Encourager

Walker Baptist Church

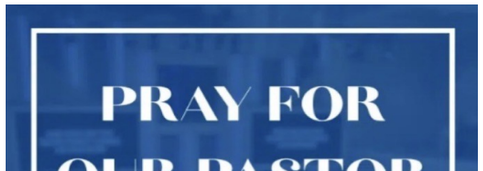
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"Let us not give up meeting together. . . but let us encourage one another---and all the more as you see the day approaching." – Hebrews 10:25





After prayerful consideration, the following individuals accepted the call to be a member of Walker's Pastor Search Committee, and were subsequently elected by the church body.

We sincerely thank them for their service and dedication to finding the right person to lead Walker into the next era.

Tim Brennan
Faye Campbell
Jennifer Leonard
Wayne Mangrum
Elaine Thompson

Alternates:
Valerie Golden
Karen Whidby

Greetings, Walker Baptist Church Family!

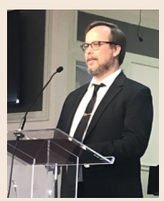
I recently gave a sermon on Matthew 11:28-30 titled "Light Work". The premise of it was based on a question that a friend of mine had posed, which was "If the yoke isn't as easy or light as Jesus says it is…is it His yoke?" Ever since I read it, I have thought it a perfect litmus test to help evaluate whether the work we are doing in our lives and ministries is truly the work of Jesus rather than of ourselves. If it isn't, is it because it's something that isn't being approached correctly or is it something that shouldn't be done at all? As a secondary Scripture, I referenced 2 Thessalonians 3:6-14, which in the New International Version says:

> **6 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, 8 nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, l aboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. 9 We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat." 11 We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. 12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. 13 And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good. 14 Take special note of anyone who does not obey our instruction in this letter. Do not associate with them, in order that they may feel ashamed.**

Are we letting others to do the work that God meant for us while we sit idly by? Or are we involving ourselves in the work that God would have others to do, thus causing disruption to their ministry? Both of those behaviors are strictly condemned. Both place extra burden on top of the light and easy yoke of Jesus that He has given to those with the specific spiritual gifts, circumstances, and drive to carry out His Will. Instead, let us experience and share His joy by doing the work He intends for us.

In Christ,

Troy Guttormson
Worship Pastor





Even if you are not entering the cook-off, we need some people to bring chili or soup to share. If you are not bringing chili or soup, please bring accompaniments such as sour cream, grated cheese, cornbread, relishes, or desserts, Thank you.

WALKER BAPTIST CHURCH

PROUDLY SPONSORS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

1. Pick up a shoebox from the welcome center
2. Fill it with gifts and love (see flyers for appropriate items)
3. Include a check for $10 to cover shipping and handling
4. Bring the completed box to the church by November 13
5. You may also Build-a-Box online, or donate funds for youth to Build-a-Box for you.



CHECK THE DISPLAY TABLE IN THE HALLWAY FOR MORE INFORMATION

Walker's Mission has been referred to in several recent sermons. Perhaps you wondered where to find it. Our Mission, which was adopted in 2023, is shown below. It can also be found on the home page of Walker's website. www.walkerbc.org

Walker Baptist Church

Pray. Love. Serve.

WALKER'S MISSION - Pray. Love. Serve.

Pray. Our first-level relationship commitment is to God. We strengthen that relationship through ongoing communication with him in prayer, which leads to worship, honor, reverence, respect, and obedience.

Love. Our second-level relationship commitment is to one another (the church). The New Testament is filled with challenges and exhortations to love one another, encourage one another, challenge one another, etc.

Serve. Our third-level relationship commitment is to the world. Our mission is to reach the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ, and the best way we can do that is through our actions. We will serve our fellow man in the spirit of Jesus, and do so with generosity and grace, for that is how Jesus reached us.

Our Mission Statement for Walker Baptist Church. Pray. Love. Serve. May we do so with joy as we follow Jesus.

OUR BELIEFS

We follow the doctrines of the Baptist Faith and Message, 2000. (https://bfm.sbc.net/bfm2000/)

GREETERS

OCTOBER

Elaine Thompson

NOVEMBER

Linda & Tom Conrad

A HUGE SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the outstanding Fish Fry. It was a sell out! Although he was not with us in person, we could feel Mr. Raymond smiling down from above and saying "Good job"! I have not received confirmation from The Boss, but am fairly confident that you can put September 25, 2027 on your calendars for the 22nd Annual Fish Fry.

