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Please join us [online](#) or in person this weekend as we continue our sermon series "Messy Spirituality." We hope to see you soon.

Shared Experiences Found in Belize

By Leilani Barrera

For as long as women have existed, there has been a ruthless assault on the feminine heart. Originating at Eve's deception in Genesis, our enemy has uncompromisingly sought to blind women to and drag us away from our heavenly callings. He has declared war on our divine image, knowing full well who and what we were designed to reflect. On multiple fronts, cultural narratives have persisted to strike destructive blows against the inherent

sanctity of women.

In efforts to reclaim what the enemy has sought to steal, faithful female Christ-followers rally globally with gentle confidence. With eagerness and a deep craving to participate in

the fight, the women of White's Chapel have also embraced the invitation to combat the encroaching darkness with love and courage. One way they seek to do this is by spreading light and love to the nations. This year, 19 women and their leaders from White's Chapel embarked on an international mission trip to Belize, marking this as the women's second visit to the country. Belize was selected for mission outreach because of its status as a newly independent country, numerous opportunities, coastal region needing frequent repairs due to storms, and the strong presence of the Methodist Church. Partnering with a local Belize Methodist elementary school, the objective was to renovate and restore the campus to make it safer and more secure.

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2025 WC OPEN

The annual spring golf tournament was held last Sunday with great success! The tournament is held each year to raise money for summer youth mission trips.

Cuba Medical Ministry Designated for May Communion Offering

It is easy to assume that there aren't churches in Cuba. It is, after all, a communist country. But God is at work in the Methodist Church in Cuba.

In 1993, Cuba had 80 Methodist Churches with 800 members. The Church has grown by approximately 10% each year since that time. By 2022, 476 Methodist churches existed, with over 50,000 members.

Many medical doctors in Cuba have come to Christ and joined the Methodist

Church. Cuba has an abundance of MDs but lacks the basic meds, like vitamins, painkillers, and generic drugs, to treat patients. The acute economic crisis that Cuba has experienced since the spread of COVID has multiplied the human suffering experienced since the communist revolution of 1959.

The Iglesia Metodista en Cuba organized a ministry to supply

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By Dr. Todd Renner

Turn Lanes & Parking Spaces

"The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking spaces."
—Will Rogers—

This Sunday, during our 11 a.m. sanctuary service, we'll celebrate Senior Recognition Sunday—a moment to honor a milestone and to dream about what's next. And as I was thinking about and praying for our graduates, I stumbled across this quote from Will Rogers: "The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking spaces."

And all I can add is a hardy Amen! It's easy to think success is a straight shot—just put the pedal down and go. But real life—and real faith—feels a lot

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'Step (Back) in Time' with "Mary Poppins, Jr."

WC Kids, in collaboration with White's Chapel Theater 2, is proud to present "Mary Poppins, Jr." The three performances will be Wednesday through Friday, May 7–9, at 7 p.m. in the Foundry. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Based on one of the most popular Disney movies of all time and the Broadway musical that played for over

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2,500 performances, the play, like its namesake, is 'practically perfect in every way.'

Theater 2, formerly a part of Arts Academy, is comprised of students in 7th through 9th grade.

"The kids were definitely familiar and were so excited when this show was announced!" said Julie Blalock, Theater Director. "We had so many students come into auditions and gush over how

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medicines to Christian doctors on the island in 2005. Headed by Dr. Aniran Ruiz Espinosa in Havana, the ministry distributes meds to doctors in Cuba that are connected to the church.

With that in mind, White’s Chapel’s communion offering for May, (collected this past Sunday,) will be designated for CUBA SANARA.

CUBA SANARA supports the Methodist Church of Cuba’s Ministry to Relieve Human Suffering.

CUBA SANARA is a ministry of St. Timothy on the Northshore out of New Orleans, LA, one of our sister Methodist Collegiate Churches. The ministry is solely dedicated to furnishing regular supplies of over-the-counter drugs and prescription meds to doctors in Cuba through the network established by the Iglesia Metodista en Cuba.

The ministry’s goal is to order the meds requested by the Iglesia Metodista at discounted prices from Blessings International in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Packages are shipped monthly to a courier service in Florida which delivers the meds directly to the conference offices in Havana.

