# WHITESBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

# DECEMBER 29, 2022

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE: JANUARY 1-7

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday Life Groups: Life Groups will not meet but will resume January 8. Worship Celebration: 10 am One service Livestream: 10 am Facebook and YouTube Kids' and Student Choirs: Will resume January 8, 2023

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday Equip Groups: Will resume January 11, 2023. Choir & Orchestra: 6:15 pm Adult Choir (Choir Room) and Orchestra (Room 158)

> THURSDAY SCHEDULE College Worship: Will resume January 12, 2023.

# **NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

#### New Year's Day

#### Sunday, January 1 | 10 am

Life Groups will not meet. We will gather for one worship service. Childcare will be offered for children 3 and under.

#### **Church Office Schedule**

The office will be closed through January 2. (See giving exception below.) During this time, you can reach our Pastor on Call.

#### End-of-Year Giving Schedule

The Financial and Administrative Office will open tomorrow, December 30 from 10 am-1 pm for end-of-year contributions.

#### **ROC Holiday Schedule**

The ROC will be closed through January 2 and will reopen on January 3 at 6 am.

#### **Clothes Closet Schedule**

The Clothes Closet will be closed through January 2. They will not be accepting clothing donations at either location during this time. They will reopen on January 3.

# **CONNECT & GROW**

#### **Bible Reading Plan 2023**

As a disciple, it's critical for us to consistently stay in God's word. He is the vine and we are the branches. For 2023, we've given you two ways to do that. The first is through our Church Bible Reading plan. (CBR) This year we've custom-designed a plan to help you walk with God through Scripture each day. The plan covers the entirety of the Bible and each day gives you readings from the Old and New Testaments. We've also built in a day each week to reflect on what God is doing in your life or catch up on missed reading. This plan is available in the Whitesburg App beginning January 1. Paper copies will also be available outside the Worship Center.

Secondly, we are offering a digital New Testament Plan. (NTP) This plan allows the beginner to plug into God's word at a less intensive pace while still remaining connected in the Bible. This plan can be found <u>here</u> or on the Youversion Bible app. Happy Reading!

#### **RECHARGE: Young Adult Retreat 2023**

#### Friday-Sunday, January 6-8, 2023

#### Camp ToKnowHim, Pisgah, AL

Young adults are invited to study Scripture and dive into topics such as resting in the Lord, sharing the Gospel, and understanding their relationship with the Holy Spirit. The weekend will also include workshops, hiking, outdoor and indoor games, a bonfire, and more. Cost is \$120, and the registration deadline is December 31. Register online here. Contact Bailey Long with questions: (256) 881-0952, ext. 201 or Bailey.Long@WhitesburgBaptist.org

#### New Year, New Class

#### Begins Sunday, January 8, 2023 | 11 am Main Campus

Imagine a community of younger and older people who can share expertise and care for each other no matter the age? This concept has led us to plant a new Sunday morning Intergenerational Life Group at 11 am. The group will be led by Adam Creel. Learn more by contacting our Discipleship Office: (256) 881-0952, ext. 222 or Debbie.Davis@WhitesburgBaptist.org.

#### Marriage for a Lifetime Class

#### Begins Sunday, January 8, 2023 | 9:30 am Main Campus Room 208

Engaged and newly-married couples are invited to a six-month marriage class led by Suk and Molli Fields and Ron and Alison Huskey. Explore how to address challenges new couples face from a Biblical perspective. The class will meet weekly on Sundays at 9:30 am, January 8 through June 25. To sign up or for more information, contact Debbie Davis: 256-881-0952, ext. 222 or Debbie.Davis@WhitesburgBaptist.org

#### Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday Equip Groups will resume January 11, 2023.

#### **Strategic Vision**

### Sunday, January 22 | 10 am

### Main Campus Worship Center

For several months, church leadership and members have been prayerfully seeking the Lord's guidance and wisdom regarding next steps for our church. Pastor Darryl will share the strategic vision for igniting a movement of authentic followers of Jesus Christ who impact our community and the world with the Gospel!

### Together in Prayer and Deacon Ordination

#### Sunday, January 22 | 5:30 pm Main Campus Worship Center

Following our Strategic Vision Morning Service, we will gather that evening for our monthly Together in Prayer. This is a meaningful, Bible-driven, Spirit-led, focused time of corporate prayer every fourth Sunday of the month. We will use this service to continue praying for God to ignite our church with passion and burden for the Gospel. This special evening service will also include ordination for three new deacons serving our church.

#### Women's Mentoring Spring 2023

#### Begins January 2023

#### Whitesburg Baptist Church and Various Homes

Have you ever wanted insight or wisdom from an older Christian woman? Or to talk with someone who's experienced the upsand-downs of life to gain perspective or direction? The Women's Mentoring Program follows a small-group format, following the Titus 2 model, where older women teach and encourage younger women. Groups of 6-8 women will meet for eight weeks on either Tuesday mornings or Thursday evenings, or for 12 weeks on Wednesday evenings. To learn more or sign up as a participant, please click here.

To volunteer to serve as a mentor, teacher, hostess, co-hostess, or prayer warrior, please contact Deree Tarwater: 256-704-5678, ext. 209 or deree.tarwater@whitesburgbaptist.org. Leader training will be held Sunday, January 8.

