

Encourager

Walker Baptist Church

October/November 2020



ON SITE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS SCHEDULED TO RESUME OCTOBER 4
WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES ARE SCHEDULED TO RESUME OCTOBER 7
SEE CALENDAR FOR TIMES

www.walkerbc.org

Activities described in the Encourager and on the calendar are subject to change. The online calendar is kept up to date when changes occur. You can access the updated version on the website.

“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



Hello, Faithful Church!

Well, Praise the Lord – barring any unforeseen circumstances, we’ll be opening back up for in-house activities in October. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, October 4, and the Wednesday evening schedule will resume on October 7. It’s been a long, arduous, difficult 7 months, but God has been faithful and we have remained vigilant, cautious, and careful. Please keep in mind, we are re-opening with extra precautions in place, and if you are not yet comfortable with public gatherings, then please stay home and keep watching our services online.

I expect we’ll start out with small numbers of folks returning, and as the weeks go by, we’ll see more and more of our regular members showing up in-house. It may take a while before we’re “back to normal,” but that’s ok. The important thing is that we keep on praying for one another, and supporting each other with cards, letters, phone calls, text messages, and tweets.

We’ll do what we can do make things feel as normal as possible. Operation Christmas Child will be a huge focus for us in October and November, and we’ll make sure that any of you who want a shoebox to fill will get one, or two, or three! We may have to forego this year’s Trunk or Treat and Fall Festival, however, because we have little to no control over who will show up, and we’ll have no knowledge of where they’ve been or who they’ve contacted. Marti is coordinating our annual church-wide Thanksgiving dinner for Sunday, November 15. Keep watching for additional information on that special event.

I’m so grateful and encouraged by the new families who have been worshipping with us recently. Our prayer is that we can provide a loving church family and spiritual support to navigate through these tough times.

I’ll be preaching a new series in October and November that I’m calling “Heroes & Villains”. We’ll take a look at some of the lesser known heroes of the faith, such as Jochebed and Ehud, and we’ll also see what we can learn from some of the most ungodly characters in the Bible, like Jezebel and Zedekiah.

Faithfulness to God and to His church will be greatly rewarded. Thank you for your prayers, your financial support, your faithful attendance, and your involvement in the life of Walker Baptist Church. Better days are ahead!

Chuck

The Art of Deception

"All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one." --- Matt 5:37 (NIV)



"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies." --- John 8:44 (NIV)

One of the most refreshing aspects of heaven will be the absolute and perfect existence of TRUTH. Of course, we will be with the One who *is* the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We will be with the Author and Source of all truth, in light so ineffable that nothing but truth could survive in its presence.

Won't that be satisfying for God's people! Here on earth, living in the midst of consequences for our own sin and that of others since the beginning of time, we have a hard time finding and holding on to the truth. Those who have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord have been put in direct contact with Truth because He lives within us. Without a personal and living relationship with Jesus, you can only know truth from a limited perspective, hard as you may try.

That is why deception and untruths abound in our world. It doesn't matter if you are the worst imaginable person living on earth or the person who is closest to the Lord Jesus this side of heaven – the fact that you are still in this world means that sin is still a reality to you, even if (as a believer) it doesn't dictate your eternity anymore. And sin will very, very often manifest itself through anything and anyone that is false or distracts others from the truth. Satan is called father of lies, in whom there is no truth.

Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, stressed how important it is for God-followers to be truthful. Let you 'yes' be 'yes' and your 'no,' 'no' is the signpost to the most simple and direct route to live a life pleasing to God. Once we know Jesus, He will begin to shine the light of His truth in our hearts so that we understand the lies we have embraced and lived by for many years, usually innocently. The Holy Spirit will convict our hearts when we are less than truthful and grant us peace we have never known before when surrender all to Him and have nothing to hide. If you have lived for very long with this peace, it is possible you have forgotten what it was like when you lived honing the art of deception.

We start as young children, learning what we can get away with and how to react when caught to elicit the least possible consequences. It's almost scary when you think about how naturally this comes to children. But we get even more skilled at lying and half-lying as we grow older. Some people live by deceiving others as a way of life, not even realizing there is another way. Only when the Spirit of God inhabits us do we recognize the devastating burden that being less than transparent (especially with Him) has been on our spirit and to our well-being. How free we are when we recognize this truth!

Look all around you. From the world of advertising to the world of politics to the allure of culture, falsehood and false pretenses are everywhere. Only by a complete surrender to Jesus as Lord of your life can you escape it. When you do, you may be disturbed all the more by the lack of truth in this world, but you will be more equipped than ever to greatly impact those around you with God's Truth!

