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Bibles Presented to 3rd Graders in Sept. 24 Service

This month, White's Chapel continues a long-standing Methodist tradition of handing out Bibles to third graders.

The presentation will be Sunday, Sept. 24 at 9:30 a.m. Due to the number of students registered, there will be two simultaneous presentations in The Foundry and in Grace Chapel. All students will receive a hardcover copy of the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) Adventure Bible.

"We love this Bible for this age group," said Hannah Robbins, WC Kids Co-Director. "I LOVE it, even as an adult! The full color interior keeps it engaging from cover to cover."

Each chapter has an introduction page to offer context and includes fun facts and questions for thought that are illustrated throughout. The Adventure Bible also has what are called "Live it" suggestions, offering practical things to do to live out the Scripture being read. It is not a story-book style Bible like they may have gotten at a younger age. This is a Bible that adults would read also, but with kid-friendly pictures and commentary.

"There aren't so many pictures that it feels too young," said Robbins, "but it is definitely not all black and white words. It is a favorite of young students, and the perfect balance for this age group."

Both presentations will include worship and a brief message from one of our pastors. Each third grader will then be called up to say their favorite Bible verse and receive their Bible. Following this service, there will be a short break. Then, the students will meet by the Jesus fountain at 10:45 a.m. to line up. From there they will process into the sanctuary for the 11 a.m. service, where they will sit together and be recognized by White's Chapel Co-Pastors Dr. John McKellar and Dr. Todd Renner.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ARE BACK

A fried chicken dinner may have brought the crowd, but everyone stayed for the fun! It was an exciting kickoff as we hosted a comedy event in the sanctuary, a piñata theme night in the WC Kids hallway, and a game night with WC Students.



September Communion Offering Provides Relief to Hawaii Victims

The September communion offering will be designated completely to victims of the Lahaina wildfires. The Maui wildfires have claimed over 100 lives, with the toll still climbing as the search for bodies continues. About 2,200 structures were destroyed or damaged, and photos show the community of Lahaina—once the royal

capital of Hawaii—was essentially wiped out on Aug. 8.

Unknown numbers of people are still missing after the devastating wildfires, County Mayor Richard Bissen has said. "Over 1,200 people who had been on the list of those missing have been found safe," Bissen reported last week, warning numbers are expected to fluctuate. One hundred and fourteen

people are confirmed to have died. The blazes destroyed most of the historic Maui town of Lahaina and the fires are now considered the worst natural disaster in Hawaii state history. "Our lives have changed forever and things will not be the same," Bissen said in a video update posted to social media. "What will be the same is the way we

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Logan de Groot Welcomed as WC Young Adults Director

By Cassidy Johnson

Logan de Groot is gearing up for her first fall semester as the White's Chapel Young Adults Ministry Director. From growing up on a dairy farm to working in student ministry at First Methodist Mansfield, she is eager to begin an exciting season of Bible study, worship, mission work, and group outings here in Southlake.

"I am a young adult myself so that's why I found peace in the transition here, because I know it can be a difficult and awkward stage of life that we aren't necessarily



prepared for—the life after high school or college—and finding community is a little harder... but I know that community is a powerful gift," she shared. "It's important to find your people to share life with."

De Groot graduated from UTA in the summer of 2021 and double majored in marketing and management. She has worked in ministry for the last five years, and for four of those years, she worked at First Methodist Mansfield.

"I really loved my students a lot... and it was the church I grew up in," she said. "I had gone to church there for 11

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FUN-damentals

By Dr. Todd Renner

What an incredible time we had on Wednesday night! To say that we were overwhelmed would be an understatement. And it wasn't just the record number of folks that came out for chicken that overwhelmed us (and thanks to everyone who pitched in to help set up extra tables to give people a place to eat), it was the spirit; it was the joy; it was the sheer noise of God's people enjoying each other that truly amazed us! And it wasn't merely the dinner. It was Kerri Pomarolli, too. In a world marked with such sad and heavy news (the heat isn't helping, either), it was such a blessing just to get to laugh with each other.

