

THE EDIFIER



“Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and the things wherewith one may edify another” (Rom. 14:19).

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FAMILY MATTERS...Steve Baggett

One More Sunday

December 31, 2017

Please continue to be in prayer and meditation regarding our “One More Sunday” on December 31. Last Sunday **Ted Williams** announced, on behalf of our Shepherds, that as part of our December 31 assembly, we will be given the opportunity to participate in a special offering to help reduce the indebtedness on our Counseling Building and further enhance our Counseling Ministry. All funds contributed that day will go for this purpose. Every family is being asked to contribute at least a tithe on this day. To assist us in preparing for this special opportunity:

- Today—**Robby Harmon** will speak to us about tithing.
- December 17—**Brian Ragan** will present our 2018 Budget, and we will be given a ten-day Devotional Guide which lead up to the final Sunday of this year.
- December 24—**Bob Spencer** will give one final charge for the week leading up to December 31

We will enjoy “one more opportunity” to worship, contribute, study, and enjoy a delicious soup and sandwich add-a-dish meal. Our schedule for the day will be:

- 9:00 AM Worship-Celebrating What God Has Done in 2017
- 10:15 AM 6th grade-Adults in Auditorium, Bud Lambert teaching-Celebrating God’s Family, the Church
- 11:00 AM Soup and Sandwich Add-A-Dish Lunch
- Noon Mid-Day Singing Assembly
- TBA Late Night Devo and Games in Fellowship Hall

Holiday Schedule

- Dec. 12.....Food For Thought, Noon
- Dec. 13.....Wednesday Express Meal, 6 PM
- Dec. 20.....All Wednesday Bible Classes meet
- Dec. 24.....9 AM Worship, 10:15 AM Classes, 6 PM Devo
- Dec. 25-26.....Church Office closed
- Dec. 27.....All classes in Auditorium, “Year-End Devotional”
- Dec. 31.....53rd Sunday “One More Opportunity”

INVOLVING YOU...Larry Snow

“You Spoke and Troy Listened”

Its been almost four years since we last published a pictorial directory for our church family. Recently Troy Williams, our Communications Deacon, circulated a Facebook survey designed to get your input on this important process. Clearly after almost four years the need existed. The question was how best to accomplish it. Overwhelmingly the input you provided was to bring in an outside company that would take the pictures, offer families the opportunity to purchase pictures, and in turn provide the directory at the completion of the project. Troy’s due diligence is making this important opportunity a reality.

To be a success we need you! All of you. We need those of you who are excited about this opportunity to have your picture made for the directory and possibly purchase additional pictures. Please know purchasing additional pictures is a choice and is not a requirement. You do not have to buy anything. We also need those of you who would prefer not to have your picture made to be a part of the directory. Please consider the challenge our newer members have in trying to match names with faces. A pictorial directory is a big help to them.

Troy will be providing important information about the directory in this morning’s announcement. Additionally, we wanted you to have a schedule of the sign-up opportunities for photographic sessions you could take with you. It’s as follows:

Sunday, December 17—Sign-ups for photo sessions begin.
Please sign up!

Wednesday, December 20—Sign up at the table in the
Gathering Room

Sunday, December 24—Sign up at the table in the Gathering Room

Wednesday, December 27—Sign up at the table in the
Gathering Room

Sunday, December 31—Sign-up at the table in the Gathering Room

Wednesday, January 3—Sign-up at the table in the
Gathering Room

PHOTOGRAPHY BEGINS THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Dickson Healthcare: Joyce Baker (rehab room 2)

- Gwynn Kerns, who is undergoing tests
- Kaitlyn Chester and Ryan Hostler, who responded to the invitation and requested prayer Sunday evening
- Helen Stanford, who is experiencing several health issues
- Rick Gray, (husband of Betty Ruth Gray and father of B.J. Owen and Ashley Fussell) who received good results from recent tests
- Melissa Tinsley, (co-worker of Peggy Bean) who has developed glaucoma



Betty Ruth & Rick Gray
Thinking of You

The flower urns located at the front of the auditorium were given to the church several years ago by Sister June Leathers. They are normally located in the chapel, but were moved to the auditorium for the memorial service held for Sister Leathers yesterday.



Christmas Events

The Homebuilder's Group will host a **Santa's Workshop** on Sunday, December 17 following evening service (Fellowship Hall). This group will make ornaments to share with area nursing homes and will have refreshments.

The Senior Ministry will host it's **annual Holiday Dinner** on Monday, December 18 at 6 PM.
Sign up sheets are in the Gathering Room.

The **Young Adult Group Christmas Party** will be held **Friday, December 29** in the Loft. Text Mark Gooch at 615-714-6515 to sign up. Deadline is December 24. There will be a prize for the best Christmas sweater.

FAMILY NEWS

We extend our sympathy to Susan Snow and family in the loss of her aunt, Virginia Neill, who passed away December 6. Funeral services will be held Monday in Magnolia, AR.

