### WHITE'S CHAPEL





Please join us online or in person this weekend as we celebrate Easter! We hope to see you soon.

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## PALM SUNDAY

Palms waved last Sunday as 'Jesus' (Jacob Serrano) entered 'Jerusalem.' The annual Palm parade began the observance of Holy Week at White's Chapel.

### Sunday, April 27



WC Adds YouTube Channel

eet Rachel Moraw. You've probably seen her a lot around the White's Chapel



campus, usually behind a camera, sometimes with husband Eric and 16-month-old Jordan, always with a smile. Since her arrival here in May of 2022, she has been a presence in a lot of ways, but most

importantly, she has become the force behind White's Chapel's online presence, which is a pretty special presence.

"I would say she's a connector," said Rev. Sam Robbins, Evangelism Pastor, who was instrumental in finding and hiring her. "I think she's been really good and effective at connecting numerous ministry areas and departments, as well as developing positive relationships with students, kids, volunteers and all the people who make White's Chapel function."

As a photographer, Moraw can be seen anywhere from Easter Egg hunts, plays,

# Annual Golf Tourney Sponsors Youth Missions

he 2025 White's Chapel Open Golf Tournament will be played at Grapevine Golf Course on Sunday, April 27 in a four-man scramble format. A burger and hot dog lunch (included w/ registration) will be served at 12:30 p.m., and tee offs begin at 2 p.m. The event is open to both men

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# Lessons from Lent

Editor's note: Lessons from Lent is an annual series of reflections on the six-week Lenten Season. A daily devotional guide, "Conflicted," is available at various kiosks at White's Chapel, or at the administrative building front desk. Written by White's Chapel Co-Pastors Drs. John McKellar and Todd Renner, the guide is available at no charge.

One Response. Wrath: Root of Despair

"There was a castle called Doubting Castle, the owner whereof was Giant Despair." – John Bunyan

here are times when we just don't know what to feel. We are numb; we're lost. We don't know what to do or where to turn. And that scares us. And that angers us. A loved one dies. A job is lost. A child is sick. A dream collapses. All we know and all we wanted is gone. Jesus was dead. Hope was dead. The excitement that once filled their streets and the joy that filled their souls was gone–crucified and buried. Hope was laid in a borrowed tomb, and Love had breathed his last. Despair was now their lone emotion; anguished tears, their only response. Where Promise once ruled, now doubt set in like a tyrant.

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By Dr. Judy Hunt

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

"Technology! Can't live with it; can't live without it," I mumbled to myself while bravely trying to navigate my way

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### SATURDAY, APRIL 19 CONTEMPORARY EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE 5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary | Watch Online\* SUNDAY, APRIL 20 SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE 6:30 a.m. | Amphitheater TRADITIONAL EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

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Following Last Service | Columbarium

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## HIPPITY HOPPITY

White's Chapel Kids and Families celebrated Spring with the annual Easter Eggstravaganza last Saturday. Easter is on its way!



# Tube

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music concerts, festivals, and community events to confirmations, mission trips, Bible

studies and worship. Officially, however, her title is Social Media Manager—which means she manages the church's media persona on Facebook and Instagram.

This weekend, we can add YouTube to that list. And, we can thank Moraw for making that happen.

Robbins suggested whenever she was hired that YouTube was one of the things we wanted to pursue. "We had never had a formal YouTube presence. The things that were posted on YouTube had been randomly posted by church members or staff, or sometimes things posted on Facebook that landed on YouTube."

Since that time, Moraw, with the support and help of Grace Zeller, began the push to make a White's Chapel YouTube channel happen.

"YouTube is such a great resource," said Robbins, "but it's kind of tricky; there are hoops you have to jump through, and I think they [Moraw and Zeller] have definitely been the ones to jump through those hoops."

YouTube is a free video sharing website that makes it easy to watch online videos. It's a place where creative passion becomes a launchpad Initially she and Zeller discussed the idea of YouTube as a place to share worship songs. "Grace had been envisioning the platform as a way to reach a broader audience for some

time. At that time, YouTube was one platform we hadn't yet explored."

In June 2023, Moraw began uploading worship songs from our services to YouTube. Then, in March 2024, discussions turned to the possibility of streaming our full services on YouTube to further expand our reach.

