



Join us online or in person as we continue our sermon series, "Blueprint." We hope you will join us.

Angel Tree Forest Takes Root

The annual White's Chapel Angel Tree Forest will once again adorn the halls beginning Tuesday, Nov. 1. Each tree will represent 'angels' from specific groups in crisis, allowing volunteers and participants the opportunity to help within an area they are passionate about. The virtual tree, the online component of this outreach event that houses more names of those in need of gifts, is available now for those who wish to get an early start.

This donation opportunity, offered through Sunday, Dec. 4, allows people to participate in an experience that is unique to White's Chapel and has been a beloved, long-standing tradition at the church for about 15 years. Families and individuals are encouraged to participate by adopting an 'angel,' purchasing the items listed on his/her tag, and returning the items to the church to be distributed. A typical angel tag will list the name of the individual who will receive the item(s) and the

item(s) to purchase, with costs generally ranging from \$25-35 per angel. The number of items on each angel tag may vary. Participants can donate to the event, volunteer to sort gifts, or deliver donated items to people in need this holiday season.

"Our leadership team has 15-20 volunteers working with church staff," shared one of the Angel Tree Forest leaders, Martha Reukema. "We take our roles very seriously. Our work begins in January when we review the prior year's



process and make a list of what continues and what needs improvement. It continues with making sure our recipients are vetted by the recommending organizations, coordinating the

process of making thousands of tags in July, collecting information from agencies on needed gifts beginning in

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OKTOBERFEST

It takes a lot of volunteers to participate in Oktoberfest! Volunteers put together complimentary bags, designed and put together the booth, and welcomed and greeted all the guests! The weekend was a fun time for all!

YouTube Sensation

JOSLIN comes to White's Chapel

Apex Arts League is pleased to welcome "JOSLIN: A Night at the Movies" to White's Chapel on Sunday, October 23. The 7 p.m. concert will be in The Foundry.

The event will take you on a musical journey through iconic soundtracks from many blockbuster movies. Selections will be taken from Joslin's album "Magic of the Movies" which features the themes from "Braveheart," "Schindler's List," "Terminator 2," "Chariots of Fire," "Man of Steel," and "A Million Dreams." Other familiar melodies include "Can

You Feel the Love Tonight," "A Time for Us," and the themes from "Top Gun," "Flashdance" "DaVinci Code" and "Game of Thrones."

Joslin studied under the academic curriculum of the Royal School of Music, London. In addition to school, Joslin performed at many talent contests taking first place in each competition. In 1995, he was invited by Yamaha Corp. to perform and demonstrate on their then newest line of electric pianos and keyboards in collaboration with the McDonald's corporation.

He then moved to the United States for higher education at the University of North Texas in Denton. While there,

Joslin began composing what would become his first debut album titled "The Lone Traveler." Joslin's second album was released in the fall of 2010 titled "The Road Ahead." He also released a Christmas Solo Piano album titled "Emmanuel." In the fall of 2007, he penned what would become one of his biggest projects. "King of the Nations" is a two-hour concert production that tells the story of the birth of Christ. This album was considered for Grammy Nominations in five different categories.

His compositions have been played and heard on television in the United

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What is a Deacon?



By Rev. Larry Duggins

Have you ever noticed that when pastors wear their robes in a service, some of us have stoles (the scarf things we wear on our necks) that hang straight down the front while others have stoles that are worn diagonally across the chest? The way that stoles are worn indicates the "order" a pastor belongs to; straight stoles are elders, while diagonal stoles are deacons. But what does that mean?

The deacon is called to Word, Service, Compassion and Justice, while an elder is called to Word, Sacrament, Service and Order.

The order of deacons traces its roots back to Acts 6. The apostles heard that some of the vulnerable people in the church were not being helped and cared for. The apostles chose gifted leaders who were well-respected and wise from their group to be in charge of taking care of people who needed help, while the remaining group focused on prayer and preaching. Those wise servants of the people were the first deacons.

