WHITESBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 7, 2023

Weekly Schedule: December 10-16

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Sunday Life Groups: 8, 9:30, and 11 am

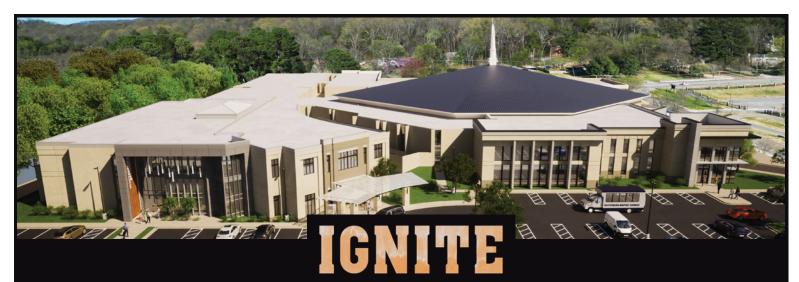
Worship Celebrations: 9:30 am Choir & Orchestra led Worship | 11 am Band led Worship Whitesburg Family Meetings: During 9:30 & 11 am Services Worship Center

Livestream: 9:30 and 11 am | YouTube

Winterlude: Worship Center | 5 pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

The Fall Semester has ended. Equip Groups will resume January 10, 2024.



Our vision is to Ignite a movement of authentic followers of Christ by reaching 1,000 people with the gospel and releasing 200 equipped leaders from the next generation for Church leadership by 2028.

Master Campus Plan Update

Our Master Campus Plan is our facility resource tool for reaching 1,000 and equipping and releasing 200 leaders. Here's our current progres:

Work on the MCP continues in earnest behind the scenes. Engineers took soil borings to support civil and structural engineering details of both Phase 1 site work and Phase 2 design. The general contractor is finalizing bids on Phase 1 work to begin in early January.

Our eletrical contractor has added temporary lighting to our west parking areas. The Building Committee is working closely with the design team as they work on detailed design of the Phase 2 Youth/ Senior/Multipurpose building, with bidding anticipated in February.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for our Ignite MCP!

Igniting Gospel Conversations

Are you seeking to reach 1,000 people by starting gospel conversations with the people in your circles? We want to hear how you are spreading the good news! Stop by the map outside the Worship Center and place a sticker where your conversation happened. You'll also find how to share your story with our staff.



To learn more about Ignite and our Master Campus Plan visit WhitesburgBaptist.org/Ignite

CHRISTMAS AT WHITESBURG

WINTERLUDE

Sunday, December 10 | 5 pm Main Campus Worship Center

Join the Whitesburg Baptist Church Music Ministry for the annual Winterlude Concert. This Whitesburg tradition includes four grand pianos; a fifteen-piece Big Band; and special guest, Larry Panella, on saxophone. Festive carols in a variety of styles will give you Christmas cheer as they point you to the deeper joy found in Christ Jesus. Tickets are not required, and we encourage you to invite people in your circles of influence. Doors will open at 4:30 pm. Livestream available on YouTube. Childcare will be available for birth-age 3.

MORNING WORSHIP

Sundays, December 24 & 31 | 10 am Worship Center

What better way to celebrate Christmas Eve morning and New Year's Eve than with your church family in worship? On Sundays, December 24 and 31, we'll have one combined Morning Worship Celebration at 10 am. Life Groups will not meet on these days, and childcare will be available for birth-age 3.

CHRISTMAS BAPTISM

Sunday, December 24 | 10 am Worship Center

Have you accepted Christ and need to follow through with Believer's baptism? What better time than Christmas Eve to celebrate?!? If you're interested in being baptized Sunday morning, December 24, please contact our Missions Office at 256-881-0952, ext. 279 or Ben.Jernigan@WhitesburgBaptist.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Sunday, December 24 | 5 pm Main Campus Worship Center

All are welcome to this intimate church family gathering, where we will sing Christmas carols and hear a devotional from our pastor. The service will last approximately 45 minutes. Childcare will not be available, but little ones of all ages are welcome to be part of this short service. Livestream available on YouTube.

WHITESBURG NEWS

Community Fundraiser

North Lobby and Church Office Show some love for your church and city with our new Whitesburg merch! The items feature Anna Creel's Huntsville Map design, seen on our Gospel Conversations Wall. All proceeds benefit the South Huntsville United Appeals Fund (SHUAF) Community Fundraiser. Merchandise can be purchased in the North Lobby this Sunday, December 10 . Magnets are \$5,



totes are \$15, and tumblers are \$20.

Whitesburg Church Family Meeting

This Sunday, December 10 | 9:30 and 11 am Services Main Campus Worship Center

The church family will vote on Whitesburg Deacons and Committee Nominations during both morning services this Sunday. Please pray for these candidates and for God to grant our church family wisdom. The lists of nominees will be available outside the Worship Center.

Church Bible Reading Plan (CBR)

One of the ways we follow Jesus as His disciple is by spending time in the Bible. As a disciple-making church, it's important to us to give you resources to do that. You can find paper copies of our CBR 2024 on tables outside the Worship Center on Sunday. You can also find it on our app and website beginning January 1, 2024. Our emphasis isn't to get you to use our plan, but to help you connect with a systematic plan to be serious about digging into God's Word in 2024.