We extend our sympathy to Helen Stanford in the loss of her sister-in-law, Gay Anderson, who passed away December 1 in Ringold, GA.

We extend our sympathy to Darrell Baker in the loss of his aunt, Marie Hansley, who passed away November 26.

Those of our number who are expectant mothers:

Morgan Haselhuhn (1/14); Kaylee Speight (3/4)

Welcome New Members:



Jean Gooch
1031 Trainer Avenue
Burns, TN 37029
615-446-5010

Crystal Donaldson
Luke Shaffer & Erin Shaffer
380 John Murrell Road
Bon Aqua, TN 37025
615-920-4639



Note of Thanks:

I would like to thank the Walnut Street Church family for all of the cards that I received for my birthday. Robert Mitchell

Louise Goins would enjoy cards and calls for her 96th birthday on December 16
NHC Place at the Trace
8353 Hwy 100, Room 539
Nashville, TN 37221
629-888-5745

*Carolers of all ages
are invited!
Tuesday, December 19
Meet in the kitchen
at 5:30 PM*

*Join us for Christmas caroling and a time of
hot chocolate and fellowship to follow!*



**Walnut Street Church of Christ
Mission Statement**

Manifesting the fruit of the Spirit, proclaiming Christ to the lost and serving mankind to the glory of God.

ATTENDANCE

Wed, 12/6...447

Sunday-December 3
Worship—9 AM815
Bible Study611
Sunday PM.....483*
*includes 124 at Vanleer

CONTRIBUTION

12/3.....\$33,225 Weekly Budget.....\$29,762
2017 Annual Budget - \$1,547,633

Elders

Gaylan Brown..... 446-9909	Robby Harmon 289-1936
Gary Brunett..... 887-1227	Tim Hogue..... 319-6714
Bobby Cathey..... 446-9216	Brian Ragan 414-4529
George Caudill 446-3996	Tim Spann..... 943-7248
Joe Corlew 446-8787	Bob Spencer 446-3882
Ted Williams 446-6441	

Ministers

Steve Baggett.....Pulpit	Alan Ragan Youth
Bud Lambert.....Counseling	Larry Snow.....Involvement
Bob Spencer Youth	

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Fax:..... 615-446-5265	Sharmon@wscoc.com
Childcare:..... 615-441-3410	Sbaggett@wscoc.com

More Opportunities to Learn about Jesus

Search For Truth—Dickson Local Cable Channel 19
(Tuesdays-12 Noon, Thursdays-11 am, Fridays-8 pm)

WWW.STUDYJESUS.COM/ WWW.ESTUDIAJESUS.COM:

Stats YTD: 1,008,362 visits through 12/1

StudyJesus.com can be found in religious books section of itunes

Youth Class Locations

<u>Age</u>	<u>Building Area</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Building Area</u>
Birth - 6 months	Nursery	K-3rd grades	300 hallway
6 months - 1 year	Nursery	4th grade	Room 105
1-5 year olds	400 hallway	5th grade	Room 205
		6th-12th grades	500 hallway

Adult Bible Classes

<u>RM #</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
101	Fundamentals	Southerland
103	Hebrews	Brunett/Perkins
Chapel	2 Corinthians	Brown/Hogue
406	Restoration Movement	DeBerry/Curcio
408	College/Young Adults	Gooch
410	What I Wish I'd Known Before I Got Married	Various
412	Gospel of John	Baggett, Ragan, Williams
Loft	Various	Spencer
406	Making Investments That Last (8 am)	Caudill

YOUTH CORNER

6th-12th Grade Activities

—Bob Spencer & Alan Ragan—

Today, 12/10: No chorus; devo at the building

Monday, 12/11 - Tuesday, 12/12: Loft closed

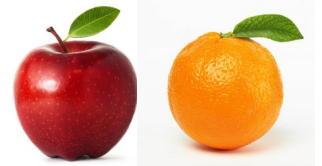
Wednesday, 12/13: Wednesday Evening Bible Class

Saturday, 12/16: Big Game Night (6:30-9 PM)



**Christmas Caroling for
6th Grade - College Age
Monday, December 18
Meet in the Loft at 6 PM**

**CIA Fruit Baskets for Olive Branch
Today from 1-3 PM
Meet in the Kitchen**



Upcoming EVENTS

- **Shut-In Visitation Team meeting** - today following evening worship
- **Men's Devotional** - Monday, December 11 at 6:30 PM in room 408
- **Caregiver Appreciation Lunch at NHC** - Tuesday, December 12
- **Wednesday Express Meal** - December 13 at 6 PM; menu will be pasta, salad, rolls and cobbler
- **Deacon Meeting** - Sunday, December 17 at 5 PM in room 412
- **Christmas Caroling for all ages** - Tuesday, December 19; meet in the kitchen at 5:30 PM. Hot chocolate and fellowship to follow

Welcome Troy Williams
 Song Leader..... Jeff White
 Prayer..... Larry Crownover
 Song # 238..... *You Are the Song That I Sing*
 Song # 480..... *Blessed Assurance*
 Song # 376..... *He Paid a Debt*

