

Best in the Heart of Texas: Waco's Highlights

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Meet the Editors



We're thrilled to bring you a glimpse into the gems that make our city shine. The theme of this month's magazine highlights five characteristics that make Waco, Texas unique - free spirit of the people, families, great food, great coffee, and strong faith. I hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as you enjoy the great city of Waco!

- *Charlie Sheridan*



Thank you so much for choosing the Best in the Heart of Texas to bring you the highlights from our sweet town, Waco. With family fun, faith-filled discoveries, and endless options for the foodies, you are bound to find something for everyone. From thrilling adventures for the little ones and serene moments of reflection, we've curated a collection of our favorite spots. Enjoy the journey!

- *Madi Jayne*



Thank you for taking a peek into the latest issue of our magazine! We're thrilled to showcase some of the best-kept secrets that make Waco truly special. I hope you enjoy diving into Waco's culinary scene, from our one-of-a-kind food trucks to our Wacoan representation at our outdoor markets. These local favorites give a glimpse into Waco's culture and its inspired citizens. Happy reading!

- *Francesca Garvin*

For the Free Spirits

By Abby Gan

Waco's outdoor markets provide a space for the community to gather and shop for products they might not find elsewhere.

Waco Downtown Farmers Market

The sun shines as customers stroll down the aisles, stopping to talk with vendors and browse a variety of items. The vendors vary from food trucks and fresh fruits and veggies to artistic accessories and decor. The environment is light and carefree as people eat, explore and strike up conversations. Welcome to the Waco Downtown Farmers Market.

According to the Waco Downtown Farmers Market's website, the market features local agricultural producers and artisan vendors in the Waco area. The market began in 2011 with 14 vendors and has continued to grow in merchants and customers into the market it is today.

Lance and Becky Bee are regular vendors at the Waco Downtown Farmers Market and own the business Bee's Greens. Lance said that the market provides an opportunity for exposure that would not be found elsewhere.

"The farmers market kind of gives you an opportunity to have what would be a storefront, only you don't have to pay the rent for a storefront.



Local growers showcase their plants at the Downtown Farmers Market, offering a colorful array of greenery to brighten any home garden.

So it gives you an opportunity to come out and be face-to-face with your customers," Lance said.

Paige Grace, a local and visitor of the farmers market, said she likes that the Waco Downtown Farmers Market is the only place where certain products can be obtained.

"I always get a breakfast taco over at Muchos Tacos and they don't have an actual restaurant to go to. So this is the one place that you can get to come and get all of that so I love it," Grace said.

Visitors of the Waco Downtown Farmers Market said that the variety of booths, people and cultures combined into one market creates an appealing community experience.

"I loved the sprinkle of culture with seeing the Mexican cuisines and then the Thai cuisines. And I liked seeing the little bits of the Texas country in different parts of the vendors," Zariel Rivas, Baylor University student from Corpus Christi, said.

Rivas said this had been

her first time at a farmers market and she had already noticed an environment that distinguished it from other types of stores and markets.

"I did notice, it has such a different atmosphere just because you can just walk up to anyone to start talking to anyone.

A lot of people had smiles on their faces and the fact that it's outside too, so you get a little bit of sun," Rivas said.

Grace said that the farmers market helped to make the community feel smaller than it actually is.

"I love that it's a little social community activity for Waco. I come from a very small community back home and so this just kind of makes me feel more at home," Grace said.

The customers are not the only ones who feel that the Waco Downtown Farmers Market is an outlet that draws the community together.

The Waco Downtown Farmers Market is "a great way to get embedded in this community. It's all the local farmers and the small business owners, and all of us here together kind of creates an environment where we can trade information, we you know, we help each other out," Lance Bee said. "So it just kind of becomes a big family which is really cool. You don't really get

that if you're on your own in your own little business somewhere."

While the Waco Downtown Farmers Market sticks out in the heart of Waco, it is not the only outdoor market in town. A little over two miles away from the Waco Downtown Farmers Market lies Da' Shack Farmers Market.

Da' Shack Farmers Market

Da' Shack Farmers Market provides an additional opportunity to shop locally in an outdoor setting. While the Waco Downtown Farmers Market is held in a central location that's easy to find and normally bustling with activity, Da' Shack Farmers Market is tucked away on a small East Waco street.