And it got me to thinking (which is typically a perilous endeavor): when Emerson wrote, "It is a happy talent to know how to play," I think

he knew that the day would inevitably come when all of us would be faced with a monumental decision, a crucial junction in time that would chart how we would live out the remaining days that God gives us. I think he knew that we would find ourselves on that well-worn and deeply-rutted path that winds its way to a fork: in one direction is growing up and, in the other, growing old.

Yes, although we may try, we will never outrun the effects of age—at least, not on our bodies... but what about the effect of age on our souls? We, children of time, were once born into a wellspring of energy and hope; we had eyes that saw only potential. There, in those our earliest of days, we saw a tree not as a tree but as the mast of a mighty sailing ship... a mast from which we imagined new and undiscovered lands. There, we gave life to dreams and, in turn, our dreams gave life to us.

But something happens through the

years. Whether from the battle scars of living or from the glut of our everyday pressures and responsibilities, we are tempted to lose that sense of wonder, that sense of grandeur, that sense of creativity and imagination that stem from the image of God in which we are created. Somewhere, as the years take their toll like the waves erode the shoreline, we give in to the seductive temptation of age... and we forget how to play. We forget how to laugh. We forget how to have fun.

Maybe it is that we've confused the two. Maybe we've always considered growing up and growing old to be synonymous, but nothing could be

further from the truth. As it happens, it is a good and right thing that each of us should grow up, that each of us should "put away childish things", that each of us should mature in our faith, our reasoning, and our emotions. It is a necessary step in

everyone's life that they should grow up. But what about this business of growing old?

Though it's true that age breeds wisdom, it seems proper enough to say that the greatest wisdom is this: to enjoy each day, to be fully present in each moment with which God blesses us. This shoves us towards, not to the dusty garments of old age, but back to that tree of our childhood. It begs that we, once again, experience the profound wonder and curiosity that we once knew. In fact, it's enough for me to appreciate that some of the "youngest" folks I know are, now, nearing 80, 90, and over 100 years young.

So, during the upcoming weeks: as we look forward to cooler temperatures of fall (please, Lord, let them come soon), let's not make our fun to be labored... but, instead, let's strive to make our labor fun. Let's return to a joy that's fun-damental.

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Bibles

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Prior to the Bible presentations, students will have the opportunity to attend classes preparing them to receive—and use—their new Bibles.

"There has been a great response to our addition of the 'Bible Basics' classes!" said Robbins. "In these classes, third graders are taught how to read and study their Bible. We quite literally teach them how to navigate the table of contents, how to locate chapters and verses, and more! We use lots of games and hands-on activities to make it lots of fun."

The classes will be Sept. 10 & 17 and Oct. 1 during both the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Families may choose which time works best. Although some students may be unable to attend all the classes, they are still encouraged to sign up to receive a Bible. Lessons may also be requested so student can do them on their own time at home.

Robbins believes Bibles have emotional meaning as well as spiritual meaning. "I have been gifted Bibles at significant times in my life that still hold special memories," she said. "When I

graduated high school, my youth pastor gave me a Bible that I marked all up with underlines and notes as I used it. I love going back to look at it to see what spoke to me during that time in my life. Each Bible I have reminds me of certain times and they are all special to me in different ways!"

Denise Bennett, who shares the WC Kids Directorship with Robbins, agrees. "My Bibles were primarily gifted to me from my grandmother. My first Bible was a small New Testament and then, later, I received a King James Version that had my name embossed on the front. I kept both Bibles until adulthood when they were damaged by a water leak. I'm still sad I don't have them now."

Third grade students who wish to attend the Bible Basics class or to simply participate in the Bible Presentation are encouraged to register on the WC Kids [website](#). Registration will insure students' names will be on their Bible.

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WEEKEND PREACHING SCHEDULE		THE FOUNDRY	
SANCTUARY	SAT. 5:30 p.m. Contemporary w/ Rev. Sam Robbins	SUN. 11 a.m. Rebroadcasted 9:30 a.m. Sermon	
SUN. 8:20 a.m. Traditional w/ Rev. Sam Robbins			WALTON CHAPEL
SUN. 9:30 a.m. Contemporary w/ Rev. Sam Robbins		SUN. 9:30 a.m. Traditional w/ Rev. Lori Cotton	
SUN. 11 a.m. Traditional w/ Rev. Sam Robbins			

