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Oasis

Tuesdays, Sept. 12-Nov. 14

ike finding a beautiful spring in a dry and desolate land, this service offers a much-needed quiet place in the midst of our busy and demanding lives. The spiritual practices observed during each Oasis service allows attendees to pursue God's presence in a unique way.



Rev. Victor Resendiz is preparing for another season of this weekly contemplative worship service. Previously offered on Wednesday to provide

a quiet moment in the middle of the week, the service has moved to Tuesday to better meet the needs of church and community members. Oasis will still invite contemplation and prayer through music, reflection and Holy communion.

Resendiz believes the purpose of the 30-minute service is to lean into a time of solitude, soul tending and stillness.

"The difference in this service, from the traditional, is that it allows you to listen to God's Holy Spirit guiding you verses us saying a prayer to talk to God," Resendiz shared. "So, you have more of an open disposition to God's Spirit. If we pay attention to the gospels, this is exactly what Jesus would practice when he would do busy work in ministry—he would also take time to be in silence. So, in the contemplative tradition, in silence, this is where transformation happens. This is where change of heart happens; this is where renewing of the mind happens."

Each service usually includes a time of reflection, a space for silence, and a short devotional. Spiritual prayer practices are also implemented. They include centering prayer (Christian meditation) and praying with Scripture (lectio divina). Music, visuals, art, and poetry are also used to better understand topics of faith. Before exiting the service, communion is offered to everyone in attendance.

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THAT'S HOW WCYA ROLLS

WC Young Adults had a great time bowling and getting to know one another at their recent kickoff event!

White's Chapel Presents

'Powerful Productions' Opens Doors for Artistic Experiences

In the next few weeks, the White's Chapel congregation and community will be hearing and seeing many references about a new initiative on campus called White's Chapel Presents Powerful Productions.

here is an enormous amount of excitement about this upcoming feature.

"This is a new program

"This is a new program begun by our church to bring the finest quality of production and artists to our community of faith," explained Dr. Arnold Rawls, Artist in Residence. "A wide variety of entertainment is being sought to meet

the great diversity of interests within our congregation."

Rawls, a new addition to the White's Chapel Music Department, is the dynamic personality leading the new program. Rawls comes with extensive experience in the performing arts.

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Video Focuses on Chandler's Hope

new video has been produced to educate the community about Chandler's Hope, an addiction ministry at White's Chapel. The video seeks to capture the heart of the Chandler's Hope ministry

through genuine stories told by some of the current leaders.

"Our desire is for our congregation, our community, and anyone that does not know where to start their recovery route can look for us to accompany them," said

Rev. Victor Resindez, Pastor for Spiritual Formation.

The ministry, established in 2016 in memory of Chandler McKellar, has evolved through the years. It was initially created to be a resource for families struggling with

addiction and seeking information and support to address the challenges that come with those struggles. The ministry itself struggled through COVID, as did many agencies; ironically at a time when the need for information

and support was at an all time high.

Since that time, the ministry has grown from its main identification with resources and education to fully embrace its initial goal of being a

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We Remember...

By Dr. John McKellar

can't believe it's been 22 years since the attack on and collapse of the twin towers at the World Trade Center, and the Pentagon attack and plane crash that followed. I've tried through the years to put that awful day in my rearview mirror and move ahead, trying to forget the horrors it provoked in all of our minds.

My wife Debbie was recently cleaning out some files at home and ran across this essay. She told me that for the 10 years following the attacks, she had the honor of reading this to the entire school, followed by a moment of silence to honor the victims.

There is so much wisdom to live by today in this essay... words we should live by on a daily basis. I thought this week would be a good time for us all to remember these stories.

How very true this is.

The LITTLE Things

As you might know, the head of the company survived 911 because his son started kindergarten.

Another fellow was alive because it was his turn to bring donuts.

One woman was late because her alarm clock didn't go off.

One was late because of getting stuck on the New Jersey Turnpike because of an auto accident.

One of them missed the bus.

One spilled food on her clothes and had to take time to change.

One's car wouldn't start.

One went back inside to answer the

One had a child that dawdled and didn't get ready as soon as he should have.

One couldn't get a taxi.

The one that struck me was the man who put on a new pair of shoes that morning, took the various means to get to work but before he got there, he developed a blister on his foot. He stopped at a drug store to buy a Band-Aid. That is why he is alive today.

Now when I am stuck in traffic, missing the elevator, turn back to get a phone I left at home.... all those little things that annoy me....

