

# WHITESBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

## DECEMBER 14, 2023

### Weekly Schedule: December 17-23

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

**Worship Celebrations: 9:30 am** Choir & Orchestra led Worship | **11 am** Band led Worship

**Livestream: 9:30 and 11 am** | [YouTube](#)

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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



#### 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 progress:

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 electrical 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. The above image is a rendering of the future Commons Area.

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

## IGNITE

*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.*



#### 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 submit your gospel conversation story.

**Whitesburg values loving and serving others.**

All eight of our Core Values can be found at the link below.

**To learn more about Ignite and our Master Campus Plan visit [WhitesburgBaptist.org/Ignite](https://WhitesburgBaptist.org/Ignite)**

# CHRISTMAS AT WHITESBURG

## 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](mailto: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

### **SHUAF Fundraiser**

**Sunday, December 17**

#### **North Lobby & Church Office**

South Huntsville United Appeals Fund (SHUAF) was an agreement made years ago between Whitesburg Baptist and Willowbrook Baptist to satisfy the tax-exempt status provided by the state of Alabama. Each church must perform an annual fundraiser to comply with the state requirements and demonstrate all proceeds went into the community of Huntsville and North Alabama.



This year we wanted to keep the Gospel Conversations Huntsville Map in front of people to help spark conversations in our community. We are selling a 15-ounce tumbler (\$20), a tote-bag (\$15), and a magnet (\$5), each with the map prominently displayed. We've extended the fundraiser, so come by the North Lobby on Sunday or the Church Office during the week.

### **Church Bible Reading Plan (CBR)**

One of the ways we follow Jesus 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 a PDF [on our website](#), and an app version will be available 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 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 [here](#) or get your personalized Life Group recommendation by texting GROUP to 256-344-0023.



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 with a heart to disciple teens are also needed to serve as small group leaders. Applications can be submitted [here](#).

## 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](mailto:Jane.Baker@WhitesburgBaptist.org).

### Travel with Senior Day at the ROC

**April 8-12, 2024**

**Registration deadline is tomorrow: Friday, December 15!**

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 [mymcm95@gmail.com](mailto:mymcm95@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING CLOSING

### Upcoming South Campus Construction

**Closed on 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](mailto: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](mailto:James.Winn@WhitesburgBaptist.org).

## SERVE



### 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](mailto:Kim.Daniel@WhitesburgBaptist.org).

## INTERNATIONAL WORKER PRAYER REQUESTS



### Jeremy & Magda Woods and Family | Romania

Please lift up these prayer requests:

- Please pray for the Woods Family to heal fully after battling COVID, especially Jeremy who had a lengthier recovery.
- Please lift up their financial needs as they prepare to launch an afterschool program. Pray they receive the necessary funds in the coming month to support lunches for the children they plan to serve.



## SYMPATHY & APPRECIATION

### Sympathy

**Whitesburg Baptist Church expresses sympathy to the following:**

- Marcia Edwards in the death of her uncle, James Gilbert Dupree.
- Willard Lambert and Gary Lambert in the death of their wife and mother, Mary Lambert.

### Appreciation

**The following express appreciation to Whitesburg Baptist Church:**

- Elaine Plank is grateful for the blessings of each who have been supportive of her in the passing of her brother, Jack Stewart.

## 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 15-17: Tim Bandy.**

## WHITESBURG CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

### Warrior Window

Stay up-to-date on Academy happenings in their [weekly newsletter](#).

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### 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](#).

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### 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](mailto:Becky.Keller@WhitesburgChristianAcademy.org) or [Stephanie.McGlathery@WhitesburgChristianAcademy.org](mailto:Stephanie.McGlathery@WhitesburgChristianAcademy.org).

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### Tennis Coaches

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