### WHITE'S CHAPEL





### **FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023**

Join us <u>online</u> or in person as we continue our sermon series, "Playlist." We hope to see you soon.

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Newsies, JR performed July 26–28

# EXTRA **EXTRA! Read all** about it!

"Seize the Day" by planning now to attend the White's Chapel Theater II production of "Newsies JR." The 60-minute adaptation of the 2012 Broadway musical comes to The Foundry Wednesday–Friday, July 26, 27 and 28 at 7 p.m.

ased on Disney's 1992 film, "Newsies JR." is inspired by the rousing true story of newsboys in turn-of-the-century New York City. The play features a Tony Awardwinning score by Alan Menken and Jack Feldman and a book by Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein.

When powerful newspaper publishers raise prices at the newsboys' expense, the charismatic Jack Kelly rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions. Together, the newsies learn that they are stronger united and create a movement to fight for what's







## PATRIOTIC WEEKEND

In addition to our Patriotic Service, White's Chapel manned a booth at the Southlake Stars and Stripes celebration. Our campus also provided parking for

# Seeing A Need

he White's Chapel Young Couples Sunday School class, as well as the College and Young Adult ministry has adopted a summer mission project.

The group will be raising funds for the Grapevine-Colleyville ISD school lunch debt program, a problem the group discovered on its own as many in the class live in the GCISD district.

"The district has \$15,618 in lunch debt over 19 campuses," said Rev. Sam Robbins, who leads both groups. "That number is three to four times more than they've ever had before."

"One of the missions of White's Chapel the last few years has been to help those working poor in our community," said Robbins. "So this mission is partially inspired by that initiative."

Much of the public is shocked to hear of the problem. So many are under the impression that students who are nutritionally challenged receive free lunches. Robbins addressed that perception.

"There are plenty of families who don't quite qualify for free and reduced lunch but still have need," he explained. "Like many communities, Grapevine and Colleyville are socioeconomically diverse. The goal of this mission is to

right.

Including the now-classic songs "Carrying the Banner," "Seize the Day," and "Santa Fe," "Newsies JR." is a timeless story full of spirit and heart.

"Newsies, JR' is the first show we have done that is based on real-life events

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# **Care and Support** Meals In Time of Need

hen a fellow church member is going through a difficult or stressful time in their life, such as a major surgery followed by rehabilitation, a prolonged illnesses like cancer-with ongoing chemo or radiation treatments, or intensive caregiving for another family member, it can be hard to know the best way to provide support.

In Care and Support, we realize everyone's needs are different when they're experiencing a crisis or new life event. We have found that providing a meal through a meal train can be a wonderful opportunity to make sure our struggling members feel loved and cared for during those trying times.

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# **Completed Columbarium Construction**



By Cassidy Johnson

he remaining eight sections of the White's Chapel Columbarium have been finished, providing a grand total of 720 niches to the beautiful and serene outdoor space.

Open for the first time in 2013, the Columbarium initially offered three

sections with 144 niches, or display vaults to hold cremation urns. It was-and continues to be-a peaceful area for loved ones to visit in remembrance of those who have passed away.

Space is still available in the Columbarium for individuals wanting to secure a final resting place for themselves or someone they love. The current price is \$3,400 for one niche that holds two urns (price includes the urns). Those who are eligible:

- People with a minimum of six months as a WC member
- Past WC members and their immediate family (spouse, children, stepchildren, parents, stepparents, grandparents, companions)
- Current and past WC pastors and their immediate family
- Senior Pastor Discretion



Another way to honor a loved one at White's Chapel is to include his or her name on the Memorial Wall. It is \$350 per name (four names per faceplate). Any name can be included; White's Chapel membership is not required. The Memorial Wall includes names only, no cremains. All engravings on niches and on the Memorial Wall are uniform and include only name, date of birth, and date of death.

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# A New Language

#### By Ann Davis Director, White's Chapel Refugee Initiative

he languages of Respect, Belonging, and Inclusiveness have long been at the core of White's Chapel's spiritual intent. In the case of refugees, we add one more language: English. For them, the WC Refugee Initiative's English Language Learning program (ELL) is their ticket to survival in America. For our volunteers, the repeated joy of making such a visible difference in others' lives is one of the most fulfilling activities imaginable.