"Working closely with Kyle Johnson and the live production team, we've been preparing to add live streaming capabilities to our channel," said Moraw. "Our official launch will take place this Easter Weekend."

"Our goal is to livestream our 5:30 p.m. Saturday night, 9:30 a.m., and 11 a.m. sanctuary worship services on YouTube," she said. "By doing so, we aim to reach more people and make it easier for those already familiar with our platform to join us online. Looking ahead, we hope to expand our livestream offerings to include Bible studies during the week and potentially create content specifically tailored for our online community."

"Ultimately," she added, "our aim is to broaden our impact in discipleship and extend our reach even further."

YouTube provides an opportunity to reach a broader audience and share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with those who have yet to experience it. Urban United States adults are the most frequent YouTube users, with 84% using the platform. In terms of countries, India leads with the highest number of YouTube users, followed by the USA, Brazil, Indonesia, and Mexico. At this time, YouTube will not replace our mobile or TV app; it's simply an additional platform that allows more people to join us online.

	April	2025	2024
	Week 1	\$178,857	\$241,742
FINANCIALS	Week 2	\$190,820	\$181,322
INANCIALS	MTD Actual	\$369,677	\$423,064
	MTD Goal	<u>\$448,782</u>	<u>\$419,578</u>
AFRIL		\$(79,105)	\$ 3,486
	YTD Actual	\$3,189,477	\$3,232,629
	YTD Goal	<u>\$3,033,864</u>	<u>\$2,762,012</u>
		\$ 155,614	\$ 470,617

for careers, communities, and personal transformation. (Think: Baby Shark.) Originally created in 2005 by three former PayPal employees, YouTube is now the world's most popular online video-sharing platform. One billion hours of video are watched every day, and 500 hours of video are uploaded every minute.

Moraw defines the purpose of our social media presence as threefold: "To engage our church congregation, to give newcomers a first glimpse of what our church is like, and ultimately, to provide an online avenue for discipleship."

YouTube may be accessed through your web browser, phone, or TV app.



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## YouTube is exciting for White's Chapel to join for several reasons:

Wider Reach: YouTube is one of the largest platforms in the world, offering an unparalleled opportunity to reach people beyond the local congregation. This helps us share our message and connect with a global audience, including those who may not be able to attend in person.

### **Engagement & Community:**

YouTube offers interactive features, such as live chats and comments, which can foster a sense of community and allow for real-time engagement during livestreams. This can help people feel more connected to our church, even from a distance.

### **Discovery & Outreach:**

People searching for spiritual content on YouTube might come

across our videos who have never visited or heard of White's Chapel. It's an avenue for evangelism and sharing the message of Jesus in a way that resonates with today's digital culture.

**Long-Term Impact:** Once uploaded, YouTube videos are available indefinitely, which means that sermons, worship, and other content can continue to speak to people long after they've been posted. This creates lasting impact and long-term visibility for the church.

Joining YouTube provides a powerful tool for spreading the gospel, building community, and reaching people who may not be able to physically attend church, all while enhancing the church's presence in the digital space.





open to anyone, not just White's Chapel members! What a great opportunity to revisit our childhoods, make new friends, have fun with current members, and share the joy of Jesus with others!

### **CAF** Happenings

Recently, the group enjoyed an informative luncheon with guest speakers from Tarrant County College Senior Program. Did you know seniors can take

classes, geared



### **CAF** Connections

Classic Adult Fellowship, or CAF, is a great group for those in the 55 and better stage of life! You do not have to be a member of White's Chapel to attend functions, so friends are always welcome. If you are not a member and would like to be on the mailing list for upcoming opportunities and connections, please email or call Laurie Williams, Director for Classic Adult Fellowship. Consider attending one of our monthly events!



for seniors, on any TCC campus for only \$20? Not \$20 a class, but as many classes as you'd like to take for one fee of \$20 a semester! This is the best deal in town for anyone wanting to learn something new,

visit museums together, enjoy music, create art, work out, just to be social, and so much more! With lots of classes to choose from, seniors are having fun and continuing to learn. The new class catalogues come out mid-summer for fall, so be on the lookout!