Denominations use the term deacon differently. My father was a Southern Baptist deacon. He was willing to help with the offering, pray when called to close a service, and to live as a good example to others in the church. He had no formal theological education. The Catholics and Anglicans use the term

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Let Us Say What We Believe.

By Dr. Todd Renner

As we shared our “Worship Blueprint” last weekend, I thought about something – something that I want to make sure we never forget: our Why. Every time we gather for worship – regardless of the time, venue, or service – we hear these words: “Let us say what we believe.” In our traditional services, these words are explicit as they call forth our recitation of the Apostle’s Creed. In our other services, they are subtler. But they’re there. They’re there in every prayer; they exist in every reading; they lay just beneath the surface in every song. Our every act of worship is inspired by our doctrine, by our beliefs, and by our firm resolve in the goodness, grace, and redemption of God. Too often, though, we go through the motions of worship without ever truly reflecting on the power and the history of the words we say.

In fact (and some of you may already know this), we recently re-imagined our Confirmation Experience. Never before in the 151-year history of our church have we ever had such a dynamic program for the training of our young people in the faith. And in just a few weeks’ time, we will celebrate their public professions of faith in Jesus Christ; we will celebrate as they stand to say what they believe “with firmness” (that’s what confirmation means). We will gather around them; and in one of the most ancient practices of Christianity, we will lay hands upon our kids and our youth to speak a blessing over them – over their lifelong journey of

faith! And it’s going to be amazing. And it’s going to be humbling. And it will be convicting, too.

They will be there: with life laid out before them, a movement of students just at the beginning of all that they will experience. There they’ll be with so many lessons still to learn; with so many joys and pains and decisions still to come, and I’ll be convicted (as I always am) as I think about my role (and our role) in their continued faith development. It’ll force me to ask if we are a community that truly says what we believe? And more than just saying it, do we live it? Do we say what we believe by how we act and by what we do?

We say we believe in God, but how has that humbled us? We say we believe in Jesus, but how has that transformed us? We say we believe in the Spirit, but do we follow it? We say we believe in the Bible, but do we study it? We say we believe in grace and mercy and forgiveness and love, but how have they softened us and emboldened us? Simply put, do the people around us know our “Why” because of all our “Whats” and “Hows”?

Winston Churchill once said that the price of greatness is responsibility. In the act of confirmation, our kids will take responsibility for their lives of faith... and maybe we should follow their lead. Maybe we need to rededicate ourselves to what it is we say we believe – not with informed words but with transformed ways – that we might continue to become a community that increasingly lives what it believes – all and only for the glory of God!



Joslin

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States, Canada, Mexico, UK, France, Thailand, South Korea and many others. As of 2022, he has a successful YouTube channel with stunning music videos that averages three million views a month and collectively has topped 50 million views and counting.

Joslin is joined by a talented band of musicians, featuring his album collaborators Emily Burak on violin and Tess Kent on cello.

APEX Arts League and White’s Chapel have partnered together for many years. APEX brings excellence in the arts to Northeast Tarrant County in numerous areas, including music, dance, theater, art, and film. Events include something for everyone close to home.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or online.

APEX | apexartsleague.com
\$25 Adult
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\$10 Children



Deacon

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deacon to describe people who are servant leaders on the path to becoming priests. Deacons in those denominations are theologically trained and the office is seen as a stepping stone to priesthood. In our Methodist church, deacons and elders are full partners in ordained clergy. Deacons and elders have the same educational requirements and go through the same rigorous ordination process. So how are they different?

Just as in Acts 6, deacons and elders are called to different tasks in ministry. The deacon is called to Word, Service, Compassion and Justice, while an elder is called to Word, Sacrament, Service and Order. All ordained people are called to preach, teach and serve others, while deacons have a deeper call to care for, guide and love people, and to fight for justice and inclusion of all. Elders are charged with performing the sacraments and ordering the life of the church. Just

as in Acts 6, that specialization makes sure that everyone is taken care of and that clergy members have ministry assignments that fit their distinct gifts.

