

WHITE'S CHAPEL HERALD



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

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My Fair Lady Takes the Stage

White's Chapel presents is pleased to announce the stage production of Lerner and Lowe's *My Fair Lady* on May 29th and 30th in the White's Chapel Sanctuary. The musical begins at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

The production marks the church's first venture into theater by an adult cast.

"It has been a dream of the church staff for quite a long time that we would be able to present a Broadway style musical to our congregation using members of our congregation as the actors and singers," said Arnold Rawls, Producer. "There is such great talent in our midst. *My Fair Lady* will showcase some of this talent."

Performances will be May 29th and 30th in the White's Chapel Sanctuary at 7 p.m.

The musical version of *My Fair Lady* is taken from a book, with lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner and music by Frederick Loewe. The story, based on George Bernard Shaw's 1913 play *Pygmalion*, concerns Eliza Doolittle,

a flower girl who takes speech lessons from Professor Henry Higgins so that she may pass as a lady.

In London, Professor Higgins, a scholar of phonetics, believes that a person's accent determines their prospects in society. At a local fruit-and-vegetable market one evening, he listens to Eliza

Doolittle, a young flower seller with a strong Cockney accent, and makes notes. This causes others to suspect he is a detective. Eliza protests that she has done nothing wrong and asks Colonel Pickering, himself a phonetics expert, to confirm this. Pickering and Higgins are delighted to become acquainted; in fact,

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Many Volunteers Needed June 9–12 VBS Only Weeks Away

Wanted: Individuals who are passionate, reliable, patient, flexible, creative, energetic, positive, willing to help, compassionate, organized, and most importantly must love kids. Oh, and did I mention? There is no monetary compensation for this job.

Sound like a tall order? You bet it is, and every single year the job is filled with the most wonderful volunteers that childhood memories can buy.

Yes, it is time for Vacation Bible school, that time honored childhood ritual that comes around every year to kick off the summer. And the roundup for volunteer saints has begun.

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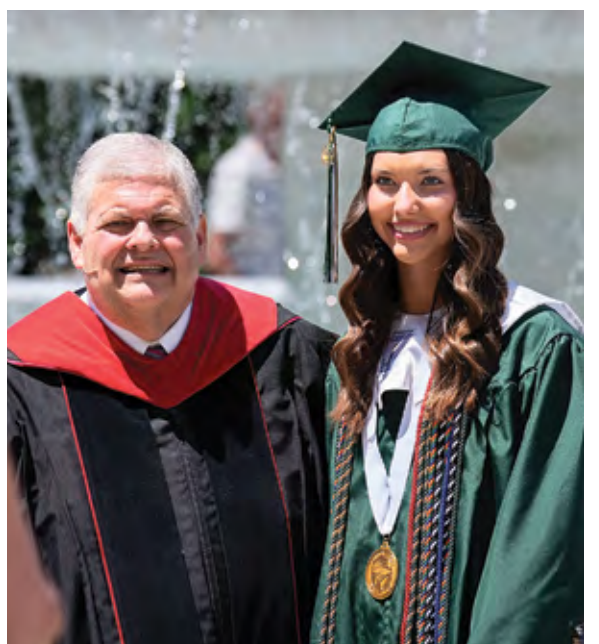
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volunteers," said Denise Bennett, WCKids Co-Director. "We need students in grades 7th–12th and adults to help us run this fun event smoothly. Over 100 volunteers are needed just for snacks, games, crafts, Bible storytelling, music and science. Then we need an additional 150 guides to help lead each group to their various activities. From registration, it looks like we will again have record attendance this year."

As always this is a good problem; but gathering that many volunteers is a daunting task.

"Over 900 kids attend VBS every summer," explained Bennett, "and that number is limited only to the number of volunteers we have each year."

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SENIOR SUNDAY

White's Chapel honored 95 of our graduating seniors last Sunday during the 11 a.m. service. Students represented many local schools including Byron Nelson, Carroll, Colleyville, Grapevine, and Keller. (Additional pictures on p. 3)



By Dr. John McKellar

Quiet Miracles

Abraham Lincoln once said, "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." He was speaking of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, a gentle, God-fearing woman who died when Abe was just nine years old. Her time with him was

short, but her impact was deep; shaping a heart that would help hold a nation together.

