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Join us online or in person as we conclude the series "Generation Gap." We hope to see you soon.

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Renovating Homes and Providing Hope in San Antonio

hirty nine men from our church returned this past week from a successful threeday trip to San Antonio, Texas. The men worked with **Blueprint Ministries to help** impoverished homeowners throughout the 410 Inner Loop in San Antonio.

Blueprint Ministries is a Christian organization that provides home repairs and modifications to lowincome, elderly, and disabled homeowners. The organization relies on volunteers to help with its work, and the men from our church were happy to lend a hand. The men of White's

Chapel have been working with

Blueprint since 2011 and have helped renovate close to 100 homes in the community.

Men of all ages and skills participate in the trip. Many of the men comment on how this trip has helped make our very large church seem smaller in size. Because the men leave

the comfort of their homes and community, it creates a unique experience to get to know others while at the job site, enjoying dinner, and spending time together as part of our nightly "where did you see God today" discussions. We spend time in the evening playing cards or dominoes,

watching baseball, and just getting to know each other better. Blueprint operates out of a renovated church - complete with a commercial kitchen, clean bathrooms and showers, and a bunk bed style setup. This past week, the men

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Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins Nov. 5 Giving **Thanks and** Collecting Food

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching and with it, so is the season of giving.



looking forward to our favorite Thanksgiving treat, many others may not know where their meal is coming from. As a church, it's our goal to provide support for those who need help this season.

"We are so thankful for the congregation's support and generosity every Thanksgiving season, and we are excited to serve 350 families this year," said Outreach Assistant Dedra Moffat.

Some reports estimate that one in eight – or nearly 4 million – of Texans experience food insecurity. Children, seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, and working families are among those most affected.

According to the Feeding Texas website, "20 percent, or 1 in 5 Texas children experiences hunger. Hunger deprives kids of more than just food. Kids who don't get enough to eat—especially during their first three years-begin life at a serious disadvantage. When they're hungry, children are more likely to be hospitalized, and they face higher risks of health conditions like anemia and asthma. As they grow up, kids struggling to eat are more likely to have problems in school and other social situations."

In an effort to help families facing food insecurity, White's Chapel is hosting a multifaceted Thanksgiving Mission. Similar to Thanksgiving outreach projects in previous years, the church is using multiple resources to help those in need. There are many ways to participate in this year's Thanksgiving Mission: donating to the food drive (beginning Nov. 5), sorting food during the food

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

On Oct. 13, work started on the 1,000th home build! Leaders and volunteers gathered for a dedication and prayer. Work will continue through Nov. 11. Volunteers are still needed!

Social and Shop Event Provides Easy Shopping Nov. 2 | 6-8 p.m.



or the second year in a row, the White's Chapel community will have the opportunity to combine a little fellowship with some early Christmas shopping. WC Women will host their second annual Social and Shop event on Thursday, Nov. 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the concourse and Evans

Hall. The event is free. A variety of crafts, creations, food and more will be showcased, featuring over 25 local female-run businesses.

"This is a wonderful way to find out about small businesses in our community," said Rev. Joy Roberson, Women's Ministry Pastor. "It is always surprising what our congregation is up to and how creative they are!"

"We do have vendors that are not from our congregation, but I have tried to keep it so our members always have a spot," she said. "Outside small businesses fill in the gaps and are women-owned."

Businesses will include: Confidence Beauty, CVA Products, Fireworks & Flair,

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<u>Nov. 5</u> Columbarium Addition **Dedication Scheduled**

he White's Chapel Columbarium provides members and their families the opportunity to choose the shadow of the church, which has been central to their lives, as their final resting place. White's Chapel is a source of peace and support

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Origins...

"You cannot swim for new horizons until you have courage to lose sight of the shore." – William Faulkner –

By Dr. Todd Renner

rigin stories have become really popular at the movies in recent years. With the release of Batman, Spider-Man, Superman, and X-Men, I've learned things that I didn't even know I didn't know (and I've gained a deep appreciation of my need to stay away from sketchy science labs, too). But as Seneca pointed out, "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."

Such is the "origin story" of the Methodist Collegiate Church. In fact, a few weeks ago, someone asked me, "Who came up with the Collegiate model?" And I jokingly (okay, halfjokingly) said, "Charlemagne." Now, for as true as it is that this form of "being the church" dates back to the Middle Ages, we are creating a new expression of it. We are building a new movement from an ancient practice... and we are excited by the new horizons we're seeing.

