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# **Patriotic** Opportunity to Honor Deployed Military Men and Women

By Bonnie Cooper

hite's Chapel Soldier Care Ministry is honored to provide care packages to deployed service members in remote areas. This mission began at White's Chapel a number of years ago. Three years ago, the Mary & Martha Group organized an effort to increase the support to 50 boxes five-times per year. The group has been able to increase the number this year and has another increase planned for next year due to its popularity within WC, as well as the joy and appreciation the recipients have expressed.

There are five events held annually—fall/ Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's, Easter, and the 4th of July. These events involve collecting specific supplies for the

boxes, decorating the boxes, sending pictures drawn by children, notes written by children, writing personalized letters and encouraging thank you notes to our soldiers overseas. This is a perfect opportunity for individuals, special interest groups like MOPS, Sunday School classes, and Cell Groups to participate in. Decorating and packing the boxes is also an enjoyable time for fellowship.

White's Chapel is thankful for the men and women—and their families—who protect our freedom, and we do not take our freedom for granted. These soldier boxes reflect our appreciation, gratitude and love for all they do for our country.

Below are only three of the letters we have received expressing their appreciation.

"Hello, I am currently deployed on the largest aircraft carrier in the United States Navy, the USS Gerald R. Ford. I wanted to send you an e-mail to let you know that we received your care packages. You definitely put some smiles on a lot of Sailors faces! Being away from home is never easy, this is my 5th deployment and it's still just as difficult as the 1st. It is a tough job, but rest easy that there are some incredible Sailors out here doing the job 24 hours a day. Getting a care package from our fellow Americans really brings a lot of joy and appreciation. It is nice to know

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We recently sponsored a back-to-school celebration with the Kona Ice Truck at the Presbyterian Night Shelter. The director said everyone had a great time!

## Home with a Heart: What is it? Why do it? By Martha Reukema ome with a Heart is WC's

ministry that helps people with the next phase of their life journey. Almost all our efforts are through GRACE Transitional Housing (Grapevine) and ACH's Families Together program (Tarrant County). Both agencies have case managers that help their clients with whatever is needed to get them into an apartment, enabling them to support themselves within a 12-to-24-month period. They are transitioning from homelessness or living with a generous family member or friend; many have children; and most are from abusive situations.

In 2023, we have furnished two apartments for GRACE Transitional Housing and one for ACH. Our second apartment for ACH was completed at the end of July. We are planning for three more from ACH by the end of September. This is very ambitious, and you may be wondering why we would do this. We do not always receive thank you notes from our recipients but have received them from the last two apartments. The best way to explain 'why' is to share these notes with you to help understand what this effort means to them.

The first comments are from the April recipient of a GRACE Transitional Housing apartment we set up...

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# WC Sponsors 1,000th Home Build With Trinity Habitat for Humanity

ince 1989, **Trinity Habitat** for Humanity has been collaborating with volunteers and sponsors across the area to work toward the mission of providing stable and affordable housing to those in need. These partnerships help provide

a 'hand-up and not just a handout' for hard working and strong families, which in turn create strong neighborhoods throughout the area.

White's Chapel has been a key partner in the success and impact of providing stable and affordable housing. Since 2001, WC has helped build 22 homes across the neighborhoods of Como, East Carver Heights, and Hillside Morningside. These builds have helped provide stability for families and opportunities for children to flourish in school, even allowing some to become college graduates. The neighborhoods where



these homes have been built have seen crime decrease and property value increase as those on their quest for affordable home ownership have moved

"We are excited to continue the partnership and impact being made as we announce White's Chapel Methodist Church as our 1,000th House Build sponsor this fall," said Tiffany Hall, Trinity Habitat for Humanity Community Giving Officer.

The 1,000th House Build marks an important accomplishment in the efforts

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### **Volunteering for** this project is important.

Affordable housing is a critical need in many places, particularly in the Fort Worth area. Without safe and affordable housing, families lack the financial stability to weather the challenges of daily life.

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 our support, through our sponsorship and volunteers, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability, and independence they need to build a better life for

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By Dr. John McKellar

With school in session, our Bible studies and classes beginning, and also the start of football season upon us, I had a big chuckle at this little essay my friend Linda Bloom shared with our staff. Enjoy:

#### Church in Football Terms

Quarterback Sneak—Church members quietly leaving during the invitation or closing hymn.

Draw Play—What many children do with the bulletin during worship.

Halftime—The period between Sunday School and worship, when many choose to leave.

Benchwarmer—Those who do not sing, pray, work, or seemingly do anything but sit.