Walking with you,

Andy



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER
Sunday, November 15, 2020
5:00 PM
 (tentative date)

Deacons will provide Turkey and Dressing

Suggested items from church members:

Adults 60 & over	Vegetables
Adults 40 -59	Salads
Adults under 40	Desserts
Youth	Bread

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

MENUS



October 7

WELCOME BACK
 Grilled Hamburgers/
 Hot Dogs
 French Fries
 Dessert

October 14

Beef or Chicken Nacho

 Dessert

October 21

Jumbo Loaded Baked
 Potat

 Dessert

October 28

Sandwich Bar
 Chips
 Dessert

November 4

Grilled Chicken Breast
 Sautéed Vegetables
 Roasted New Potatoes
 Salad Bar
 Dessert

November 11

GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS
 Grilled Burgers & Hot
 Dogs
 Chips
 Apple Pie
 Ice cream

November 18

All You Can Eat Pizza
 Salad Bar
 Dessert

DATES ARE TENTATIVE

Meal prices: \$5.00 adult
\$4.00 3-12
Max. family cost \$25.00
Reservations required

Why do we worship?

This is a question that many have to ask themselves in the church. I would like to re-examine with you why we worship, and why we worship the way we do.

First, worship is a response that we have to God revealing Himself to us. When we worship, we praise God for the ways He has revealed Himself. There are three primary ways that God has shown Himself to us: Creation, His Word, and in Jesus Christ. After announcements, we begin each service with a call to worship. This reminds us that we are compelled to worship by how God has revealed Himself in his word. We sing songs like “How Great Thou Art” to worship how God has revealed Himself through creation, and we sing songs about Jesus’ sacrifice, participate in the Lord’s Supper, and baptize newly-converted brothers and sisters to remember and celebrate how God has revealed Himself through Jesus Christ. Then, we worship by hearing the Word of God preached and by applying it to our lives.

Worship, however, does not happen only on Sundays. The songs we sing as well as the scripture and preaching we hear should be an expression of a reality already present in our lives. This is why these words from the father of a demon-possessed boy are so true: “I do believe; help my unbelief!” When we sing “Jesus I My Cross Have Taken”, I always consider this same prayer; I have taken up the cross to follow Jesus, but I need the strength to do it more and more faithfully. At the end of the service, we have a benediction, which reminds us that we need the Lord’s blessing and help in order to be changed and be more like Him.

So corporate worship is both formative and expressive. The way we live informs how we worship, and how we worship informs how we live. Those who neglect to worship corporately will find difficulty worshipping through their everyday life. The inverse is also just as true. My prayer is that the music and worship at Walker Baptist would facilitate authentic and Christ-honoring worship both in our gatherings and in each one of our personal lives.

Peace be with you all,

Jonathan



The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions will continue to be collected through October 11th. Online giving is available or you may mail or bring a check to the church. Thank you for supporting the missionaries and programs in Tennessee.



Blessings and Greetings to you all from the FishTank...virtually, that is! We are excited at the prospects of getting back to in person worship on Wednesday nights. However, the youth have still been meeting every Wednesday night and Sunday morning. We have been utilizing the Zoom application so we could at least see each other, worship and study God's word together on our devices from home. On Sunday mornings, we just wrapped up our study of Hebrews and Song of Songs. This past Wednesday, we began an eight-week Bible Study and Daily Devotional Series titled, "Feed the Dog". The main idea behind the study is that we have "two dogs to feed" in our daily lives. The first dog is the "flesh" and the second dog is the "spirit". The study is based off the story about the man with two dogs that were always at odds with each other. In the end there was a big fight. Do you know which one won? The dog that was fed more. The study is about establishing disciplines that will help us feed the spiritual dog and starve out the flesh dog. We ask for your prayers for the youth that this study helps them better prepare to feed their spirit while being constantly tempted by the flesh. We are looking forward to helping with the 15th Annual Fish Fry September 26th and hope to see more of you in person as we see God intervene and open more doors in the fight against Covid-19. On behalf of every member of the Fish Tank, we love you all and pray for our church family often.

Wally



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD FILL A SHOEBOX WITH LOVE AND GIFTS

include a \$9 donation per shoebox to cover shipping and handling

DO NOT INCLUDE
Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

**WALKER COLLECTION DATES
OCTOBER 11—NOVEMBER 18**

You can pack a shoebox online at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>



Thank you to all who helped with our 15th Annual (1st Drive Thru) Fish Fry. Although, I am writing this prior to the event, I know I can say it was a successful event. What a blessing to our community that Walker Baptist still found a way to offer our Fish Fry.