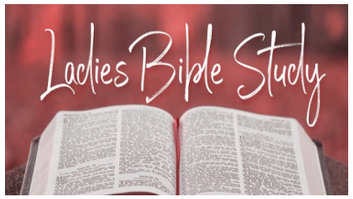


ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER
Sunday, November 15, 2026
5:00 PM

Bring your family and join us for a churchwide fellowship, celebrating the blessings we have received this year. Deacons will provide Turkey and Dressing. Suggested items from church members include:



Adults 65 & over	Vegetables
Adults 45-64	Salads
Adults under 45	Desserts
Children, Youth	Cranberry Sauce, Bread



Our Ladies Bible Study has spent the past several weeks walking through the book of Habakkuk, learning what it looks like to trust God when we don't understand what He is doing, to bring our honest questions to Him, and to rest in the truth that He is faithful, even when our circumstances don't change. As we finish this meaningful study, we're excited to begin our next journey together: The Names of God. From Genesis to Revelation, Scripture reveals God through names that show us His character and remind us of the many ways He meets us. He is the God who sees, the God who provides, the Lord who saves, our Comforter, Counselor, and so much more. Together, we'll discover what these names teach us about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and how knowing God more deeply can transform the way we trust Him, worship Him, and live as His beloved children. We'd love for you to join us!

Jennifer

CHURCH IS NOT A PLACE. IT'S A BODY - -
A FAMILY WITH BLOOD TIES THROUGH JESUS CHRIST!

Walker Youth had a fantastic experience at Camp Whidby on Tim's Ford Lake during their end-of-summer Glamp







WORSHIP BY THE LAKE

SWIMMING

EATING

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

PLAYING GAMES

BOATING

CHATS BY THE CAMPFIRE





OCT 4	Chris & Kelley Wheeler	NOV 1	Laura Powell, Emmie Belbeck
OCT 11	Debra Mangrum, Austin Godwin	NOV 8	Jennifer & Kody Leonard
OCT 18	Jami & Avery Lunn	NOV 15	Josh & Susanna Sulfridge
OCT 25	Rhonda Gatlin, Marlee Donoho	NOV 22	Marie McElhannon, Daianna Austin
		NOV 29	Paige Reilly, Kate Lee

If you are not able to keep your date, please try to trade with someone. If you need assistance please call or text Jennifer Leonard at 615-604-9457

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENUS

October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes Broccoli/cheese sauce Salad, Dessert	FALL BREAK No Wednesday Activities	Pizza Party Salad Dessert	FALL FESTIVAL CHILI/SOUP COOKOFF HOT DOGS DESSERT
November 4	**November 11**	**November 18**	**November 25**
Grilled Chicken Breast Roasted Potatoes Green Beans Salad, Dessert	Sandwich Bar Chips Dessert	Breaded Chicken Tenders (Homestyle & Buffalo) French Fries Salad, Dessert	Thanksgiving No Wednesday Night Activities

SUPPER PRICES: Adults $7.00, Children Ages 5-12 $5.00. Family limit (living in same household). $30.00

October 2026

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE Fellowship Dinner 5:15-6:00 Pre-School, Children, Youth 6:00-7:20 She-Shed 6:15-7:20 Adult Bible Study 6:25-7:20 Adult Choir 7:30-8:30				1 Camille Bost	2 Compassion Corner 10-2	3 Tom Conrad
4  Vote on Interim Pastor	5 Avery Lunn	6	7	8 Theresa Rodgers Francisco Rodriguez Sr.	9 Rachel Brennan Vonda Hazelwood	10
11 4pm Team Mtgs 5pm Ministry Update Barbara Guttormson	12 Susannah Sulfridge	13	14 FALL BREAK NO EVENING ACTIVITIES	15	16 Compassion Corner 10-2	17
18 Day of Prayer for Baptist Associations	19	20 Kevin Adair	21	22 Florene Young	23 Hannah Whitlow	24
25	26	27	28 FALL FESTIVAL CHILI COOKOFF Joanne Fields Justin Stelter	29	30 Stevie Giorno	31  HALLOWEEN

November 2026

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9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 CST BEGINS Wallace Joslin	2 Sarah Kibler	3 Elaine Thompson	4 Audrey Batson Tim Brennan	5 Gregg LaFever Ruth Tudor	6 Compassion Corner 10-2 Connie Haggard	7
8 6 pm Budget Mtg Marie McElhannon Wally Whidby	9	10 Daisy Whidby	11  VETERAN'S DAY	12	13	14 Brenda Darnell Dixie Hogue
15 	16	17 Karen Whidby	18	19 Kody Leonard	20 Compassion Corner 10-2 Connie Bernard	21
22	23 Linda Ramsey	24	25 NO EVENING ACTIVITIES	26  THANKSGVING	27 Andrew Poe	28
29	30					

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