Nancy couldn't give her son wealth, education, or position. But she gave him something better—faith, compassion, and a sense of right and wrong carved into the wood of a frontier cabin. She read to him from the family Bible by candlelight. She taught him to think, to care, and to believe in something bigger than himself.

After her death, Abraham kept her memory close for the rest of his life. Through hardship, heartbreak, and even war, the lessons of her love stayed with him like a compass in his pocket. He read that King James version Bible over and over again, until he digested the lessons of faith. In his life he tried to live

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Allegro!!! Fundraiser Friday | May 16 | 7 p.m. The Foundry

Get ready to be part of something extraordinary at North Texas Suzuki Association's fundraising event!

Every ticket to this event will bring us closer to achieving our mission--providing scholarships to Summer Institutes for local students. In fact,

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Registration for this year’s event opened in early March. This year kids will go on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers.

“As kids trek the tundra, they’ll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what’s true in our wild world today,” said Bennett. “Pointing them toward God, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He’s our True North!

Training/workdays for volunteers will be June 4 and 5, from 9 a.m. to noon. Guides meet on June 4, with crafts, missions, games, preschool, music, and storytellers gathering on June 5. Snack volunteers meet after church on June 8. Volunteers will be here from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day June 9–12.

“Each year I have found—and volunteers have told me—that helping with VBS fills the heart,” said Bennett. “You may have known a story or verse for years, but one simple question from a child gives you a new perspective on the story. How amazing that a child can help you in your relationship with Jesus! Hearing kids talk about God and learn the stories of our faith is such a

VBS & VBX

JUNE 9-12 | 9 A.M. - NOON

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
KINDERGARTEN - 4TH GRADE

VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE
5TH & 6TH GRADE

REGISTER ONLINE AT WHITESCHAPEL.ORG
\$25 EARLY REGISTRATION UNTIL MAY 17
\$40 REGISTRATION BEGINNING MAY 18

The 2025 program is scheduled for June 9–12 from 9 a.m.–noon. Registration fees are \$25 per child until May 17. Late registration begins May 18 for \$40. The program is two levels, with VBS for Kindergarten through 4th grade, and VBX for those in 5th–6th. Parents can sign up to volunteer on the same VBS registration link as their kids. Teens and adults who don’t have children attending will have a separate link to sign up. Both volunteer links are available at wckids.org. All registrants and volunteers will receive a t-shirt, which may be picked up at the beginning of June.

rewarding and fun adventure during VBS. Sometimes volunteers don’t realize the impact they have made for the kingdom. As I do myself, children remember their time at VBS and those that served and led them. What a wonderful way to serve by leading children to Christ.”

“I truly hope you will prayerfully consider being a volunteer,” said Bennett.

Register at wckids.org. Scan QR code to right to volunteer.



Denise Bennett | dbennett@whiteschapel.org

WHITE'S CHAPEL Presents

Allegro!!!

SUZUKI STRING TOUR

MAY 16 | 7:00 P.M. | THE FOUNDRY

\$15 TICKETS

Events

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one of NTSA’s scholarship funds is the Allegro!!! Fund, introduced in 2015. Dr. Suzuki said, “Talent is not inherited—a human is the product of their environment,” so we are on the mission to create a more musical, compassionate, and accessible world to students to provide more musical opportunities for all. Together, we can create a brighter, more compassionate world for all!

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased through the QR code above or at the door on the day of the event.

Springs and Things Concert

Sunday | May 18 | 5 p.m. | Grace Chapel

Dr. Kate Jones and Lindsay Serdar, local teachers and members of White’s Chapel Orchestra will present a live performance featuring the bass and the violin. Both artists are specialists in the Suzuki method of teaching.

Dr. Jones has taught at Hurst Hills Elementary for 10 years, while Serdar is currently at North Euless Elementary and is one of the directors of the HEB ISD Elementary Honor Orchestra. The two have performed extensively in the DFW area and are in high demand in the music field. Tickets to this event are free.

WHITE'S CHAPEL Presents

Kate Jones & Lindsay Serdar

STRINGS & THINGS CONCERT

SUNDAY, MAY 18 | 5 P.M. | GRACE CHAPEL

FREE EVENT!