Upon arrival, a sign labeled "Da' Shack" stands outside a wooden structure that connects the street to the luscious green gardens of the local farmers market.

After entering Da' Shack Farmers Market, one will find a serene abundance of plants and multiple different planting areas, including a greenhouse.

Elizabeth Guttenberg, a customer at Da' Shack and first-year student at Baylor University, said she enjoyed the calm atmosphere of Da' Shack. Guttenberg said that as a nursing major often in a high-

stress environment, being at Da' Shack was a nice change for her.

"Literally just looking at plants and just getting to experience the fresh air and everything is such a relaxing experience that a lot of times we don't take time for ourselves to realize. And so just to sit and enjoy, and seeing God's beauty and plants and just beautiful things around you. It's just such a nice, relaxing and surreal experience," Guttenberg said.

Donna Nickerson, founder of Da' Shack Farmers Market, said that Da' Shack is different from the more stereotypical farmers market.

"We don't have tables, we actually go to the garden and cut it fresh and we educate. So anybody that's new to gardening, we like to teach people how to garden if they have questions. So when our customers come, we tell them, you know how to garden, how to do the soil, how to compost, flowers. So we're also a nursery," Nickerson said.

Guttenberg said that she was happy to see that Da' Shack was not trying to fit into the same stereotypical "aesthetic" or "vibe" that many farmers markets try to fit into.

"I think it was really cool to see that they had their own personality to the place which a lot of times it's something you don't necessarily see in businesses," Guttenberg said. "And so to see this individual business have its own cute personality, where it's very real and genuine and it was like this is us and we're not gonna hide it from you, just to see that and experience is so beautiful and just so nice."

Nickerson had a different goal than the Waco Downtown Farmers Market when she set out to start Da' Shack Farmers Market. She said that in 2017, she saw a need in the area of East Waco for more productive businesses that would cater to the community.

"I saw the need here, and wanted to provide organic fruits and herbs and vegetables to this community at an affordable rate," Nickerson said. Nickerson said that Da' Shack also applied and received access for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in 2017 to aid this goal of allowing everyone to be able to access their produce.

"Everybody can shop here, and we wanted to break down any kind of financial barriers for anyone, so anybody from any level of socio-economic status can come," Nickerson said.

Nickerson said the inclusivity of different peoples extends beyond socio-economic status. Nickerson said that Da' Shack sells plants that come from all over the U.S. and outside of the U.S.

"So different cultures, we try to have a little bit of something for every culture because we have a very diverse population that shops here," Nickerson said.

How to Visit

The Waco Downtown Farmers Market is located on 500 Washington Ave, Waco, Texas 76701, and open year-round on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Da' Shack Farmers Market is located on 925 Houston Street, Waco, Texas 76706, and open seasonally on Fridays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Photos by Francesca Garvin

For the Foodies

By Sydney Moore

Tourists parade to Waco every day looking to spend countless hours shopping at Magnolia and other local boutiques and shops. While some of these trips were planned months in advance, few of the tourists had thought about where they were going to eat. Thankfully, Waco is home to a plethora of food trucks focused on serving great food, making refreshing beverages and building a community.

Most of the food trucks in town are located at Magnolia Market at the Silos or in the Route 77 Food Park, but if you are willing to do a little bit of driving you are bound to come across a local favorite.

Several local food trucks have recently expanded and opened a storefront, and there is one commonality between each of them: they have been focused on growing the community around them alongside their business. Cha Community, Nightlight Donuts and Pop's are all well known in the Waco area and are worth a visit.

Cha Community is a premium boba tea company based in Waco that was started by Jaja and Devin Li in June 2018. According to their website, they began as a pop-up tent at the local farmers market, and one year later they were able to open a mobile tea truck. Flash forward to today, the duo has owned a storefront in Waco since spring 2020 and a second storefront is currently under construction in Temple, Texas.

"We did not expect to be this big. It was just really a little side hustle, side project, passion project, and that ended up becoming the greatest thing," Devin Li, co-owner of Cha Community, said. "It was just the two of us, my wife and I, and two friends that we had recruited and now it's a team of 25.

It's been an amazing ride and I feel like we achieved our goal."

