

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
Prayer Meeting at the Leonard's.....5:00 PM

Wednesday Schedule

Children, Adult & Youth 6:00 PM
Las Americas Bible Study.....7:30 PM

Staff:

Chuck McElhannon.....Pastor
Andy Wolverton.....Associate Pastor
Wally Whidby.....Youth Minister
Theresa Rogers.....Music Minister
Tom Massey.....Worship Leader
Taylor Huff.....Interim WEE Care Director
Nathan Velasquez.....Pastor, Las Americas

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Encourager

Walker Baptist Church



June/July

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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“Watch your step. Use your head. Make the most of every chance you get. These are desperate times!”

Those words are certainly appropriate for our day and age, aren't they? They're from Eugene Peterson's translation of the Bible called The Message. The passage is Ephesians 5:15-16. Perhaps you know these words better as they appear in the KJV. “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”

That phrase, “redeeming the time,” has stuck with me over the years, from the time I was first exposed to this verse back when I was in high school. What does it really mean? What is Paul telling the church?

Eugene Peterson gives us the answer in his modern-day translation. “Make the most of every chance you get.” Good advice, isn't it? It seems the older I get, the faster life gets and the shorter the days get. It's already summer break, and that signals the time of the church year when we step back, take a deep breath, and find time to get away for a while. I get it – we all need a breather. But guess what? The needs of the unchurched don't take a break. The homeless are still homeless during the summer. Children still need Christian role models to look up to. The lost still need to hear about Jesus.

Our church ministries and programs are just as necessary during the summertime as they are during the rest of the year. So as you head into your summer schedule, don't forget your church family. Who knows? Some of the opportunities that will come to us this summer may never come again.

I'll still be leading a Bible Study during the summer months. We'll continue going verse-by-verse through the book of James, with a few family-oriented special events scattered through the summer. A good example of what I'm talking about is a church-wide ice cream social scheduled for July 10. Yum! I'm also excited to announce that Taylor Huff has stepped up and agreed to lead our Wednesday night children's program for the summer. She'll begin her Bible/Mission/Team camp on June 5 at 6 pm. Make sure your kids and grandkids are here for that!

“Make the most of every chance you get.” How do we do that with the kids and families in the neighborhood surrounding the church? You guessed it – VBS! This year we're experimenting a little bit because we're trying to be more effective. We're partnering with MissionFuge and bringing a group from Georgia to assist us. They'll be invaluable to us by leading classes, crafts, music, and activities during the week. Volunteers from Walker and Las Americas will provide all the manpower for preparation and supervision. Our VBS will be Tuesday-Friday, July 16-19, from 12 – 3 pm. A day-time VBS, while more difficult to run, always pays off by reaching more kids than a nighttime VBS.

If you can help with VBS preparation in any way, please contact the church office. We need a director; we need help decorating and gathering supplies; we need help with publicity. Here's your opportunity to step up and “make the most of every chance you get.”

It's “all hands on deck!” and I look forward to working with you through a great summer of 2019!

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.

June 2: Janice Vaughn & Louise Austin

June 9: Ellouise Jefferson & Linda Garnette

June 16: Vonda Hazelwood & Shannon Epps

June 23: Michelle Perkins & volunteer

June 30: Kay LaFever & Linda Garnette

July 7: Chris & Kelley Wheeler

July 14: Shirley Newell & Linda Garnette

July 21: Kay LaFever & Emily Sanders

July 28: Janice Vaughn & Louise Austin

<p>June 2: Gene Austin Charlie Young Monte Garnette Randy Hazelwood</p>	<p>June 9: Raymond Vaughan Keith Norwood Reese Potts Wallace Joslin</p>
<p>June 16: Volunteer Charlie Irwin Elton Parker Randy Hazelwood</p>	<p>June 23: Wally Whidby Wayne Mangrum Samuel Hendry Jonathan Lee</p>
<p>June 30: Chris Wheeler Nick Lunn III Nick Lunn IV Bill Hannah</p>	<p>July 7: Gene Austin Larry Newell Charlie Young Monte Garnette</p>
<p>July 14: Raymond Vaughan Wayne Mangrum Nick Darnell Pacey Darnell</p>	<p>July 21: Bill Hannah Charlie Irwin Elton Parker Bobby Hargrove</p>
<p>July 28: Raymond Vaughan Keith Norwood Reese Potts Wallace Joslin</p>	



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 over the summer and could use your help and input. Please contact Louise Austin for more information.

**WEB-SITE INFORMATION
WWW.WALKERBC.ORG**

SERMON RECORDINGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR UPDATED WEBSITE. THE LINK TO THE SERMONS IS ON THE HOME PAGE.

OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE ARE CALENDARS, THE ENCOURAGER, MISSIONS, WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES, AND ONLINE GIVING.