For example, Dr. John McKellar and Dr. Todd Renner are elders, so they lead our worship and manage the life of our church. Rev. Lori Silvestri is a deacon who focuses on sharing the gospel with people who have physical or intellectual differences. Rev. Kyle Roberson is a deacon who ministers to families facing illness or death. Rev. Victor Resendiz is a deacon who works to deepen the spiritual lives of people in our congregation and community. Rev. Joy Roberson is a deacon who ministers to women by helping them build spiritual depth in a busy world and close bonds among women of faith. These are just a few examples of our church clergy.

It is hard to imagine what our church would look like without these gifted servants. The specialization of clergy found in Methodism helps us to match the strengths of each ordained person with a call that matches their gifts.

FINANCIALS OCT.			
October	2022	2021	
Week 1	\$220,137	\$143,718	
Week 2	\$215,894	\$176,707	
Week 3	\$170,319	\$155,802	
MTD Actual	\$606,350	\$476,227	
MTD Goal	\$598,173	\$543,905	
MTD Variance	\$ 8,177	\$(67,678)	
YTD Actual	\$7,593,694	\$7,028,874	
YTD Goal	\$7,536,882	\$6,820,585	
YTD Variance	\$ 56,812	\$ 208,289	

WEEKEND PREACHING SCHEDULE

SANCTUARY

SUN. 8:20 a.m. | Traditional Sanctuary w/ Rev. Sam R.

SUN. 9:30 a.m. | Contemporary Sanctuary w/ Rev. Sam R.

SUN. 11 a.m. | Traditional Sanctuary w/ Rev. Sam R.

THE FOUNDRY

SAT. 5:30 p.m. | Contemporary The Foundry w/ Ann-Marie Berg

SUN. 11 a.m. | Rebroadcasted 9:30 a.m. Sermon

WALTON CHAPEL

SUN. 9:30 a.m. | Traditional Walton Chapel w/ Rev. Sterling S.

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WCS Students



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Crave & Intersection

We are excited to continue the semester with our new rotation format for Crave and Intersection we like to call WC Students Tour! Each week, middle school students will be able to come as early as 5:45 p.m. to hang out, eat snacks, play 9 square, and more. Crave will start at 6 p.m. and end at 7 p.m. Programming for high school students will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 8:45 p.m. Two weeks a month will be the Crave and Intersection worship service that our students know (games, worship, speaking). We will also have one Wednesday night a month where students participate in a mission project and one night where they get to have pure fun together. Wednesday, Oct. 12, Crave and Intersection met for C+I Serve, a missions night.



Last week, Oct. 19, students met for a typical Crave and Intersection worship service. Next week, Oct. 26, students will meet in The Foundry again for a Fun Activity Night.

Fall Retreat

Fall Retreat is a highlight of the Fall semester for our Middle School Students. It provides our seventh and eighth grade students the opportunity to escape the pressures of school and their regular routine to get away for a weekend to have fun, spend time in community with friends, and spend time away in worship to grow in their relationship with the Lord. We asked a few students who

attended Fall Retreat a few weeks ago to share their experiences, and they had this to share. Olivia O.'s favorite part of Fall Retreat was worshipping with all her friends. She said, "for me, the most impactful thing was seeing people not as close to God open up to be close to Him. It impacted my faith journey seeing how moved everyone was while singing. It showed me how impactful God could be in people's lives. During worship, I was really listening to the lyrics in the music, and I realized how much God does for us and that I'll always know He's there for me during my hardest times. It made me closer to my group as everyone opened up during small groups. I loved hearing what everyone had to say about God and how we could all relate to stuff." Natalie C. said, "My favorite part of Fall retreat was worship. Especially the last night when Michelle was praying right before worship. It was very impactful because I was having a hard time in life, and I related to her prayer. It also helped me grow closer to my friends because we were able to sing, worship, and pray together. During one of the worship services, we learned about having stamina as we walk with God, and it inspired me to start praying more, which was very motivating to me in my relationship with God." Finally, Students Rachael S. shared, "my favorite part of the fall retreat was the fun games and worship. I felt like I connected with God while worshipping and listening to the sermons. I felt God opened me up by seeing how He helped other people on the trip and saw God was with them. A few of my friends that were in my cabin also go to my school, and I felt going with my friends was just easier and more fun. Fall Retreat helped me grow in my walk with God, and worship has grown my faith journey."

