

WHITESBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

AUGUST 3, 2023

Weekly Schedule: August 6-12

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6: PROMOTION SUNDAY

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](#)

Ignite the Fall Celebration: 4-7 pm | South Campus

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9: EQUIP GROUPS BEGIN

Pastor's Daytime Bible Study | South Campus Chapel | **10:30 am**

Wednesday Night Meal | Main Campus (Rooms 102-106) | **4:45-6 pm**

Menu for August 9: Mad Rocket BBQ: BBQ sandwich, beans, & slaw

Student Missions Discipleship: 5:15 pm Acteens Room 206 (Girls grades 6-12) | Challengers Room 156 (Boys grades 6-12)

KidCare, Wiggle Worship, & E-Kids | Main Campus Children's Atrium | **6:15 pm**

Student Ministry | South Campus | **6:15 pm**

Adult Equip Groups | Main Campus | **6:15 pm**

Choir & Orchestra: 6:15 pm Adult Choir (Choir Room) and Orchestra (Room 158)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

See you this
weekend for
**Promotion
Sunday**

Promotion Sunday

August 6 | 9:30 and 11 am

Main Campus

Preschool, children, and students will promote to the next grade as we kick off a new Life Group year. Adults, this can be a great time for you to plug in, too! Find your Life Group community by viewing a list [here](#) or by texting "Group" to 256-344-0023 for a personalized recommendation.

EQUIP GROUPS

Wednesdays and Weekdays

Begin August 9

Equip Groups are offered Wednesday evenings at 6:15 for adults and cover topics such as anxiety, parenting, apologetics, marriage, grief support, sexual addiction, verse-by-verse Bible studies, and more.

Wednesday evening activities are also offered for preschool, children, and students. Please see schedule above.

We also offer a Pastor's Daytime Bible Study on Wednesday morning, as well as morning weekday Equip Groups for men and women.

To register and view the full Wednesday and Weekday Equip Group schedule, click [here](#).

Wednesday Night Meal

4:45-6 pm

Main Campus (Rooms 102-106)

Menu for August 9: Mad Rocket BBQ sandwich, beans, and slaw

Join us for food and fellowship each week before Equip Groups with catered dinners from local vendors! Our Wednesday night meals are provided as a way for our church family to eat together and attend Wednesday night activities in person. No reservations required. Cost is \$7/person (\$25 family maximum).

**IGNITE the Fall
CELEBRATION**

AUGUST 6

4-7 | South Campus

Free Supper • Rock House Alpacas

Dessert Food Trucks • Mechanical Bull

Moon Bounces • Face Painting • Balloon Animals

CONNECT & GROW

Connect Lunch

**Sunday, August 13 | Following 11 am Worship & Life Groups
South Campus**

If you're interested in joining the Whitesburg family, this is a chance to learn about our ministries and what it means to be a member. Kids are welcome. The time together will be less than an hour. Please let us know if you can attend by Tuesday, August 8. Register: Chrissy.Curtis@WhitesburgBaptist.org or 256-881-0952, ext. 279.

Kids' Choirs Kickoff

**Sunday, August 13 | 5:30 pm
Children's Auditorium and Preschool Wing**

Kids' Choirs typically meet weekly during the school year and are open to Pre-K (turning 4 by September 1, 2023) through fifth grade. Learn more [here](#) or contact Julie.Cook@WhitesburgBaptist.org.

Student Choir Kickoff

**Sunday, August 13 | 5 pm
Choir Room**

Students in Grades 6-12 are invited to join a 150-voice choir. No audition required. Choir typically meets weekly at 5:15 pm. Learn more [here](#) or contact Matthew.Sloma@WhitesburgBaptist.org.

College Worship Kickoff

**Thursday, August 17 | 7 pm
Worship Center**

This gathering is made up of college-aged students from all over Huntsville who come together for the purposes of meeting & making friends, engaging in worship, and equipping with biblical truth! Regardless of where you come from or where you have been, the College Ministry invites you to come make yourself at home! Food trucks and desserts will be available on site.

First Grade Bible Presentation

**Sunday, August 20 | 9:30 and 11 am
Worship Center**

Each year, we set aside time to present first graders with a Bible. This is a meaningful time for the child and parents. There is no cost, but please register [here](#).

Fall Women's Mentoring Registration

Registration deadline for mentees is Sunday, August 20.

Older women will model to younger women what it looks like to authentically follow Jesus in their daily lives. Small groups will meet on Tuesday mornings, Tuesday evenings, or Wednesday evenings in homes or at WBC. Childcare is available during Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening options. Sign up and learn more [here](#).

Mentors, hostesses, and other leaders are needed. Leadership training is August 19. If interested in serving, contact Women's Ministry Director Deree Tarwater: Deree.Tarwater@WhitesburgBaptist.org.

Serve Huntsville

Saturday, August 26

Join us for this churchwide effort, and be sent out to pray, help, feed, clean, encourage, sing, share Jesus, and serve our city! Serve teams will be formed in Life Groups. Check with your LG Leader for questions. The ROC will be closed on this day to allow all church members to participate.

The Leap and Vision Casting Meeting

**Sunday, August 27 | 12:30 pm
South Campus Fellowship Dining Room**

All parents of upcoming 6th graders are invited for lunch as a welcome to you and your student to the Student Ministry! In addition, **all Student Ministry parents are invited** as the student pastors discuss the direction God is leading over the course of the next year. They will talk about the what, why, when, where, and how of 6th-12th grades. After lunch, the upcoming 6th graders will go to a trampoline park. More details and registration [here](#).