In 2023, White's Chapel and First Methodist, Hurst swung open the doors to a partnership serving over 150 refugee families hailing from all parts of the world. As America's guests under the U.S. Refugee Treaty of 1980, their single

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# Columbarium

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If you haven't visited the outdoor space behind Ponder Prayer Chapel, we want to encourage you to do so—and perhaps say a prayer for the families represented in the Columbarium. It is open to the public throughout the day. The Ponder Prayer Chapel is also available for anyone in need of a quiet moment of prayer. It is air conditioned, and a hymnal, Bible and journal await those in need. On the ceiling of the small chapel, the heavens are painted with a 'Cloud of Witnesses' represented.



For more information, please contact Rev. Kyle Roberson or Dianne Will.

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# Meals

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Because, even when life gets tough, we all still need to eat. Setting up a meal train is a great way to ensure that people have fresh food delivered to them for a certain period of time. Maybe it's just a few meals while he/she is on the mend, maybe a family needs meals for several weeks, or maybe a family or individual needs several meals stretched out over a couple times a week.

Some of you reading this may be thinking to yourself, "I don't know how to cook" and that's ok, too. With services like DoorDash, UberEats and Grubhub, you can still help by providing a restaurant prepared meal or a gift card that allows a family to order a meal and have it delivered straight to their door.

Some of you may be reading this and someone in need immediately comes to mind. If that's the case, there are several ways you can help the individual or family God has placed on your heart. If you're a member of a Sunday School class or small group, go to them and discuss the idea of starting a meal train for a fellow member. t's a super easy process on www.mealtrain.com

and, best of all, it's free! The Meal Train website will walk you through the entire process-from start to finish-and even send reminders to those who sign up to help. Maybe you know a member or maybe you are the member, who isn't very connected to a particular group or class—that's where Care and Support can help. We have a fantastic group of volunteers who are here to assist with a meal train.

If you have been reading this and you feel a little nudge in your heart to support this amazing ministry, then hop on board and join WC's 'meals in time of need.' It's as easy as sending an email or giving the church a phone call. We can assure you, that when you provide a meal to others in need, it is as much a blessing to you and is it to them!

God provided manna from heaven for his children in the wilderness and while we can't summon a meal straight from the heavens, we can prepare a meal and prepare the hearts of the recipients to "taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8), especially when those lives are heavy burdened and weary.

So, how about it? Are you ready to brush up on your culinary skills and bless others in the process?

Dianne Will | dwill@whiteschapel.org





### **ARTS ACADEMY**

# **Newsies**

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and real-life people," said Julie Blalock, WC Theater Director. "It challenges the actors in ways they haven't experienced before. They will be digging deep and stretching their acting muscles!"

She added that choreography had also been very challenging. "Our choreographer has put together amazing, intricate and over-the-top moves for this dance-heavy show."

The set for "Newsies, JR." is slated to be the largest set ever built at White's Chapel. Traditionally, this show is performed with multi-storied scaffolding. This necessitated giving it the WC Theater twist, and it is promised to be 'spectacular.'

costumes. In addition, the play would be incomplete without the help of former WC Theater students Megan Flight, Choreographer, and stage crewmembers Avery Lewis, Obed Schultz, Zoe Thompson, Jossalyn Veley, and Brooklyn Zimmerman. The WC Productions staff

will be manning the sound booth.

Former WC Theater students and WC Theater staff will be playing the "grownups" in the production. The students are excited about the new dynamic this will bring to the production, as it will "definitely highlight the kids, who are playing the newsies!" said Blalock.

The production cast includes Julia Aumann, Abby Dedic, Gabriel Delaune, Fisher Dodson, Rylan Dixon, Elise Gibson, Brooks Gwynn, Cate Hall, Adam Hatch, Zoey Heilman, Ben Lee, Catarina Martin, Olivia Neal, Brooke Neely, Elijah Parish, Jack Paschall, Kylee Pearson, Noah Pearson, Maddie Pratt, Celeste Rhoades, Hannah Rhoades, Antonella Rincon, Reese Roberts, Amelia Sampath, Jude Schultz, Cade Skattum, Ridgley Snead, Madeline Spencer, Katy Sweatt, Evelyn Veley, Emilia Vivanco, Hayden Wedderien, Madelyn Zabrouski, and Audrey Zeigon. The audience should also expect some surprise guest appearances.