CAF recently traveled to see the Butterflies in the Garden in Fort Worth. What a beautiful day to see the butterflies, walk in the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens, and have a lovely lunch at Rock Springs Café. The butterflies will be at the conservatory until April 30; all 50 who attended enjoyed seeing God's creations up close and would recommend going.



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# Golf

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and women, regardless of skill level. The \$155 per person fee also includes green fees and a cart.

The tournament is held annually and is a fun way to raise money to support our student ministry's summer mission trips. This year, our high school and middle school students will both head to San Antonio to help rebuild, revitalize, and share the love of Jesus Christ with those who have a variety of needs. Each and every year, testimonials reveal transformed lives because of young people from White's Chapel giving up a week of their summer vacation to go be the hands and feet of Christ in distant places. What a great reason to tee it up!

Past tournaments have helped to send hundreds of students to places like Tulsa, St. Louis, New Orleans, and more. The tournament raised over \$45,000 last year.

Sponsorships are also available. Sponsorship money has a very high percentage of donation to scholarships, with only costs of a specific giveaway item, if requested, being deducted

## **Musings**

from the sponsorship fee. Many of the sponsorship fees are 100% donated to the student funds. A few sponsor spots are still available for individual holes. An individual, family, Sunday School class, or business, can sponsor a hole at the rate of \$500 which includes a sign representing the sponsoring entity at the hole location.

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Registration and sponsorship info at WC-OPEN.COM

Grapevine Golf Course 3800 Fairway Drive

Grapevine, TX 76051

In addition to raising money for student missions, golfers from past years often testify to the incredible fellowship opportunity the tournament provides. Those looking for a way to connect with others in the church should find this an enjoyable way to make new connections in a fun and welcome environment. For those who enjoy a little competition mixed in with their fellowship, prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, as well as longest-drive and closest-to-the-pin contest holes.

Those wishing to play in the tournament, should register on the church website. Registration may be on an individual basis, or as a team. Individuals will be assigned to a team of four.

If you have any questions about playing in the tournament or becoming a sponsor, please contact Rev. Jon Reeves.

**Rev. Jon Reeves** jreeves@whiteschapelumc.com 3



right turn was all that remained to reach my anticipated destination.

#### VBS for Seniors is BACK!

Yes, you read that correctly! Why should the kids have all the fun? This summer, Classic Adult Fellowship will host our 4th vacation Bible school for those 55 and up! Pastors, staff, and volunteers are excited to provide some fun for our seniors featuring singing in the chapel, prayer time, crafts, Bible stories, games, trivia, guest speakers, and more! Our theme this year is "True North: Faith in the Wilderness," so bring your memories of road trips, picnics, and national park visits incorporated with the childhood moments of vacation Bible school. Mark your calendars for June 17-18 from 8 a.m. to noon and register online today. The cost is \$35 and it is

#### What's on the Calendar?

- Friday, April 25 | 11 a.m. (10:30 check-in) – Easter Luncheon Wonderful meal as well as performances from Dr. Arnold Rawls and the Silver Bells Choir, our allsenior handbell choir. Please email or call Laurie Williams to reserve your spot so that we plan for plenty of food, supplies, and seating.
- Thursday, May 1 | 1.30 p.m. CAF Monthly Movie in Rawlins Hall Unsung Hero

**Director Laurie Williams** lwilliams@whiteschapel.org

# Lent

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In that damp and hellish darkness, they could only remember scant glimpses of their time with him. And the unrelenting pain sank deeper. They remembered how they'd slept while Jesus prayed. They remembered how they'd hidden as Jesus was led away, how they had left him alone, abandoned. They remembered the thunderous cry of the crowd shouting: "Crucify!" And they remembered the smug sneers of the religious as they saw their plot succeed.

Never again would they hear him. Never again would they see him. Gone were his words and his wisdom. Gone, his compassion and love. His laughter and his smile were trapped behind a

stone, locked in death's dire grip. As morning broke on that forlorn Sabbath morn, they were left with their memories and with a numbed emptiness that words could not soothe.

#### Silence. Weeping.

Hopeless.

But what had He said? Something about the third day? There was something about Sunday. Only in sepiaflecked echoes, like dust floating inside the sunlight, could they recall. Jesus had said something about Sunday.

Something stirred. Now a new memory. A new possibility, perhaps. A new chance. A new expectation. A new hope. And at last, a new beginning.