Dr. Ed Bee, a member of St. Timothy Methodist Church in New Orleans, works diligently to assist in this medical ministry. Dr. Bee is an economist and economic development consultant, with a doctorate in International Development. He speaks Spanish and English, although not a native Spanish speaker. Born in Fort Worth, he lived for 5 years on the border in the Rio Grande Valley before moving to Louisiana. He currently operates a consulting practice where he advises communities on states of economic development strategies and is helping the State of Louisiana update its International Commerce Master Plan. He also teaches economic development at the university level. He holds positions as adjunct professor of economics and finance at Murray State in Kentucky and in economic development and business

at the University of Southern Mississippi. He has nearly 40 years of experience in economic development

“[This part of] the CUBA SANARA ministry was started at the beginning of 2023,” said Bee. “After the Mission Team at St. Timothy’s approved my request to begin the ministry, I proposed that we conduct a trial of two shipments before starting to solicit donations for the mission. The first was delivered in early April (2023), without any pilfering or shortages, which is due to God’s grace!” The second trial arrived in Havana the following month.”

God has richly blessed the ministry’s efforts. The shipments being sent contain 302,000 units of medicine. More than 80% of the units are antibiotics, blood pressure, allergy and diabetes meds, vitamins, and painkillers.

Blessings International estimates that these meds provided 248,000 days of treatment for chronic issues plus 15,000 curative treatments from meds such as antibiotics. A curative treatment is a dose of medicine needed to cure a single case of a disease.

“These statistics suggest that more than 20,000 lives in Cuba were touched in the first year of the ministry,” said Bee. “We are supplying meds for under 5 cents per dose.”

The entire mission team at St. Timothy is involved. Cuba has been a focus ministry for the church since 2017.

“Many Methodists from the United States equate what is happening in Cuba to the Apostolic age,” said Bee. “Folks are coming to Christ all over the island. The 500 churches are supported by what I would estimate are several thousand house churches that meet during the week. God is moving in a dramatic way in Cuba. I would invite members of your church to join me in the future missions to see for themselves how the church can thrive in the midst of government persecution and poverty.”

As always, 100% of the offerings collected for Communion at White’s Chapel go to the designated recipient. The Congregation’s generous support is always greatly appreciated.



Belize

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Upon their arrival, April 6, the team was tasked with painting the exterior of the local school building. To their surprise, the local female teachers and school staff collaborated with them to complete the assignment! Nancy Konecki, one of the WC team members, described this experience as “cohesive” and an “indescribable and unexpected connection.” She further remarked on the touching and heartening occurrence of not only ministering to the impoverished women and children, but also the reciprocal blessing of the residents’ hospitality, joy and love. Sally Itz, another team participant, stated, “With this being



my first mission trip... all I knew was that I felt God’s call to go... I went to serve the teachers and children, [but] I was served even more in return!”

One common thread that each woman commented on was the beauty of shared experiences. Konecki stated, “[While] there were no expectations as to what we were going to do, there was a huge question mark, but it was one with a heart. We knew it was going to be an experience that brought us together.”

Rev. Joy Roberson, Women’s Ministry and Missions and Outreach Pastor at White’s Chapel, also elaborated on the sheer power and ability of collective experiences to bring about enhanced transformation. “There’s no other way for that kind of transformation to happen that fast,” she explains, “with a group of women, a shared experience can be transformational... [it] only bonds you more.”

When women collectively unite over a common goal in Christ, it is a breeding ground for radical, accelerated spiritual transformation.

When asked what their biggest takeaway was from the trip, each participant declared in their own words that God can and will use your talents in unexpected ways! Both Itz and Konecki, retired Elementary Special Education teachers, were ‘privileged’ and ‘blessed’ to utilize their vocational skills by teaching the Belize school staff American Sign Language to communicate with their special needs students. Itz recalls, “We spent one entire morning teaching sign language to four different grade levels. The children loved the idea, and they learned so quickly. They approached us during recess with sentences that they

had developed with the learned signs!”

What an astounding testament to the truth that to experience exponential growth and blessing, only a submissive and willing heart is required.

Although we may differ culturally, because of the faith we share, we no longer consider one another strangers. Paul’s writings speak to this truth in Ephesians 2:19 when he declares, “You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.”

There is something potent, yet pleasant, about women uniting to further God’s Kingdom. As women, we intrinsically embody the gentle and tender side of the Father’s heart, and in our truest form, we personify the loveliness of His still, small voice. Not only this, but it is also great fun! Each woman returned home glowing with stories about the dancing, singing, and rejoicing they experienced on the trip. Angie Vaughan, another member, exclaims, “When you put a group of women together who are connected by God, it’s like the greatest slumber party of all time. Because one thing is for sure, we’re going to have fun, laugh, and celebrate God!”



History and scripture contain countless women who have boldly countered the darkness in faith. Esther, Abigail, Rahab and Mary—each effectively resisted the enemy’s endeavor to keep them unaware of their power, inviting God to reveal their potential.