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The play has been a challenge for a summer project. Co-Director Richard Rodenberg compares fall and spring shows to marathons, while summer productions are more of a sprint.

"We have a very short amount of time to put together all of the music, choreography, and scenes," added Blalock. "Our students have always proven they are up to the challenge, and we love seeing them hit the finish line victorious!"

Rodenberg also steps in as Technical Director, while Blalock is charged with

## Language

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goal is to become valued contributors to our democracy-adopting both our culture and our language.

To that end, every Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to noon, adult students gather with WC and FUMC Hurst volunteers to explore six levels of English. Using the Cambridge Ventures series, we share an appealing curriculum that's easy to teach and includes endless practical lessons in American culture. We are creative and inspired—with widely varied roles; a situation ideal for meeting any volunteer's interests and time available! And what do our refugees get out of all this? Better job opportunities, positive integration into life as Texans, and the chance to add real value as conversant members of our communities.

This year, we anticipate more refugees than ever-including for the first time, Ukrainian émigrés. To improve their world—and ours—our ELL program will need more volunteers than ever. The minimum commitment is small-just four hours a month. Do you qualify?

The three-night production is open to all. Admission is free.

Consider yourself invited to join us in a program of uniquely successful classes held every Saturday starting Aug. 12. Faculty training will be presented in two summer workshops. We hope you'll choose one, then attend either on:

Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 7p.m. White's Chapel Methodist Church 185 S. White Chapel Blvd., Southlake Adult Education Building, Rawlins Hall, Room 3103

#### OR

• Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. First United Methodist Church, Hurst 521 W. Pipeline Road, Hurst, Room W121 (Entry Door W5)

Like the world's 70 million refugees, we, too, have known the feeling of powerlessness—and the enduring good of a Hand extended across the water. Come make English the Language of Christ's Love.

#### Ann Davis, Director | White's Chapel Refugee Initiative | davis.ann.k@gmail.com

Laura Bussell, Manager | English Language Learning | <a href="https://www.ubaselibuscom">lbusselibuscom</a>



#### **High School Mission Trip**

This past week, WC Students took our ninth-12th grade students on High School Mission Trip to Memphis, Tennessee. Before the trip even started, some of our student leadership team and staff members headed up to the University of Memphis on Saturday to finish preparing everything on campus for the official arrival of everyone on Sunday. Our students took time to set up the worship space, unload tools and worksite supplies, and place keys, name tags, and t-shirts in each room for each student and leader. The rest of our high school students arrived at White's Chapel early on Sunday morning to embark on a long day of travel to the University of Memphis.

This year, our work sites consisted of various projects, including repairing siding on houses and privacy fences, building new storage sheds, repairing flooring and part of the foundation on a home, and neighborhood beautification. Per our typical HSMT schedule, students spent most of the day working on various projects for each worksite before returning to campus in the afternoon. After dinner, students had some free time before heading to a nightly worship service followed by a small group meeting and late-night games and activities (such as a dodgeball tournament, a basketball tournament, and karaoke). Through these activities, our students had the opportunity to build on their relationships with God and each other. Through worship and Bible discussions, students were able to learn more about God during services.

The WC Students staff wants our students to know that they have a place here and that they belong; so, we build every opportunity to allow our students to get to know our staff, their leaders and their peers, while providing them opportunities to create memories, and build community with each other throughout the trip. Overall, we had a fantastic time on this year's High School Mission Trip, and we are so grateful for how we saw God move in the life of all who joined us this last week.

We look forward to this upcoming semester and can't wait to see what God continues to do!

### A NIGHT OF STARS WC THEATER I



# Classic Adult Fellowship

#### **Classic Adult Fellowship**

Classic Adult Fellowship, or CAF, is a great place for 55+ to fellowship and share experiences with others in the same stages of life.

#### Senior VBS

Vacation Bible School isn't just for kids at White's Chapel! Recently, CAF hosted Classic VBS for seniors, and it was a huge success. With almost 200 in attendance (close to double what it was our first year), it exceeded expectations!

Complete with a cruise theme, the program revisited the story of Noah and the ark. It hit a little deeper than just animals going two-by-two.