FINANCIALS MAY	May Week 1	2025 \$229,840	2024 \$237,472
	MTD Actual	\$229,840	\$237,472
	MTD Goal	\$224,391	\$209,789
		\$ 5,449	\$ 27,683
	YTD Actual	\$3,859,045	\$3,831,946
	YTD Goal	\$3,707,036	\$3,391,377
		\$ 152,009	\$ 440,569

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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May Gardening

:CHORES & TIPS

There is possibly no better month than May to enjoy the outdoors. Here are some ideas to enhance your outdoor personal space. Let the watering begin... and pray for rain!

1

Create hanging baskets with bright annuals such as geranium, verbena, petunia, annual phlox, and dianthus. Remove faded flowers from spring blossoms. Fertilize.

2

Plant tomatoes and peppers. May is the ideal time to plant vegetables because nighttime temperatures remain steady above 50 degrees F and the danger of frost has passed.

3

Add other herbs in the garden or in pots: basil, dill, rosemary, cilantro, and mint love the sun and need well drained soil and 6-8 hours of sunlight each day. Harvest herbs in the morning when moisture and oils from their leaves are the most concentrated.

4

Clip away dead flowers from spring bulb stalks, but let foliage dry naturally so they can store strength and food for the next spring. It is also a great time to plant summer-flowering bulbs such as dahlia, gladiolus, canna, and caladiums. These should provide bloom color all summer long, and are good in beds, borders, and pots. Be sure to mark their locations so they can be divided in the fall.

5

Don't forget to brighten up the shade! Hostas and coral bells are great for the shade and come in numerous varieties and sizes. Also in North Texas, some of the best shade plants include aralia, aucuba, aspidistra, camellia, azalea, nandinas, and ferns. If you have trouble growing grass under shady trees, try St. Augustine.

6

Plant Texas perennials: include sage varieties, hardy hibiscus, bee balm, daisies, fountain grass, black-eyed Susans, verbena, hardy lantana, Lenten rose, and Mexican petunias. Sweet William (dianthus) is also beautiful, but needs a mixture of sun and shade. Vines such as morning glory, hyacinth bean, honeysuckle, wisteria, clematis, and jasmine add beauty and fragrance to structural components such as columns, posts and fences.

7

Prune shrubs (that survived this winter's freeze) just after they finish blooming. Fertilize your roses.

8

Mulch. Mulch. Mulch again. Include layers of compost, pine needles, shredded bark, grass clippings, and straw. Newspaper can be used as a first layer to deter weeds.

9

Butterflies are attracted to both annuals and perennials. Try perennials such as coneflower, salvia, phlox, butterfly bush, and dianthus, or annuals such as zinnias, cosmos, pentas and lantana. Hummingbirds are also attracted to bright colored flowers with nectar. They especially like trumpet-shaped blooms.

10

Add music! Make sure you have flowers and natural foods as well as feeders and water sources for birds. There is no sweeter music than the songs and chirping of birds. Also, purchase packages of ladybugs to release in of your garden. Ladybugs eat many insects, especially aphids and other sap feeders. A single ladybug may eat as many as 5000 aphids in its lifetime! Avoid Asian Lady Bugs, however, as they can be aggressive and harmful to dogs.



WC MISSIONS & OUTREACH





WC Mobile Market is MOVING TO SATURDAYS for June, July and August 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

- 1st Saturday @ O.H. Stowe Elementary (4201 Rita Lane, Haltom City, TX 76117): **June 7, July 5 and August 2**
- 2nd Saturday w/GRACE @ Mustang Stadium (3051 Ira Wood, Grapevine, TX 76051): **June 14, July 12 and August 9**
- 3rd Saturday @ T.A. Sims Elementary (3500 Crenshaw, Fort Worth, TX 76105): **June 21, July 19 and August 16**
- 4th Saturday @ Grace E. Hardeman Elementary (6100 Whispering Lane, Watauga, TX 76148): **June 28, July 26 and August 23**

Register [online](#). For questions or more information, contact WC Mobile Market Volunteer Coordinator. **WC Mobile Market Volunteer Coordinator** wcmmvolunteercoordinator@gmail.com



Home with a Heart As Needed Throughout the Year

In partnership with GRACE's transitional housing program, opportunities are available for volunteers who love to shop, furnish, and decorate. Apartment/housing units are made ready for families, women, and children transitioning from homelessness to more permanent housing. Volunteers are needed to prepare the home unit with everything that is needed for a new beginning. Opportunities are on an as-needed basis throughout the year. For more information, please contact Martha Reukema.

