

# HERALD

PRO TIPS

Please join us online or in person this weekend as we begin our sermon series "Pro Tips." We hope to see you soon.

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## Fisher of Men

*"Then He said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.'"*  
Matthew 4:19

Watching a sunrise on a calm lake while casting out a line is often referred to, in the fishing community, as a spiritual and holy experience. The tranquility in connecting with nature serves as a therapeutic outlet, breaking the monotony of our daily grinds. While the lake can be the perfect sanctuary for our minds, fishing has become the perfect vessel for Craig Rowley to share his faith.

Rowley revisited his hobby shortly before losing close childhood friend, Shane Sullivan. Sullivan's untimely death occurred the night before a WC Fishing outing to Lake Texoma.

"I received the news of my friends' passing as my Dad and I were leaving for the lake," said Rowley. "We were both in a state of shock the entire drive since our families were so close."

Growing up, Rowley and Sullivan participated in football, baseball, lacrosse and dirt biking. At one point, they were also wrestling partners. They even wore similar jersey numbers: Rowley #21 and Sullivan #22.

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## CONFIRMATION AND BAPTISMS

Confirmation Sunday, April 21, was a huge celebration at White's Chapel. Among those involved, 29 students were Confirmed.

## Graduating Seniors Over The Years



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# Sure Footed...

By Dr. Todd Renner

I was talking to a buddy of mine the other day, and he said something that I'd never heard before – strangely, since our conversation, I've heard no fewer than five others say the same thing: "Be where your feet are." Be present. Be alert. Be fully and totally aware of what's going on in the moment you are currently occupying.

It was such a great thought that I decided to print it out and tape it to the back of my office door...to make it more "religious," though, I translated it into Latin (because everyone knows that Latin elevates everything): *Esto ubi sunt pedes tui.*

As we approach our Senior Recognition Sunday this weekend, that's my earnest prayer for all our graduates – that they'd be fully present in all the wonderful moments that await them...and not just in the upcoming days and weeks, but that they'd be fully present in every moment God gives. I want them to be where their feet are, knowing that God is right there with them, too!

That prayer isn't just for them, though. That's my prayer for all of us: that regardless of our challenges, circumstances, or situations, we'd know the certain presence of the Almighty – that we'd trust it and lean into it.

In fact, most of you know that, this year, Keri and I are entering a new season of life. With Ford graduating in a handful of

weeks, she and I are stepping across that threshold I've only heard about: we're becoming "Empty Nesters"!

And it's bittersweet. ...but I can't help to think of the words of one of my favorite poets. Born into a Maronite Christian home, Khalil Gibran penned one of his most insightful works reflecting upon moments just like this. In *The Prophet*, he wrote:

*Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself. They come through you but not from you, And though they are with you yet they belong not to you. You may give them your love but not your thoughts, For they have their own thoughts. You may house their bodies but not their souls, For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams. You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you. For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday. You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth. The Archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite, and He bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far. Let your bending in the Archer's hand be for gladness; For even as He loves the arrow that flies, so He loves also the bow that is stable.*

Be present. Be faithful. Be available. Be still. Be where your feet are.



# Fisher

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"I managed to hold my emotions together pretty well throughout the fishing trip," said Rowley. "However when I got home that night, grief began to overwhelm me."

The following months became a daily ordeal to find ways to mitigate the pain felt from losing a loved one. He found himself fishing routinely as it provided opportunities of relief. "I would go to a local pond daily, if only for a half an hour to find ways to distract myself from the range of emotions I was feeling. Looking back, I was fishing obsessively... probably an unhealthy amount."

It was through the development of this new interest that God reached Rowley with an unexpected message that changed his outlook on the sport.

After purchasing a boat, he began the habit of inviting bank fishers out to join him on the water. He discovered a

trend with most of the passengers that embarked with him on these trips.

"I realized," he said, "that after multiple guests and hours of conversation, most people had gone to the lake that day to help them forget about what was causing them stress."

It was then Rowley felt God speak to him telling him to use fishing to connect spiritually with others.