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FINANCIALS AUGUST		
August	2023	2022
Week 1	\$218,464	\$185,263
Week 2	\$173,058	\$150,494
Week 3	\$228,568	\$267,555
Week 4	\$261,674	\$110,440
MTD Actual	\$881,764	\$713,752
MTD Goal	\$744,362	\$724,468
	\$ 137,402	\$ (10,716)
YTD Actual	\$6,581,962	\$6,345,394
YTD Goal	\$6,359,712	\$6,283,600
	\$ 222,250	\$ 61,794



Third Grade Bibles

Studying Scripture is one of the most important ways we learn about God. White's Chapel presents Bibles to third grade students as a statement of their growing faith development. We celebrate this Rite of Passage each year with the hope that this will be a starting point for a deeper relationship and an enhanced study of God's word.

This year third graders will attend three "Bible Basics" classes on how to read and study their Bible. The classes will be on Sept. 10, 17 and Oct. 1 during the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services. You may choose which time work bests for your family.

Third graders will be presented their Bibles on Sunday, Sept. 24. The Bible presentation will be at 9:30 a.m. in The Foundry and they will also be recognized at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. To receive a Bible, parents must register their student by Sept. 11.

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Mission Mania

Sunday, Aug. 17 | noon

Attention third and fourth graders, it's time for Mission Mania! This is an opportunity for students 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. Third and fourth graders are invited to join us Sept. 17 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Room 7 for a pizza lunch and blessing bag assembly. The bags will be distributed to those in need at the Presbyterian Night Shelter.

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Club 56 had a great time at Hawaiian Falls! Watch the [website](#) for the next Club 56 event in September.

Logan

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years. Being a leader in the ministry that I grew up in was really fun."

While she initially thought she wanted to work as a physical therapist, she had a powerful moment that changed her mind and encouraged her to pursue ministry. It occurred in 2016 during a volunteer week.

"So, the summer going into my senior year of high school, I went on a mission trip/mission week with First Methodist Mansfield where we served the community," she said. "I believe it was during Wednesday night worship, and I had this like fire that I couldn't explain inside my heart... I knew there was something there. And I had been volunteering and serving for a couple of years before that, but this was just unexplainable. So, I went up and talked to the worship leader afterward, and there were so many connections that we made with each other, and they were also pointing me toward ministry.... At the time, I wanted to be a physical therapist, but I couldn't really see myself doing that—but then, doing ministry... made more sense than literally anything else. It was just one of those things where I just really felt God calling me. It's not necessarily easy to explain but you feel that in your heart, and you have to follow that."

Ever since that moment, de Groot has strived to follow God's calling. While she was initially nervous about moving from student ministry to young adult ministry, she knew she was meant to come to White's Chapel and grow alongside a community of believers in a similar stage of life.

"My prayer is that [WC Young Adults] is a safe place where young adults feel they belong—a place where they can connect with one another and feel that they are part of the bigger picture, part of the church and the Body of Christ as active members," she said. "... a place where they can push each other to grow in Christ while also sharing life with one another, because there's beauty in community—people who are in the same boat as you. I hope to foster a safe space where they can come, worship, ask questions, build relationships, and see God moving and working in their lives."

WC Young Adults kicked off the season with a bowling night on Tuesday, Aug. 29. They will continue getting together

on Tuesday evenings throughout the fall to study the Word, worship, connect with other members, and—of course—enjoy a bit of food. De Groot is also looking forward to offering various volunteer opportunities, prayer/share nights, and group outings. The first group service opportunity will be offered during the 1,000th Home Build with Trinity Habitat for Humanity, sponsored by the church.

In addition to planning events and service opportunities, de Groot has been able to have quite a few one-on-one meetings with members during the past few weeks. She expressed that they have been both fun and informative.

"I am encouraged by the fact that they really want to get to know me," she said. "They're asking me personal questions—and wanting to get to know me and my faith. They are also sharing about themselves. I have really seen that this is a group that is eager for connection and community, which is a beautiful place to start... and a lot of them want to do more and to be around each other more, so there is a desire for community, missions and service."

De Groot is encouraging those 18–30 years old to attend an upcoming event or contact her for more information about White's Chapel Young Adults.

