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Join us online or in person as we celebrate Labor Day Weekend. We hope you will join us.

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Thankfulness vs Evangelism

By Jay McMeans

ave you ever done something so big for someone and that person didn't thank you at all?
Come on people, how hard is it to just say one simple word - "Thanks"?

Did you ever do something for someone that was so simple for you to accomplish and they thanked you so profusely that it was somewhat embarrassing? You just stood there and smiled and didn't know what to say back to them.

People show their thankfulness in a multitude of ways and in a multitude of degrees. My favorites are the ones that make me some type of food to show me how grateful they are for the hard work I have done. You gotta love homemade love.

The men of White's Chapel have been going on yearly mission trips around Texas since 2008. We don't choose the families that we serve. We work with Blueprint Ministries, in San Antonio, to vet the homeowners and organize the work. We meet the homeowners for the first time when we show up on the job site. We simply show up, introduce ourselves, and repair their homes.

A few years ago we worked on a house where about six of us labored incredibly hard so that the owner could safely get out of her house using her walker or wheelchair. It was 100 degrees outside and we had to break out a crumbling concrete walkway, shovel out the broken concrete, and pour a new walkway. We also had to make a lot of repairs to a wheelchair ramp that was too narrow for her to fit down. She never came outside while we were working on her house. When we finished the work after the second day she stood at the back door, we prayed with her, and she said a simple "thank you." Her son told us that she was very shy and was not feeling



well and he thanked us for the work we did. A few years prior, we worked on Mr Johnny's house. His house was about to fall

down around him. From a standing position in the living room you could see the ground outside between the place where the walls met the floor. The groups that were working on his home over time were literally rebuilding his home. We did a lot of work on his house. But at the end of the day, on Saturday, he had to leave us and go to work. We had just finished repairing his front door and had not told him that we were going to work on it. For years, he had to use a chain and a padlock to lock his front door because it would not close. We fixed the door, installed a door knob and deadbolt on the door.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

The fall semester was officially launched last Wednesday with a new season of Wednesday Night Fellowship. Point | Counterpoint, Crave and Intersection, and assorted adult classes and children's activities.

September Communion Offering Benefits WC Dental Clinic

Mission Health Center-Dental Clinic is a ministry of White's Chapel and was founded in June of 2017. This Clinic has been chosen as one of the recipients of our September Communion offering, scheduled for the weekend of September 3-4.

he Clinic has now completed over 3,000 appontments and provided over \$2.7 Million of free dental care. We can accomplish this amazing

feat because of our caring dentists and hygienists who donate their time, equipment

and services at no charge to the neighborhoods in southeast Fort Worth. Even with professional volunteers, the ministry does have costs including one full time employee and normal everyday

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Build a Home with Trinity Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, Sept. 10 & 17

ffordable housing is a critical need in many places, including the Fort Worth area. This has never been truer than it is today. Without safe, affordable housing, families may lack the financial stability to weather the challenges of daily life. White's Chapel wants to help change this by working alongside Trinity Habitat for Humanity!

"Affordable homeownership builds strong children, families, and neighborhoods," Trinity Habitat for Humanity states.

Trinity Habitat for Humanity is a Christian ministry that partners with people in local communities to help them build or improve homes. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes with the help of volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With the church's support (through sponsorship and volunteers), Habitat homeowners are able to achieve the strength, stability, and independence needed to build a better life for themselves and for their families.

According to their website, the organization has built 858 new homes and rehabbed 1,412 homes since its founding in 1989. Trinity Habitat for Humanity's core values include excellence, respect, integrity, compassion, and grace.

White's Chapel is working with Trinity Habitat for Humanity this month to fund and build a home in the Fort Worth Hillside/Morningside community. The church needs at least 20 volunteers for each of the two build dates: Saturday, Sept. 10 and Saturday, Sept. 17, and spots are still available.

Volunteers will work, perhaps alongside the home partner, under the direction of training Habitat construction leaders on the home exterior. Work may include raising the walls, installing tornado

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By Cassidy Williams

or many individuals or families,
addiction is a private and painful
struggle – often accompanied
by feelings of guilt. Chandler's
Hope, an addiction and recovery ministry
at White's Chapel, offers resources for
people who are struggling and in need
of hope. This fall, the ministry is starting a

Chandler's Hope Introduces New Initiative

new program, called **Chandler's Friends**, to pair leaders with community members in need of support.