The storefront located off Franklin Avenue downtown has become a popular study spot for college students, but it is also a nice environment to sit and catch up with friends or even dive into a good book, boba tea in hand.

"I would tell someone to go to Cha Community because it's unique. If they're looking for something different than just a regular tea or coffee shop, it's someplace they should visit. The ambience is very relaxed, the staff is great and I like the location as well," Olivia Cockrell, sophomore Baylor student, said.

While the company's focus is boba tea, they have added dumplings—both a pork and



Quench your thirst on-the-go at Pop's Lemonade, a refreshing staple among the food truck scene at Magnolia Market at the Silos, Waco. Photo by Francesca Garvin

vegetarian option—to their menu, hoping to further share bits of their culture with the Waco community.

"We wanted to find a place where there's more diversity, where all kinds of people can be a part of it. There was a struggle finding those things," Li said. "We were regular attendees of the Waco Farmers Market. We would go almost every weekend, and at that time there were not enough Asian food options. That was something we really wished we had, so we knew we wanted to create community and diversity, but through Boba tea."

Cha Community offers a variety of drinks, all of which are customizable based on diet preferences, sweetness levels, and with or without boba, but try the boba when you go.

According to the Wacoan, Nightlight Donuts was launched in the summer of 2018 at the local farmers market. Twin brothers, Eric and Jackson Wren were inspired by a croissant donut they had in New York City and brought the idea back to their hometown where they crafted their own recipe and opened Nightlight.

The brothers first opened a food truck and have since expanded to their very own storefront. Their menu now features nine different donut flavors, with a fun seasonal flavor thrown into the mix every now and then, and some basic coffee options.

“If I had to recommend a donut to someone, I’d definitely go with the cinnamon sugar one. It’s my go to every time I come to Nightlight, but honestly I don’t think you could go wrong with any of them, especially the classic glazed,” Tyler Armstrong, sophomore Baylor student, said.

They also take their customer’s opinions and ideas into consideration, so if you think you have the next best donut flavor, you might as well throw it out there.

In 2015, Abby Rhodes Head opened Cheddar Box, Waco’s original grilled cheese food truck according to their website. The food truck is currently stationed at Magnolia and features a handful of different grilled cheese combinations. Abby and her husband, Omari Head, eventually decided to expand the company to a location away from the busyness of Magnolia, so Franklin Ave Mac House opened in early 2019. This restaurant also has a simple menu, as it features five specialty “Mac Daddies,” or

mac n’ cheese combinations, a couple grilled cheeses, two salads and two soup options.

“A lot of the things we serve are from other local businesses, like we get our cheese from Brazos Valley Cheese, and we sell cookies as a partnership with Baked Bliss and other stores like that. We are working with other local businesses to help them thrive, so it helps us thrive,” Faith Carpenter, Franklin Ave Mac House team member, said.

“It’s locally owned, so we understand the people and it’s not like a corporate thing, where people just try to get the product out. College students, specifically, should come because we do lots of discounts and you’ll really like our food,” Carpenter said.

Every team member has their favorite item on the menu, but several spoke to the Notorious P.I.G. mac n’ cheese. If you’re looking for a unique and delicious but simple meal, Franklin Ave Mac House is the place for you.

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“I really like the Notorious P.I.G., it has smoked sausage, pear, smoked gouda, and sage.

So the sweetness of the pear works really well with the tangy-ness of the sausage. The smoked gouda also makes it really cheesy, so that’s why I like it,” Carpenter said.

The most recent addition to these sister businesses is Pop’s lemonade, which was launched in Sept. 2020. Omari Head named the company after his father, Andre “Pop” Head, and even used his father’s lemonade recipe, but tweaked it to make it his own, according to a Baylor Lariat article.

A long day of shopping often calls for a refreshing drink, so why not stop at Pop’s? Their menu features a flavor of the month, or Pop’s favorite, classic lemonade and the Lemonader, which is a customizable lemonade flavor.

“My favorite drink from Pop’s is the raspberry lemonade because it’s a good balance of sweet and tangy. I really just like the vibe and aesthetic of the company overall,” Abigail Freeman, junior marketing student, said. “They treat their customers well, are always willing to have a conversation and I love that they spend so much time on campus interacting with students.”

When planning your next trip to Waco, remember the hidden gems of the city. Remember these businesses that devote themselves to building community, introducing new cultures, and making their customers smile.