New Life Groups

Coming January 2024

Life Groups meet weekly on Sunday morning and are available for every age and life phase. We're launching four new Life Groups at the start of the new year:

- **Nearlywed/Newlywed:** 9:30 am (Taught by Suk and Molli Fields and Ron and Alison Huskey)
- Foundations: Biblical Truths for Believers: 9:30 am (Taught by Dara Wakefield)
- Median Adults: 9:30 am (Taught by Discipleship Pastor David Loyed)
- Foundations: Biblical Truths for Believers: 11 am (Taught by Senior Associate Pastor Philip Slusher)

Learn more <u>here</u> or get your personlized Life Group recommendation by texting GROUP to 256-344-0023.

DNOW Weekend

January 26-28, 2024

DNOW '24 will be an awesome worship and discipleship experience for all 6th-12th grade students. The weekend will include worship sessions, small groups led by incredible college and young adult leaders, and a local mission opportunity. Students will not be staying in host homes. Register here by December 31 to receive the early bird discount.

College students and young adults are also needed to serve as small group leaders. Applications can be submitted here. Leaders will receive a \$90 thank you gift.

RECREATION OUTREACH CENTER (ROC)

The ROC is located at our South Campus, 7300 Whitesburg Drive. They offer a gym and a variety of fitness classes, ballet classes, workshops, senior days, and more. Learn more here.

ROC Childcare

Childcare is offered at the ROC on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8-10 am. Reservation is required. Contact Jane Baker at 256-704-5678, ext. 715 or Jane.Baker@WhitesburgBaptist.org.

Travel with Senior Day at the ROC

April 8-12, 2024

Adults are invited to travel with Senior Day at the ROC for a trip to Historic Savannah, GA; Beaufort, SC; and Jekyll Island. Cost of \$736 includes double-occupancy lodging, transportation, tours, breakfasts, dinners, and entertainment. Learn more **here**. For questions or to sign up, please contact Mary McMahan-McWhorter, host on behalf of Diamond Tours: 256-603-2351 or mrymcm95@gmail.com.

UPCOMING CLOSING

South Campus Closed

Monday, December 18

The water will be shut off at the South Campus on December 18 due to construction on the Academy Gym. The ROC and Martha Fleming Center will be closed. The Main Campus will remain open that day.

WHITESBURG JOB OPENINGS

Childcare Workers

The Preschool Ministry has an opening for a paid childcare worker for special events. Please call (256) 881-0952, ext. 245 for more information.

Custodial Position

Job duties would include cleaning of facilities, vacuuming, mopping, stocking paper goods, emptying trash, and cleaning bathrooms. Contact Facilities Manager James Winn at James. Winn@WhitesburgBaptist. org.

Set Up Position

Duties would include setting up/breaking down tables and chairs for events, vacuuming and mopping floors, and some general cleaning of facilities. Contact Facilities Manager James Winn at James.Winn@WhitesburgBaptist.org.



Week of Prayer for International Missions

Happening Now

We are joining with other churches this week to lift up international missions. The Prayer Guide is available online here.



December 1-31

The Whitesburg Mission Offering benefits the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (80%) and Whitesburg missions (20%). Our goal is to give \$450,000. Pray how God may lead you to worship through giving this Christmas.

Coffee Ministry Volunteers

Help provide some warm coffee to our church family on Sunday mornings! Volunteers arrive at 7 am to brew coffee and set up four stations. Clean up usually wraps up by 11:45 am. Volunteers are needed on the first Sunday of the month and every other third Sunday, as well as substitutes. A couple or team usually works best for this position. Contact Kim.Daniel@WhitesburgBaptist.org.



G.L. | Central Asia

Please lift up these prayer requests:

- Thank the Lord for faithful supporters back in the US holding the ropes financially and through prayer and encouragement!
- Please ask for boldness and faithfulness in the holiday season to share about the Light of the World.
- Please ask for "Hope Church" to be unified in love and humility towards one another.
- Please ask for continual abiding in Christ and sensitivity to His Spirit.

SYMPATHY & APPRECIATION

Sympathy

Whitesburg Baptist Church expresses sympathy to the following:

- Eric and Nicole Koenig in the death of Eric's sister, Diane Koenig.
- Debbie Cornelius in the death of her husband, Roger Cornelius.
- Ryan and Georgeanne Fayrweather in the death of Ryan's father.
- Sabrina Hilley in the death of her sister, Courtney Barnes.
- Susan Winn and her children and grandchildren in the death of her husband, Gary Winn.

PASTOR ON CALL

Each weekend and holiday, one of our pastors serves as the Pastor on Call. If you experience hospitalization, a death in the family, or other emergencies, contact the Pastor on Call by calling 256-881-0952, ext. 811. Please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Pastor on call this weekend, December 8-10: David Dye.

WHITESBURG CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Warrior Window

Stay up-to-date on Academy happenings in their weekly newsletter.

Admissions Tours

Are you interested in your child/children attending The Academy in 2024-2025? Now is the time to start preparing! The Academy offers admissions tours through December. Register for a tour here.

The Academy will begin accepting online applications for the 2024-2025 school year in January 2024. For consideration, please apply in January. Learn more about WCA Admissions here.

Bus Driver Positions

The Academy is in need of bus drivers to drive for athletic events and field trips. Applicants must hold CDL.

To apply or for questions, please contact AD Assistant Becky Keller: Becky.Keller@WhitesburgChristianAcademy.org or Stephanie.McGlathery@WhitesburgChristianAcademy.org.

Tennis Coaches

Whitesburg Christian Academy needs JV Tennis Coaches. For more information, please contact Michelle Tate:
Michelle.Tate@WhitesburgChristianAcademy.org