"So, I would just encourage a young adult to embrace the awkward and take a chance; come meet people and know that I'm committed to them, too," she said thoughtfully. "I want them to know this is a place where they can feel loved, accepted, and they can grow. So, let's get connected! I'll take you on a 'coffee date.' Call the church, email me, or come find me after service!"

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Recurring WCYA Events:

- **Tuesday Nights with Young Adults 6:30 p.m. | Walton Chapel**
An evening of community, food, study, and worship.
- **Bible & Brew | Second Thursday of Each Month | 7 p.m. | Various Locations**
An evening of discussion on interesting theological topics at a local brewery.
- **Seasonal Mission Project | Various Dates Throughout the Year**
Spring, summer and fall will each offer one group volunteer opportunity.

Register for these and other events at wckids.org.

ARTS ACADEMY music

A NEW CLASS THAT INCLUDES PLAYING INSTRUMENTS, LEARNING ABOUT MUSIC AND MORE!

FOR GRADES 1-6

TUESDAYS | 4:30 - 6 P.M. BEGINS SEPT. 5

REGISTER ONLINE AT WHITESCHAPEL.ORG

WCKIDS WEDNESDAY PROGRAMMING
Children of all ages are welcome!
WEDNESDAYS | 6-7 P.M.

Gone Fishing
Sept. 6
(Fishers of Men)

Mission Night with LeRoy!
Sept. 13
Benefiting Maui Fires

Mr. Potato Head
Sept. 20
(Body of Christ)

Crazy Sock Night
Sept. 27
(Coat of Many Colors)

Fun Facts About Logan de Groot

- Her last name is Dutch and is pronounced [də 'yrot]. Translated, it means "the great/big/large/tall."
- Her father immigrated to America from the Netherlands and became a dairy farmer.
- She lives in Arlington.
- She has a cat named Ron, after Ron Wesley from "Harry Potter."
- Her favorite movie is "About Time" with Rachel McAdams.
- Her favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
- She loves antiquing, going to coffee shops, and singing.
- She is a member of the Arlington Master Chorale.

WHITE'S CHAPEL IS SPONSORING THE 1,000TH HOUSE

Habitat for Humanity

BUILD A HOME PROJECT

12 Build Dates | Oct. 13 - Nov. 11 | 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Register online at whiteschapel.org. Must be at least 16 years old to volunteer.

THINKING ABOUT **leadership?**

JOIN THE **WC LEADERSHIP ORIENTATION**
LED BY DR. JUDY HUNT AND LARRY SEEDIG

Tuesday, Sept. 12 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Rawlins Lecture Hall Room 3103

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Taizé Worship Begins Wednesday, Aug. 30 | 6 p.m. Walton Chapel

Taizé is a restful form of sung meditative prayer. The service includes times of silence and a celebration of the Lord's Supper. Contact Clint Blalock at cblalock@whiteschapel.org.

If You Want to Grow in Wisdom: Male Spirituality Tuesdays, Starting Sept. 12 4:30 to 6 p.m. | Center for Spiritual Care

This four-week series is based on Proverbs 13:20 that says "if you want to grow in wisdom, spend time with the wise." The group will explore Scripture and spiritual practices like centering prayer, lectio Divina (reading with scripture) and examen of the journey (writing our reflections/journaling). Members will also learn from teachers of contemplative spirituality (Henri Nouwen, Thomas Merton, Fr. Greg Boyle, and Fr.

Thomas Keating). All men are welcome to join Rev. Victor Resendiz for this class. Registration is required online.

Joyful Noise Mondays at 10 a.m. | Sept. 11–Dec. 11 "The Annex"

Joyful Noise is a "mommy-and-me" music class designed for toddlers, and it is led by Sarah Bryson. It will occur every Monday at 10 a.m. from Sept. 11 to Dec. 11. The class will be in the space between Circuit Writers and the Sanctuary.

WC Quilters Quilt Together Second Thursday of the Month Noon to 4 p.m. | Room 3204 Next one: Thursday, Sept. 14

Interested in learning how to quilt or quilting alongside other passionate church members? Join WC Quilters for the upcoming Quilt Together. Call Catherine at (972) 355-1031 for more information.



LAHAINA UMC

The beautiful sanctuary of Lahaina United Methodist Church on the Hawaiian island of Maui is believed destroyed by a wildfire that swept through the town Aug. 9 and 10.