I think to myself, this is exactly where God wants me to be at this very moment. Next time your morning seems to be going wrong,

the children are slow getting dressed, you can't seem to find your car keys, you hit every traffic light, don't get mad or frustrated. God is at work watching over you. May God continue to bless you with all

those annoying little things and may you remember their possible

This is sure something to think about! God bless you as we continue our



purpose.

journeys!!





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"In our faith walk, this is part of our spiritual formation," Resendiz said. "When we're living constantly in the surface of life, which is responsibilities, the roles we play—very important—but we run on fumes, and we wear out. So, allowing a rhythm where we can slow down... and allow restoration, allow time in the presence of God with intentionality, refreshes our soul... it refreshes our spirit to allow us to go back to the surface and take care of our responsibilities. That's the rhythm of life that, again, is very evident in the life of Jesus. And, as followers of Christ, I encourage people to pay attention to it."

Throughout the summer, Oasis hosted about 20 people per service, but Resendiz is hopeful to reach more people in need of the peaceful reprieve that Oasis offers.

"I would encourage people to come and experience it for themselves," Resendiz said. "This is more of a space offering something to them individually... we are receiving. To experience that, as part of our faith experience or faith journey, I think it is pivotal, so that's why I encourage it. So, yes, come and try it!"

Oasis will be offered every Tuesday beginning Sept. 12 at noon in Grace Chapel. Participants are encouraged to bring something to write with and a iournal if they have one. Paper will also be provided for any observed spiritual practices. All are welcome to attend; registration is not required. For more information, contact Rev. Victor Resendiz.

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Taizé

Wednesdays Through Nov. 14

orship, joy and sorrow often pour out of our hearts through song, and the Taizé worship service at WC uses music to capture the emotion behind thoughtful, contemplative prayers.

Taizé ("tah-zay") worship is a form of Christian meditation based on songs that are prayers. The simple and repetitive songs are based on Scripture and/or important biblical ideals.



"The simplicity allows you to move past wondering what the next words will be into a deeper, inner reflection," leader and longtime member Rev. Dr. Larry

Duggins shared. "Taizé worship focuses on building a deeper spiritual connection with the Holy Spirit. Taizé worship was developed after WW2 by a group of Christian friends in Taizé, France—a

little town between Paris and Lyon. The friends formed a monastic community, and developed the songs so that visitors could sing along with them in services."

Keeping those same traditions, the service at White's Chapel is quiet and contemplative in nature, and there is no traditional sermon. Instead, participants sing together and move from song to song without spoken instruction. The Scripture is the only element of the service that is read or spoken. A time of silence is observed by the group, allowing each individual space to reflect within themself. Then, there is an opportunity to light candles for prayer needs.

"Each week, we pray about issues in the world and our community, for our church and for our government, all in song," Duggins said. "We sing the Lord's Prayer and conduct the Lord's Supper without spoken words."

Duggins has been involved with Taizé at White's Chapel for the past 12 years and has been a member of the church for the past 30 years. He has been on staff at various times throughout his ministry and is currently involved in the Methodist Collegiate Church. Since his first year, the Taizé worship service has grown, and its participants have developed their own supportive community.

"This service is probably different from any other form of worship you have experienced," Duggins said. "It is a chance to go deeper, to sing and pray in such a way that the Holy Spirit is invited to speak into your life. For many, it is a time of peace in a hectic week... I have watched people grow more deeply into their faith through Taizé worship. We have had funerals and baptisms in our Taizé worshiping community because, for some, this form of worship helps them connect with God in a life-giving way. [For the first fall service, we sung] 'See I am near, says the Lord. See, I make all things new'. That song reminds us that the Spirit is always with us, working through us in the world."

On Wednesday, Aug. 30, the hour-long service resumed for the fall semester. It will continue being offered each Wednesday night at 6 p.m. in Walton Chapel through mid-November (and select weeks in December). While there is a five-minute period of silence observed in the middle of the service, Duggins assures that people of all ages-even kids-are welcome. You don't need to be a professional vocalist to attend, either. New participants are welcome throughout the year. For more information about Taizé, please contact Rev. Dr. Larry Duggins.

"As modern people, we spend so much time in our heads," he said. "This service is designed to give us time in our heart and our soul. Give it a try!"