The small businesses that started in a tent at the local farmers market could surprise you, you just have to give them a fair chance to win your hearts.

For the Families

By Kathryn Abbate

Visitors coming to Waco are looking for family-friendly places to explore and experience all the heart of Texas has to offer. Tourists are wanting to experience the best parts of Waco and learn about the history and community of this quintessential Texas small town. Besides the Silos and Magnolia Table, there are two other places families must see.

The Farmers Market and Cafe Homestead are places known for providing hearty food that is made from scratch. Both are family-friendly environments and people are able to experience a part of Waco that is not known to many outsider visitors.

Since 2011, the Farmers Market has provided fresh produce, meats, food trucks and small boutique shops. The Farmers Market is an excellent way for tourists to see what downtown Waco looks like on Saturdays from 9 a.m to 1 p.m.

While walking around the Farmers Market, visitors are able to buy food from different food trucks. People are able to buy fresh bread made from scratch and fresh produce. Enjoy a beautiful stroll through the marketplace with scents of lavender and flower bouquets filling the air.

This event is an excellent way for tourists to come and go as they

please and support local entrepreneurs creating an amazing new food scene in Waco.

Handmade artisan shops have recently made a presence at the Farmers Market and want to expand and make themselves known in the Waco community.

Just Peachy is a store that provides handcrafted scrunchies, bibs, bandanas, scarves and more. The owner, Crystal Peach, founded this boutique shop in 2017. Peach is hoping to make her store well-known in the Waco community. "I just help her out on some week-ends and there are a couple of us that rotate in and out," employee Tiffany Owens said. "I have been working here for almost a year."

Owens is hoping the store continues to come back to the Farmers Market so that tourists are able to check out their

store and experience everything that happens in downtown Waco.

"It's a great chance to experience more of the local side of Waco that you probably won't see," Owens said. "It's a chance to see a part of Waco that is not very visible."

Owens also said the Farmers Market is an excellent way for tourists to learn more about the local farming and businesses that are the catalysts for the gentrification of Waco. Tourists that come here on Saturdays are able to witness and experience the artistic side of Waco too.

Other small vendors, such as Bare Bucha, want tourists to hear more about the Farmers Market and what it has to offer. "I love the interaction with people and having conversations and them talking about how much they love what we sell," employee Jessie Thompson said.

Thompson gives advice on what visitors should do while being at the Farmers Market. She also shares her perspective on what makes this market unique compared to other markets throughout Texas.

"Take multiple laps because there is some good stuff to grab at each of these stands," Thompson said. "I think because Waco is such a small community, so many people are aware of what this is. It is nice to come to on a Saturday morning."

Cafe Homestead is a per-



Discover local flavors and handmade treasures every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Waco Farmers Market. Photo by Francesca Garvin

fect opportunity for tourists to explore a unique part of Waco that not many people would imagine.

Cafe Homestead has been around since 1994 but feels like getting in a time machine back to the 1800s. Homespun hospitality and meals that are made from scratch are the hallmarks of Cafe Homestead.

General Manager Andrew Taylor wants visitors to have the best experience while being on the property and for people to learn more about how this place has evolved as an intentional community.

“We are situated on the farm. The restaurant is on the farm,” Taylor said. “This is about a 550-acre farm. We are growing a lot of things that we are using in the restaurant.”

Taylor said that his favorite part about working here is being able to meet new people and is always amazed by the amount of people that come annually to experience the beauty, hospitality and opportunity to “take a step back in time.” Cafe Homestead represents simpler times, when good food, family and faith were the essence of the American family experience.

“Last year we had about 88,000 guests come through the restaurant,” Taylor said. “Almost half of those are people have never come before.”

Taylor said that many Baylor students and their families come out to Cafe Homestead for the food and scenery that it offers. He also notices that the farm gets very busy during their homecoming, graduation and Family Weekend.

The most important thing that Taylor wants tourists to

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know is Cafe Homestead’s goal is to provide great service and hospitality. “The number one thing I hope they experience is the best meal they’ve ever had,” Taylor said. “All these waitresses and waiters are friends of mine and are an awesome group of people.” Not only does Cafe Homestead have its own restaurant, but visitors are also able to purchase handmade items from The Barn.