“There are many strong women that God used in different ways throughout the Old Testament and in the creation of Jesus’ new church,” Roberson states. “While their stories aren’t talked about [enough], one commonly found thread is that God called, and they said yes. Just because they were women, that didn’t mean that God would stop using them. They were the people God wanted.”

Sympathetic towards the hindrances that keep women from joining in on the kingdom work, Roberson urges hesitant women to overcome their fears and get involved in missions. “I got my call to ministry on a mission trip,” she remarks. “Whatever skills God gave you are the skills you’re going to bring, and we can use them. God usually provides jobs that match the skills of our women. So, jump on, let’s go. Missions is a wonderful way to tangibly do God’s work.”

White’s Chapel provides regular domestic and international mission opportunities that are both co-ed and female focused. To learn more about our Women’s Ministry and Missions Department, contact Joy Roberson.

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FINANCIALS			
APRIL			
April	2025	2024	
Week 1	\$178,857	\$241,742	
Week 2	\$190,820	\$181,322	
Week 3	\$301,792	\$213,646	
Week 4	\$137,936	\$148,199	
MTD Actual	\$809,405	\$784,909	
MTD Goal	\$897,563	\$839,154	
	\$ (88,158)	\$(54,245)	
YTD Actual	\$3,629,205	\$3,594,474	
YTD Goal	\$3,482,645	\$3,181,588	
	\$ 146,560	\$ 412,886	

WEEKEND PREACHING SCHEDULE			
SANCTUARY		THE FOUNDRY	
Sun.	8:20 a.m. Traditional Drs. John McKellar & Todd Renner	Sat.	5:30 p.m. Contemporary Rev. Lori Cotton
Sun.	9:30 a.m. Contemporary Drs. John McKellar & Todd Renner	Sun.	11 a.m. Foundry Service Rev. Lori Cotton
Sun.	11 a.m. Foundation Drs. John McKellar & Todd Renner	WALTON CHAPEL	
		Sun.	9:30 a.m. Traditional Rev. Steve Lallier

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Mission Mania
Sunday, May 4 | 12:15–1 :30 p.m.
3rd and 4th graders, we are ending our semester with a super fun Mission Mania! We will be assembling first aid kits for Community Storehouse. Community Storehouse has been providing crucial resources like food, household necessities, and education to low-income families in Tarrant County for over 40 years. We are excited to supply them with first aid kits made by you! Drop off starts at 12:15 p.m. in the ROCK. We'll be serving up a yummy pizza lunch, and the mission project will be happening in Room 7. We can't wait to see you there!

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Walk 'n' Roll & BMX Stunt Show
May 10 | 9–11 a.m.
Walk 'n' Roll to the 5th annual WC Kids Fun Run! All ages are invited to hit the course by foot, bike, or scooter. There will be interactive stations along the way to enjoy including inflatable obstacle courses! Dialed Action Sports will be back again this year to kick off our event with a thrilling, high flying Bike Stunt show beginning at 9 a.m. You won't want to miss this! After the show, grab your friends, family, strollers, dogs on leashes to walk, run, ride, skip and hop to the finish line! Helmets are required for bike and scooter riders.

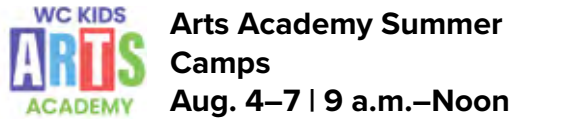
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Theater 1 Camp Auditions
Night of Stars | May 17 | 10 a.m.–4 p.m.



Theater 2 Camp Auditions
High School Musical | May 18 | 1–6 p.m.



Kinder–Fourth Grade Variety Camp—\$50
During this one week of Arts Academy Summer Camp incoming kinder-fourth graders will experience all aspects of Arts Academy. They will rotate through all the classes we offer—art, cooking, LEGO, science, and games. Each day will

include instructional time, fun recreation time, devotional time, and a time for snacks. All curriculum and supplies are included in the registration fee.

