

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

Staff:

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Encourager

Walker Baptist Church



October/November

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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Hello Walker Family & Friends!

For those of us who call middle Tennessee home and are football fans, this has been a disappointing season so far. Whether you're a Commodore fan, a Vols fan, or a Titans fan, your team has failed to live up to expectations, and the losses far outnumber the wins. In fact, as of today, their combined record is 2 wins and 8 losses. Certainly not stellar performances.

The thing is that we have to decide whether our disappointments are justified or not. Sometimes we are disappointed and we have every right to be. For example, when you're sick and you go to the doctor, you expect the doctor to be able to diagnose your sickness with a certain degree of accuracy and professionalism, and then offer sound medical advice and an effective course of treatment. If you have the flu and the doctor treats you for hives, you're going to be disappointed, and justifiably so.

Other times, our disappointments can be a mistake. This week I had to deal with a certain individual having contact with our church who expressed disappointment with one of the programs here at Walker. The root cause of her disappointment was actually a matter of unrealistic expectations. Our church had gone above and beyond what was reasonably expected, but still failed in her eyes, so she was disappointed.

How we handle life's disappointments is a true test of our character and spiritual maturity. Martin Luther King, Jr said, "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." When you feel like giving up, it's because your disappointment has become larger than your hope, and that's when you lose your "first love."

Is Jesus the "first love" of our lives? Does Jesus have "first place" in everything (Colossians 1:18)? The book of Revelation contains seven letters to seven specific churches in Asia Minor, in which Jesus offers encouragement and challenge. Could Jesus still be saying this to our church? Could Jesus still be saying this to you?

I invite you to join us for a series of sermons entitled "First Love," beginning the first Sunday in October. We'll take a closer look at each of those seven churches and find ways to overcome the disappointments in our lives and re-claim that "first love."

I hope to see you in worship!

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.

October 6 Vonda Hazelwood & Shannon Epps
 October 13 Michelle Perkins & Kay LaFever
 October 20 Whitney Lee & Linda Garnette
 October 31 Chris & Kelley Wheeler

November 3 Shirley Newell & Linda Garnette
 November 10 Kay LaFever & Emily Sanders
 November 17 Janice Vaughan & Louise Austin
 November 24 Ellouise Jefferson & Linda Garnette

SAVE THE DATE




**Church-wide Fundraiser Breakfast and Joint
 Sunday School
 December 1 8:30 am**

* Proceeds will be used to buy Christmas gifts for the boys at My Friend's House



**OCTOBER
 Barbara & Ed Madden**

**NOVEMBER
 Catherine & Bill Hannah**

<u>October 6:</u> Randy Hazelwood Charlie Young Monte Garnette Marvin Cox	<u>October 13:</u> Reese Potts Keith Norwood Kevin Adair Wallace Joslin
<u>October 20:</u> Bobby Hargrove Charlie Irwin Elton Parker Raymond Vaughan	<u>October 27:</u> Wally Whidby Wayne Mangrum Wallace Joslin Jonathan Lee
<u>November 3:</u> Larry Newell Nick Lunn III Nick Lunn IV Bill Hannah	<u>November 10:</u> Gene Austin Keith Norwood Charlie Young Monte Garnette
<u>November 17:</u> Raymond Vaughan Wayne Mangrum Marvin Cox Kevin Adair	<u>November 24:</u> Bill Hannah Charlie Irwin Elton Parker Chris Wheeler
 	

**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP MEAL
 Sunday, November 10 at 5:00 pm**

Come, bring family and friends for a wonderful time of fellowship and great food Sunday School Classes, please provide the following:

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| Women of Faith—Desserts | Outreach Class—Desserts, Vegetables |
| Generations—Vegetables | Bible Explorers—Salads |
| Pathfinders—Salads | Youth—Bread |
| Teachers of Children's Classes—Cranberry Sauce | |



Happy Fall Y'all!!!

W.E.E. Care has had a grand start to the new school year and everyone is starting to get into their groove. Some of our younger children, who were once quite tearful at drop-off, now happily go to their teachers in the morning with a smile on their faces. Some of our older children have been thrilled to show their parents that they can now recognize or write their names! These children are growing strong in a loving Christian school, and it's a wonderful thing to see.