Thank you for your dedication,
Marti Leonard



She-Shed will meet live beginning October 7 at 6:15. we will also continue to "meet" virtually via Facebook Live each Wednesday night at 6:30pm. We will continue walking through the book of Matthew. Now more than ever my heart is to live like Jesus and I believe a deep dive into this Gospel can show us the way. If you are on Facebook and want to join us, please reach out to me so I can add you to our group. If you are not on Facebook, I also record the teaching and upload it to YouTube later in the week. I'm happy to send you the link once it's uploaded.



GREETERS

OCTOBER

Henrietta & Elton Parker

NOVEMBER

Sandy Godwin Vazquez

DEACON OF THE WEEK

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

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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Youth Sunday School on Zoom	9:00 AM	Chuck McElhannon	Pastor
Walker Worship	10:15 AM	Andy Wolverton	Associate Pastor
Las Americas Worship	12:30 PM	Wally Whidby	Youth Minister
		Jonathan Wells	Worship Leader
		Theresa Rogers	Accompanist

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

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She-Shed on Facebook Live	6:30 PM	Church Telephone	615-794-7000
Youth on Zoom	6:15 PM	Church Email	ask@walkerbc.org

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<https://twitter.com/wbcfranklin>

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Guide to Giving

We appreciate the Walker Family's faithfulness in the area of giving, especially during difficult times. Mailing a check is one way to remain a consistent steward, and giving online is another very convenient way. Below are step-by-step instructions for giving online to Walker securely using your bank card or your bank account.



(1) Navigate to the Walker Baptist Church website - www.walkerbc.org

(2) Select "ONLINE GIVING" from the headings (on a computer) or from the options on the drop-down menu (on mobile devices).

(3) Once you have navigated to the Online Giving page, scroll down and choose the red button that says, "CLICK HERE TO GIVE." You will be directed to a page hosted by REALM, our church management software. Follow the instructions to give using your card or bank account. The system will recognize your email address if we have it on file and give credit on your church contribution record automatically. If you have used the system before and it asks you for a password, you may choose to "Continue as Guest." If you would like to establish and use a REALM account, ask Andy to send you a system "invitation" to do so. That way, you may access your giving record anytime and store payment information to make future giving simpler. You can even set up recurring gifts on a schedule you choose.



Sunday Schedule

Sunday School
Worship

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

In person and on Facebook at Walker Baptist

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WEDNESDAYS onsite
Fellowship Supper 5:15 pm
Youth, M&M's 6:00 pm
Bible Study 6:15 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 CHOIR REHEARSAL Wednesday 7:15 pm			<i>Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. on Facebook Live at She-Shed Walker Ladies. Also in person beginning October 28</i>	1 John Sweeney 	2	3
4  BEGINS	5 Avery Lunn 	6	7	8 Theresa Rogers 	9 Vonda Hazelwood  Nick Darnell	10
11 Claudette Reed 	12	 Early Voting Begins	14 No Supper this week	15	16	17 Allison Wiley 
18 Nita Potts 	19	20	21 No Supper this week	22 Flo Young 	23	24
25 Harry Dugan 	26	27	28 Joanne Fields 	29 Pam Johnson 	30	 HALLOWEEN



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Worship 10:15 AM
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Youth, M&M's 6:00 pm
Bible Study 6:15 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Wallace Joslin </p> <p>SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR</p>	2	<p>3 Eddie Hardison </p> <p>REMEMBER TO VOTE ELECTION DAY</p>	4	5 Charlotte House 	6	7
<p>8 Wally Whidby </p> <p>Marie McElhannon</p>	9	10	11  <i>Thank You</i> VETERANS	12	13	14 Brenda Darnell 
<p>15  <i>Share the Harvest</i> THANKSGIVING DINNER 5 PM</p>	16	17 Lisa Zekany 	18 Amy Hazelwood  Last day to bring shoeboxes	19	20	21
22 Jack Williams 	23	24	25 NO ACTIVITIES	26  THANKSGIVING	27 Richard Zekany 	28
29	30	 <p>SHARE THE HARVEST NOVEMBER 15th.</p>		 <p>CHOIR REHEARSAL Wednesday 7:15 pm</p>		 <p><i>Wednesdays at 6:15 in person and at 6:30 pm. on Facebook Live at She-Shed Walker Ladies.</i></p>