"This is a safe space," said Rev.
Victor Resendiz, director of Chandler's
Hope. "I realize that not everyone is
going to immediately run to the door
because, even though someone may be
struggling, there's shame and guilt and
stuff like that that just kind of weighs

them down in making that decision. But, if and when they are available, we definitely want to be there for them."

Earlier this month, a group of people involved with Chandler's Hope attended a training session to become members of Chandler's Friends. This new group, made up of many who have their own

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Wait to Worry

By Dr. John McKellar

good friend sent me a fascinating article: 85 percent of Worries Never Happen.

"Fortunately, researchers at Cornell University have given us some fascinating insight into worry. They conducted a study that followed people over an extended time and discovered that 85 percent of what people worried about never happened. Does that sound like good news? Wait, don't answer; there's more.

It gets better.

Of the 15 percent of worries that came to fruition, 79 percent of the time, people handled those problems better than they thought they would. They even reported learning something valuable from the experience. Do the math, and you find that there was nothing to worry about fully 97 percent of the time.

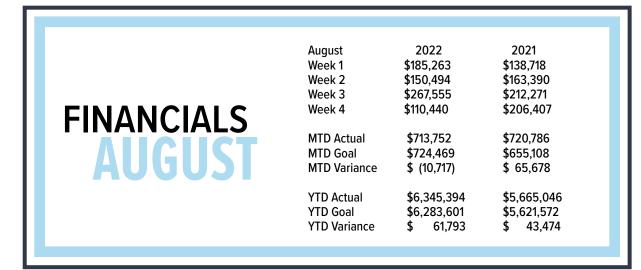
Let me reiterate, 97 percent of the things we worry about either never happen, or we handle them and possibly learn something valuable in the process. Only 3 percent of the time did peoples' worries prove well-founded.

Only, 3 percent!

Most people get better returns on stock market investments than on their worriesand one of those worries is, ironically, the stock market."

Isn't that what Jesus is saying to us in Matthew 6: 31-34?: "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

Wait to worry!







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THREE-WORKDAY **OPTION**

OCT. 20-23

TWO-WORKDAY **OPTION**

Thankfulness

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He came to the front door to tell us how to lock up his house when we were done for the day. He went to close the door, and suddenly realized that we had installed a brand new door and that it closed completely and locked without a chain and padlock. We handed him the

keys and he opened and closed the door a couple of times. He then started screaming and jumping up and down, "Thank you, Jesus, Thank you, Jesus". I had never seen someone more grateful for something so simple, and have not to this day.

Different people show thankfulness in different ways and in different extremes. But it is not about

the thankfulness that the homeowner has for us when we revitalize their home. Instead it is about the evangelism that we show to these homeowners while we repair their home, talk to them, and pray with and for them.

Evangelism can be as outward and in your face as stopping someone on the street and telling them about God. But it can be as simple as doing something for someone and showing them that you are doing it because you were called to

serve and help others - Because God loves them.

We take approximately 55 men down to San Antonio each October to help the people that need our assistance. The people that live inside the 410 loop of San Antonio are some of the most impoverished in the United States. We are going there to help people and make their homes "warmer, safer and drier." These men do not think about the hard work they are doing. They think

> about the homeowners and the situation the homeowners are in. These men pray for, and with, the homeowners. These men make sure that the homeowners know that God loves them.

They don't do this to see how thankful the homeowner is for the hard work they did, although by the Men of White's Chapel. that is nice. They are doing

this work to evangelize the love that God has for these homeowners.

We are again going to San Antonio to work with Blueprint Ministries and work for the people of San Antonio on October 19/20 - 23 and would love for other men of White's Chapel to join us. Come help us evangelize to these people and show them how God's love has brought a group of random men from North Texas to help a stranger.

For more information, go to www. mensmissiontrip.com.

Men's Mission Opportunity Available for Mid-October

San Antonio homes worked on



"Opportunity is still open to become part of the Men's Mission Trip to San **Antonio in mid** October," according

to Rev. Jon Reeves, Director of White's Chapel Men's Ministry. The annual trip is planned each fall in conjunction with Blueprint Ministry of San Antonio.

Annually, the men's ministry heads out on a "guy's trip" – complete with construction, cooking and community. For many years, the group has gone south to San Antonio and partnered with Blueprint in service. This October, participants will have another chance to spend a weekend helping fix everything from floors to ceilings in homes, to make them safer and drier in San Antonio.