**Backfield-in-Motion**—Making a trip to the back (restroom or water fountain) during the service.

Staying in the Pocket— What happens to a lot of money that should be given to the Lord's work.

Two-Minute Warning—The point at which you realize the sermon is almost over and you begin to gather up your children and belongings.

Instant Replay—The preacher loses his notes and falls back on last week's illustrations.

**Sudden Death—**What happens to the attention span of the congregation if the preacher goes "overtime."

**Trap**—You're called on to pray and you are asleep.

End Run—Getting out of church quickly, without speaking to anyone.

Flex Defense - The ability to allow absolutely nothing said during the sermon to affect your life.

**Blitz**—The rush for the restaurants following the closing prayer.

Pastor Todd and I are so looking forward to sharing this year with you!!!!







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## Habitat

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to make a difference in the lives of Melanie Angel and her children, who will benefit from the upcoming build. The partnership between Trinity Habitat for Humanity and White's Chapel serves as an inspiring reminder of the power

of collaboration, the importance of working together to make a lasting impact, and the significance of showing the tangible love of Jesus.

"Milestone achievements are wonderful opportunities to step back and appreciate decades of commitment and partnership from our hardworking families, donors, and volunteers," said Trinity Habitat for Humanity CEO, Gage Yager. "1,000 new homes have been constructed and sold

since our founding in 1989! Each of these homes is impactful to the school district, city, next door neighbor, and our local tax base. Our homes and families continue to work and contribute every year!"

"I love the long partnership White's Chapel has had with Trinity Habitat," said Beverly Chernoff, who serves as one of the church's volunteer coordinators. "I started volunteering with Trinity Habitat in 2016 and became one of their Cornerstone construction leaders (green shirts) that year. Leveraging my experience with Trinity Habitat to help plan this build and organize our volunteers is really an honor!"

Construction on the 1,000th House Build is set to begin in the Hillside Morningside neighborhood in Fort Worth on Friday, Oct. 13 and will be completed by Saturday, Nov. 11. At least 20 volunteers are needed for each of the 12 full build days. Coordinators will also be

priceless!"

A single mom and her children will benefit from the 1,000th Build.

No prior construction experience is required to participate, and the Habitat homeowner often works alongside volunteers to help build their home.

"Volunteers truly need no prior experience," said Chernoff. "I know from experience that each volunteer will discover that working alongside the future homeowner on her first home is

> On each build day, volunteers will work from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., but they should plan to arrive by 7:45 a.m. for a few words and a prayer. Safety is the number one goal, so a safety lesson will be given by the Cornerstone project manager before volunteers start construction. Work may include raising the walls, installing tornado fortifications, installing windows, and putting up siding. Volunteers must be 16 years old to participate and at

least 18 years old to operate power tools. "Sponsoring and building this 1,000th home with Trinity Habitat is such a joy!" said Chernoff. "It really speaks to White's Chapel's commitment to help people in need in our area."

To volunteer for the 1,000th Home Build with Trinity Habitat for Humanity, please visit the church website or scan the provided QR code. For additional information, please contact Beverly Chernoff at bcher06@gmail.com.

"White's Chapel lives our core values of excellence, respect, integrity, compassion, and grace," Yager said. "They are the perfect partner demonstrating their Christian values outside of their church walls: building

homes and, in the process, creating new relationships and building community. We are so grateful for our powerful partner! We would not be at this wonderful milestone if not for them! Thank you, White's Chapel Methodist Church!"



## Volunteers

needed for additional tasks.

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themselves and for their families. Since the founding of Trinity Habitat in 1989, White's Chapel Methodist Church and WC volunteers have participated in 22 builds. It is with great pride and excitement to continue our partnership by sponsoring and completing the build of Trinity's 1,000th home.

This project will require a series of 12 build dates beginning Friday, Oct. 13 and ending Saturday, Nov. 11. Each build day will begin at 7:45 a.m. with a safety lesson and a prayer. Safety is a top priority for everyone involved. Lunch will be provided each day, but volunteers should bring their own water bottle and wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes.

Volunteers will work under the direction of Habitat construction leaders who will guide and explain what and how tasks can be completed. Work will be focused on the home exterior and include tasks such as raising walls, installing tornado fortification, and installing windows and siding.

Volunteers do not need prior experience to participate, but they must be at least 16 years old. Youth under 16 cannot participate, and youth 16-17 cannot operate power tools.

Registration is required, so please sign up for this exciting opportunity to make a positive difference in the community.