Preschool Dance—3 years old through 5 years old—\$50
This class will give our littlest dancers the opportunity to learn the basics of several different dance styles. No special dance shoes or attire are required for this class. Students are asked to bring water bottles with them to class each day, and to wear comfortable dance clothes.
Contact Erin for more information on camps.
Erin Schechter | eschechter@whiteschapel.org

SUMMER SAVE THE DATES



- **June 1 | Promotion Sunday**



- **June 9–12 | VBS/VBX**
- **June 23–27 | WC Theater 1 Camp (Show June 27)**



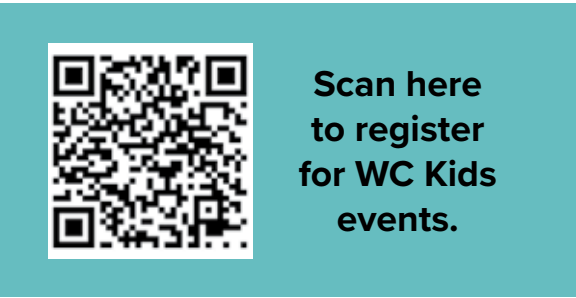
- **July 2 | Storytime**



- **July 16 | Family Movie Day**
- **July 14–30 WC Theater 2 Camp (Shows July 30–Aug. 1)**



- **Aug. 2 | Bubble Bash**
- **Aug. 4–7 | Arts Academy Camp**



Scan here to register for WC Kids events.



Poppins

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much they looked up to Mary Poppins as a child and couldn't wait to tell this story.”
The jack-of-all trades, Bert introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family members how to value each other again. Mary Poppins takes the children on many magical and memorable adventures, but Jane and Michael aren't the only ones upon whom she has a profound effect. Even grown-ups can learn a lesson or two from the nanny who advises that “anything can happen if you let it.”
Blalock serves as the show’s Director, with Eleni Brooke assisting as Music Director and Prop Manager. The two collaborated on costumes while Ann-Marie Heilman took the challenging chore of Choreographer.
“Ann-Marie has been able to pay homage to some of the original choreography while making it accessible for our young dancers,” said Blalock. “Those familiar with the movie may be a little surprised at the differences in the musical, but the heart of the story is still the same.
“Both Eleni and I love this show and grew up watching the movie,” added Blalock. “We were so excited to see our kids take on these iconic roles and put their own twist on them... although

measuring up to Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke is a tall order!”
The Mary Poppins cast includes Christopher Elliott, Zoey Heilman, Catelyn Kelley, Ben Lee, Acadia Lester, Catarina Martin, Aria Parish, Elijah Parish, Jack Paschall, Noah Pearson, Maddie Pratt, Amulya Raghupatruni, Antonella Colonico Rincon, Cade Skattum, Madelyn Zabrouski, and Roxy Zimmerman.
Included in various choreographic, musical, and extras ensembles is: Lively Baldrige, Kaci Bear, Caroline Besancon, Eden Brannon, Frances Dillard, Briella Rose Fiore, Blair Horsley, Kayla McMaster, Julianna Nichols, Sadie Shumate, and Emily Takala.
“There have been two major challenges with this show,” Blalock said. “The ‘magical’ elements forced us to be creative and think outside the box to create the illusion of magic for our audience. The other challenge has been that there are so many scene locations we had to find a way to move set pieces in seconds to maintain the flow of the show. Having digital backdrops helps. We’ve chosen to do a unit set and only move a few key furniture pieces between scenes.”
Tech will be handled by WC Productions staff, and Lighting Design by Christian Brooke. Numerous parents generously volunteered during rehearsals to help direct kids during breakout sessions.
With well-known favorite songs including “A Spoonful of Sugar,” “Feed the Birds,” and “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious,” “Mary Poppins, Jr.” promises to truly be a fun-filled evening. Admission is free.

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more like a long road trip. There are potholes. Detours. Breakdowns. And plenty of parking spaces that whisper, “This is far enough. Just stop here.” Some parking spaces look like comfort. Some look like fear.
Some are disguised as good-enough success.
But here’s the thing: God didn’t design us to coast. He didn’t save us just so we could settle. He called us to a life that’s deep and wide, abundant, and adventurous (John 10:10).

And what I want to say to our graduates, I want to say to all of us: You’re about to merge onto new highways—college, careers, new communities. Some days you’ll feel unstoppable. Other days you’ll be tempted to pull over and call it quits. But don’t settle for easy. Don’t mistake rest for retreat. God’s best dreams are almost always just past the place you feel like stopping.
And church family, the same goes for us. Faith has no retirement plan. Growth has no expiration date. We are all still called forward—onward—deeper into grace, closer to Christ, bolder in love.
Keep driving. And keep trusting... for the best is yet to come!



Saturday, April 26 was a campus workday at White’s Chapel, with numerous volunteers from Carroll High School pitching in for an assortment of tasks around the property.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Carter BloodCare Blood Drive
Sunday, May 4 | 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Consider donating blood this season at the upcoming blood drive. The Carter BloodCare bus will be parked on campus near The Center for Spiritual Care.
Sign up on the Carter BloodCare [website](#) (scan QR code) or stop by the bus the day of to donate.