"God continuously placed me in the paths of people going through struggle and provided me with words of comfort or just an ear to listen," he explained.

These divine occurrences inspired Rowley to create a fishing ministry at White's Chapel. The mission of the ministry is to provide fishing opportunities to those who may not have the resources available, in hopes the individual may find peace, joy and spiritual connection. Some of these opportunities thus far have included a fishing outing for a foster group home, volunteering at community fishing events, and mentoring and captaining for high school anglers.

Rowley volunteers as a captain for two anglers at Pilot Point High School and mentors/substitute captains for a team out of Carroll ISD. Tournament bass fishing is one of the fastest growing sports in Texas, and Rowley provides his boat and guidance to high school anglers looking to compete.

"When I mention to people what I do for these schools, most people are blown away that some tournaments host 200+ boats, let alone that it is popular enough to exist (as such an organized sport!)"

Rowley travels with the high school anglers across north Texas to compete against hundreds of teams in search of the five heaviest bass. "There's surprisingly a lot of

strategy that goes into this sport. I always get a good chuckle when people ask me 'Isn't fishing mostly luck?'"

Rowley's most recent success was with his Pilot Point team, consisting of Keegan DeWitt and Zach Sanders, at the Bass Nation Northeast Tournament at Lake Bob Sandlin. Dewitt and Sanders took 2nd place, weighing their best five bass in at 16.48 pounds with a 5-pound big fish. On a remarkable day, separating themselves from 3rd place by 6 pounds, their extraordinary performance was only eclipsed by one other team, Dakota Morris and Josh Adams of Carroll ISD; the other team Rowley mentors. Morris and Adams weighed in at 18.89 pounds, consisting of only four bass. This incredible feat was accomplished by catching two largemouth bass over 8 pounds, with both fish breaking the league's big fish record. Josh Adams would take the Bass Nation Northeast Big Fish award with an 8.59-pound giant!

When Rowley asked Dakota Morris about the opportunity fishing has given him to share his faith, Morris responded, "Fishing gives me the ability to converse and be a good role model to younger anglers and let God's light shine through me."

To Rowley and his teammates, fishing transcends the awards and accolades of a successful day.

"God has brought me tremendous success on my road to be a professional fisherman," stated Sanders. "Before every tournament, I pray to our Father that He be with me and bring joy and success on the water. My faith is the guide to my future... it proves to me God loves and cares for me... without God,

nothing would be possible."

DeWitt agreed. Referencing his recent success he said, "Faith has impacted my fishing experiences by removing stress and worries I have had on the boat... the practice day

was a test of my faith and I knew if I kept my faith strong, then only good can come out of it."

Joshua Adams responded "One way that fishing has allowed me to further my faith has been meeting many mentors," added Adams. "My mentors and parents have instilled many values within me, with Christ being the main one. The water allows me and many others to get out in the Lord's creation and enjoy what he has made for us. It gives many people a place to connect with the Lord. I know that the Lord has many plans for me, and I know that he will use me as an outlet to spread more of His word!"

Rowley believes God has ignited this passion in his heart to serve. "Mentoring and supporting others is the least I could do to honor Shane's legacy. I will always remember him for his ability to make everyone feel like the most important player on the team. It is amazing what people can accomplish when you believe in them and provide them with positive encouragement."

Rowley looks forward to the growth of the ministry. The next objective of the ministry is to raise money for the Chandler's Hope Addiction Recovery ministry through a fishing tournament on Lake Grapevine, hopefully this fall.

"This is a cause that countless people connect with, but they can be hard to approach. I'm hoping we can generate support through an activity that assists many in their recovery and healing journey."

The tournament will be one of many community events Rowley has planned for the fishing ministry.

For more information on how to get involved with volunteering in this ministry, please contact Craig Rowley.