CAF Classic Adult Fellowship

CAF Loves Fall Weather!

Classic Adult Fellowship, CAF, had lots of fun on recent trips. The 55+ active adult group had a ball recently in the Fort Worth Stockyards touring the John Wayne Experience. This permanent museum features lots of "The Duke's" memorabilia. His car, cowboy hats, awards, and more. Following the museum, the group enjoyed the best weather on the patio at Joe T. Garcia's!



Fort Worth never disappoints, and neither does the State Fair of Texas! Riding the train from Fort Worth to Dallas was a bonus! If you are a senior, this is the best deal in town: pay \$3 for an all-day, regional pass to travel to Dallas and back on the train. The group enjoyed Fletcher's Corny Dogs, animal shows, crafts, music, new cars, and more!

Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing Thursday, November 10 | 10:30 a.m. Grace Chapel

Every year, CAF hosts an Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing and it's a favorite. Memories of loved ones sitting next to us in wooden pews singing "Amazing Grace" or "Old Rugged Cross" fill our hearts with nostalgia as we remember voices and special times together. With solos, history of beloved hymns, and joining our voices together with familiar tunes, you won't want to miss this time together. All are welcome.

On the Calendar

CAF also hosts monthly movies and luncheons. Read below and contact Laurie to be placed on the mailing list for up-to-date information.

- **Friday, Oct. 28 | 11 a.m. (10:30 check-in) - Pioneers and Pot Pies Luncheon**
Did you know that the White's Chapel Cemetery predates the church? Learn about the families that first settled this area along with other interesting facts from the Southlake Historical Society. Joey will be making his famous pot pies as well! Email or call Laurie to reserve your spot.
- **Thursday, Nov. 3 | 1:30 p.m. Monthly Movie | Rawlins Hall "TOP GUN – Maverick"**
With Veteran's Day approaching, enjoy the Navy fighter pilot sequel to the 80's film, "Top Gun."
- **Friday, Nov. 18 | 11 a.m. - Thankful for our Veterans Luncheon**
All veterans, and those who love our veterans, are invited to attend a special time together enjoying a Thanksgiving feast as well as sharing service memorabilia. Those who own service items are encouraged to bring them and share their stories. Bruce and Melanie Slocum will give a brief talk dressed in period clothing. Email or call Laurie to reserve your spot.

Director Laurie Williams
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Angel

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August, putting the final touches on the physical angel tags, and preparing the virtual forest beginning in September. Our number of activities and speed picks up in October and mid-November through mid-December can be extremely busy."

Throughout this season, the church partners with many different organizations to provide items for those in crisis. Many of the organizations that have been represented in the Angel Tree Forest include individuals from: O.H. Stowe Elementary of Birdville ISD, Van Zandt-Guinn Elementary of Fort Worth ISD, the Grapevine Housing Authority, the Presbyterian Night Shelter, Lighthouse (serving children in the hospital for cancer and their parents), the Patriot House (which serves veterans), those in need of baby blessings, and active military families received through the WC soldier ministry. Families in crisis are also included and represent those

who are currently in shelters or involved with local children's agencies.

Three new groups will be represented in this year's forest. Families from a new school (Bellaire Elementary), refugee families and individuals from DRC (an organization providing housing for chronically homeless with permanent disabilities) will be included. Three existing trees will also expand to cover additional needs - ACH Child and Family Services gifts will now cover four other areas; baby blessings will include additional support for Pregnancy Help 4 You (Keller) and Mercy House (Colleyville), and Spokes4Hope gifts will include cable locks for the donated bikes.