GREETERS FOR JUNE

Bobby and Mary Hargrove

GREETERS FOR JULY

Sandy Godwin Vazquez & Daianna Austin



Blessed Through Sharing

“Each one should use whatever gifts he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” – 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

As I write this it is hard to believe the 2018-2019 school year has come and gone. What a fun year we have had at W.E.E. Care! Thank you to our amazing teachers who have done a fantastic job of teaching, loving and ministering to the children and their families; Pastor Chuck and Pastor Andy for all the support and guidance they have provided throughout the year; and the W.E.E. Care Board Members for all their behind the scenes work. Thank you for all that you do!

May 14th was our last day of school and graduation. We have 12 kids heading off to Kindergarten in the fall! We are excited to see what all they will accomplish in the years to come, but sad to see them and their families leave W.E.E. Care.

If you know anyone who might be interested — Summer Camp will run May 28th to July 25th and is open for children ages 1 - 12. We are also enrolling now for the 2019 - 2020 School Year. Please call 615-794-1202 or email weecare@walkerbc.org for more information. Our website and Facebook page have been updated recently, so please check them out!

Last I would like to thank everyone who welcomed me with open arms as the Interim Director. Many of you have greeted me with a smile and encouraging words. It is such a blessing to me to be back in this church after many years, doing what I love! So to you — thank you — it means the world to me.

With Love,

Taylor Huff



Walker W.E.E. Care



June 2	Bill Reitmeyer	615-943-3705	July 7	Ed Madden	615-973-3105
June 9	Bobby Hargrove	615-519-1537	July 14	Charlie Irwin	615-566-1455
June 16	Doug Leonard	615-886-0101	July 21	Tom Massey	615-430-9766
June 23	Wally Whidby	615-456-6770	July 28	Bill Reitmeyer	615-943-3705
June 30	Chris Wheeler	615-512-5522			

This is a tricky article to write. The intent is to say “thank you” to a generalized group of people and organizations, all of which have served the church using their gifts or trades, sometimes at their own expense. That part will be easy and fun. The hard part of writing a “thank you” on such a wide topic is that it will be impossible to specifically include everyone who should be mentioned, and some obvious examples may be overlooked. As Chuck said when this idea was being discussed, with the potential downfall of being misinterpreted, “I’m willing to take the risk.”

From the time Walker was first organized, we have been blessed with members and supportive individuals in the community who have believed in us and have shared their particular gifts and skills for the benefit of the church. Several of our buildings, including the sanctuary (1961) and the children’s ministry wing (1979) were built either partially or almost completely with the help of Walker members. Anyone who took part in those projects will remember those times as high points in their commitment to the Lord and His church. When T.W. Frierson was the contractor for the fellowship hall addition and renovation work in 2002, members such as Bob Upton and others were closely involved.

Through the years, Walker church members have used their talents and professions to be a blessing to the church. Here, names such as Jimmy Jackson, Wallace Joslin, and Charlie Irwin come to mind. There are countless others, many of whom have come working both inside and outside of their professions and used their skills to build and to fix and to improve – all without seeking the praise of others. You know who you are, and the Lord knows who you are, and the church has been blessed because of you. If all of the hours of volunteer labor and ministry done on behalf of the church could be somehow tallied and quantified, there is no telling what it would amount to. Thanks to all of you who continue to serve Walker using the gifts God has bestowed upon you.

There are some other notable organizations which have quietly blessed Walker in various ways. More than one of them has even expressed to us that they did not wish for a big deal to be made of their contributions. So the following examples are not an attempt to promote any business or individual. They just represent a heart-felt thank you. I would love to hear about any other examples that you are aware of.

When we recently had an “energy audit” done by Middle Tennessee Electric, the results were given to us, and a gentleman by the name of Todd Palmer examined our bills and noticed a charge he did not think was configured correctly for a church in our situation. He made inquiries and followed through with having that charge revised. Because of his concern and willingness to act, the church has enjoyed some considerably lower electric bills since that time. Thank you, Mr. Palmer!

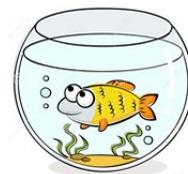
A W.E.E. Care parent by the name of Brent Whitaker noticed a little while ago that our carpets were in poor shape, covered with stains. He offered the services of his company (Carpet Cleaning Dudes) at a price we could not refuse, and we have enjoyed the results ever since. He also cleaned all 339 of our fabric covered chairs – and the carpet in the sanctuary – at a price that nearly amounted to a gift. Of course, he wants to build a lasting relationship with us, but he made it very clear to me that his desire and motive was to be a blessing to church, regardless of what we do in the future. (CONT. on next page)

And then there is Justin Stelter, our landscaper and lawn care professional. His crew does a fantastic job keeping the grounds in good shape, and they do it for a great price. But they also throw in some bonus gifts along the way, such as the three trees that have been planted – two in front of the sanctuary, and one close to the opposite end of the front yard, in front of the children’s wing. Many of you have commented how beautiful these are and what a good job was done with them. Well, Justin has cared about Walker for years and wants our property to be as attractive as possible to our community.

