

Sunday Schedule

Walker Sunday School 9:00 AM
Walker Worship 10:15 AM
Las Americas Sunday School 12:30 PM
Las Americas Worship 1:45 PM

Wednesday Schedule

Fellowship Dinner 5:15 PM
Children, Adult & Youth 6:15 PM
Choir Practice 7:20 PM
Las Americas Bible Study 7:30 PM

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Walker Baptist Church



August/September

2019

www.walkerbc.org

“Let us not give up meeting together. . . but let us encourage one another--- and all the more as you see the day approaching.” – Hebrews 10:25

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This past week we observed the 50th anniversary of man's historic first steps on the moon. I don't think I will ever forget that date – July 20, 1969. There have been quite a few specials on TV this month that have documented the achievements of that Apollo 11 flight, many of them highlighting the mountain of “**behind the scenes**” activity that made Neil Armstrong's famous steps possible. Isn't that always the case? There's always a flurry of activity and a huge amount of unseen work that goes into any successful venture, and what we usually end up seeing is only the tip of the iceberg. I want to take this opportunity to point out some of that unseen work and thank some of those unseen heroes!



A huge basket-full of thanks to Marti and the kitchen/hospitality team for feeding the kids and workers at VBS this year. I realize that scheduling VBS in the middle of the day is unorthodox, and prevented a few folks from volunteering to help, but it sure showed up in the number of kids who registered to attend, and the result was that we were able to impact dozens of children in our community. I heard nothing but positive comments and glowing praise from the kids AND their parents! Thanks, also, to all of you who decorated and made the building ready for VBS week. VBS doesn't happen without that kind of “**behind the scenes**” volunteer work.

Praise and kudos also to the youth group from FBC Darien GA, and their leader, David Spires, for their hard work, preparation, prayer, excitement, and support as they helped us in a mighty way with VBS. We didn't see the countless hours of preparation and study that made the week possible, but we sure did see the result!

Next, I want to share some exciting news that will surely have a hugely positive impact on our church for years to come, and that is the launch of a Legacy Giving Ministry that will happen this fall. The deacons and staff have been quietly working “**behind the scenes**” with Bill Gruenewald and the Tennessee Baptist Foundation to establish an account that will be placed in trust and managed wisely. The growth of that account will be designated for Walker's future ministry needs. We will finalize the ministry in a few weeks and share information church-wide that will explain, encourage, and provide opportunity for church members to become involved in a program of planned legacy giving. Wouldn't it be wonderful to know that Walker's financial future is secure, and that you can have a role in that, and you can continue to support the church you love even after the Lord calls you home?!

Finally, let's all pause and thank our Good Heavenly Father for all that He does “**behind the scenes**” to bless us and shower us with His love and care. Sometimes it may seem like God is absent, or that He is moving slower than we'd like, but God is always doing the right thing at the right time, even when we are unaware. I have had several conversations in the past two weeks where people have shared with me what God is doing in their lives, and how they are now ready to make spiritual decisions that have been put off long enough! Lives are being strengthened and precious people are growing in their walk with Jesus. Praise God for that!

Looking ahead briefly, let me prepare you for the next sermon series, “**HELP!**” which begins August 4. Psalm 46:1 is a promise of God's help. Whatever you're going through and whenever you cry out to God for help, you can count on God to be there when you need Him most. I hope and pray you'll be with us for this 6-part sermon series.

Chuck



Thank you for helping with tomorrow's leaders. You are truly a blessing. Please contact Linda Garnette at (615) 310-9299 if there are any changes.

- August 4 Ellouise Jefferson & Linda Garnette
- August 11 Vonda Hazelwood & Shannon Epps
- August 18 Michelle Perkins & Kay LaFever
- August 25 Whitney Lee & Linda Garnette
- Sept 1 Chris & Kelley Wheeler
- Sept 8 Shirley Newell & Linda Garnette
- Sept 15 Kay LaFever & Emily Sanders
- Sept 22 Janice Vaughan & Louise Austin
- Sept 29 Ellouise Jefferson & Linda Garnette

REDDICK SENIOR RESIDENCE ACTIVITIES

Thank you for the donations for our Bingo games. Please continue to bring those. We would love for more church members to become involved in our activities with the Seniors at Reddick. We are planning several events and could use your help and input. Please contact Louise Austin for more information. See Calendar for Bingo dates.