Members of the Homestead community have hand-crafted quilts, paintings, pottery, blacksmith items, soap and other unique items from a by-gone era. “I make some of the soap, it takes me two hours to make a batch but it has to cure for six weeks before it comes in here,” employee Robin Wilson said.

Employees who work at The Barn have learned from other family members or are self-taught when it comes to making these handmade items.

“My mom was very crafty and my dad was actually very involved at Craft Village,” Wilson said. “Some of the crafts were self-taught. There is lots of tinkering involved in some of these things.”

Cafe Homestead is continuing to grow and attracts more tourists over the weekends and holidays. People are also able to take a hayride that over-

looks the Brazos River. “It’s my first time here and we heard about it from a recommendation on a tour we took,” tourist Emily Ballard said.

Ballard said she has enjoyed her first time being at Cafe Homestead and the property is definitely distinct compared to other places that she has visited in Waco.

“You just get a very different experience being outside and all the different craftsmanship and the unique things that they do here,” Ballard said.

The property also provides hands-on learning workshops for those adventurous enough to want to learn the trades of our forefathers.

People can learn to make pottery, baskets or metalwork in the Heritage Forge blacksmith shop. Who knows, maybe your craftsmanship can get your work placed in the Homestead Market! At The Potter’s House, it is easy to sign up for different levels of classes.

There is more to Waco than just Chip and Joanna Gaines. The Silos are wonderful but take a step beyond Magnolia to find Waco filled with exquisite foods that are offered and artistic items that are made to be gifted to family and friends. The Farmers Market and Cafe Homestead are ready to welcome all newcomers.

For the Faithful

By: Emma Hearn

Whether you are an incoming freshman at Baylor University, a new family in town, or just visiting for the weekend, Waco has many different churches for you to worship at on Sunday. Here is a glimpse into several popular churches in Waco, and overview of what they believe and where they are located.

ANTIOCH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Antioch's passion and purpose has always been and will always be Jesus. They want to see more of Jesus in our city, our nation and the nations of the world. According to the church's website, from the moment you pull into their campus, Antioch wants you to feel free to come as you are. A typical Sunday service lasts a little more than an hour with

time spent in worship and biblically-sound, relatable teachings as well as an opportunity to receive ministry and prayer.

"My wife and I have been part of the church for over twenty years now, and the main reason is because of relationships," Staff member Mick Murray said. These are our friends, and though it can be challenging at times to invest in relationships over time, it has been worth it! What's more, these lifelong friends deeply love Jesus and seek to conform their lives to His – the type of people we want to be close with to challenge our own spiritual growth."

Antioch Community Church is located at 510 N. 20th Street in Waco, Texas. Services are on Sundays at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

HARRIS CREEK

Harris Creek exists to help everyone follow Jesus by engaging the lost, equipping the saints and empowering members for service. Harris Creek aims to be a church that reads the Bible and does what it says. The Gospel is proclaimed every week in sermons that engage your heart and mind, and leave you challenged.

According to a statement on their website, Harris Creek believes it is far too common to confuse being a "church-goer" with being a Christ-follower. They believe God has called us to love Him with our hearts, souls, minds and strength, and that being devoted followers of Jesus should be

the norm, not the exception. Harris Creek wants to be a community that serves, and is fully devoted to Jesus, not just a place to attend church for an hour per week.

"It is a church that is shepherded very well," Baylor student Mitchell Harris said. "I trust all the leaders there."

Harris Creek Baptist Church is located at 401 Stageline Drive in McGregor, Texas. They hold services on Sundays at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7 p.m.