Fall is my favorite time of the year! The heat is starting to break, and the leaves are starting to fall. This time of the year makes me think of change. We've only been in school for a little over a month, but we can all see the progress that our children are making. They are growing and changing every day!

W.E.E. Care was asked to host a Directors Training at the church and we are so excited to host this event with the Director of Adult and Child Care Licensing. Soon we will have our annual Fall Festival and Trunk - or - Treat! If anyone would like to participate, we will set up cars in the parking lot and start "trunk or treating" around 9:30am on Halloween Day.

We are looking forward to a season of thankfulness, just right around the corner. It always amazes me to hear what the children have to be thankful for. As a school, we will work together to fill at least two shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

As always, thank you to each one of you for supporting W.E.E. Care! So many prayers have been answered recently and it is a blessing to see God's work through these children and their families!

Love and Blessings,

Taylor Huff



October 6	Doug Leonard	615-886-0101	November 3	Charlie Irwin	615-566-1455
October 13	Wally Whidby	615-456-6770	November 10	Tom Massey	615-430-9766
October 20	Chris Wheeler	615-512-5522	November 17	Bill Reitmeyer	615-943-3705
October 27	Ed Madden	615-973-3105	November 24	Bobby Hargrove	615-519-1537

Eager to Share

"For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action." – 2 Corinthians 9:2 (NIV)



Everyone has something to share. It may be a talent, a financial gift, or a word of encouragement. It may be the gift of time devoted to a mundane task that others do not wish to do. It might be a musical gift that helps others to be able to worship. It might be teaching. It could be time spent with a young person to encourage him to choose the right path in life. It might be helping someone by doing a simple repair or service to her car that would otherwise be very expensive....

Or... it might be helping a church which shares its building with other ministries – to fix a drop ceiling and light fixture that had fallen, probably during one of the daily shakings from explosions at the rock quarry down the street. Did you recognize the church? That's right; it's Walker. Many of you already know about the mishap we experienced upstairs in the room adjacent to the G.A. Room. A big corner section of the ceiling fell, making the room unusable. And it *was* being used prior to this incident. My 3rd-5th Grade Sunday School Class meets in there, the deacons use it as a meeting room, and 3 times a week, Begin Anew uses it for their English and GED classes. It is a much-appreciated room.

Enter Forest Hills Baptist Church, with Bill Carden, Rodney Harris, and Jake Day. While we were investigating options to have repairs made, Angela Good, director of Begin Anew at Walker, was looking for potential workers in her pool of contacts. Her ministry brings in volunteers from many different churches in our area and touches many lives. Begin Anew ministers to nearly 60 women and has a men's ministry as well. Bill Carden's wife normally teaches in that affected classroom, and Bill is one of a group of men who go out from Forest Hills to use skills from professions they have mostly retired from to help others. Bill and Rodney showed up on Monday the 16th with tools and materials in hand to fix the ceiling. They replaced two of the lights with LED fixtures, which are bright and maintenance free. These materials were provided through Jake Day, also at Forest Hills.

A picture is worth a thousand words, so if space permits, you may see at least a tiny "before and after" shot of the room. Those of you who know me know that I like to fix things and keep them working beyond their normal service life, when possible. Sometimes replacing an object is a better option than fixing it. But sometimes replacement is too expensive. There is a special kind of frustration for a person who likes to fix things when a need or situation arises which presents a problem that is just beyond what that person can do, whether for physical reasons, lack of expertise, or lack of funds. So there is a special kind of satisfaction that comes when someone else willingly shows up and generously gives in all three of those ways in order to fix that frustrating problem.

Paul wrote that the "eagerness" and "enthusiasm" of the believers in giving help had, in the case of the Macedonians, actually *stirred most of them to action*. When we serve, when we help, and when we give to those in need, we are actually encouraging others through our actions, thus multiplying and spreading them. Think of your life actions as pebbles thrown into a pond. You have a big impact where you are, but the ramifications of your actions expand to affect many, many others. Use your gifts and talents and be eager to share them. The blessing of God will be found in doing so.



