make egg noodles about a half hour before serving. Place a serving of noodles on each plate, and ladle beef burgundy on top. Add a salad and supper is DONE!



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



### 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 be offered. Register online.

APEX Arts League Presents
Cliburn in the Community Featuring

Amir Siraj
Thursday, May 18
7 p.m.
Grace Chapel
Admission is Free



Cooking with Care
The third Monday of every month
Monday, May 15 | 9:20 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Each month, men and women join in planning, buying, preparing, and serving lunch to the parents, siblings, and family members staying at the Ronald

McDonald House in Fort Worth. Ronald McDonald House provides housing for parents with critically-ill children. Volunteers must be vaccinated for the seasonal flu (provide date), be fully-vaccinated for COVID-19, show proof of vaccine (vaccination card), and bring a valid driver's license. Volunteers meet at 9:20 a.m. and carpool together, returning at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Dedra Moffat at dmoffat@whiteschapel. org.

### Senior Recognition Sunday & Photo Collection Sunday, May 21 | 11 a.m.

Graduating and participating seniors from area high schools will be recognized at the 11 a.m. service in the Sanctuary on May 21. Seniors will walk across stage in their cap and gown while their names are read.

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. This name will be the one shown in the slideshow. Most parents choose to use their student's first, middle, and last name. Baby and senior photos must be sent before the cutoff date, May 15, to be included. Floyd Joseph I mjoseph@whiteschapel.org





# **Prayer List**

Dave Aistrup, Anne Armstrong, Jack Bair, Carol Barret, Walt Barret, Gene Baugh, Alan Bender, Joyce Billingsley, Roy Black, Bethia Blomquist, Kay Brandt, Marlin Brandt, Cheryl and Ernie Brashear, Walt Braun, Ron and Carol Bryant, Ruby Buffalo, Joe Burns, Bobbie Cameron, Nikki Campbell, Connie Center, Freddie Charles, Graeme and Meena Clugston, Jimmie Nell Cook, Laura Crowley, Marie Crump, D'Ann Dikes, Sarah Dikes, Andy Dillon, Bobbi Dunbar, Connie Ellis, Susan Elms, Gene Evans, Lynn Evans, Brian Fenley, Charlotte Fox, Jane Grazer, John Guthrie, Lisa Halbert, Judith Hallam, Ron Healey, Eric Herrenbruck, Nathan Hight, Art Hill, Dennis Howry, Barb Idol, Roy Ingram, Bill Jacobs, Doug Jenkins, Monica Kaminski, Tom Kelly, Ethan Knifley, Dennis Kozey, James and Dennis Kozey, James Kubula, Connie Lamb, Sam Lapp, Serenity Lee, Jerry Lukas, Shelley Luther, Taylor Lynde Timms, Mike Martin, Kosse Maykus, Jared McAda, Bruce McGraw, Vonna McMeans, Caleb McMurray, Buddy Mincey, Richard Moreau, Claudette Morrow, John Nadeau, Wade Noblr, Eric Olson, Helen Owen, Chris Paddock, Hank Perry, Rondi Perry, Alyssa Phillips, Gerti Phillips, Barbara Pico, Kathy Pierce, Donnie Rauschuber, Jim and Mary Renner, Kim Rhodes, Allison Rice, Johnnie Ruth Rogillio, Jacob Rurka, Bill Savage, Wilder Savage, Carter Schultz, Wesley Schultz, Diane Shafer, Ken Sheffield, Bertha "Dicy" Smith, Jo Smith, Sid Soileau, Gayle Sorenson, Jasper Talley, Jenny Thornell, Bill Thornton, Charlene Wahrmund, Javier Walker, Pat Warner, Lisa West, Paul White, Danny Wilkins, Dick Williams, Joni and Boyd Williams, Ken Williams, Barry Johnson, Ida Wilson, Leigh Winzeler. Recent deaths: The Family of Margie Cushing, The Family of Herman Dillon, The Family of Chuck Edmunds, The Family of Caleb Graham Larson, The Family of Jacqueline MacLean, The Family of Ray Menefee, The Family of Reagan Noble, The Family of Otto Pollei Jr., The Family of Denise Price, The Family of Geoff Reed, The Family of Patti Rogers, The Family of Don Snyder, The Family of Richard Thompson, The Family of Lindsey Smith Trapp, The Ft. Campbell KY Airmen.

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



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BENEFITING WC STUDENTS MISSION TRIPS

MAY 7 GRAPEVINE GOLF COURSE
LUNCH NOON

SHOTGUN START 2 P.M.

REGISTER ONLINE AT WHITESCHAPEL.ORG



Do you want to make a difference for people who are facing food insecurity in North Texas?

Join us as we partner with Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB), which provides more than 1,000, 000 meals each week through hunger-relief charities and feeding programs in Tarrant County and 12 surrounding counties. The church is offering an opportunity on a quarterly basis to volunteer at the TAFB Distribution Center, in Fort Worth, for "Quality Control" and sorting of donated foods. Once sorted, the donations are then distributed through their system. The sorting session is from 1 to 4 p.m. TAFB requires volunteers to be vaccinated for COVID-19, show proof of vaccine (vaccination card), and be at least 12 years old to participate. Registration is required online.

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