Those interested in sorting or delivering gifts can sign up at the Involvement desk, located in the concourse area, or email Martha Reukema at (mreukema@mac.com) or Bridget Davis (bridgetd3073@yahoo.com).

"As volunteers, we feel God's presence in all that we do," Reukema said. "Sometimes he acts before we know we have a need."

What people should know about the Virtual Tree:

- How to access: Scan QR code or type <https://sugeni.us/dmf9>
- Some people are interested in adopting a whole family and the only way to do that is through the virtual sign up.
 - Friends, Cell Groups, Sunday School classes, or any other group may enjoy this option.
- The virtual option allows for 24-hour selection. It is convenient and updated frequently.
- Great care is taken to provide information about the groups represented, the details about the gifts, and the instructions provided in the confirmation emails.
- Gifts for specific individuals are not duplicated so they will not be on the virtual tree and on a tree in the physical 'forest' on campus.
- If – for any reason – a participant



does not want his/her name displayed on the sign-up page, individuals can write "Anonymous" or an alternate description. However, one will need to indicate a valid email address to sign up and receive a confirmation email to indicate the sign up was successful.

- It is easy to contact someone if a participant has questions in the process. The contact information is at the top of each tab (before the gift listings). People can also make notes in the comment section.
- If signing up for more than one item, participants should select all that are on that tab before submitting intentions. That will go faster than selecting them one at a time, and it will reduce the number of confirmations received when selecting multiple gifts.

Upcoming Food Drive Info:

Super Saturday THANKSGIVING MISSION

Four volunteer opportunities available. Feel free to participate in one or all four:

FRIDAY, NOV. 18

FOOD SORTING (2-4 P.M.)
TABLE PREP (6-8 P.M.)

The Foundry / Evans Hall

SATURDAY, NOV. 19

PACKING (9-10:30 A.M.)
DELIVERIES (10:30 A.M.)

Concourse/Evans Hall

register at whiteschapelumc.com

For more information, contact Dedra Moffat at dmoffat@whiteschapelumc.com.

Thanksgiving FOOD DRIVE

Nov. 6 -18



SCAN QR CODE FOR NEEDED FOOD ITEM LIST

Item drop offs located inside the Concourse near the East Welcome Doors and inside the Admin building lobby

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Blessing of the Animals Oct. 23 - Rescheduled!

Please join us for a simple prayer

service on Sunday, Oct. 23, honoring our animal companions! This tradition celebrates the important place pets hold in our lives and reminds us of the wonder of God's creation. If your pet cannot physically be present for the blessing, you are welcome to bring a photo. This

event will take place near the outdoor amphitheater at 1:30 p.m. All pets are welcome to attend; we just ask that they be in a cage, on a leash, or in a halter to be blessed.

Seasonal Drinks Now Available At Wesley Cafe

Get a tasty fall drink to celebrate the new season! Specials include: Caramel apple cider, s'mores frappe, pumpkin spice latte, raspberry white mocha, and more!