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Cooking with Care

Second, Third and Fourth Monday of Each Month | 9:20 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ronald McDonald House in Fort Worth

Each month, men and women join in 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 three times a month on the second, third and fourth Monday. 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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Community Awareness Outreach

Community Awareness Outreach Partnership with the Poiema Foundation

One Saturday a Month | 9 a.m. (Mandatory First Time Training at 8:30 a.m.) | Concourse Welcome Doors

Each month, outreach teams of trained volunteers distribute posters of vulnerable, missing minors to strategic business locations throughout our local area to bring awareness of missing children. Businesses are encouraged to call the tip line on the poster if they see one of the missing youth. Each team consists of an experienced team leader, a driver, a data collector, and a prayer warrior. A one-time training is needed before participating in an outreach event.

Register [online](#). Registration is required for both options. For questions or more information, contact Melissa Zimmerman.

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My Fair Lady

May 29 & 30 | 7 p.m.
Sanctuary | Free

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Pickering had come from India just to meet Higgins. Higgins boasts he could teach even someone like Eliza to speak so well he could pass her off as a duchess at an embassy ball. Eliza wants to work in a flower shop, but her accent makes that impossible. The following morning, Eliza shows up at Higgins's home, seeking lessons. Pickering is intrigued and offers to cover all the attendant expenses if Higgins succeeds. Higgins agrees, and the fun begins.

"Shaunna Fuller, Judy Blaylock and I searched through many possible musicals that we could present at our church, specifically looking for one whose topics and themes were God Honoring and not offensive!" said Rawls. "We wanted to do *The Music Man* last year, but it never came together for us. This year we have selected a smaller scale musical that we could cast and present with our people."

Rawls expressed that this has made a big difference. "It has been a special experience because everyone in the show is a member or regular attender of our church. Our two leads, Eliza Doolittle and Henry Higgins come with an extensive amount of professional theater, screen and TV experience. You will see that from the start of the musical to the closing of the final song!"

Filling the roles of Eliza and Higgins are White's Chapel's own Betsy Smith and Ryan Brown.

Smith holds a bachelor's fine arts degree in acting, as well as a bachelor's degree in psychology from Southern Methodist University and worked professionally as an actor in theater, independent film, and television commercials in Los Angeles before moving to Southlake. Additionally, she spent ten years running a small theatre company and developing new

work in Los Angeles. Now in Dallas, she is a Producing Company Member with Fair Assembly, having appeared as Rosalind in *As You Like It*; Goneril in *King Lear*; and, most recently, as Olivia in *Twelfth Night*. She has also worked as a stage manager, costume designer, and theatre educator.

Brown graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in film and moved to New York. He went on to study acting at The American Academy of Dramatic Arts and The T. Schreiber Studio in New York. In his twenties he worked as an actor on television, holding contract roles on *Guiding Light* and the *Young and the Restless*. Additionally, he did some episodic television, including *Law and Order SVU* and Lifetime movies as well as several commercials. During that time, he had the opportunity to perform in a few theatrical plays. Currently, he is back in Texas as a founding member of a production company (with producing partner, Jennifer Bangs) called Sweet Apple Productions. They have staged two plays in the past two years, *Oleanna* and *Children of a Lesser God*. Brown has co-produced and performed in both productions.

The cast is rounded out by Wayne Adamiec, Mike Bradley, Mason Cashath, Kat Drefs, Alberta Hays, Gary Hennerberg, Tom Holt, Roger Metz, Kent Moffit, Nelda Monroe, Cara Panico, Eric Sham, Joe Bob Smith, Rickie Thornton, Jenny Wennerberg, Lindsey Wild, and Janie Williams.

"My favorite part of this process is watching the steady development and comfort level of our people during this journey," said Rawls. "Many of our actors have NEVER done anything like this before."

"I want to thank everyone at White's Chapel that has had a part in encouraging us to take on this venture," said Rawls. "I would like to get the word out to our congregation and have them as excited as the cast is about our show."



Musings

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the teachings of Jesus that flowed forth in compassion and mercy. His mother's values became his own.

That's the quiet miracle of a mother's love. It's not loud or showy. It doesn't make headlines. It shows up in a thousand small ways—bedtime prayers, patched clothes, warm soup on a cold night. It's the steady presence that helps us grow up believing we matter.