**Craig Rowley**  
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FINANCIALS			
APRIL			
April	2024	2023	
Week 1	\$241,742	\$208,288	
Week 2	\$181,322	\$314,989	
Week 3	\$213,646	\$146,058	
Week 4	\$148,199	\$234,295	
MTD Actual	\$784,909	\$903,630	
MTD Goal	\$629,366	\$754,070	
	\$155,544	\$149,560	
YTD Actual	\$3,594,474	\$3,020,607	
YTD Goal	\$2,971,800	\$2,908,221	
	\$ 622,675	\$ 112,386	

## WEEKEND PREACHING SCHEDULE

### SANCTUARY

**SUN.** 8:20 a.m. | Traditional  
w/ Drs. John McKellar & Todd Renner

**SUN.** 9:30 a.m. | Contemporary  
w/ Drs. John McKellar & Todd Renner

**SUN.** 11 a.m. | Foundation  
w/ Drs. John McKellar & Todd Renner

## THE FOUNDRY

**SAT.** 5:30 p.m. | Contemporary  
w/ Rev. Sam Robbins

**SUN.** 11 a.m. | Acoustic Contemporary  
w/ Rev. Jon Reeves

## WALTON CHAPEL

**SUN.** 9:30 a.m. | Traditional  
w/ Rev. Lori Cotton

WHITE'S CHAPEL

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# wcKIDS

**FUN RUN & BIKE RODEO**  
with **wcKIDS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 18 | 9:30 A.M. OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER**

**BMX BIKE SAFETY SHOW**  
11-11:30 am | WALTON CHAPEL PARKING LOT

**FUN RUN + BIKE RODEO + BMX SHOW**  
**Saturday, May 18 | 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

You won't want to miss this epic triple event! ALL ages are invited to bring friends, family, and children in strollers or dogs on leashes and walk, run, skip, hop, or jump to the finish line! Don't worry if you aren't a race enthusiast, all runners, walkers and joggers are invited to join in on the fun. There will be interactive stations along the way - including a petting zoo!

Bikers are also welcome this year as we simultaneously offer WC Kids' first ever Bike Rodeo! Bring your bike, trike, or scooter (no motorized vehicles please!) for an afternoon of bike safety, obstacle courses, and a bike path. Helmets are required for all riders!



An epic BMX stunt show will conclude the morning. Professional BMX athletes from Dialed Action Sports will be showcasing their incredible skills in a thrilling bike show. These athletes have competed and performed around the globe and will be performing their incredible tricks and stunts live! Runners, walkers, and bikers will gather at 11 a.m. in the parking lot to watch the show. Bring your lawn chairs and friends!

Registration is \$10 per person and one hundred percent of the registration fees will be donated to for Heifer International. Hope to see you there!

Hannah Robbins | hrobbins@whiteschapel.org

**ARTS ACADEMY SUMMER CAMP**  
**July 29 - Aug. 1 | 9 a.m. to Noon**  
**Kinder - Fourth Grade Variety Camp**



Incoming kinder-fourth graders will experience all the fun of Arts Academy by rotating through all classes we offer-art, cooking, LEGO, science, games, and more! Each day will

include instructional time, fun recreation time, devotional time, and a time for snacks.

All curriculum and supplies are included in the registration fee.

**Preschool Dance** - 3 years old through 5 years old - \$50

This class will give our littlest dancers the opportunity to learn the basics of several different dance styles. No special dance shoes or attire are required for this class. Students are asked to bring water bottles with them to class each day, and to wear comfortable dance clothes. Each day will include instructional time, fun recreation time, devotional time, and a time for snacks.

Contact Erin Schechter, Arts Academy Coordinator, with questions.

Erin Schechter | eschechter@whiteschapel.org

**WC THEATER 1 CAMP**  
**June 24 - 28 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Incoming fourth-sixth graders, register now to be a part of "A Night of Stars" where you will learn the basics of how to audition, theater etiquette, acting, dancing, singing, and more! Our directors have written a fun revue with scenes from Broadway, Disney, and other well known shows. On Friday, June 28 the students will perform in multiple musical numbers to show off what they've learned.

Auditions will be held on Saturday, May 18. A link to sign up will be included in the registration confirmation.

**WC THEATER 2 CAMP**  
**July 8 - 26 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Incoming seventh-ninth graders, join our cast for Disney's Beauty and the Beast! You will sing, act, dance, and make friends along the way. All the skills, hard work, and fun will culminate in three performances of this full-length Broadway production on July 24, 25, and 26.