Did you know Noah was thought to be over 500 years old when God told him to build a boat? In an area that did not have bodies of water or even rain, Noah had to trust the Lord completely to weather the storm.

Special thank you to Ginger Reynolds for her heartfelt testimony about the storm of losing her daughter and how she and her husband followed God's call to donate the beautiful Memorial (Jesus) Fountain to White's Chapel. Not only is it a special part of our campus, but it's a reminder that God is with us throughout our storms and beyond.

Groups rotated through 10 breakouts with amazing teachers! Tracy Christensen not only helped with scheduling and details behind the scenes but taught us how to make real flower leis from Hawaii! Rev. Victor Resendiz taught us how to

> immerse ourselves in Scripture to find God's word over our lives, then Dennis and LuAnn Kime helped us literally stamp the word into jewelry. Dr. Judy Hunt helped us create cute creatures out of ordinary towels and napkins, while Craig Rowley shared his testimony and the origin of a new WC ministry that highlights fishing! Rev. Kyle Roberson took us on an excursion to view the Memorial Fountain, Ponder Prayer Chapel, and Columbarium; some had never visited these places on campus and loved seeing them in person. Bible stories came to life with Revs. Jon Reeves and Sterling Smith in Grace Chapel. Lots of smiles filled the games area with Floyd and Michelle Joseph, Student Ministry Co-Directors. We couldn't forget our wonderful song leader, Shaunna Fuller! What a treat to have her bring the Spirit to start each day. Nurses Jeanne Ellermeyer, Karen Flexer, Macie Williams, and MaryAnn Zrake brought comfort by being with us just in case of emergency. Over 50 volunteers helped with snacks, assistance getting to and from breakouts, guiding groups, assisting in breakouts, and the leadership and staff of White's Chapel prayed for and pitched in where it was needed most! Biggest thank you goes to the VBS assistant director, Lynn Pettigrew. She is the hands and feet of the Lord in many ways at White's Chapel! God was in every detail, and we can't wait for next year!











### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Check the spring/summer newsletter for more details, but here are some highlights:

 July 28 | 11 a.m. (check-in begins at 10:30) Evans Hall
As American as Baseball and
Apple Pie Luncheon

Featuring Texas Rangers' Assistant Vice President of Business Relations, Richard "Hoggy" Price. Mr. Price has been with the Rangers since the '70s and will be sharing lots of great stories as well as fun memorabilia with the group. Baseball fans won't want to miss this one! Due to the popularity of the speaker, registration is required to plan for enough food and seating. Contact Director Laurie Williams directly.

 Aug. 3 | 1:30 p.m.—CAF Monthly Movie | Rawlins Hall

Movie TBD—come watch a movie together with fresh popcorn, drinks, candy, and fellowship! It's FREE!

Director Laurie Williams lwilliams@whiteschapel.org

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

#### Super Saturday: Rise Against Hunger Saturday, July 15 | 9 to 11 a.m. Evans Hall

This weekend, 150–200 volunteers will help us pack sustainable meals for people in need. White's Chapel is teaming up again with Rise Against Hunger to help people around the world who are food insecure. The dry, packaged food, supplied by Rise Against Hunger, will provide a nutritious meal when recipients mix it with water. There will be two volunteer opportunities: (1) help unload supplies from the truck and set up packaging stations from 8 to 9 a.m. and/or (2) actively participate in the fight to stop hunger by measuring and packaging meals for those in need from 9 to 11 a.m. Approximately 40,000 meals will be packaged and shipped globally! To sign up or get more information, visit the website or contact Dedra M. Dedra M. | dmoffat@whiteschapel.org

**Cooking with Care** (Ronald McDonald House) Second & Third Monday of Every Month Next Meeting is Monday, July 17 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 at Cook Children's Medical Center. Meals are served twice a month on the second and third Monday, with the number of volunteers limited to ten on each serving date. Volunteers must 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 Susan Gregg.

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WOMEN'S BRUNCH & BUI

JULY 20 | 10 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. EVANS HALL

Join WC Women this summer for a morning of fun and fellowship! If you love Bunco or have never played, sign up today for a huge women's game in Evans Hall. Our hope is to bring women together to make new friends and laugh! Brunch will be served as the games are being played. Again—Bunco skills are not necessary—just a great attitude! Prizes will be awarded!