The signup link highlights the build dates as well as the number of needed volunteers for each day. If there are no available slots for your desired work date, please contact Beverly Chernoff to be added to a wait list. The email link is provided on the registration page.

If you are signing up additional volunteers, please select the number of slots (reservations) needed and include the names of any other adults and/or youth in the comments field. Please include the ages of volunteers 16-18 years old as well.

Volunteers will need to complete Trinity Habitat liability waivers before participating in any construction efforts. There is an Adult Waiver of Liability for volunteers 18 years old and older as well as a separate Youth Waiver for volunteers 16 or 17 years old. Everyone must have a signed waiver, and parents must sign the Youth Waiver. Each person must bring the completed waiver with them on their volunteer date.

After registration is complete, a confirmation email will be sent. The home address, copies of the waivers, what to bring and wear, and an information sheet about the occupying family will be attached.

If you have questions or would like more information, please email Beverly Chernoff at bcher06@gmail.com.

Trinity Habitat for Humanity website: www.TrinityHabitat.org

# (MCStudents)

#### **Crave & Intersection Kick Off**

We are so excited that Crave and Intersection are back! 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 7:30–9 p.m. Both groups will meet on the second floor of the student education building. We are so excited about what this fall semester will look like and how it will help students better know and follow Jesus together with their peers.

Cell Group Kick Off

On Sunday,

Groups, the WC

Students small

group ministry,

ninth through 12th

grade students.

created to help

community and

invited to join a group. If you are

house as a host home, or joining

Middle School Fall Retreat

Fall Retreat will be from Sept. 29

interested in leading, offering your

a Cell Group, contact Shelby Aman

at saman@whiteschapel.org for more

walk out their

information.

students find

Cell groups were

will begin for

Sept. 10, Cell

**Summer Review** 

memories!

It is hard to express the feelings the WC Students staff has felt after this summer. God moved in powerful ways through all our summer trips. There were over 530 people who participated in WC

sign up. Students will not want to miss a

weekend where they can stay in a cabin

with friends while playing crazy games

and making some seriously incredible

Students's summer trips this year. On the 7th Grade Trip, incoming seventh grade students could participate in fun activities, meet peers, make new friends, and get to know WC Students staff. On Middle **School Mission** Trip, students stepped in to help families in need through various work projects at houses of residents in need in Little Rock, Arkansas. On High School Mission Trip, 20 work groups spread throughout West Memphis, Arkansas, to help

those in need. Work groups were

divided between various work sites that included building wheelchair ramps and working on house repair projects for local families in need.

As we look forward to the fall

semester, we cannot do so without expressing our gratitude for the support and encouragement of this congregation. This summer of ministry would not be possible without you. Thank you for empowering us to forge new relationships with seventh grade students, deepen relationships with incoming seniors, develop student leaders, and impact the world through missions. We are eternally grateful for your prayers, encouragement, gifts, and

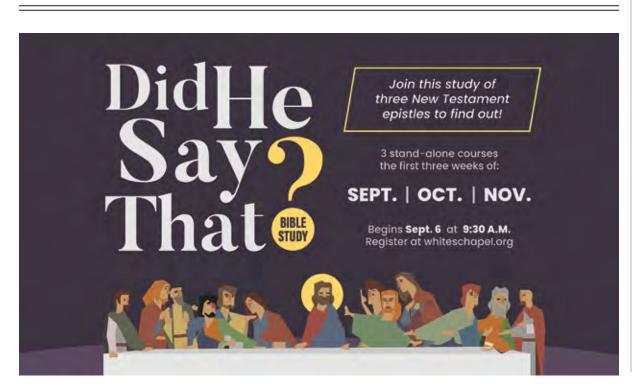






through Oct. 1. This year on the middle school fall retreat, campers will get an opportunity to enjoy many of the wonderful things that Sky Ranch offers. Students can play games, fly down the zip line, go fishing, play gaga ball, and so much more! There will also be time for worship and small group discussions with their cabins. WC Students will be leading the programming. It is sure to be an unforgettable weekend! The cost for the trip is \$199. Space for this trip is extremely limited, so do not hesitate to





















*In 2023, we have* 

furnished two

apartments for

**GRACE Transitional** 

Housing and one

for ACH.



### Home

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From my perspective: The young lady was so appreciative and had tears multiple times during the House Blessing. She was so thrilled with everything that she had her "church mom" from her previous state on the phone and shared the rooms with her, even inside the cabinets!