(Courtesy Photo/Lahaina UMC Facebook Page)

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care for each other as we grieve and go through this together."

The massive losses from the Lahaina wildfires include the beloved and historic Lahaina United Methodist Church sanctuary, as well as the homes of some congregation members.

Lahaina UMC Pastor John Crewe said he has been able to determine that no members were killed or injured, but many are displaced, as are he and his family.

Everyone, he said, is still coming to terms with the loss of life and property in Lahaina, a town of 13,000 on Maui's west coast.

"As the shock of witnessing the damage from the Lahaina fire begins to wear off, we will now endure waves of grief," Crewe wrote in a message posted to the church website. "I detect a lifeline of hope. I know that my church has never been just the building; the building was cared for lovingly by you, my beloved church ohana. You are the church, and I am honored to be your pastor. My focus now is ministering to you, wherever you have been scattered, holding on to Jesus's words in John 16:33 'In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.'"

The White's Chapel communion offering will be designated to various areas of need, one of which will include Lahaina UMC. These victims will receive 100 percent of these donations.



CAMP THURMAN DAD & KIDS RETREAT

Saturday, Sept. 16 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

REGISTER ONLINE AT whiteschapel.org
\$50 per adult / \$20 per child

WC MEN



Wednesday Night
FELLOWSHIP DINNER

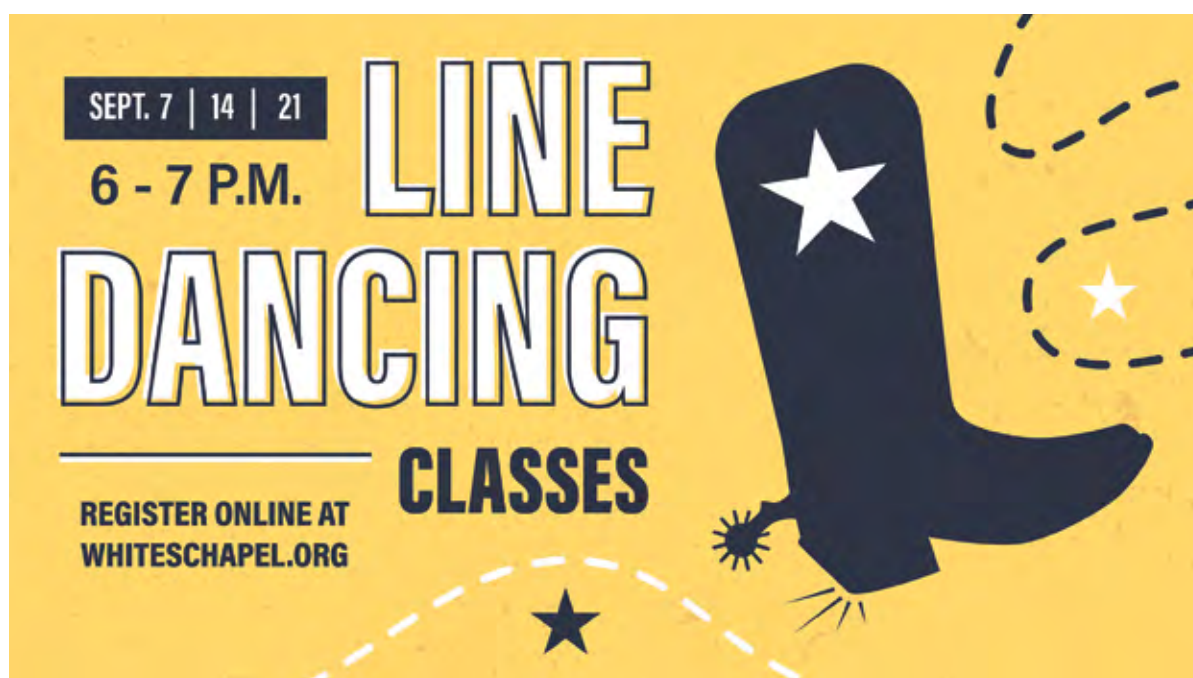
Sept. 6 | 5-6 p.m.