#### **DNOW 2023**

#### Friday, January 27-Sunday, January 29 Whitesburg Baptist Church

DNOW is a worship and discipleship experience for 6th-12th grade students. There will be three worship sessions led by Moose & His Band; Bible study led by Forge Ministries speaker, Dwight Robertson; and small groups led by college and young adult leaders. The teaching is focused on loving Jesus with all our lives and being disciples who replicate. Students will not stay in host homes this year. For more details and to register by Monday, January 23, click here.

**Cost:** Early Bird: \$95 per student through Dec. 31 Regular: \$110 per student starting Jan. 1

#### **Journeys of Paul Tour**

#### September 13-26, 2023

Journey with Darryl and Vicki Craft on a 14-day tour revisiting the sites of the journeys of the Apostle Paul, which includes visits to Rome, Ephesus, Corinth, Athens, and more! If interested, please contact Templeton Tours at 1-800-334-2630 or visit <u>Templeton Tours online</u>.

#### Save the Date

#### Life Action Conference February 12-15, 2023

#### Whitesburg Baptist Church

In February 2020, we hosted a 10-day Summit with the Life Action team. During that conference, God moved in the lives of our church members, changing hearts and healing relationships. In February 2023, Life Action is coming back for a 4-day ReFuel Conference for children through adults, with a focus on helping people stay in the battle during tough and difficult times. Mark your calendars!

# SERVE

#### Whitesburg Mission Offering: Share the Joy December 4, 2022 - January 1, 2023

The Whitesburg Mission Offering benefits the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (80%) and Whitesburg missions (20%). Our goal is to give \$425,000. Pray how God may lead you to worship through giving this Christmas.

#### **Camels, Crayons & Cookies**

#### Sunday, January 8 | 3 pm **Children's and Preschool Atrium**

Come send off one of our church family as an international worker! Drop by to encourage and eat a cookie, as we send off Amiee from 3-4:30 pm. This will be a great opportunity to write a note of encouragement, commit to pray, and let her know how much you care as she prepares to serve the Lord in the Middle East. For questions, please contact the Missions Office at 256-881-0952, ext. 279 or Chrissy.Curtis@WhitesburgBaptist.org.

#### **Go Team Missions Interest Meetings**

All are invited to learn more about our 2023 Go Team mission opportunities. More information is available here. For questions about these and other 2023 trips, please contact the Missions Office at 256-881-0952, ext. 279 or Chrissy.Curtis@WhitesburgBaptist.org.

#### Hungary Go Team Interest Meeting

Wednesday, January 11 | 5:15 pm Main Campus Room 114

#### **Rochester Go Team Interest Meeting**

Wednesday, January 11 | 5:15 pm Main Campus Room 107/Café 246

#### Togo Go Team Interest Meeting

Wednesday, January 18 | 5:15 pm Main Campus Room 107/Café 246

# PASTOR ON CALL

Each weekend and on holidays, one of our pastors serves as the Turley Family Pastor on Call. If you experience hospitalization, a death in the family, Eurasia or other emergencies, contact the Pastor on Call by calling

256-881-0952, ext. 811. Please leave a message and your call will be Prayer requests from the Turley Family: returned as soon as possible.

# **SYMPATHY & APPRECIATION**

### Sympathy

Due to the holidays, our sympathy announcements are unable to be updated this week. All announcements will be shared next week, January 5.

#### Appreciation

- Mary Moore and family are thankful for the beautiful flowers sent at the death of her sister, Norma Burns.
- Tom Fluker and family are thankful for the flowers sent and care shown at the death of his father, Thomas Fluker, Sr.

### Women on Mission (WoM)

#### Tuesday, January 10 | 11:30 am South Campus Hearthside Room

What a great way to start the new year by serving the community! Join WoM for their January meeting to learn more about the Salvation Army and how we can spread the gospel to those who might feel hopeless. The guest speaker will be Lt. Colonel Freda Slusher, (Ret), who will share about her and her husband's service in the Salvation Army. The meeting will conclude with a service project to assemble Project Share bags for the Salvation Army. Please bring cold weather items (gloves, socks, scarves, hats) and small sample size toiletries (shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, lotion, deodorant) to the meeting to put into the bags. Bring a lunch to fellowship with other ladies at 11:30. The meeting starts at 12:00.

For more information, contact WoM Coordinators Barbara Glenn (256-508-6190) or Karen Brown (256-651-0941).

#### **Food Drive** January 15-29, 2023 Main Campus & ROC

Add a few items to your grocery list, and help provide for those in need in our community! We'll hold a two-week food drive to replenish the Whitesburg Benevolence Center's Food Pantry. Drop-off barrels will be available beginning January 15 in the Main Campus lobbies and at the South Campus ROC. Please make sure all items are canned (exception: dried pasta). Needed items: meat, tuna, Vienna sausages, fruit, vegetables, beans, soup, ravioli, ramen noodles, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, and spaghetti sauce.

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## **INTERNATIONAL WORKERS OF THE WEEK**

- Pray for workers in exile who are having to find alternative countries of residence for safety purposes.
- Pray for workers in west Asia who are facing increasing difficulties in their countries of service with water shortages, internet outages and increased civil unrest.
- Pray for the security of colleagues who have returned to Afghanistan.

## WHITESBURG CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

#### Registration 2023-2024

WCA will open re-enrollment for current students and siblings on January 3, 2023. On January 27, they will start processing applications for new prospective students for any remaining open seats. Learn more about admission to The Academy here.