Part of her thank you note:

"I pray this reaches all of you well and in God's favor. I want to thank you all for

the amazing effort, time, energy and helping hands that went into the space that I am now able to call home, with Grace Transitional Housing. I am in awe of God's Greatness shown to me through Grace Transitional Housing and the community of

believers who took time to bless my new home and welcome me. My new home is absolutely beautiful! I can feel the intention and care put into it from the hangers in the closet, to the beautiful earrings discreetly placed on the dresser, right down to the cooking utensils (I've always wanted a cheese grater).

The handmade quilt has had me standing in admiration for several minutes at a time. Over the weekend, I took the quilt off the bed and hugged it like a person several times. That is how much love I feel in it and in this home. Everything is just so beautiful and it's hard to believe it's for me. ...Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your care. Thank you for your work."

This thank you note (for the last apartment) is from the ACH Case Manager on behalf of the family, and it was received only four hours after our delivery...

"This morning's delivery was WONDERFUL! She got so much stuff!

She came home on her lunch break because she was so excited to see it and was just in awe. She didn't want to wait and started taking stuff with her.. Thank you so, so much!

They have had nothing at their place. They don't even have overhead lighting. The place is only equipped with the outlets, so they've been sitting in the dark. Even just the lamps were a huge blessing! They will be able to see tonight!"

Note: They received six lamps, night lights and plenty of light bulbs. This is more than we usually send but I was getting nudges for lamps. Guess we

> know now that was a 'God Wink'!

Later, the case manager told me the lady had come back to see the friends she left behind in the program and told them how helpful our shower was for her. She gave them HOPE with this news and they are looking

forward to their relocations with our help when their time comes.

Home with a Heart is about the most heart-warming experience I have ever had. I am so very THANKFUL to GOD for making it possible for me to feel this JOY as well as all the volunteers that help to make the effort possible. We estimate over 100 people from the church spend about 200 to 250 hours of their valuable time for each apartment. They are involved in purchasing/donating items; sorting, boxing and organizing for the delivery; the fantastic Dirty Dozen is involved in picking up and delivering the furniture and other items (especially with the heat in the summer); and those who set up the apartment and decorate. This does not include time for the many prayers said for the family or the wonderful House Blessings that are conducted for the families.

For more information about Home with a Heart, please contact Martha Reukema at mreukema@mac.com.

## **Patriotic**

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that people back home would take the time to put something like this together and then send it out to us on the high seas."

"I am grateful for your support while we are deployed over here in Poland. And for the items sent by the church. You all are such an important part of keeping soldier morale up. Thank you for everything you do.

Thank you for those prayers! Continue



to pray that God would open opportunities for conversation and ministry, as there are many lost and hurting individuals in the Army!"

"Greetings, We are so appreciative of all of this! You are all so amazing! You have no idea the joy it brings the troops

heard several people make comments that 'It's like Christmas!'... We are all so thankful of everyone contributing! I hope this email finds you all well. Just know that you are our heroes."

when we open these packages. I've

# **COMMUNITY** CONNECTIONS

#### **Taizé Worship** Begins Wednesday, Aug. 30 | 6 p.m. **Walton Chapel**

Taizé is a restful form of sung meditative prayer. The service includes times of silence and a celebration of the Lord's Supper. Contact Clint Blalock at cblalock@whiteschapel.org.

#### **Joyful Noise** Mondays at 10 a.m. | Sept. 11-Dec. 11 "The Annex"

Joyful Noise is a "mommy-and-me" music class designed for toddlers, and it is led by Sarah Bryson. It will occur every Monday at 10 a.m. from Sept. 11 to Dec. 11. The class will be located in the space between Circuit Writers and the Sanctuary.

#### **Point | Counterpoint** Begins Wednesday, Aug. 30 | 6 p.m. | **Grace Chapel**

Co-Pastors, Drs. John McKellar and Todd Renner, will join forces once again this fall to offer the 29th season of their

popular Point | Counterpoint Bible Study on Wednesday evenings. With their typical flair for practicality and fun, the team will begin the fall with an original series called "Trash Talk." It will look at the power of words.

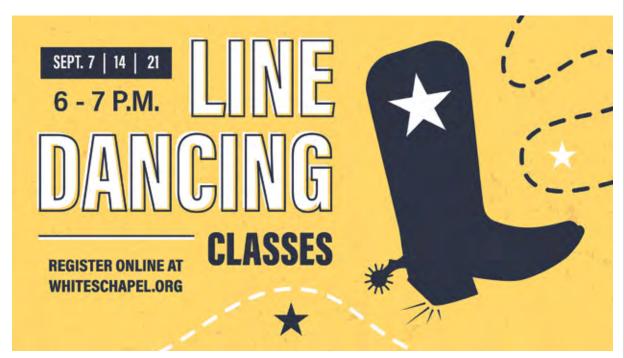
#### Ready to Get Involved?