Together in Prayer: Night of Worship

**Sunday, August 27 | 5:30 pm
Worship Center**

We meet together on the fourth Sunday of each month for a focused, Spirit-led time of prayer. This will be a special worship-focused prayer service led by our combined Adult and Student Choirs.

Building a Successful Stepfamily Conference

September 15-16

Ron Deal, director of Family Life Blended, will lead this event for blended families, extended family members, family educators, and pastors. A special bonus session will be offered for military stepfamilies. Register [here](#) and spread the word!

WHITESBURG CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

The Academy Holds Groundbreaking for Gymnasium

This week, The Academy hosted a Back-to-School Street Party with a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new gymnasium, Home of the Warriors. Senior Associate Pastor Philip Slusher attended the time of celebration and prayer, along with WCA Headmaster Jerry Reeder; the WCA Committee: Deree Tarwater, Ron Huskey (Chair), Molli Fields, Jennifer Ezell, and Brannyn Burkhart; Chapman Sisson Architects; JOHNSONKREIS Construction; and news media. We're excited for how God has provided and will continue to provide for The Academy.



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.



IGNITE

What is 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.

Ignite Master Campus Plan is our ministry resource center for reaching 1,000 with the gospel and equipping and releasing 200 for ministry. We are praying for God to meet some huge needs:

- This summer we saw a 10% year-on-year increase in Worship attendance from last year.
- This year we've also seen 10% growth in our preschool and children's Life Groups (with more babies on the way)!
- Can you imagine how much more growth we will see as new children are born into our church AND we seek to reach 1,000 lost people with the gospel!?

Please prayerfully consider what God would have you give to support the Ignite MCP on September 10. Visit our MCP homepage [here](#).

Stories that Ignite Hear how God has placed a passion and burden on our church family to Ignite a movement.

- Tom and Jan Massey Video: [click here](#)
- James and Laurie Winn Video: [click here](#)

Core Value Highlight for August: Whitesburg values biblical community.

Week of Prayer and Fasting | August 20-27

Do you desire a closer walk with God? Scripture clearly teaches the importance of the discipline of fasting, and it often proceeds significant revival movements. For example, Jonathan Edwards fasted for 22 hours before preaching his famous sermon "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," igniting the Great Awakening. Here at Whitesburg, we want to Ignite a movement of authentic followers of Christ, but we can't do it alone. We as a church family must humbly and intentionally seek the face of God. That's why our pastor is calling on our church to pray and fast during the week of August 20-27. Devotional prayer guides for that week will be available. Will you commit to join us?

SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

Student Ministry

The Student Ministry is in need of Sunday morning Life Group leaders for both 9:30 and 11 am Life Group hours. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Student Ministry office at 256-704-5678, ext. 201 or email Student@WhitesburgBaptist.org.

Preschool Ministry

Did you know we have twelve families expecting new babies by this November? This doesn't even count our new guests! As our Preschool Ministry rapidly grows and we prepare to add two new classes in the fall, we are in need of volunteers who feel called to serve the youngest in our church family. Volunteer schedules vary. To learn more, contact Tiffany Johnson, Interim Preschool Director: (256) 881-0952, ext. 245 or Tiffany.Johnson@WhitesburgBaptist.org.

Coffee Ministry Volunteers Needed

Are you looking for a place to serve on Sundays? We need volunteers every other 3rd Sunday and 5th Sundays from 7:15-11:30 am. A couple or friend team would work best for this position. For more details, please contact Kim Daniel at 256-704-5678, ext. 712 or Kim.Daniel@WhitesburgBaptist.org.

PARKING

Parking: We Need Your Help!

7300 Whitesburg Drive

As summer ends, we're expecting the blessing of attendance growth on Sundays during the fall semester. We ask those who are physically able to park at the South Campus on Sunday mornings to help open our parking lots for visitors and members needing accessibility. We offer shuttle service from the South Campus directly to Entrance 9 during the 8 am Life Group hour and the South Lobby during the 9:30 and 11 am hours. Park at the South Campus and look for the "Shuttle Pickup Here" sign near the front entrance. Shuttles run continually from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm each Sunday.

PASTOR ON CALL

Each weekend, 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, August 4-6: Timothy Statton.

SYMPATHY & APPRECIATION

Sympathy

Whitesburg Baptist Church expresses sympathy to the following:

- The family of Roy Wilson.

DEACON NOMINATIONS

WBC is again seeking faithful men to serve a three-year term as Deacons (January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2026). Nominations will be accepted through August 21. Names of prospective candidates may be submitted to the Office of the Pastor by emailing Melissa.Schuster@WhitesburgBaptist.org or to any active Deacon.

INTERNATIONAL WORKER PRAYER REQUESTS

Gil Turley | Serving Eurasia

Finance Coordinator for Wycliffe Bible Translators

- Praise for the completion of translation of the entire Bible for a particular language group in the Soviet area.
- Praise that New Testaments are at the printers for 5 different language groups in West Asia.
- Pray that these New Testaments will enrich the lives in the West Asian communities.

TRAVEL

Holy Land Tour

February 20-29, 2024

Journey with Darryl and Vicki Craft on a life-changing tour of Israel, which includes visits to Mount Carmel, Jericho, Nazareth, Jerusalem, the Mount of Olives, Calvary, and more!

View the brochure [here](#). For questions, contact Melissa Schuster at 256-704-5678, ext. 224 or Melissa.Schuster@WhitesburgBaptist.org. Register online [here](#).

COMMUNICATIONS

Website

As God grows our church family, our communication needs continue to increase, especially in the digital world. Are you gifted in designing or editing websites and interested in helping meet our church's website goals? Contact Andrea Williams at (256) 881-0952, ext. 285 or Andrea.Williams@WhitesburgBaptist.org.