Lord's Supper Meditation—Carl Buckner

Lord's Supper

Song # 513..... *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

Offering

Song # 414..... *Anywhere With Jesus*

Scripture Reading—Luke 9:51-57 Mike Yates

ANYWHERE WITH JESUS

(Luke 9:57-62)

1. **I will follow you _____ you go (9:57).**
 - a. In Jesus' day, when one committed to following a Rabbi, he would _____ follow the rabbi wherever he went.
 - b. He would follow him _____ step of the way
 2. **Jesus explained that following Him is _____ (9:58).**
 - a. Not just a word expressing _____ commitment
 - b. Described a _____ of _____
 3. **What is the _____ where we find it most difficult to follow Jesus?**
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
 - f. _____
 - * _____ leadership position
 - * Other _____ positions
 - * Bible class and worship _____
 - * _____ someone the gospel
 - g. Luke 6:46 - And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do _____ do the things which I say?
 - h. Are you ready to _____ ?
- Song # 662..... *All to Jesus I Surrender*
53rd Sunday Announcement—Robby Harmon
 Song (screen only)..... *Anywhere is Home*
 Prayer..... Sherman Cline

Welcome..... Eric Hickerson
 Song Leader..... Mark O'Neal
 Song # 44 *Glory Be to God the Father*
 Song # 102 *Great is the Lord Almighty*
 Song # 74 *Praise the Lord*
 Prayer..... Chip Haslam
 Song # 347 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Children 3rd grade and down may go to their classes during this song.

Scripture Reading (Isaiah 40:28-31)..... Kendall Harris

ONE WORD—SOVEREIGNTY

1. **Definition:**
 - a. A _____ reign
 - b. Applied to God: _____, power, providence, choices, will, and works of God
 2. **God is _____. He can do anything He pleases that is within His nature and will.**
 - a. Ps. 103:19; 115:3; Gen. 50:20; Prov. 16:9; 2 Chron. 20:6; Zech. 4:6; Rom. 8:28
 - b. Song # 96 *I Stand in Awe*
 3. **Isaiah 40**
 - a. 40:1-8—The captives will be able to return _____.
 - b. 40:9-11—God _____ you.
 - c. 40:12-14—He can _____ whatever he pleases.
 - d. 40:15-17—He is greater than the _____.
 - e. 40:18-20—He is greater than _____.
 - f. 40:26-28—He spoke the _____ into existence.
 - h. 40:29-31—He offers that power to _____.
- Song # 71 *As the Deer*
 Song # 718 *We Shall Assemble*
Those wishing to take the Lord's Supper may go to the chapel during this song.
 Prayer..... Matthew Piland

ONE WORD DEVOTIONAL

Reading Schedule

December 11 *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* (p. 304)
 December 12..... *He Is God and You Are Not* (p. 305)
 December 13..... *The One with Authority Today* (p. 306)
 December 14 *Trust the Sovereign God* (p. 307)
 December 15..... *God Wins!* (p. 308)

Serving the Lord's Supper this month:

Officiate: Ken Kerns/Joe Deweese
Serve at table: Charles DeBerry/ Kory Harvey
Serve: Brad Beaubien, Grey Beaubien, Jameson Bouldin, Carl Buckner, Alex Curcio, Anthony Curcio, Lewis Curd, Dale Duke, Ben Givens, Kirk Givens, Stephen Long, Mark Horsley, Kirk Davidson, Mark Kinzer, John Lampley, Monty Novotny, Hardeman Ragan, Andrew Burton, Garry Spicer, Mark Corlew, Samuel Woodard
PM: Bob Williams/Drew Williams

Soundbooth & Powerpoint

SB 9am: Richard Wright
PP 9am & 6pm:
SB 10:15am & 6pm: Gary Brunett
Wed: Brian Choate

December's Ushers

David Crafton, J.C. Tidwell, Joe Kelley, Charlie Daniel, Al Denton

Bible Hour

Laurie Billingsby, Todd Ragan, Ken & Christie Southerland, Rachel Donegan, Patrick Nicks, Brian & Michelle Webber

December's Security Teams

9am: Kendall/Lisa Harris
10:15am: Julie Hicks/
6pm: Ted Barber/Jim Greene
Wed: Henry Perkins/Ken Johnson

Today's Greeters

Curbside: Danny Donegan
Gathering Room: Milton/Joan Williams, Barry White/Lori Whitaker, Chip Haslam, Brittany Lamb, Dennis/Janet Bass
Information Booth: Mark/Stephanie Gooch

Wednesday Devotional

Lead Singing: Chip Haslam
Speaker: Larry Snow
Prayer: Ken Southerland

December Nursery Attendants

9 AM: Martha Duke, Penny Powlas, Christy Tuck, Lisa Wright
10:15 AM: Leah Peeler
6 PM: Amanda/ Ellie Nicks, Tiffany/ Isabella Cardona, Hannah White
Wed: Robyn Lampley, Pat Manley