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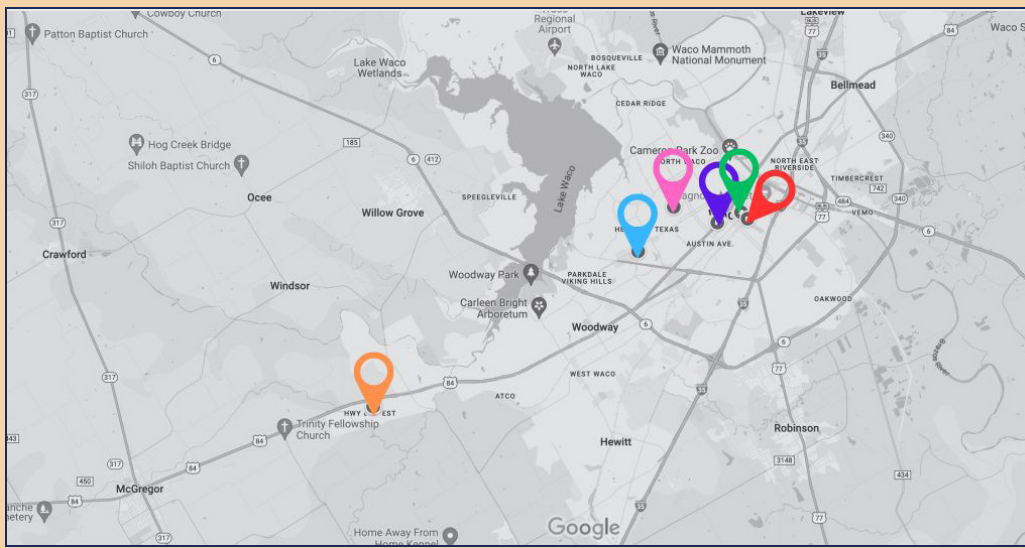
The directional goal for Highland is that members gather, grow and go for God's glory.

According to the website, Highland believes the people of God should come together to joyfully worship and to hear God's Word clearly and unapologetically proclaimed. Highland believes that Christ-followers should grow, allowing their faith to mature as they develop into devoted disciples and faithful disciple-makers. Highland believes every believer should serve. This means everyone in the church uses their spiritual gifts to serve one another, the lost, the city, the world and ultimately Jesus.

"Highland is home to me because of the intentional focus on scripture and forging community," Highland employee Emma Jean Severide said. "The leadership at Highland is sincere and willing to meet you in your suffering and celebration alongside whatever stage of life you're in."



Discover Antioch Community Church, a place of worship and community engagement in Waco, Texas. Photo by Madi Jayne



Navigate your spiritual journey through Waco with our church map, guiding you to diverse worship experiences at Antioch, Harris Creek, Highland, Acts, Grace, and Mosaic. Map thanks to Google and design by Madi Jayne

Highland Baptist Church is located at 3014 Maple Ave in Waco, Texas. They hold their services on Sundays at 8:40 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11:20 a.m. and will be adding a 4 p.m. in August 2024.

ACTS CHURCH

Acts aims to intentionally and relentlessly pursue the presence of God, resulting in lives transformed in this church, in our neighborhoods, and the nations. They value devotional life, evangelism, discipleship and gathering together at the table.

“So, what I love about Acts, what really drew me there, is the diversity of it,” Claire Cross said. “I think it really represents the community in Waco well, because Waco is not just white wealthy Baylor students, but it’s a pretty vast demographic. There are a lot of Hispanics and African Americans, there are a lot of people under the poverty line, and I think Acts does a really great job of representing all of those people. It’s not just one group, but Acts brings everybody together.”

Acts Church is located at 300

S 13th Street in Waco, Texas. They hold their service on Sundays at 11 a.m.

GRACE CHURCH

Grace believes we exist to see God glorified by making Jesus known in the church, the city, and the world. Grace is in partnership with the Acts29 network of churches that subscribe to Calvinist theology.

“I love Grace Waco because of their emphasis on discipleship within the local church,” Baylor student Chloe Carlson said. “The pastors at Grace Waco do a great job of walking the congregation verse by verse through scripture intertwining the Gospel narrative in every sermon! I’ve never felt more doctrinally challenged and wholly loved by a body of believers before; the Lord is moving at Grace Waco.”

According to the website, Grace Church is a gospel church all about Making Jesus Known by their commitment to Biblical, Historic Christianity, Christ-Centered Community and Kingdom-Multiplying Mission. The gospel (good news) of Jesus which is revealed in the Bible impacts

everything we do and every decision we make, as it’s the message that makes the real Jesus known in our church, in our city and in the world.

“I have never gone to a church that so quickly felt welcomed and like I belong there,” Baylor student Sawyer Alves said. “And it’s a small enough congregation where you can really develop deep and intimate relationships with everyone there.”

Grace Church is located at 4610 Bosque Blvd in Waco, Texas. They hold their service on Sundays at 10 a.m.