"The main goal is to provide an opportunity for the men of White's Chapel to put our faith into practice," said Reeves. "We help people who can't help themselves. As a result of doing this together, we grow in our faith in Christ and in our friendships with one another."

As a city with one of the largest percentages of sub-standard housing in the U.S. (87 percent), those serving with Blueprint Ministry reach many families that are living at, or far below, the national poverty level. Homeowners who are approved for repairs must meet many standards such as falling below or near federal poverty level, living inside the 410 Loop of San Antonio, and more.

Most of the work is constructionrelated, but participants don't need to have any prior skills, experience, or personal tools. "All tools and materials will be provided by Blueprint," said Reeves. "We also have SEVERAL professional or highly-experienced construction guys on the trip, so it is a great learning experience for guys with no or less experience. Also, the range of tasks varies greatly, so there is plenty of work to be done for anyone with just a willing heart."

Men are able to sign up for the threeday option, where travelers head down Wednesday, October 17 and return Sunday, for \$240. The standard two-day trip, leaving Thursday, October 18 and returning Sunday, is \$200.

Reeves likes this trip for several

"On the spiritual side, there's nothing like getting out of our normal routines away from home for a couple of days," he said. "That gives us a chance to stop worrying about the day-to-day and have a chance to focus deeply on what God is showing us."

On a relational side, Reeves believes our discipleship journey must be based on relationships. "This trip provides guys with the opportunity to get to know other men in the church. We work alongside each other. We eat with each other. And we also spend free time in the evening talking and playing dominoes. Guys always come back home with new friends."

Rev. Jon Reeves ireeves@whiteschapelumc.com mensmissiontrip.com



Thrive - New Buddy Program



Thrive is a two-fold program for children in need of additional support during Sunday School.

This group is for parents of children with children with different social skills, emotional needs, sensory needs, cognitive abilities and physical abilities. The goal is to ensure that all children receive the support they need in a Sunday School classroom. We want them to feel the love of Christ, but also fell safe and confident.

The second part of the program is to find and train Thrive Buddies to help in the classrooms. We are looking for high school students and adults who feel led to participate in this critical ministry. Thrive Buddies will commit to two Sundays a month at the service time that best fits their schedule.

If you are interested in being a buddy, requesting a buddy for your child, or have any questions, feel free to reach out to Alyson Bator at abator@ whiteschapelumc.com.

Popsicles in the Park

Preschool through second grade families are invited for a morning of fun and fellowship at Royal and Annie Smith Park. Come explore the playground and enjoy recess-like activities.

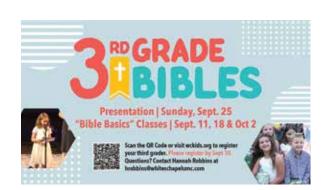
Get to know other WC Kids families and cool off with a popsicle on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration is FREE!

Register at wckids.org Erin Zajacezajac@ whiteschapelumc.com

Third Grade Bible Presentation Sunday, Sept. 25

Third grade is the age when kids stop learning to read and start reading to learn. Our prayer is for each child to realize the importance of reading God's Word, which is why the Third Grade

Bible presentation is such a special WC milestone. The Presentation will be Sunday, Sept. 25 at 9:30 a.m. in The Foundry. There will be worship, a brief message from Rev. Sam Robbins, and each third grader will be called up to say their favorite Bible verse as they



receive their Bible. Following this service, there will be a short break, then the third graders will process into the sanctuary for the 11 a.m. service where they will be recognized by Pastors John and Todd. In addition to the presentation, there will be "Bible Basics" classes offered during Sunday School at both 9:30 & 11 a.m. on Sept 11, 18, and Oct. 2. These classes help kids learn to navigate scripture so their Bibles don't just sit on the shelf! Register at wckids.org

Mission Mania

Hannah Robbins

SEP. 14

CLASSIC

GAME NIGHT

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Mission Mania is a monthly opportunity for third and fourth graders to join together and work on mission-based service projects. When faced with the reality that there are people in need in the world, it is comforting to know there is something we can do about it, no matter our age. Teaching children about the needs of the world, and their ability to help, helps kids grow up with an awareness of God's command to share the Gospel and serve those in need. On Sept. 18, from noon to 1:30 p.m., we will meet in Room 7 for a pizza lunch and then assemble blessing bags for the folks at Presbyterian Night Shelter. Register at wckids.org

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WC Kids Wednesday Theme Nights Return!