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Want to learn more about these offerings or contemplative practices? Check the website in the coming weeks for a new podcast featuring Rev. Victor Resendiz and Rev. Dr. Larry Duggins.

whiteschapel.org/podcast-herald



WC Welcomes Sandi Patty This October

We are very excited to host Sandi Patty for a live concert at White's Chapel on Thursday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. The concert will be free to the public. A reservation ticket will be required to attend the event. Seating will be limited to 2,000. More details about how to secure tickets will be released soon. For more information, contact Arnold Rawls at arawls@whiteschapel.org.

WC Handbell Ministry

The Handbell Ministry of White's Chapel will begin rehearsals on Monday, Sept. 11. This year we will have three separate groups meeting on Monday evenings in the Music Rehearsal Hall.

- Silver Bells is a group targeted to Senior Adults 65+ and will meet on Mondays at 4 p.m. No musical ability or experience is necessary for this group. Music will be colorcoded and accessible to all. Leaders are very excited about this new group.
- Intermediate Bells will meet on Mondays at 5:15 p.m. This will be comprised of ringers with musical skills that will be ringing moderately difficult music.

Advanced Bells will meet on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. This group will be staffed with ringers with advanced music reading ability and a desire to ring some difficult literature.

All handbell choirs will be featured in worship and other performance opportunities during the 2023-24 season. For more information, contact Arnold Rawls at arawls@whiteschapel. org.

Christmas Worship Experience Choir

"Bah humbug!" Is that your attitude toward the holidays? Then come join our WC Chancel Choir and turn your frown upside down! Open rehearsals for this year's Christmas Worship Experience (CWE) will begin Sunday, Oct. 1, 5 to 6:30 p.m. There will be 10 Sunday evening rehearsals that will enable the choir to sing for three CWE services:

- Saturday, Dec. 9 at 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 10 at 9 and 11 a.m.

Come meet our friendly folks and be a part of our "WC Joy Team." For more information, contact Shaunna Fuller.

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support option for persons and families of addiction. Family evaluations/ assessments and family interventions are available, as well as spiritual guidance and direction. In person meetings as well as Zoom options are available.

"Our focus is to hold private and respectful space for all who come to us, and to provide in-house resources like the ongoing 12-step meetings, Al-Anon meetings, counseling center, and our designated companions, called Chandler's Friends," said Resendiz.

The ministry also provides book studies, education on substance awareness, and scheduled education workshops. There is no age limit for any of the support opportunities offered by the program.

Leaders strive to relay the reassurance that "we are the BELOVED and that GOD'S GRACE WILL NEVER FORSAKE US."

The informative video may be accessed through the Chandler's Hope page on the White's Chapel website or by using this QR code.

For additional information on the program, please contact Resendiz.





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A Chandler's Friend is someone who can walk with those looking for help and don't know where to start. A Chandler's Friend will sit with your story and then work with the family to identify what may be the first steps toward recovery. Chandler's Friends go through a specific training and often have already walked the road of recovery personally or with family members or loved ones.

He has been

hailed for having a

"powerful, clarion-

sounding tenor..."





GCISD Lunch Debt Fundraiser Salsa Showdown

The competition will take place in Evans Hall on Sunday, Sept. 17 immediately following the 11 a.m. service. All proceeds will benefit Grapevine Colleyville ISD student lunch debt, which saw an unprecedented rise this last year. Please sign up online with the name of your salsa and its heat level

on a scale of 1-10. On the day of the event, please have your salsa in Evans Hall between 11:30-11:45 a.m. There will be a station labeled with your salsa's name and heat level. We recommend bringing about a half gallon of salsa. Chips, drinks, and tasting cups will be provided.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will recieve a prize. Voting will end at 1 p.m. and winners will be announced as soon as votes are counted.

Please email Rev. Sam Robbins with any questions.

Rev. Sam Robbins srobbins@whiteschapel.org

Presents

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"I have sung with major opera companies, symphonies and musical theater organizations," he recanted. "It is my hope that, with my network of friends and colleagues in the business, it will be a bit easier to get people scheduled to come to the 'hinterland' of Southlake."

A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, Rawls has indeed been a professional singer (primarily in Opera) and is also passionate about handbell music. His influence has already been notable in the WC Music program.