Auditions will be held on Sunday, May 19. A link to sign up will be included in the registration confirmation.

Julie Blalock | jblalock@whiteschapel.org

**PROMO & POPSICLES**

Promotion Sunday is June 2!

**PROMOTION SUNDAY**  
**June 2**

'Pop' on up to your new class and enjoy a popsicle!

**VBS Youth Volunteers**

Students in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade this fall

**June 10-13**

20 Community Service Hours w/training day

**SCUBA**  
diving into friendship with god

## WC OPEN

The weather held out for this year's golf tournament! The proceeds from the event will support WC Students on summer mission trips.



## CONFIRMATION & BAPTISMS

Following the Confirmation service, 15 people celebrated Christ through Immersion Baptism.



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### Next Quilt Together:

Thursday, May 8 | Noon to 4 p.m.  
Room 3204 Adult Education Building

New and experienced quilters are welcome to join this group for the next monthly Quilt Together on campus! Please contact Catherine S. at (972) 355-1031 for more information.

### Filling the Gap

Tuesday, May 7 | 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

The Filling the Gap food ministry provides weekend food to at-risk students at the church's Adopt-a-Schools. Every Friday during the school year, Filling the Gap provides backpacks filled with food for approximately 230 children who qualify for the program. The food is bought locally, packed by volunteers, and then delivered to the designated schools. Volunteers are needed to pack and distribute the backpacks each week.  
Rev. Lori Cotton | [lcotton@whiteschapel.org](mailto:lcotton@whiteschapel.org)

### WC Men's 2024 Mission Trip

October 16, 17-20 | San Antonio

WC Men are working with Blueprint Ministries in San Antonio, Texas again this fall to share the love of Jesus Christ. All men, 18 and older, are welcome on this trip. Leaders also welcome male high school seniors who want to serve alongside their father! No experience is necessary, just a willing heart. This is a terrific opportunity to serve Christ and meet other men from the church. The three-day cost is \$285, and the two-day cost is \$245. Registration is required. For more details, please visit [mensmissiontrip.com](http://mensmissiontrip.com).  
Rev. Jon Reeves | [jreeves@whiteschapel.org](mailto:jreeves@whiteschapel.org)

### Christians Facing Cancer

Tuesday, May 14 | 6:30 p.m.  
Room 2129 | Evans Hall First Floor

CFC welcomes Peggy Cook RD LD, a registered dietitian/nutritionist, who will speak on "Nutrition Throughout Your Journey." Peggy has been active in the field



of nutrition for over 40 years. She is a graduate of Washington State University and has worked at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and is a past Director of Nutrition at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

Peggy and her husband Todd have lived in Southlake since 1998 and have been WC members since 1999. They are passionate about the outdoors and spend much of their time in Colorado enjoying hiking and the beauty of God's creation. They recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary and have three adult sons.

Christians Facing Cancer provides encouragement for cancer patients, caregivers, family members, and friends whose lives have been impacted by a cancer diagnosis. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month. All are welcome and registration is not required. For additional information, contact BJ Landers at [landerscln@aol.com](mailto:landerscln@aol.com), (817) 683-6088, or [supportgroups@whiteschapel.org](mailto:supportgroups@whiteschapel.org).



## Cantaré Spring Concert

The recent show featured popular Christian songs and musical arrangements. Great job to everyone involved!

## FISHING WITH DAD

**MAY 4, 2024**      10-NOON | WC POND

REGISTER FOR THIS FREE EVENT ONLINE AT [WHITESCHAPEL.ORG](http://WHITESCHAPEL.ORG)  
FISHING EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE WITHOUT IT

## FEED OUR KIDS

**11:15 A.M. – 12:45 P.M.**

**JUNE 3-7, 10-14**

**GRACE TICKNOR TERRACE**

**JULY 22-26**

**GRACE SHADY OAKS OUTREACH CENTER**

TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: [CARRIE.SCHOOF@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CARRIE.SCHOOF@GMAIL.COM)

COME JOIN US TO SERVE THE HOMELESS IN FORT WORTH

# AGAPE MEAL

Third Thursday of Each Month | 4:15 - 7:45 P.M.