Thrive Family Event
Saturday, May 17
10:30 a.m.–Noon | Wesley Cafe Area
Everyone participating in the Thrive Program at White’s Chapel and their families are invited to attend this time of fun and connection. This event is specifically designed for those with additional needs.
Alyson Bator | abator@whiteschapel.org

Katie Jones & Lindsay Serdar
Sunday, May 18 | 5 p.m.
Grace Chapel | Free

Join us for an evening with Kate and Lindsay in a concert of strings and things! This will be an exciting event as they showcase their talent through musical performance.
Arnold Rawls | arawls@whiteschapel.org



CAF Trip to the National Medal of Honor Museum
Thursday, May 15 | 9 a.m.–2 p.m. | \$75
Join Classic Adult Fellowship for an inspirational trip to the new National Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington. We will board buses from Walton Chapel at 9 a.m. to travel to Arlington. Once there, the group will have a 60-minute, docent guided tour as well as time to explore the museum individually. The group will also enjoy lunch provided by museum catering. [Online registration](#) and payment includes transportation, ticket, guided tour, and lunch.



Classic VBS for Seniors
True North: Faith in the Wilderness
June 17–18
8:30 a.m.–Noon
If you enjoyed VBS as a kid or wondered what all the fuss was about back then, join Classic Adult Fellowship for senior VBS! Walk down memory lane while revisiting VBS through an adult lense with nostalgia, faith, fun, and friends in the 55+ age range. Enjoy singing in Grace Chapel followed by Bible Stories with the pastors, games and trivia, several crafts, testimonies, prayer and reflection, social time and more. Lunch is included with VBS registration on the second day! Register [online](#).



FRIENDSPEAK & FLOWERS
White’s Chapel’s FriendSpeak participants learned flower arranging skills at their last meeting, with wonderful results! FriendSpeak offers our international neighbors opportunities for friendship and weekly English conversation practice with our trained FriendSpeak teachers.



Informational Meeting

Tuesday, May 6

6:30-7:30 p.m. | EH 2129

For questions, contact
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Prayer List

Bradley Anderson, Deuce and Jennifer Arthur, Ed Asten, Sandi Attwood, Corena Back, Jack Bair, Jerry Barron, Julie Bessire, Mindy Bogan, Claudia Bowman, Cheryl Brashear, Michaelann Bush, Thomas Cabrera, Sue Calvert, The Canter Family, Connie Center, Carl Chmielewski, Shereese Clark, Carolyn Cockerell, Leslie Craig, Margie Cullen, Barton Davis, Mark Depker, Margie Duffy, Wilma Dykman, Ralph Evans, Mark Fidler, Dorothy Fontana, Teri Gardner, Morris Gates, Tim Gauntt, Buddy Hall, Charmaine Harrity, Giles Hartenbower, Debbie Helldoorn, Bob Horn, Dixie Hubbard, Pat Hudson, Heinz Imhof, Jody Irwin, Sandie January, Claudia Jenkins, Tiffany Job, Richard Jump, Dennis Kozey, Catherine LaCroix, Connie Lamb, Ashley Barret Leder, David Leslie, The Troy and Charlotte Marburger Family, Tim McCracken Sr., Pamela McKeithen, Gay McWhorter, Carol Middleton, Jim Murray, Marjean Nelson, Judy Nuzum, Darlene Nygren, The Parish Family, Kristian and David Perez, Dee Perkins, Larysa Peterson, Reggie Peterson, Terry Rhoades, Johnnie Ruth Rogillio, Ali Searls, Danny Searls, Teresa Sheffield, Paul Sikes, James Michael Smith, Joyce Smoot, Isaac Strasburger, Orville Summey, Steve Swanston, Peggy Sward, Gary Turner, Maybelle Vidamo, Sue Vignaroli, Frances Votaw, Brenda Walker, Virginia Wehling, Al Wells, John Will, Mary Ann Willinger, Jenny Wilson, Vicki Winn, Sarah. Recent deaths: The Family of Jim Bennett, The Family of Jim Clancy, The Family of Randy Fabrien, The Family of Margie Graves, The Family of Greg Kralik, Tyra Martin & Family, The Family of Fred Mitchell, The Family of Roland Moore, The Family of Rejane Proença, The Family of Wanda Pyhtila, The Family of Durrell Roddy, The Family of Mark Sayers, The Family of Carter Schultz, The Family of Pat Simpson, The Family of Jeannine Tuggle, The Family of Darles Watson, The Family of Dick Williams.

Submit names via QR code or www.whiteschapel.org/prayers.html. (Names will remain on this prayer list for two weeks unless otherwise notified via QR code or www.whiteschapel.org/prayers.html.)





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