And since we're taking this month to update the church about the progress of the College, I wanted to go back and give a more honest answer to that earnest question: Where did the Collegiate model come from?

In the early days of the Church in Europe, as Christianity was creeping into regions it'd never been before and when small churches didn't have the resources to attempt the "big things" of the Kingdom, they found that, by coming

together, they could accomplish more than they ever could alone. They could reach and stretch and build. They could encourage one another and keep each other accountable to growing in the Lord. And they came together in what would come to be called "colleges" (that word simply means "a choosing to come together" or "community"). From these early church colleges, the desire (and need) for religious education would galvanize believers to start forming schools - giving birth to what we know these days as colleges and universities. Even today, there are still several of these ancient church colleges that exist in England.

More locally, the Methodist Collegiate Church grew from an admittedly awkward moment we had at an Administrative Board meeting last spring. We had been giving an update to the Board about the state of the denomination; and during our presentation, we shared what we believed was going to happen. After vigorous discussion, we offered three options for consideration – the last of which was to create a new expression of the Methodist movement. But, then, my mouth started to go faster than my brain. Trying to diffuse the tension in the room, I (again, half-jokingly) asked the Board not to ask us to do that. We told them that we didn't want to be an independent church, that we wanted to be Methodist, and that we wanted to be connectional. It was then that one of the great saints of the church spoke bold and unvarnished truth. He said that he thought it was inappropriate for us to take any option off the table...and he asked Pastor John and me to take the summer to work on and to pray over what could possibly be a viable "middle way" forward.

And we listened. We worked through all of last summer – praying, researching, writing... and praying some more – only to discover that the way into our future might actually just take us back to our past. In our fall Board meeting, we presented what has now taken shape as the Methodist Collegiate Church... and the rest is, as they say, history. It's our history and, by God's grace, our hope and future, too!



Columbarium

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throughout all stages of our lives, and as we built this sacred space, it was our prayer that this beautiful, spiritually powerful memorial would serve as a peaceful, blessed location for friends and family to gather in remembrance and reflection.

As the buildout of all our remaining niche space completed over the summer,

we are inviting all those who hold the Columbarium as a sacred space to join us for a dedication and celebration of this new addition on Sunday, Nov. 5 at the Columbarium following the 11 a.m. worship service. We have chosen All Saints' Sunday because it is a day in the life of the church when we remember all those who have gone on before us to join the communion of saints in heaven. This short service, led by our Co-Pastors Dr. John McKellar and Dr. Todd Renner, will dedicate this recent work and bless the completion of this phase of the Columbarium.

Homes

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spent three days in San Antonio, working on 8 different homes. Each of these homes was in desperate need of repairs. Among many other projects, entire bathrooms were renovated, showers installed, toilets replaced, rickety stairs made safer, wheelchair ramps built, and plenty of ceiling and drywall work. Blueprint Ministries primary goal is "warmer, safer, drier". As many of us as there are, we know we can't fix all of the challenges at these homes. However, the men do leave feeling a sense of accomplishment and knowing they have definitely improved the lives of the homeowners. Another tradition has been collaborating with the Women's Quilters Group. This group has been providing handmade guilts (and also hats this year) that are given as gifts to the homeowners during a prayer and blessing of the homes that Pastor Jon Reeves facilitates at each home. Many of the homeowners simply can't believe that the work we perform for them is at no cost and are





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often without words when we offer them the handmade quilts.

Both Blueprint and the homeowners are grateful for the skills and donation of time from the men of White's Chapel. In fact, Blueprint looks forward to this week each year, as they save up some of the more challenging renovation projects for this team! However, don't let that discourage any of you thinking about coming along next year. All skills

> and ages are most welcome and needed. All you need is a willingness to serve. There is much work to do and not enough hands to do it! Mark your calendar for October 2024 for next year's trip (exact date TBD).

More info: www.mensmissiontrip.com

Coordinators: Jim Stalder | jim@stalder.com Jay McMeans | jay@mcmeans.us





Crave & Intersection

Middle school students are invited to Crave, the weekly worship service for seventh and eighth grade students. Crave will meet on Sundays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. each week. High school students are invited to Intersection, the weekly worship service for ninth through 12th grade students. Intersection will meet on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Both groups will meet on the second floor of the student education building. We are so excited about what this semester will look like and how it will help students better know and follow Jesus together with their peers.