Aug. 30 | 6 p.m. | Rawlins Hall

Come explore opportunities at White's Chapel to find your niche to serve others —whether it's within an existing ministry or it's a new ministry fueled by your passion! Online registration is required.

#### **Dad-Kid Retreat at Camp Thurman** Saturday, Sept. 16 | 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dads are invited to bring their kids (ages 5+) out for a day of fun and worship at Camp Thurman in Pantego. Participants will enjoy outdoor activities, worship, and a dad-led lunchtime devotional. The event is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$50 per adult, and \$20 per child (box lunch included). Register online by Sept. 14.







# **Prayer List**

Malta Akins, Megan and Alex Alspaw, Carol Barret, Walt Barret, Mike Bielss, Bethia Blomquist, Guy Bocell, Cara Bradshaw, Marlin Brandt, Cheryl and Ernie Brashear, Debbie Brown, Ron and Carol Bryant, Ruby Buffalo, Stephanie Call, Bobbie Cameron, Connie Center, Chip Chambers, Ralph Choppy, Pam Conley, Bill Cook, Jimmie Nell Cook, Jared Cooper, Paul Cooper, Luisa Costa, Sandra Courson, Cliff Courtney, Jim Cox, Barbara Cross, Marie Crump, Agnes Davidson, Bonna Downum, Debbie and Richard Dreyfus and Family, Tommy Duer, Bobbi Dunbar, Wilma Dykman, Dennis Eaton, Brian Ehringer, America Ellis, Susan Elms, Ralph Evans, Mark Fidler, Doug Fox, Pat Fox, Diane Franks, Sam Fryer, Billie Jean Garner, Rob Glover, Jane Grazer, Judith Hallam, Maxie Hays, Jarrett Hodnett, Carlyn Hooten, Kenneth and Eloise Horne, Dennis Howry, Kitty Huber, Alexandra Marie Kubiak, Linda Kurtz, Marge Kyle, Connie Lamb, Sam Lapp, Gayle Lee, Michael Lee, Ted Leonard, Barbara Lisk, Steve Lucky, Rich Lyon, Sande Lyon, Bonnie Mart, Rebecca Martinez, Doris Maxwell, Jennifer and Amanda Mays, Cathie McConnell, Samantha McKone, Martha Michael, Buddy Mincey, Curtis Moratz, Bob Morgan, Thomas W. Morris, John Nadeau, Beckley Newby, Kristin, Jamison, and Aravelle Newby, Merrill and Grace Ottwein, Harvey Ozmer, Oleta Paige, Jennifer Parks, Burton Patterson, Lamar Paul, Diana Perez, Alyssa Phillips, Barbara Pico, Kathy Pierce, Everett Plummer, John Reddin, Jim and Mary Renner, Missy Reukema, Johnnie Ruth Rogillio, Juan Sanmiguel, Judy Sargent, Gail Schmitz, Mary Beth Scott, Bill Sellmeyer, Billie Sledge, Kerry Smith, Shane Smith, Sid Soileau, Christena Stephensen, The Jeff Stewart Family, Sherrie Stoecker, Stephanie Sufka, Bobby Tant, Shane Thompson, Jenny Thornell, Bill Thornton, Buster Thrasher, Peri Topel, Charlene Wahrmund, Brenda Walker, Gracie Wallis, Pat Warner, Meegie L. Wheat, Glenn Whittington, Barbara Whorton-Farley, Macie Williams, Barry Johnson, Ida Wilson, Leigh Winzeler, Melinda Witt, Annie Wright, Johnnie O. Yellock II, Ava, Robin. Recent deaths: The Family of Luke Baca, The Family of Edna Bentz, The Family of Jim Bergstrom, The Family Charlene Coffield, The Family of Victoria Dai, The Family of Csoco Dominquez, Sandra Garza and Family, The Family of John Hitchcock, The Family of Linda McBride, The Family of Matthew Moody, The Family of Pattie Murray, The Family of Brent Patton, The Family of Caleb Jackson Pirtle III, The Family of David Redman, The Family of Jacob "Tripp" Rivers, The Family of Gayle Sorenson, The Family of Jarry Tiffany, The Family of Willie Walker.

You may submit prayer requests at www.whiteschapel.org/prayers.html.