<u>August 4:</u> Gene Austin Charlie Young Monte Garnette Marvin Cox	<u>August 11:</u> Randy Hazelwood Keith Norwood Kevin Adair Wallace Joslin
<u>August 18:</u> Jamie Hazelwood Charlie Irwin Elton Parker Raymond Vaughan	<u>August 25:</u> Wally Whidby Wayne Mangrum Samuel Hendry Jonathan Lee
<u>Sept. 1:</u> Bobby Hargrove Nick Lunn III Nick Lunn IV Bill Hannah	<u>Sept. 8:</u> Gene Austin Larry Newell Charlie Young Monte Garnette
<u>Sept. 15:</u> Raymond Vaughan Wayne Mangrum Marvin Cox Kevin Adair	<u>Sept. 22:</u> Bill Hannah Charlie Irwin Elton Parker Chris Wheeler
<u>Sept. 29:</u> Raymond Vaughan Keith Norwood Reese Potts Wallace Joslin	 USHER SCHEDULE



AUGUST
Marvin & Emily Cox

SEPTEMBER
Jonathan & Kelly Lee



BENEFIT CONCERT FOR ANGIE OLIPHANT
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11
6:00 PM



You won't want to miss this fantastic opportunity to show our concern and love for Angie who has helped Walker with many events over the past 15 years. At least six groups will sing and refreshments will be served.

If you are not able to attend and wish to make a contribution in advance, please see Bill Reitmeyer.

Hello Walker Family!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer! What an AMAZING summer it has been in W.E.E. Care! We had a total of 37 children, ages 1 - 8, come through our doors this summer! Each week brought a new theme with fun activities. Some of the favorites were painting Ms. Taylor's car (yes, her real car!), learning to make butter in a jar, all the water days, endless crafts and games, and a whole week of VBS fun!!

We are looking forward to the many new faces joining W.E.E. Care, as well as our returning families, in August and another great year! The first day of school is August 12th. If you know anyone who is interested in enrolling at W.E.E. Care, please have them contact us! We have a few spaces available for children between ages 1 - 5. More information about our program and tuition can be found at www.walkerbc.org/w-e-e-care.

Love and Blessings,

Taylor Huff
W.E.E. Care Director



August 4	Bobby Hargrove	615-519-1537	Sept 1	Ed Madden	615-973-3105
August 11	Doug Leonard	615-886-0101	Sept 8	Charlie Irwin	615-566-1455
August 18	Wally Whidby	615-456-6770	Sept 15	Tom Massey	615-430-9766
August 25	Chris Wheeler	615-512-5522	Sept 22	Bill Reitmeyer	615-943-3705
			Sept 29	Bobby Hargrove	615-519-1537

Jealous for God

*“¹⁰ And the Lord said to Moses, ¹¹ “Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, has turned back my wrath from the people of Israel, in that he was jealous with my jealousy among them, so that I did not consume the people of Israel in my jealousy.”
Numbers 25:10-11 (ESV)*



The Midianites had a new strategy...If you can't beat them, fool them into beating themselves! You will recall the story of Balaam and how he was hired by Balak, the king of Moab, and the princes of Midian to put a curse on the people of God. Eager for reward, Balaam set out to see if he could somehow walk the tightrope of pleasing the wealthy entourage sufficiently to receive a handsome reward while at the same time not offending God. We got an interesting and entertaining scene involving Balaam's donkey out of this conflict, and God made it clear that Balaam would not be allowed to put any curse on His people. That did not, however, keep Balaam from taking Balak and the Midianites aside later and giving them a little tip... *Have your women entice the Israelites into a little Baal worship and revelry... then you won't have to touch them... God will do it for you...*

It worked. The Midianites were able to infiltrate God's people and tempt them to take part in the hedonistic and sexual "worship" practices of Baal, which were a lot more fun than their own worship, designed to help them understand the holiness of God. It wasn't that God didn't want them to enjoy life; it was just that He taught Israel then, as He does us now, that true and lasting enjoyment of life's pleasures takes place within the proper bounds that God sets. Following our own unbridled desires is a recipe for disappointment and pain and loss.

The events described in Numbers 25 just prior to verse 10 are a bit on the grim side. God, unable and unwilling to allow sin to go wild and multiply among His people, brought about a plague to slow it down. Some 24,000 people died before it was over. But what caused it to be over? It was a man named Phinehas, the grandson of Moses' brother, Aaron. Now Aaron and his family did not have the greatest track record when it came to leading God's people along the paths of holiness. But Phinehas went a long way toward setting things right with the family name.

I'll let you read Numbers 25:1-9 to see what happened in terms of specific detail. It's not pretty. But verse 11 sets forth the larger principle behind these events and demonstrates what we can learn from. Phinehas was jealous for the holiness of God and would not allow God's Name to be mocked and His laws ignored. The situation was literally one of life and death for the people of God, and decisive action had to be taken. Phinehas took the initiative – and God's holy jealousy was finally satisfied.

Thankfully, we can be reasonably confident that no one who is reading this article and referring to the passage mentioned will believe these words suggest or condone the exact response Phinehas made. But perhaps we will think more about standing up for what we believe in – with love and in a peaceful, productive way. Our world is flaunting its sin shamelessly before a God who is still as holy now as ever. Let's show a little backbone and demonstrate through our words and actions that God's way is best.