The tenor has "delighted audiences with his unique combination of vocal and dramatic skills in performances ranging from art song to opera." He has been hailed for being a "powerful, clarionsounding tenor," a "firm, pliant lyric tenor with ringing high notes," as well as having a "flair for acting." His Radamès thrilled audiences as he "rose to the occasion, singing the famous 'Celeste Aida' with a creamy tone and a beautiful sense of Italian lyricism. It included a dazzling high B-flat that seemed to ring for an eternity." (Omaha World Herald)

Rawls has traveled the world with his music, including the role of Radamès in "Aida" with Opera Australia in Sydney, Manrico and Calaf in "Turandot" with the Bregenzer Festspiele in Austria. Additionally he took the stage as

Bacchus in "Ariadne auf Naxos" and Erik in "Die fliegende Höllander," both at the Theater St. Gallen in Switzerland, and Roberto in "Le Ville" and Apollo in "Daphne" with Oper Frankfurt. Domestically, Rawls has performed in a plethora of Opera Houses (including the Metropolitan Opera) in Chicago, New York, Santa Fe, Dallas, Kansas City, Pensacola, Florida, Grand Rapids, Omaha, Seattle, and Indianapolis.

White's Chapel Presents Powerful

Productions has become Rawls' new passion.

"When I was asked to join the full-time Music Ministry staff at White's Chapel developing the [WC Presents Powerful Productions] initiative

was one of the things I was tasked to do," he said.

The program is off to an excellent start. A concert by Sandi Patty—five-time Grammy award winner and one of the most recognized voices in all of sacred music—is scheduled to come to White's Chapel on Oct. 12. Other programs are in the works for the 2023-24 season including a first: White's Chapel will present a family musical in the spring that will draw from the talent of the church. "The Music Man" will be fully staged and accompanied by members of the WC Orchestra.

Rawls dreams of WC Presents Powerful Productions being a draw for the entire family and one that will honor God as well as complement the church and community.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Encountering Jesus
Mondays | Sept. 11–Oct. 9
1:30 to 3 p.m. | Center for Spiritual Care
Mondays | Sept. 11–Oct. 9
4:30 to 6 p.m. | Center for Spiritual Care
Thursdays | Sept. 14–Oct. 12
1 to 2:30 p.m. | Adult Education Building

In this series, participants will examine the stories of five individuals who encountered Jesus. Group members will explore their own story through these encounters and learn/apply several spiritual practices like Lectio Divina (praying with scripture), Visio Divina (divine seeing using art), journaling (writing down reflections), and centering prayer. The series will consist of dynamic discussion and Q&A. Join Rev. Victor Resendiz for this five-week study. Registration is required online.

Contemplative Discussion on Films Tuesdays, Beginning Sept. 12 10:45 a.m. | Center for Spiritual Care

Can we see God's presence in the movies that we watch? Rev. Victor Resendiz has selected four films that essentially tell stories that consist of grace, redemption, kinship, inner healing and other elements that everyone can relate to. The group discussion in this class is open, insightful, and reflective. Together, the group will begin to see how evident God's presence is in these selected titles. Join Rev. Victor for a fourweek study that meets from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the Center for Spiritual Care living room on Tuesdays. Each week, a movie will be assigned for people to watch at home, and then the group will discuss the film the following week. All are welcome, please register online.

Christians Facing Cancer Tuesday, Sept. 12 | 6:30 p.m. | Room 2129

Christians Facing Cancer is pleased to welcome Heidi K. Slansky to the next meeting as the next guest speaker. When Heidi was diagnosed with Stage 3 triple positive breast cancer at the age of 41, she had three young children and a caring husband to take along on the journey. In 2018, she founded Cancer StrongHER, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit which provides free fitness and active-lifestyle classes to female cancer survivors of all cancers.

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. All are welcome and registration is not required. For additional information, contact BJ Landers at landerscln@aol.com, (817) 683-6088, or supportgroups@whiteschapel.org.

Human Trafficking 101: Awareness and How to Combat Wednesday, Sept. 13 | 6 p.m.

Rawlins Lecture Hall

White's Chapel has partnered with the Poiema Foundation to help bring awareness to the growing problem of domestic human trafficking through education and action. This class will outline how to recognize trafficked victims and their perpetrators, as well as how to be a part of the solution to this wide-spread problem. It will also highlight the powerful stories of survivors. Online registration is required to attend.