Walking with you, *Audrey*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

<u>October 2</u> Sandwich Bar Chips Dessert	<u>October 9</u> Grilled Hamburgers and Hot Dogs French Fries Dessert	<u>October 16</u> Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Salad & Dessert
<u>October 23</u> Pizza—Pizza—Pizza Salad Dessert	<u>October 30</u> Harvest Festival Chili and Soup Cook-off	<u>November 6</u> BBQ Pork Baked Beans Potato Salad Coleslaw Dessert
<u>November 13</u> Sandwich Bar Chips Dessert	<u>November 20</u> Nacho Bar w/all Fixings Refried Beans Spanish Rice Dessert	<u>November 27</u> No Activities

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Ladies we are continuing to feast on God's Word concerning Sabbath on Wednesday nights. God's heart is for our rest, our complete reliance on Him. We will finish up our study during the first two Wednesdays in October.

October 16th will be a night of prayer and fellowship. Join us as we pray for each other, our church, our neighbors, our community and more. Light snacks will be provided.

Beginning on October 23rd, we will begin looking in depth at the parables of Jesus. We will read them in their cultural and historical context. What does Jesus want us to know about Him, about God and His love for us? What is the life that is promised to us?

God is doing something special up in our She-Shed on Wednesday nights at 6pm. The only thing missing is you...



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30
5:15 pm



Please bring desserts—Decorate a car or truck and fill it with candy or donate candy for other vehicles.

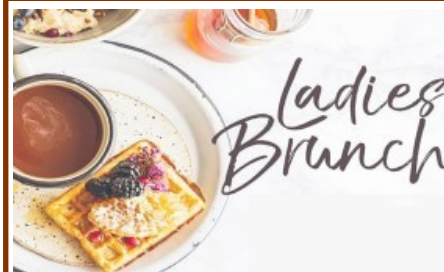
Collection Dates October 13—November 17, 2019

Pack a box full of love and gifts for a young child and pray for the child who will receive it!

See the display in the Welcome Center for more information or visit www.samaritanspurse.org

Boxes are available or use your own!
 Please do not include chocolate, toy guns, candy, liquids, gels, glass, war-related items, used or damaged clothing or toys, medications, or knives.

Be sure to include a check made out to Samaritan's Purse for \$9 per box



Ladies Brunch
Saturday, October 19th
 10am—Noon
 Walker Memorial Baptist Church

**Email womenofwalkerbc@gmail.com
 for more information**

*What if God is actually better than you think?
 What if God is searching for you?
 Running after you?*

*Not to condemn you or punish you,
 but to joyfully lift you up and carry you on
 His shoulders.*

*What if you aren't too much for Him?
 Not too heavy?*

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					1 Wallace Joslin 	2
3 Eddie Hardison 	4 Bingo at Reddick	5 Charlotte House 	6	7	8 Wally Whidby Marie McElhannon 	9
10 5:15  THANKSGIVING BUFFET	11	12	13	14 Brenda Darnell 	15 Eddie Hargrove 	16  Ladies Brunch 10 am—Noon
17 Karen Whidby Lisa Zekany 4:00—All Teams 5:00 — Ministry Update 	18 Amy Hazelwood 	19 Dinner - My Friends House	20	21	22 Jack Williams 	23
24 Cory Groves  <i>Share the Harvest</i>	25	26	27 Richard Zekany  No evening activities	28  Give Thanks Church Office Closed	29 Church Office Closed	30 Bob Butts 


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		1 John Sweeney 	2	3	4 Howard Gatlin 	5 Avery Lunn 
6 Alyson Cummings Faye Sweeney 	7 Bingo at Reddick	8 Theresa Rogers 	9 Nick Darnell Vonda Hazelwood 	10	11 Claudette Reed 	12
13	14	15 Dinner - My Friends House	16	17 Allison Wiley 	18 Nita Potts 	19
20	21 Bingo at Reddick	22 Flo Young 	23	24	25	26
27	28 Joanne Fields 	29 Pam Johnson Leanna Johnson 	30 Trunk or Treat Chili/Soup Cook-off 5:15 pm	31		