Walking with you,



**FALL CHURCH-WIDE KICK-OFF
AUGUST 7, 5:15 PM
FUN FOR ALL**



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

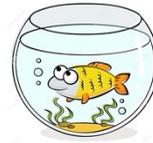
<p><u>August 7</u> CHURCH-WIDE OPEN HOUSE Hamburgers/Hot dogs Chips Dessert</p>	<p><u>August 14</u> Pizza, Pizza, Pizza Salad Dessert</p>	<p><u>August 21</u> Spaghetti/Meat Sauce Green Beans Salad Dessert</p>
<p><u>August 28</u> Turkey BLT Wraps Fresh Cut Fruit Pasta Salad Dessert</p>	<p><u>September 4</u> Chicken Tenders (plain & buffalo) French Fries Coleslaw Dessert</p>	<p><u>September 11</u> Grilled Chicken Breast Roasted Potatoes Grilled Veggies Salad Dessert</p>
<p><u>September 18</u> BBQ Pork Baked Beans Potato Salad Coleslaw Dessert</p>	<p><u>September 25</u> Sandwich Bar Chips Dessert (Pre-Fish Fry)</p>	



See the sign-up table in the hallway outside the Welcome Center for more information about all of the ways you can be involved.

**14TH ANNUAL FISH FRY
SEPTEMBER 28, 2019
4-7 PM**

Live Music Country Ham Raffle
Cake Auction Bake Sale



As summer comes to a close and a new school year is just around the corner, the students in the FishTank are feeling blessed and grateful for our time together this summer. We wish Ashley and Kate well and pray diligently for them both as they head off to college. Their time here at Walker has been a blessing to us all and we look forward to remaining close to them in their Christian walk in the future. We will have (or had) our farewell party at Ashley's July 28th, with one last swim in the Gracia family pool. We would like to thank Ashley's mother, Heidi, for all of her generosity, love and support for the youth Ministry at Walker over the last few years.

We also want to give a big birthday shout out to our main man, Stephen Wheeler, as he will be celebrating his 18th birthday on August 24th. It's been such an amazing blessing for the family at Walker to watch him grow from the tiny, little baby he was...into the strapping, rock star of a young man he is today. We hope Dollywood, the Smallbones (For King & Country), Micah Tyler, Jordan Feliz and the rest of the artists playing at Rock the Smokies make this one of your best birthdays ever! Karen and I will see you there!

Plans are being made for a fall camping trip. Last year we hit Montgomery Bell...who knows where we will go this time...maybe me! It is a great time of fellowship. Anyone wanting to go, please let me know and I will fill you in on the particulars.

Finally, the youth are looking forward to continue serving the family at Walker Baptist this fall with the Benefit for Angie in August and the Fish Fry in September! We love you all and appreciate your prayer, love and support for all these students. **Wally**



Collection of the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions, which provides invaluable financial support for ministries that help reach Tennesseans for Christ, will occur during September. Watch for more information.

Our Church Goal: \$ 2479.11

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR TENNESSEE MISSIONS

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August 2019

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SNAPSHOTS FROM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



				1	2 Jimmy Jackson 	3
4	5 Larry Newell  Bingo at Reddick	6 Ladies Exercise 5 PM	7 FALL KICK-OFF	8	9	10 Nancy Smart 
11 Sandy Vazquez  Benefit for Angie Oliphant 6 pm	12 W.E.E. Care Begins	13 Regina Netherton  Ladies Exercise 5 PM	14 Penni Reitmeyer 	15 Brylee Smith 	16	17 Kendra Tume 
18 All Team's Meeting 4 PM Ministry Update 5 PM	19 Randy Hazelwood  Bingo at Reddick	20 David Epps Bill Hannah James House Dinner - My Friends House	21	22 Keith Norwood 	23	24 Catherine Hannah Stephen Wheeler 
25	26	27 Hugh Williams  Ladies Exercise 5 PM	28	29 Tina LaFever 	30	31 Kelsey Tarr 

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8	9	10 Ladies Exercise 5 PM	11	12	13 Doug Leonard 	14
15	16 Bingo at Reddick	17 Dinner - My Friends House	18	19 Gloria Lunn Wayne Mangrum 	20 Christian Johnson 	21
22	23 Danny Shepherd Kelley Wheeler Andy Wolverton 	24 Jonathan Lee 	25 Amanda Shepherd 	26	27 Betty Langley 	28 
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR TENNESSEE MISSIONS						
29 Elton Parker Dottie Stewart Polly Wells 	30 Bingo at Reddick		4870 Bottles of Water Collected for Home Street Home Ministries 			

4-7 PM