(817)-881-2124

Prayer List

Malta Akins, Debra Albertini, Megan and Alex Alspaw, Carol Barret, Walt Barret, Jerry Barron, Jerry and Diane Bates, Mike Bielss, Bethia Blomquist, Guy Bocell, Cara Bradshaw, Marlin Brandt, Cheryl and Ernie Brashear, Ron and Carol Bryant, Ruby Buffalo, Stephanie Call, Bobbie Cameron, Gary Carter, Connie Center, Chip Chambers, Ralph Choppy, Catherine Colvin, Jared Cooper, Paul Cooper, Luisa Costa, Sandra Courson, Cliff Courtney, Jim Cox, Norm Cox, Barbara Cross, Joe Cupit, Agnes Davidson, Bonna Downum, Debbie and Richard Dreyfus and Family, Tommy Duer, Bobbi Dunbar, Nick Durbin, Wilma Dykman, Dennis Eaton, Brian Ehringer, Susan Elms, Ralph Evans, Mark Fidler, Pat Fox, David Franklin, Diane Franks, Sam Fryer, Billie Jean Garner, Patti Kelly, Jane Grazer, Kim Green, Tim Green, Judith Hallam, Ellen Hartenbower, Deb Hausman, Maxie Hays, Jarrett Hodnett, Carlyn Hooten, Kenneth and Eloise Horne, Dennis Howry, Mary Howry, Kitty Huber, Helen Kimble Kutch, Cooper Kohan, Alexandra Marie Kubiak, Linda Kurtz, Marge Kyle, Sam Lapp, Gayle Lee, Michael Lee, Robin Long, Julie Lyle, Ann Malsbury, Rebecca Martinez, Doris Maxwell, Jennifer and Amanda Mays, Joey McCardel, Cathie McConnell, Samantha McKone, Bobbie Miller, Buddy Mincey, Curtis Moratz, Bob Morgan, Nelda Morrow-Winblood, Beckley Newby, Kristin, Jamison, and Aravelle Newby, Michelle Nichols, Merrill and Grace Ottwein, Harvey Ozmer, Oleta Paige, Burton Patterson, Lamar Paul, Barbara Pico, Kathy Pierce, Everett Plummer, Linda Ratliff, John Reddin, Jim and Mary Renner, Missy Reukema, Johnnie Ruth Rogillio, Dan Russell, David Russell, Jeri Russell, Juan Sanmiguel, Judy Sargent, Gail Schmitz, Mary Beth Scott, Bill Sellmeyer, Billie Sledge, Bruce Slocum, Kerry Smith, Steve Smith, Avery Snell, Christie Soileau, Sid Soileau, The Jeff Stewart Family, Sherrie Stoecker, Tammy Studdard, Stephanie Sufka, Bobby Tant, Shane Thompson, Jenny Thornell, Bill Thornton, Buster Thrasher, Charlene Wahrmund, Gracie Wallis, Pat Warner, Meegie L. Wheat, Barbara Whorton-Farley, Macie Williams, Helen Wilson, Leigh Winzeler, Melinda Witt, Annie Wright, Brenda Wyatt, Johnnie O. Yellock II, Ava, Ron. Recent deaths: The Family of Edna Bentz, The Family of Jim Bergstrom, The Family of Doug Fox, Sandra Garza and Family, The Family of Liam Haynes, The Family of John Hitchcock, The Family of Joe Fred (Ted) Leonard, The Family of Bill Little, The Family of Bonnie Mart, The Family of Linda McBride, The Family of David Mechler, The Family of Matthew Moody, The Family of Pattie Murray, The Family of Julio Oliverio-Filho, The Family of Brent Patton, 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 whiteschapel.org/prayers.html.



Tuesday, Sept. 12 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Rawlins Lecture Hall Room 3103



Leadership Orientation

One can serve as

a leader at White's

Chapel by joining us

on Tuesday, Sept. 12

at 6:30 p.m.

all is in the air and opportunities for worship, fellowship, missions and outreach, Christian education, food, and fun abound! But the

visioning and implementation for such a vast array of ministries doesn't just happen. In fact, without the dedicated leadership of our boards and teams and the participation of our volunteers, White's Chapel would have to significantly reduce the number

of classes, events, and service ministries it offers. So, first, a big THANK YOU to all who serve in a variety of capacities so that we can continue to make more deeply committed followers of the way of Jesus Christ!

Secondly, a big WELCOME to those

who are considering answering their call to a leadership role at White's Chapel. Whether you are new to the church or newly nudged to serve in a

leadership capacity, we encourage and welcome your interest in further exploring the many ways one can serve as a leader at White's Chapel by joining us on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. for our fall Leadership Orientation. The presentation will be in Rawlins Lecture

Hall, located in the Adult Education Building, and it will provide important information on leadership qualifications and opportunities as well as a forum for your questions. For more information or to register, scan the QR code on the graphic above.