Cell Groups

Cell groups were created to help students find community and walk out their faith with their peers. Students enjoy fellowship and small group discussions about their faith during their time together. All students are invited to join a group. If you are interested in leading, offering your house as a host home, or joining a Cell Group, contact Shelby Aman at saman@whiteschapel.org.

Ski Trip

For the first time in five years, WC Students is offering the high school ski trip. The group will be traveling to Copper Mountain, Colorado via charter bus. The trip is Dec. 27 - Jan. 1. It will be an amazing opportunity for students to get closer to God, dig into the Word, and have fun on the slopes. The cost is currently \$850. There is limited space on this trip. Registration is open, and it will be offered on a first come, first served basis. For more information, you can find the info packet at wcstudents.com.



International Mission Trip

For four consecutive years, WC Students took juniors and seniors on an international mission trip. Those upperclassmen came back forever changed by this trip, so it is with great excitement that WC Students wants to provide the same opportunity again. The senior high international mission trip to Belize will be to March 9-15. The cost for the trip is \$1,500, but there will be fundraising opportunities available for those interested. In order to go on the WC Students International Mission Trip, you must agree to come to 10 Intersections, 12 Sunday Schools or Cell Group meetings, and 12 weekend services sometime between October 2023 and February 14, 2024. Visit wcstudents.com for the registration and information packet.

Middle School Fall Retreat

This past month, over 50 middle school students, 12 high school student leaders, WC Students staff and a few adult volunteers spent a weekend at Sky Ranch for our Middle School Fall Retreat. During the retreat, students had the opportunity to play games, fly down the zip line, go swimming, play pickle ball, jump on the blob, and so much more! One of the most loved activities of the weekend was the tie-dye color war! During the weekend, students also spent time in worship and small groups discussing our series for the weekend. Overall, it was an incredible weekend, and as a staff, we were so glad to watch our students grow in community together as they continue to grow in their relationship with the Lord.

Super Saturday THANKSGIVING MISSION

Four volunteer opportunities available. Feel free to participate in one or all four:

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

PACKING (9-10:30 A.M.)

DELIVERIES (10:30 A.M.)

Thanksgiving

SCAN OR CODE FOR NEEDED FOOD ITEM LIST

Item drop offs located inside the Concourse

near the East Welcome Doors and inside

the Admin building lobby

FRIDAY, NOV. 17 TABLE PREP (3-6 P.M.)

register at whiteschapel.org re information, contact Dedra Moffat a dmoffat@whiteschapel.org

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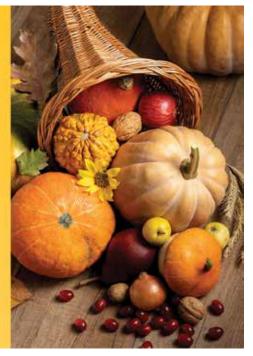
drive or prep day, and/or participating in the Super Saturday event (on Nov. 18) which will include packing Thanksgiving Food Boxes and delivering them. Altogether, there are 148 volunteers needed for this year's event.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

This year, the church is aiming to provide **350 Thanksgiving Food Boxes** to feed people represented by local organizations and agencies. Each box will be filled with items from the food drive, and it will feed a family of four. A gift card, decorative card, and placemats will also be

included in each box. These goals have increased from last year due to the rising cost of food, inflation, and the rising number of families considered





time, participants can drop off items in the designated bins located in the Admin Building or in the main church building (inside the east 'Welcome' doors) during regular business hours.

When shopping for items, participants are asked to buy the suggested size of each item referenced on the food list. This will help in the packing and delivery process while providing an adequate amount of each product.

Super Saturday of Service & Delivery

The day before the Super Saturday event, volunteers are needed to complete prep work and sort materials. Prep work will occur on Friday, Nov. 17, from 3 to 6 p.m.

The Super Saturday of Service, held on Nov. 18, will be split into two different focuses: packing and delivery. From 9 to 10:30 a.m., volunteers will pack



food deprived in our area.

Some of the families who will receive Thanksgiving Food Boxes include families represented by: Bear Creek Elementary School, Bellaire Elementary School, O.H. Stowe Elementary School, Van Zandt-Guinn Elementary School, Grace Hardeman Elementary School, El Buen Samaritano Dental Clinic, the WC Refugee Initiative, and YoungLives. Additional bulk food will be used by the WC Mobile Market Ministry.