MOSAIC CHURCH

Mosaic is a multicultural, Gospel-centered, Spirit-led church. Mosaic affirms the Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed, the Westminster Confession of Faith and its Larger and Shorter catechisms. Their mission is to adore Christ, apply the Gospel and act with mercy and justice.

Mosaic believes just as an artist deeply cares about every individual color they paint on their canvas, so God cares about every single color on His color wheel from black to white and every shade in between.

“I love Mosaic because of their urgency to proclaim the gospel to every person, no matter that person’s story or background,” Baylor student Lauren Harding said. “The people at Mosaic love like Jesus loves. They are unwavering in their inclusivity and desire for everyone to know they have a seat at the table with Jesus.”

Mosaic Church is located at 1226 Washington Ave. in Waco, Texas. They hold their service on Sundays at 10 a.m.

For the Fueled

By Caroline Thiemann

Don't you wish every day was a coffee day? There's no better way to start your day then with a good cup of coffee. Coffee shops are places where we can chat with friends, try some new food or read a book in a calming place. No matter the reason, they are extremely popular in college. There is a wide variety of coffee shops scattered across Waco that need more recognition and love.

Heritage Coffee

Located right next to the Homestead Heritage, a farm north of Waco, this coffee shop has a quiet and peaceful ambience that brings people in from all over. The rustic décor matched with calming instrumental music makes the atmosphere easy to relax in. The beauty of this shop matches the incredible community that the employees foster.

Due to its distance from Downtown Waco, less people are aware of it, making it a great place to visit if you need to focus on a conversation or just want some alone time.

"I love working at this place. Obviously, it's very aesthetically pleasing. I just like being here, its got some cozy feelings to it," Annabelle Weston, Heritage Coffee barista, said.

Lighthouse Coffee & Wine

Settled in along Washington venue in Downtown Waco, Lighthouse Coffee & Wine is one of the newest coffee shops in town. From its covered patio with a view of the Alico Building to its smiling staff members, this coffee and wine shop is one to remember.

Lighthouse has a menu filled with quality coffee that draws people to its doors. This shop is lined with tall windows that overlook Downtown Waco.

Lighthouse Coffee & Wine becomes extremely popular on Saturday mornings as farmers market goes stroll in for a cup of coffee or a cocktail.

"It all comes down to the quality of the coffee and the fact that we make all our own serves," Troy McDonald, Lighthouse barista, said.

Lalo's Coffee & Pastries

Lalo's Coffee & Pastries was established in 2020 with the goal of bringing authentic Hispanic cultured drinks to Waco. Tucked away next to Helados la Azteca, this quaint coffee shop is a vibrant hub for Hispanic culture.

According to the Lalo's website, the staff understand that it is hard to find a space that reminds one of Mexico in Waco. Lalo's provides a welcoming haven for those who want to experience Mexican culture in Waco. With Hispanic music playing softly in the background, the environment is a great place to enjoy a pastry or chat with a barista.

"Coffee is very traditionally Mexican," said Matthew Temple, a barista at Lalo's. "One thing that is special about Lalo's drinks is that they turn different Mexican candies into drinks, this is something that you don't see every day."

Lalo's is a wonderful place to visit that is away from the hustle and bustle of Downtown Waco. "I really like that it's a smaller business and it's not as mainstream as Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts," Bailey Miller, a customer at Lalo's said. "I like the decor and I like the Hispanic culture part of it. It reminded me of Coco."



Lighthouse
COFFEE & WINE

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The advertisement features a white background with a brown border. On the left, the Lighthouse Coffee & Wine logo is displayed, consisting of the word "Lighthouse" in a script font, "COFFEE & WINE" in a sans-serif font, and a small lighthouse icon. Below the logo, the text "BUY 1 GET 1 FREE!" is written in large, bold, brown capital letters. Underneath that, "ANY 16OZ. COFFEE" is written in white capital letters on a brown rectangular background. At the bottom left, contact information is provided: a phone icon followed by "254-339-1542" and a location pin icon followed by "624 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701". On the right side of the advertisement, there is a photograph of a white disposable coffee cup with a brown lid and a circular logo, sitting on a wooden tray next to a white donut with colorful sprinkles.

Advertisement designed by Charlie Sheridan