Occasionally God touches the heart of a believer who is otherwise unknown to us and asks that believer to minister to Walker in some way. A man once overheard Charlie Irwin speaking about our need for handrails inside the sanctuary for those coming down from the choir loft. The man approached Charlie and offered to build them for us at no charge. Today those rails look very nice, as if they were part of the original design, and they have proved to be very helpful to several of our church members who have needed that extra stability for one reason or another.

Those are just a few examples of folks who have blessed our church. Sometimes, it is just as simple a matter as providing great service for an extremely reasonable price. I could give you many other examples, but space does not permit. The point is: As the person who most often sees the resources that God is blessing us with as well as the resources we are called upon to part with for various reasons, it probably touches my heart more than anyone to see organizations and individuals who treat us with generosity and respect, allowing us to reserve more of our funds for ministry and use less of them for the mundane. Thanks to all of you who give to the Lord through your monetary gifts as well as your practical and spiritual gifts. Jesus instructed us all in the Sermon on the Mount... *“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.”* (Matthew 6:1—NIV) As you serve Him, may your reward be great in heaven.

Walking with you,

MFUGE CAMP JUNE 3-7 LOUISVILLE, KY

A Typical Day in the Life of our Youth at MFUGE Camp will include:

Morning Celebration

Camp attendees will gather to kick off each day in a high-energy way with worship, games, and a word from the camp pastor.

Quiet Time

Each morning, students will have the opportunity to spend time with the Lord, working through a devotion we provide to reinforce the camp theme. This quiet time will be done within Bible study groups.

Bible Study

One of our trained staff members will engage everyone at camp in group Bible study each day. We provide age-specific Bible study materials that align with the camp theme.

Recreation/Missions

Depending on whether you choose Centrifuge or MFuge, your students will participate in either recreation or missions each day.

Worship

Each evening, all camp attendees gather for a time of corporate worship, prayer, and a message from the camp pastor that reinforces the biblical theme for the day.

Church Group Time

One of our priorities is giving you, as the leader, the opportunity to invest in your students. During this time, you will be given a space to gather with your students to unpack the way the Lord is working in their lives during their time at camp. We offer materials to help facilitate this time.

Night Life

These events take place in the afternoon or evening at camp and allow students to participate in camp programming in a really fun, interactive way.

Please pray for our youth and chaperones as they prepare for and attend mFUGE.

CHURCH-WIDE ICE CREAM SOCIAL **Wednesday, July 10, 6:00 pm**

Please let Marti know by July 3 if you will bring ice cream.



Please bring cookies and/or toppings such as whipped cream, candy sprinkles, M & M's, fruit and nuts for the ice cream.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL **JULY 16-19 12:00-3:00 PM** **AGES 4-12**

MUSIC MISSIONS RECREATION
CRAFTS SNACK BIBLE STORY

AMAZING ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS
JOHN 20:31

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	MFuge June 3-7 YOUTH CAMP					1
2 Mary Hargrove Andrew Wheeler JoAnn Wyatt 	3 Reddick Bingo 5:00 pm	4 Gene Austin  Exercise 5:00 pm	5 Henrietta Whidby Burnis Cummings 	6	7 Boyd Potts 	8
9 Barbara Madden Jamie Hazelwood 	10	11 Katy Carrier  Exercise 5:00 pm	12	13	14 Nick Lunn III 	15 Brenda Johnson 
16 	17 Emily Sanders Elizabeth Lee  Reddick Bingo 5:00 pm	18 Dinner at My Friend's House	19 Jacob Hazelwood 	20	21 Bill Reitmeyer 	22 Kate Lee 
23	24	25 Exercise 5:00 pm	26 Kay LaFever 	27 Natalie Chunn 	28 Kelly Lee 	29 Angie Carson 
30	BIBLE/MISSION/TEAM CAMP					
BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5 AT 6:00 PM. FOR AGES 4-12.						

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Vacation Bible School Neighborhood Canvas Reddick Bingo 5:00 pm	2 Matthew Donoho Kelly Vaughn Exercise 5:00 pm	3 Terry Reed Exercise 5:00 pm	4  Church Office Closed	5 Henrietta Parker	6 Andrew Donoho James Hazelwood III
7	8 Charlene Williams	9 Exercise 5:00 pm	10  Ice Cream Social 6:00 pm	11	12	13
14 Cherry Jackson	15 Reddick Bingo 5:00 pm	16 Chris Wheeler Nicholas Lunn IV Dinner at My Friend's House	17 Combined Walker BC and Las Americas Vacation Bible School 12-3	18 Jami Lunn	19	20
21 Marty Carson	22	23 Exercise 5:00 pm	24 Henry Jefferson	25	26	27  Billie King Celebration 2 - 4:30 Fellowship Hall
28	29	30 Exercise 5:00 pm	31			