Prayer List

Renate Adams, Michael Alexander, Cindi Arnold, Kenneth Arnold, Libby Assenheimer, Jack Bair, Carol Barret, Walt Barret, Jerry Barron, Gene Baugh, Joyce Billingsley, Jackson and Grayson Blaylock, Bethia Blomquist, Susan Boelens, Jeremy Brown, Gay Bryan, Bobbie Cameron, Nikki Campbell, Larry Carter, Ralph Choppy, Devon Colbert, Deepak Dey, Levi Dietz, Andy Dillon, Bill Dykman, Wilma Dykman, Trey Edwards, Ginny Elder, Ralph Evans, Charles Forman, Marty Geer, Jake Glow, Jane Grazer, David Gross, Chris Gruenewald, Judith Hallam, Al and Sheila Hansen, Maxie Hays, Carol Hensley-Chester, Chris Hill, Art Hill, Karen Hodges, Joey and Deanna Holman, Elyse Huettl, Judy Hurt, JoAnn Jensen, Josie Jewart, Ron Johnson, Cooper Kohan, Aubrey Koser, Connie Lamb, Phil Larson, Sunhi Lee, Nathana Locke, Christine Massieh, Vijay Michael, Claudette Morrow, Karen Moxley, Jack and Martha Nanta, Ferry Anne Neal, Larry Nichols, Merrill and Grace Ottwein, Joe Parker, Richard Parker, Cecilia Pecararo, Kathy Pierce, Wesley Putnam, Colton and Tammy Quillicy, Kim Rhodes, Megan Robison, Mark Rogers, Jeri Russell, Dan Russell, Terry Satchell, Gail Schmitz, Linda Seedig, Vickie Smith, Sid Soileau, Gayle Sorenson, Sherrie Stoecker, Tammy Studdard, Lu Swanepoel, Steve Swanston, Janet Sweeny, Jasper Talley, Jenny Thornell, Chris White, Dianne Williams, Sandy Wilson, Angelina. Recent Deaths: The Family of Dan Aderman, The Family of Roland Behrends, The Family of Sharon Bilterman, The Family of Connie Bogan, Lori Campagna and Family, The Family of Geoff Carter, The Family of Karon Cromer, The Family of Vickie Demuth, The Family of Chuck Gordon, The Family of Ziba Johnston, Lynn Jones and Family, The Family of Lu Anne Knowles, The Family of Lafayette Marcum, The Family of Doug Martin, The Family of John McBride, The Family of Brad Reindl, The Family of Randy Ross, The Family of Scott Snyder, The Family of Jim Thompson, The Family of Christine Foley and Oliver Villaruel, The Family of Dwight Wilson.

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

VOTING INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER 7

1 PREPARING TO VOTE

To participate in the upcoming church vote, each member will need to:

1) Check your membership status.

People can get 'fast passes' or join the church anytime on/before Monday, Oct. 31 at 5 p.m. Membership Verification Stations are available in the concourse during Wednesday night programming and Sunday morning services. Members can register to vote on Nov. 7, but they cannot become members to vote after Oct. 31. (Please note: Associate Members do not have full voting rights.)

2) Plan to be present on November 7.

Voting will take place on Nov. 7, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on campus. All members must present their photo ID to vote. There will be a line for those with Membership Verification Cards and another line for those who have not yet registered. Students who have been confirmed may bring their student ID. People can leave after they cast their vote.

3) Review the instructions and official wording of the electronic ballot:

3 OFFICIAL WORDING

The official wording for the vote is:

"Resolved, that White's Chapel United Methodist Church does hereby direct its Board of Trustees to take all steps necessary to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church pursuant to the Church Disaffiliation Resolution between White's Chapel United Methodist Church and the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church dated November 7, 2022."

This vote determines whether or not we will disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. You will be able to vote "YES," "NO," or "ABSTAIN."

✓ YES

means you are voting to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church

✓ NO

means you are voting to remain in the United Methodist Church

✓ ABSTAIN

means you are choosing not to vote (which will result in a "NO" vote)

ATTENTION

Although your vote will be recorded as "ABSTAIN," it will count as a "NO" in the poll

2 VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

We will be using electronic voting machines provided by Honest Ballot Association. All voting machines feature a touch screen to cast votes.

- 1) To vote, touch the box next to your choice. A check mark will appear. If you make a mistake, touch it again and the check mark will disappear.
- 2) When you are done, touch **CONTINUE** at the bottom of the screen.
- 3) On the **REVIEW** page, carefully review your choice.
- 4) If you want to make a change, touch **CHANGE** to go back to the voting screen.
- 5) If your choice is correct, touch the **CONFIRM** button at the bottom of the screen.
- 6) When you see the word **SUCCESS** in the green bar, your vote has been recorded, and you are done.