WC shopping bags (with the food list inside) will be available for people to pick up throughout the donation event. Items will be collected Nov. 5 - 17. During that

and decorate boxes before they are delivered. There will be many packing tables (available for different families or groups) set up in Evans Hall. Then, delivery drivers will start taking items to different organizations at 10:30 a.m. About 40 volunteers are needed for delivery.

All volunteer options and times are listed on the signup link, available through the church website. There may be additional times added, depending on the needs that arise. For more information, please contact Dedra Moffat.

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DENTAL CLINIC

Recently, WC and dental clinic volunteers helped organize and distribute items from the Winter Coat & Jacket Drive.





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G's Candy, The GoodWin LLC. Children's Christian Books, Hot Sips/Brilli Baby, Jan's Jams, Kathy's Wreaths, Lazy River Designs, The Little Fleur Farm LLC, PaperPie, Rx Skin & Bath, and Yeehaw Amen. Additional booths will be sponsored by Judy Allen, Amanda Churchill, Aimee Couch, Mike Barnes, Stacey Dyer, Lin Greene, Kristin Grey, Amy Hays, Mary Morton, Linda Pirtle, Nicole Reed, Madeline Ricketts, Andrea Sims, and Laurie Williams.

Registration for this event is not required. Childcare is available. For more information, contact Rev. Joy Roberson at jroberson@whiteschapel.org.

Friday, October 20, 2023

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Volunteers Needed! Thanksgiving Giveaway at **O.H. Stowe Elementary** Monday, Nov. 20 | 3 to 7 p.m.

WC Mobile Market is preparing for a Thanksgiving Feast... then giving it all away to those in need! Join volunteers at O.H. Stowe Elementary as they provide families the opportunity to shop for their Thanksgiving meal. Participants will get to choose a turkey and fixings as they go through the trailer – and everything will be available at no cost to the recipients.

Don't miss this special opportunity to volunteer and bless families in our community!

The Mobile Market is a wonderful complement to WC's mission-oriented ministries and offerings at O.H. Stowe Elementary, which include tutoring for students and child food security program over weekends. If you have a passion for helping provide food to those in need, there are several opportunities where you can help. Sign up online at https:// sugeni.us/dzAJ, or contact Jim Niewald at jimniewald@yahoo.com.

Miniature Trains at WC

Starting Saturday, Nov. 18 | Various Times All aboard! The miniature trains will be back and displayed in Wesley Cafe beginning Saturday, Nov. 18. The dates and times of the trains will vary depending on church events. Please visit wctrains.org for more information.

Did He Say That? Bible Study A Closer Look at Three **New Testament Letters** Begins Wednesday, Nov. 1 | 9:30 a.m. **First Three Weeks of November** Please join us on Wednesday mornings this fall as we explore three lesser-known New Testament letters and their authors. Each Bible study will be self-contained and held the first three Wednesdays in September, October, and November from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in AE Room 3204. Registration is required for each session. For more information, please contact Dr. Judy Hunt at jhunt@whiteschapel.org.

Young Adult Care Packages Tuesday, Nov. 14 | 6 to 8 p.m.

Finals season is a stressful time, but some goodies and a little support from your community can go a long way.

If you have or are a current college student, please register your name and address online by Nov. 7 to receive a package.



Quilt Together Thursday, Nov. 9 | Noon to 4 p.m.

Room 3204 Adult Education Bldg New and experienced quilters are welcome to join this group for their next quilt together.

Contact Catherine S. at (972) 355-1031 for more information.





SANDI PATTY

How exciting it was for White's Chapel to host Sandi Patty earlier this month!!

I'm still smiling from my experience last Thursday night at Sandi Patty's service! Singing in the choir with Sandi was a dream come true! Didn't realize I'd feel a little star struck! The service was filled with joy and tears! She was so



strong to still perform with the recent passing of her precious mother. God is big enough! I've listened to Sandi over the many years of her career. Since early 80s! Always so impressed by her story telling and the great anointing God has called on her life! Powerful! I've been blessed to perform "Via Dolorosa" at WC a couple times in years past. I'm inspired to do it again! Thank you, Sandi, for bringing your best! God Bless you!