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through the pouring rain toward an unfamiliar Arlington destination. Gone were the days of the good 'ole Mapsco or paper service station city maps. Those were the tools that served me so well when delivering Meals on Wheels in the winding neighborhoods of South Dallas or venturing past wildflower covered fields on my way to Collin County.

Now, don't get me wrong. I'm well

aware that no printing press could possibly keep up with the rapidly growing, speedily developing neighborhoods that continue to crop up in the Metroplex. And, I'm eternally grateful for those GPS systems that can miraculously guide us to our desired destination. Except for when they don't! And I'm even more grateful

that God gave me the ability to know the difference - like on that particular Saturday morning. You see, I may not know Tarrant County well, but I do know that turning left on Beltline immediately after merging onto Hwy 360 is not only wrong, it's entirely impossible!

My only recourse then – as the little man in the navigational microphone continued to yell at me - was to silence his attempts to send me over the guardrail into the abyss of the eastbound traffic below. So I did. And in the resulting silence, the welcomed "still, small voice" encouraged my utilization of the God Positioning System instead.

Perhaps it was "coincidental," but in that moment the clouds rolled back, bright blue Hospital signs began to appear, and as I exited onto I-30, a single

I wonder if Jesus – in all his humanity - felt some of that frustration, confusion, angst as he journeyed toward his destiny those last few hours. Knowing where he was going and the agony of betrayal, brutality, and bondage that it would cost, yet always having the free-will alternative of taking a different road.

"Nevertheless," he would cry in the garden, "not my will but yours." In that very submission, perhaps he hoped to silence the voices that would send him on a path of destruction. Again and

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again, he chose the God-directed path that would lead to glory. A path that propelled him toward the kiss of a betrayer, scourging by command of a favorseeking governor, denial by one of his own, beating by Roman soldiers, derision by the very ones he came to save. Yet on he went, trusting in his Father and the purpose

for which he lowered himself to dwell among the likes of us. In all his ways and paths, Jesus submitted himself to God down the Via Dolorosa, up to Golgotha, and onto the accursed cross where he was pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed (Isaiah 53:5). What if he had chosen to lean to his own understanding? To go his own way? To glorify himself?

As we celebrate the victory of Easter's resurrection story this Sunday and beyond, may we express our gratitude through the choices we make, trusting in the Lord with all our heart, submitting our ways to his, and experiencing the freedom and joy found on those straight paths!

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



### Thrive Parent Support Group April 27 | Evans Hall Lunch: 12:15 p.m. Meeting: 1 p.m.

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by challenges and wonder why God allowed them to happen? This parent support group is for families with children who have additional needs. Everyone should be welcome in the church and know the love of Jesus regardless of abilities or disabilities. By providing necessary support and modifications, we are opening the door for people with additional needs and their families to experience Christ's love. This offering is available to families with children and students with disabilities (preschool-12th). Thrive kid childcare is available. Alyson Bator | abator@whiteschapel.org

### Ready to Get Involved? Wednesday April 30 6 to 7 p.m. | AE Room 3103

God gives us gifts, talents and passions that make us unique – and uniquely qualified to reach out to others! Come explore opportunities at White's Chapel to find your niche to serve others – whether it is within an existing ministry at WC or it is a new ministry fueled by your passion. Register online. Contact Dorothea for more information. **Dorothea Christ | dchrist@whiteschapel.org** 



### Disaster Response Team Training May 3 | 9 a.m. to Noon

The Disaster Response Team "DRT" volunteers are required to go through extensive training on how to assist in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. Teams are called to serve on an asneeded basis. Teams travel to affected areas and typically serve three or four days at a time. The next DRT training will be held on Saturday, May 3 in Rawlins Hall (AE Room 3103) from 9 a.m. until Noon. There is no cost for the training. Registration is required. For more information, contact Larry Smith. Larry Smith I smith4family@verizon.net