For more information, contact  
David Kinnamore at [davidkinnamore@msn.com](mailto:davidkinnamore@msn.com)  
or Madeleine Green at [mzeister10@yahoo.com](mailto:mzeister10@yahoo.com)

register at [whiteschapel.org](http://whiteschapel.org)

# Prayer List

Roger Ackley, Charlie Anderson, Jack Bair, Dudley Barnes, Carol Barret, Jerry Barron, Darla Beggs, Michelle Birmingham, Phillip Bogan, Sue Bossow, Cara Bradshaw, Cheryl Brashear, Bobbie Cameron, Connie Center, Ken Cole, Jane Coppage, Luisa Costa, Debbie Dreyfus, Mary Duncan, Ava Duplantis, Wilma Dykman, Dennis Eaton, Courtney Echerd, America Ellis, Linda Evans, Ralph Evans, Mark Fidler, Will Fogle, Dorothy Fontana, Frank Forcelli, Jim Ford, Gary Lou Geddes, Carolyn Gillum, Georganne Graham, Kayla Greenlee-Hayes, Kate Greinert, Chris Gruenewald, Candice Hansen, John Herring, Tawni Hill, Joyce Hood, Elaine Hoover, Larry Hoover, Dennis Howry, Barb Idol, Michelle James, Bill Kayser, Tom Kelly, Greg King, Cooper Kohan, Brenda Lackey, Catherine LaCroix, Bill Lafavers, Dana Mae Lancaster, Diane Lucas, Lori Eagleston Luedtke, Taylor Lynde, Joe Madera, Rhonda Maghan, Elaine McClung, Debbie McCoy, Kerri McLeod, Leara Miles, Richard Moreau, Thomas W. Morris, Alice Myers, Marilyn Oliva, Mary Owens, The Paige Family, Gerti Phillips, Barbara Pico, Kathy Pierce, Jim and Mary Renner, Kristin Robertson, Sharon Rodgers, Johnnie Ruth Rogillio, Jimmy Rollo, Jeri Russell, Michele Schmidt, Craig Sikes, Paul Sikes, Bruce Slocum, Kerry Smith, Brannon Soileau, Cheryl Stiefel, Orville Summey, Steve Swanston, Paul Swartz, John Takacs, Jim Takemoto, Greg Tallant, Myra Taunton, Dorothy "Dot" Taylor, Carolyn Thompson, Donna Thompson, Robert Thompson, Bill Thornton, Quinn, Haley and Joe VanBreemen, Barry Wahrmond, Michael Wenger, Brad Wheeler, Dick Williams, Lynn Williard, Carroll Willis, Leigh Winzeler, Lynn Wolford, Toni Worlitz, Ann Zink, Cara, Jovita. Recent deaths: The Family of Sam Akins, The Family of Johnny Roy Black, The Family of Roy Louis Black, The Family of Mary Blalock, The Family of Becky Cartmill, The Family of Arthur Clayton, The Cobb Family, The Family of Aurelio Costa, The Family of Casey Dees, The Family of Libby Dixon, The Family of Denise Ellis, The Family of Louis Iszak, The Family of Grady Manley, The Family of Judy McCarthy, The Family of Bert Miller, The Family of Brent Peacock, The Family of Joanne Pohlman, The Family of Myrna Puls, The Family of Debbie Warren.

You may submit prayer requests at [whiteschapel.org/prayer-request.html](http://whiteschapel.org/prayer-request.html) or use the QR code.

May Book Discussion:

## Book Review with Dr. Nina

"The Sleep Book" by Guy Meadows

Join Dr. Nina Rios-Doria as she gives a recap on some of the most popular books related to leadership, sports, mindset, mental health, and more.

**Monday, May 13**

**AE Room 3102 | 6-7 p.m**

Register at [whiteschapel.org](http://whiteschapel.org).

## WAYS TO GIVE

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