Join WC Kids each Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. for our fun themed nights. 4 years old sixth grade will have 30 minutes of Bible study and then activities to go along with each night's theme. We kicked off August with a scavenger hunt and September will have outdoor games each week. Additionally, 4s kinder will begin learning Christmas songs to perform in the Children's Christmas Eve Service. wckids@whiteschapelumc.com

Club 56 Sunday, Sep. 25 | 1 to 3 p.m.

Club 56 is the name of our programming for fifth & sixth graders that includes Sunday School, Wednesday programming and fun monthly events. Events are geared to connect students with friends from church and help them build Christian community. Students can invite fifth & sixth graders from school to join in the fun. Kids will enjoy bowling, receive a 1 hour game card and have a pizza lunch at EVO Entertainment in Southlake Town Square.

Register at wckids.org Denise Bennett dbennett@whiteschapelumc.com

Communion

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expenses and supplies necessary to run a dental operation.

The ministry is totally operated through the donations of our generous congregation. The clinic 's full time employee manages the on-site program. Practically everything else about the clinic is done through volunteers. Greg Eveland oversees the center, and Dr. Greg Wright is the chief Dentist. Chris Rowley and White's Chapel Dirty Dozen, a group of volunteers trained in construction, electrical wiring, and plumbing as well as other basic construction skills, maintain the physical

aspects of the building and property.
Finally, clients are served by the volunteer professional dental services of Dr. Sayeed Attar, Dr. John Boyd, Dr. Reid Darnell, Dr. Chad Duplantis, Dr. Keith Metzger, Dr. Jean Tuggey, Dr. Kim Westmoreland, Dr. Raymond M. Snead, Dr. Scott Bedichek and Dr. Greg Wright as well as Hygienists Candice Myers and Cindy Wright. Our office manager and dental assistant is Abigail Martinez.

As you consider support of this ministry, please know that our clinic survived the fire of 2021 of our partner church El Buen Samaritano. Many of our patients were members of El Buen and are so appreciative of the dental care we provide. Please note that 100 percent of our communion offerings will go to the clinic expenses.



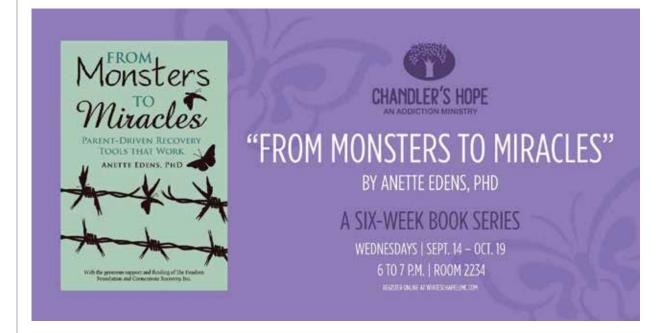
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fortifications, installing windows, and putting up siding. No prior experience is required to volunteer. Each workday is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., but volunteers should plan to arrive by 7:45 a.m. for a few words and prayer. Safety is the number one goal, so the workday will start with a safety lesson given by the Cornerstone project manager. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old; youth under 18 may not operate power tools.

Online registration, through the church website, is required to volunteer for the upcoming build dates. If individual participants are signing up more volunteers, please select the number of slots (reservations) needed and include the additional names in the comments field. After completing the registration, volunteers will receive an email with the home address, what to bring and wear, and a Trinity Habitat for Humanity liability waiver to bring on the day of the event.

For more information, please contact Beverly Chernoff at bcher06@gmail. com or Rev. Sterling Smith at ssmith@ whiteschapelumc.com.



Chandler's

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experience with recovery and addiction, is eager to help people find resources that meet their current needs. When newly paired with a community member, a representative of Chandler's Friends provides information to point them in the right direction. Available resources include but are not limited to the WC counseling center, spiritual guidance, Al-Anon, Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), rehab centers, and other resources specific to addiction and recovery.



"The role of Chandler's Friends is to accompany people who come, with their stories, and direct them to the resources we

have available," Resendiz said. "Through individuals' stories, we see God's hand through restoration, healing and hope for a new life."

Last fall, Chandler's Hope offered a study of the film "Generation Found."
The event provided helpful information for those facing addiction in high school. In the spring, the ministry offered "Breathing Under Water," a book study that focused on applying faith to the 12 Step program. It was out of these two offerings that Chandler's Friends came

about, because many of the individuals who attended wanted to get more involved.

"We've offered the education and awareness piece; but now, with Chandler's Friends, we are engaging people," Resendiz said. "Those are the two movements – the educational aspect and the engagement aspect."