### 12 Daring Women of the Bible Begins May 15 | 9:30 a.m. | EH 2235

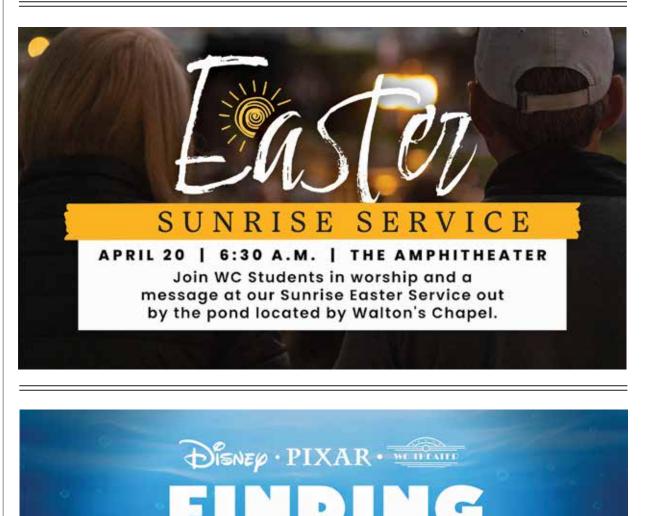
This 12-session Women's Bible Study helps participants learn to live through life's failures and successes, draw near to God in a world of trials, find contentment in all circumstances and much more. Register online.

Jennifer Panter | jenlynerne@gmail.com

David Chelps Concert Hursday, April 24 | 7 P.M. in the sanctuary Dors open at 6 P.M. | \$20 per person

### WC Presents: David Phelps Concert

David Phelps is an award-winning Christian artist having received numerous Grammy and Dove awards. A former member of the Bill Gaither Vocal Band, David has launched a very successful solo career. He will be performing at White's Chapel Methodist Church on Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at whiteschapel.org or by scanning the above QR code. Cost is \$20 per person. Arnold Rawls | arawls@whiteschapel.org







# **Prayer List**

Bradley Anderson, Nancy Anthony, Sandi Attwood, Bill Ayers, Corena Back, Jack Bair, Brian Barnes, Steve Barrett, Gwenda Benton, Susan Boelens, Nancy Bradley, Cheryl Brashear, Michaelann Bush, Thomas Cabrera, Carol Cafrelli, Bradley Carey, Jim Clancy, Carolyn Cockerell, John Corder, Willene Corder, Leslie Craig, Barton Davis, Kim Davis, Madeleine Diebels, Margie Duffy, Wilma Dykman, Ralph Evans, Mark Fidler, Dorothy Fontana, Jim and Diane Fritzel, Steve Gardner, Landon Gaspari, Morris Gates, Tim Gauntt, Buddy Hall, Tiffany Hall, Bob Harmon, Barbara Hays-Klein, Debbee Heldoorn, Dena Helo, Jose Hernandez, Dixie Hubbard, Judy Hurt, Annette Jordan, Mike Kopesec, Greg Kralik, Connie Lamb, Martin Lawrence, Ashley Barret Leder, Luke Lunday, Blake Martens, Lisa Mastropiero, Jim Maxwell, Gay McWhorter, Jerry Meyer, Carol Middleton, Matthew Mitchell, Doreen Mladenovic and Family, Roland Moore, Angie Moreno, Hernan Moreno, Karen Moreno, Paola Moreno, Marjean Nelson, Judy Nuzum, Darlene Nygren, The O'Connell Family, The Parish Family, Marilyn Pelep, Victoria Perez, Dee Perkins, Larysa Peterson, Reggie Peterson, Wanda Pyhtila, Terry Rhoades, Johnnie Ruth Rogillio, Belkis Salazar, Nelsy Salazar, Jerry Sheffler, Larry Shirley Jr., Paul Sikes, Kay Slack, Joyce Smoot, Luke Strange, Isaac Strasburger, Ana Suarez, Steve Swanston, Peggy Sward, Tracy Thomas, Jeannine Tuggle, Gary Turner, Lukas Vivas, Sandra Vivas, Frances Votaw, Darles Watson, Al Wells, John Will, Mary Ann Willinger, Vicki Winn, Kyle and Jennifer. Recent deaths: The Family of Freddie Charles, The Family of Peter Colvin, The Family of Shannon Cook, The Family of Randy Fabrien, The Family of Rob Glover, The Family

of Leslie James, The Family of Lorraine Love, Tyra Martin & Family, The Family of Paolo Natale, The Family of Durrell Roddy, The Family of Mark Sayers, Sandy Larson and Family, 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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