Entrée
Meatloaf

Soup
NE Clam Chowder

Dessert
Apple Pie

Sides
Field Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Cornbread



SEPT. 7 | 14 | 21
6 - 7 P.M.

LINE DANCING CLASSES

REGISTER ONLINE AT WHITESCHAPEL.ORG



WC MEN'S MISSION TRIP

San Antonio 2023

OCT. 18-22
THREE-WORKDAY OPTION

OCT. 19-22
TWO-WORKDAY OPTION

register at mensmissiontrip.com

Prayer List

Malta Akins, Debra Albertini, Megan and Alex Alspaw, Carol Barret, Walt Barret, Jerry Barron, Jerry and Diane Bates, Mike Biels, Bethia Blomquist, Guy Bocell, Cara Bradshaw, Marlin Brandt, Cheryl and Ernie Brashear, Ron and Carol Bryant, Ruby Buffalo, Stephanie Call, Bobbie Cameron, Gary Carter, Connie Center, Chip Chambers, Ralph Choppy, Catherine Colvin, Jared Cooper, Paul Cooper, Luisa Costa, Sandra Courson, Cliff Courtney, Jim Cox, Norm Cox, Barbara Cross, Joe Cupit, Agnes Davidson, Bonna Downum, Debbie and Richard Dreyfus and Family, Tommy Duer, Bobbi Dunbar, Nick Durbin, Wilma Dykman, Dennis Eaton, Brian Ehringer, Susan Elms, Ralph Evans, Mark Fidler, Pat Fox, David Franklin, Diane Franks, Sam Fryer, Billie Jean Garner, Patti Kelly, Jane Grazer, Kim Green, Tim Green, Judith Hallam, Ellen Hartenbower, Deb Hausman, Maxie Hays, Jarrett Hodnett, Carlyn Hooten, Kenneth and Eloise Horne, Dennis Howry, Mary Howry, Kitty Huber, Helen Kimble Kutch, Cooper Kohan, Alexandra Marie Kubiak, Linda Kurtz, Marge Kyle, Sam Lapp, Gayle Lee, Michael Lee, Robin Long, Julie Lyle, Ann Malsbury, Rebecca Martinez, Doris Maxwell, Jennifer and Amanda Mays, Joey McCardel, Cathie McConnell, Samantha McKone, Bobbie Miller, Buddy Mincey, Curtis Moratz, Bob Morgan, Nelda Morrow-Winblood, Beckley Newby, Kristin, Jamison, and Aravelle Newby, Michelle Nichols, Merrill and Grace Ottwein, Harvey Ozmer, Oleta Paige, Burton Patterson, Lamar Paul, Barbara Pico, Kathy Pierce, Everett Plummer, Linda Ratliff, John Reddin, Jim and Mary Renner, Missy Reukema, Johnnie Ruth Rogillio, Dan Russell, David Russell, Jeri Russell, Juan Sanmiguel, Judy Sargent, Gail Schmitz, Mary Beth Scott, Bill Sellmeyer, Billie Sledge, Bruce Slocum, Kerry Smith, Steve Smith, Avery Snell, Christie Soileau, Sid Soileau, The Jeff Stewart Family, Sherrie Stoecker, Tammy Studdard, Stephanie Sufka, Bobby Tant, Shane Thompson, Jenny Thornell, Bill Thornton, Buster Thrasher, Charlene Wahrmond, Gracie Wallis, Pat Warner, Meegie L. Wheat, Barbara Whorton-Farley, Macie Williams, Helen Wilson, Leigh Winzeler, Melinda Witt, Annie Wright, Brenda Wyatt, Johnnie O. Yellock II, Ava, Ron.

Recent deaths: The Family of Edna Bentz, The Family of Jim Bergstrom, The Family of Doug Fox, Sandra Garza and Family, The Family of Liam Haynes, The Family of John Hitchcock, The Family of Joe Fred (Ted) Leonard, The Family of Bill Little, The Family of Bonnie Mart, The Family of Linda McBride, The Family of David Mechler, The Family of Matthew Moody, The Family of Pattie Murray, The Family of Julio Oliverio-Filho, The Family of Brent Patton, The Family of David Redman, The Family of Jacob "Tripp" Rivers, The Family of Gayle Sorenson, The Family of Jarry Tiffany, The Family of Willie Walker.

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