- Much love more music! Cyndie Sledge

I first got to know of Sandi Patty when she sang the "Star-Spangled Banner" for the re-dedication of the Statue of Liberty after it was refurbished. Wow!!! Who WAS that lady who belted the anthem out in such a beautiful fashion?!?!?! I have been following her since and was absolutely thrilled to get to hear and see her in action. She did NOT disappoint as she sang one of my favorites, "Love in Any Language." In person, she is as gracious and lovely and fun as she seems to be on tv, etc. I'm grateful to God that I got to experience her talent in person and getting to enjoy singing with her as well!!! It was a WOW moment in my life!!! - Pamela Stroud



Malta Akins, Sam Akins, Carol Barret, Walt Barret, Jerry Barron, Mickey Bechill, Shirley Belville, Allison Bishop, Bethia Blomquist, John Bloom, Phillip Bogan, Cara Bradshaw, Kay Brandt, Marlin Brandt, Cheryl Brashear, Debbie Brown, Ruby Buffalo, Carol Burns, Connie Center, Carey Cockerell, Carolyn Cockrell, Preston Cook, John Corder, Jim Cox, Norm Cox, Steve Cullen, Treva and Kevin Cunningham, Agnes Davidson, Amanda Deitz, Bonna Downum, Debbie and Richard Dreyfus and Family, Tommy Duer, Bobbi Dunbar, Wilma Dykman, Dennis Eaton, Darrell Emory, Adam Evans, Ralph Evans, Patricia and Eric Everett, Cathy Fisher, Dorothy Fontana, Diane Franks, Colleen Garrett and Family, Earl Geddes, Jeanne Gerlach, Larry Gessner, Carolyn Gillum, Brenda Glimstad, Rob Glover, Jane Grazer, Tim Green, Curtis Griffith, John Guthrie, Robert Gutierrez, Judith Hallam, Ellen Hartenbower, Maxie Hays, Joe Hennig, Mason Holekamp, Stephen Hood, Bob Horn, Dennis Howry, Mary Howry, Elyse Huettl, Israel, Evelyn Iszak, Sheri Jones, Dolores Kopesec, Jack Kurilla, Marge Kyle, Connie Lamb, John Lind, Taylor Lynde, Sandy McCall, Sheldon Metz, Bobbie Miller, Buddy Mincey, Richard Moreau, Nelda Morrow-Winblood. Rodney Murray, Linda Nadeau, Lauren Ohmstede, Cooper Page, John Peck, Barbara Pico, Kathy Pierce, Jim and Mary Renner, Durrell Roddy, Johnnie Ruth Rogillio, Holly Rowie, Ann Sawyers, Gary Schneider, Wesley Schultz, Mary Beth Scott, Bruce Slocum, Sid Soileau, Bill Splichal, Sherrie Stoecker, Sara Sturtevant, Carolyn Thompson, Bill Thornton, Allen Turner, Sharon Valentine, Roman Velten, Charlene Wahrmund, Pat Warner, Darles Watson, Charlene Weseloh, J. Westerman, Glenn Whittington, Steven Wibracht, Ida Wilson, Lynn Wolford, Abby and Ian Worley, Cindy Wright, Brenda Wyatt, Ronald Zimmerman, Jeff. Recent deaths: The Family of Beverly Belshaw, The Family of Reilly Boos, The Family of Jason Crawley, The Family of Barry Johnson, The Family of Joan Lakin, In Memory

of Nancy Lapan, The Family of Phyllis Manginelli, The Family of Ray McCurry, The Family of Bob Morrow, The Family of Danny Prado, The Family of Billie Ragsdale, The Family of Mark Shelton, The Family of Elaine Wingate.

You may submit prayer requests at whiteschapel.org/prayer-request.html or or use the QR code.



I was fully expecting to experience a wonderful performance by Sandi Patty and her team. What I got was that and so much more. It was a worship service to the max. You could feel the Spirit of the Lord in our White's Chapel Place of Grace. Everyone I talked to after the concert was overjoyed with the experience! Thank you, Sandi Patty, for coming our way!!

- Arnold Rawls





Last week in FriendSpeak, one of our Korean readers gave a presentation on how to make Kimbap.

FriendSpeak is the domestic version of Let's Start Talking, an international missionary program. Adults are always needed, so if you are interested in becoming a "worker" or would like more information about the program, contact Kathy Hines.

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