The White's Chapel Mobile Market Ministry provides food free-of-charge to people and communities experiencing food insecurity. The ministry launched in September 2022 and is quickly growing! Please email wcmobilemarket@whiteschapel.org for more information.

# Need

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bless people through a random act of kindness—and we wanted to do that for folks in our own backyards."

He admitted that "there may be some who have means who have their debt forgiven—and we think that's great, too. Jesus forgave the debt of humans with a lot and humans with a little. We want to model that spirit of giving." The two groups are raising the money in a variety of ways. Some are raising money by mowing lawns, selling scrunchies, babysitting, teaching guitar lessons, and doing things on their own. They are also planning larger projects. Recently, on July 3, they sold drinks and snacks to those who were participating in

the Stars and Stripes event in Southlake Town Square. In August, they plan to host a salsa, guacamole, and queso competition after church, along with a silent auction.

Robbins added that the project is deeply Wesleyan. "[John]Wesley and his friends, early on, would raise money and help people get out of debtor's prison. So, debt forgiveness has been a part of the Methodist DNA forever."

"As long as there are people, there is need!" said Robbins. "A part of our

# Foster, Kinship Care & Adoptive **Family Support**

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6-7 P.M. ROOM 2236, 2ND FLOOR EVANS HALL

mission as followers of Jesus Christ is to look for that need and then try and address it as best we can."

For more information about donating to this cause or getting more involved in this effort, please contact Rev. Sam Robbins.

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# **Prayer List**

Karen Achterberg, Kristin Anderson, Libby Assenheimer, Pam Baker, Carol Barret, Walt Barret, Ileana Bhanot, Bethia Blomquist, John Bloom, Julia Bramlage, Marlin Brandt, Cheryl and Ernie Brashear, Debbie Brown, Ruby Buffalo, Bobbie Cameron, Connie Center, Pam Conley, Bill Cook, Lori Cotton, Dan Creedon, Agnes Davidson, Carol Dominiec, Jean Doricko, Debbie Dreyfus, Tommy Duer, Bobbi Dunbar, Duncan Duvall, Wilma Dykman, Dennis Eaton, Maria Jose Echenique, America Ellis, Carman Evans, Ralph Evans, Ginger Fazio, Mark Fidler, Elliotte Eve Fitzpatrick, Diane Franks, Sam Fryer, Bing Girling, Jane Grazer, John Guthrie, Judith Hallam, Al Hansen, Betsy Hay, Maxie Hays, Barbara Hays-Klein, Jarrett Hodnett, Joy Holekamp, Rodgers Holland and Family, Kenneth and Eloise Horne, Linda Huffhines, Thomas Isbell, Tom Kelly, Mary Kirkpatrick, Linda Kurtz, Marge Kyle, Gary Lackey, Connie Lamb, Sam Lapp, Katherine Lemkey, Steve Lucky, Reba Madera, Samantha McKone, Jenny McNew, Martha Michael, Leara Miles, Bobbie Miller, Bob Morgan, Thomas W. Morris, John Nadeau, Peggy Parks, Diana Perez, Alyssa Phillips, Barbara Pico, Kathy Pierce, Reba Pryor, Wesley Putnam, Wanda Pyhtila, Jim and Mary Renner, Kim Rhodes, Mike Roberson, Gabrielle Robinson, Megan and Brayden Robison, Johnnie Ruth Rogillio, Jeri Russell, Nancy Shepherd, Steve Swanston, Jasper Talley, Bobby Tant, Ross Theriot, Pat Thomas, Shane Thompson, Jenny Thornell, Bill Thornton, Buster Thrasher, Peri Topel, Charlene Wahrmund, Brenda Walker, David Warner, Lucy Weaver, Meegie L. Wheat, Glenn Whittington, Ken Williams, Barry Johnson, Helen Wilson, Ida Wilson, Leigh Winzeler, Melinda Witt, Daryl Wynn. Recent deaths: The Family of Floss Barham, The Family of Barbara Clark, The Family of Karen McIntosh, The Family of Richard Rentfrow, The Family of Larry Smedley, The Family of Margaret Van De Graaf, The Family of William Van De Graaf, The Family of Gladys Van Horsten.

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