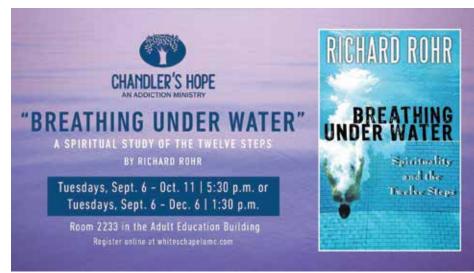
The ministry will once again offer a book study of "Breathing Under Water: A Spiritual Study of the Twelve Steps," Sept. 6 – Oct. 11. Another book study, on "From Monsters to Miracles" by Anette Edens, will be offered on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 7. Then, in early November, the ministry will offer a study of the film "The Wisdom of Trauma." Registration is available on the church website for all of these events.

Both Resendiz and Debbie McKellar have been instrumental in planning upcoming events for Chandler's Hope.

In the coming weeks, Resendiz hopes to secure a partnership with Carroll ISD. By working with counselors in the school district, he hopes to reach more students and families in need of support.

"In the near future, we are looking forward to growing our Chandler's Friends group, depending on the demand of families coming for help or looking for guidance," he said. "If you know anyone – such as a loved one or friend – who is walking through recovery or addiction, they can contact me, and we can assign them one of Chandler's Friends."

For more information about Chandler's Hope or Chandler's Friends, please contact Rev. Victor Resendiz at vresendiz@whiteschapelumc.com. Participants may also call the church at (817) 481 – 4147.

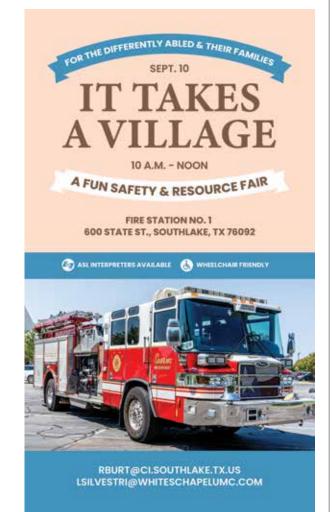


COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Women's Fall Event Thursday, Sept. 29 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Join WC Women for our Women's Fall Event featuring Amberley Neese. It will take place on Thursday, Sept. 29, starting at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and a message from Amberley. Amberly Neese is a national speaker, comedian, and Bible study author who ties together humor and God's Truth in a relatable, encouraging way. Amberly is a featured speaker for the Aspire Women's Events and the main host and female comedian for Marriage Date Night, two popular Christian events that tour nationally. The cost is \$25 and registration is available online.





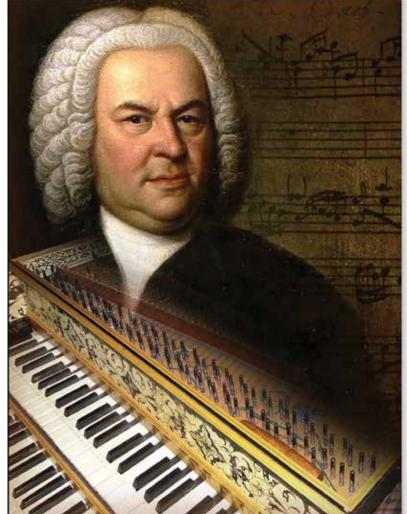


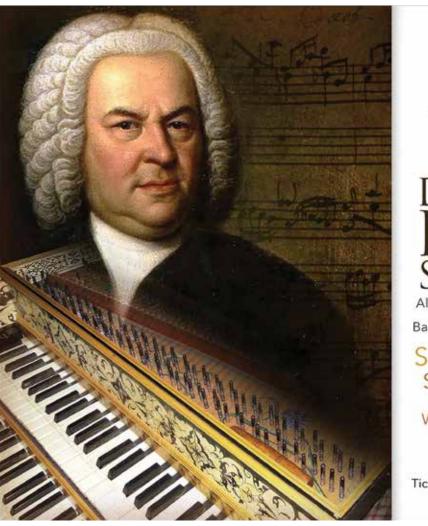


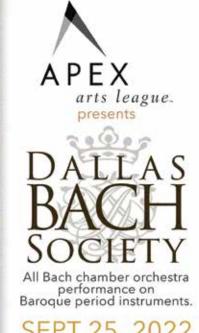
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You may submit prayer requests at whiteschapelumc.com/prayer-request.html







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