Mother's Day is a chance to honor those quiet miracles. Some of us still get to hear her voice. Others carry it

in memory. And some were loved by someone who wasn't their mother by birth but loved them all the same.

Whoever she was—thank her. Call her if you can. Whisper a prayer if you can't. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think about my mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother and their influence on me. I hope we take this weekend to give thanks to these amazing influences who have made us who we are.

And, if you're a mother yourself, maybe feeling tired or unseen, know this: Your love is shaping a soul. You may never get credit for it. But like Nancy Lincoln's, your love could ripple through history.

Happy Mother's Day to all the quiet miracles out there!



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



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



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
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 lens 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. Register [online](#).



Senior Trip—Class of 2026
June 24–25 | Waco, Texas
The Class of 2026 are invited to join Drs. John and Todd on an overnight Senior Trip in June. This unique and exciting two-day retreat for incoming seniors will be a fun way for them to explore Waco and deepen their faith in a small group setting with their pastors. Sign up [online](#) before June 20 to ensure your spot on this powerful trip



We are thrilled to welcome the Class of 2031 to WC Students! We have an exciting, jam-packed schedule planned for this year’s 7th Grade Trip, taking place from Monday, June 2 to Tuesday, June 3. It’s going to be two unforgettable days of fun and adventure as students travel around the metroplex, moving from one thrilling experience to the next. Along the way, we hope they will build lasting friendships with their peers and connect more deeply with the WC Students Team.





Prayer List

Bradley Anderson, Deuce and Jennifer Arthur, Ed Asten, Sandi Attwood, Corena Back, JacDebbie Ameilo, Bradley Anderson, Deuce and Jennifer Arthur, Ed Asten, Sandi Attwood, Corena Back, Shannon Bafaro, Jack Bair, Jerry Barron, Julie Bessire, Mindy Bogan, Claudia Bowman, Cheryl Brashear, Carol Burns, Joe Burns, The Canter Family, Connie Center, Carl Chmielewski, Shereese Clark, Carolyn Cockerell, Leslie Craig, Margie Cullen, David, Dave and Pat Darnell, Barton Davis, Margie Duffy, Wilma Dykman, Ralph Evans, Mark Fidler, Dorothy Fontana, Teri Gardner, Morris Gates, Tim Gauntt, Sam Gayle, Tim Green, Buddy Hall, Charmaine Harrity, Giles Hartenbower, Debbie Heldoorn, John Herring, Karen Hodges, Bob Horn, Dixie Hubbard, Pat Hudson, Barb Idol, Heinz Imhof, Jody Irwin, Evelyn Iszak, Barbara Jameson, Sandie January, Claudia Jenkins, Tiffany Job, J. Johnson, Richard Jump, Danny King, Dennis Kozey, Catherine LaCroix, Connie Lamb, Ashley Barret Leder, David Leslie, Katherine Loudermilk, The Troy and Charlotte Marburger Family, Tim McCracken Sr., Pamela McKeithen, Gay McWhorter, Barb Mundis, Jim Murray, Marjean Nelson, Cindy Nunery, Kristian and David Perez, Dee Perkins, Larysa Peterson, Reggie Peterson, Brendan and Alexa Rack, Johnnie Ruth Rogillio, Ali Searls, Danny Searls, Eunice Seme, Teresa Sheffield, Lisa Shin, Paul Sikes, James Michael Smith, Joyce Smoot, Orville Summey, Steve Swanston, Tracy Thomas, Eileen Thrash, Maybelle Vidamo, Sue Vignaroli, Frances Votaw, Drew and Kristin Watkins, Virginia Wehling, Al Wells, John Will, Amanda Marie Winkelman, Vicki Winn, Mark Wolfe, Sarah. Recent deaths: The Family of Sally Adams, The Family of Jim Bennett, The Family of Ruth Buzzi, The Family of Linda Sue Calvert, The Family of Jim Clancy, The Family of Lee Crandall, The Family of Margie Graves, The Family of Maurice Hill, The Family of Jennifer S. Johnson, The Family of Edward Koziatek, The Family of Greg Kralik, Tyra Martin & Family, The Family of Fred Mitchell, The Family of Roland Moore, The Family of Wanda Pyhtila, The Family of Mark Sayers, The Family of Carter Schultz, The Family of Stephanie Shaw, The Family of Pat Simpson, The Family of Jeannine Tuggle, The Family of Reed Turnage, The Family of Darles Watson.

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.)



