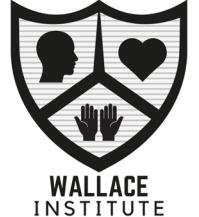


# OUR FAMILY OF FAITH NEWS

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF:  
- Yvonne Piercy, November 24



**Title**  
Bible Study with Tommy Green  
Tech Team Basics  
How To Study The Bible  
Intro to Missions  
  
**Ephesians: Verse by Verse**  
(for women only)  
6 Strategies for Small Group Ldrship

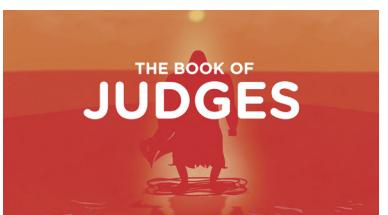
**Instructor**  
Tommy Green  
Trent Heston  
Chase Campbell  
John & Katherine Green  
and Charlotte Davis  
  
Kathy Glennon  
Ed Ford

**Time, Place and Duration**  
4pm, Worship Center (7 weeks)  
6pm, Room S243 (4 weeks)  
6pm, Room S245 (6 weeks)  
  
6pm, Room S242 (9 weeks)  
  
6pm, Room S247 (8 weeks)  
6pm, Room S240 (6 weeks)  
This class begins on Jan. 14.

## JANUARY SERIES "Don't Judge: Book of Judges"

January 4  
January 11  
January 18

Idolatry  
Fall  
Judgment & Grace



**NEW SERIES**  
"Letter from a Jail Cell"  
January 25 Advance the Gospel



# BE DISCIPLES MAKE DISCIPLES

JANUARY 2026



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 1-2  
Church Offices Closed

January 4  
Deacon Ordination  
Council, 4pm  
Kid's Center

Deacon Ordination  
Service, 5pm  
Worship Center

January 7  
All Activities for Spring  
Semester begin

January 19  
Church Offices Closed

February 1  
Deacon's Mtg  
4pm, Kid's Center

Annual Business Mtg  
5pm, Worship Center

Wallace Campus  
Office Hours  
Monday - Thursday  
8:30am - 5pm

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Dear Wallace family,

Every year I pray and focus on a verse for the upcoming year and the verse that God has laid on my heart for 2026 is 1 Thessalonians 5:19—"Don't stifle the Spirit." We don't use the word "stifle" very much, but it means to quench or to extinguish. The Holy Spirit is presented as tongues of fire at Pentecost in the book of Acts. Imagine throwing a bucket of water on the flames. That is what it means to quench or to extinguish or to stifle.

This admonition comes in a series of instructions at the end of Paul's letter to the church at Thessalonica. Some are much more well-known—like v16 which says to "rejoice always" or v17 which reads to "pray constantly." We don't hear much about v19, but perhaps we should. Because we can get in the way of what God wants to do in His church.

How can we stifle the Spirit? Personally, we can quench the work of the Spirit in our lives through sin and disobedience in our hearts. We can stifle the Spirit through lack of faith and trust in God. Corporately, as a church we can extinguish the Spirit through disobedience and lack of faith. We can put a damper on His work through disunity and in-fighting. All of these things can bring what God wants to do in us and through us to a halt.

As we move into 2026 and begin the 2030 Macedonia Project, this vision and these goals will never be reached apart from the work and power of God. If God doesn't move, then we will not become what God has put in our hearts. My prayer for myself and for our church is that we don't stifle the Spirit. Let us be quick to confess sin in our hearts and seek His forgiveness. Let us work together and pray for and encourage one another. Let us be faithful to what God has called us to do. Let us walk in step with the Spirit of God.

Sincerely, John





## Memory Verse of the Month - Judges 17:6

"In those days there was no King in Israel; everyone did whatever seemed right to him."

## Breakfast with the Pastors - Thursday, January 8

Boomers/Sr. Adults will meet at 9am for a time of fellowship. Cost: \$5 for breakfast. Sign up with Laura Simpson.

## Day & Night Women on Mission - Tuesday, Jan. 6

9:15am and 6:30pm - Bill Wallace Room - Join one of these groups this month as Michael and Hillary Mincher share their story about serving in Mongolia.

## Western Heights Baptist Center - Thursday, January 15

Boomers/Sr. Adults will leave church at 8am to go and work in the market. Lunch will be out.

## Lady Vols Basketball Game - Thursday, January 22

Boomers/Sr. Adults will leave church at 5:30pm to see the Lady Vols play Kentucky. Cost: \$18 (includes ticket and transportation).

## Bill Wallace of China Story - Tuesday, January 27

The Spirit Lifters will meet in the Atrium at 12noon for lunch with a soup and baked potato bar. Jim McCluskey and Nina Fletcher will share their experience of being in Wochow China where Dr. Bill Wallace worked. COST IS TBA.



WALLACE MARRIAGE RETREAT  
FEBRUARY 13-14, AT CARSON SPRINGS  
REGISTER AT WALLACEKNOX.COM/EVENTS

Wallace Marriage Retreat  
February 13-14, 2026  
Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center  
1120 Carson Springs Road, Newport, TN 37821

HOSTS: Alan and Tina Lyle from Family Life  
Go to [wallaceknox.com/events](http://wallaceknox.com/events) to register



## Explore Wallace Class

This class will not meet in January. It will resume on Sunday, February 1. It is geared for new members at WMBC and is required for all persons requesting membership. The class meets on the first Sunday of each month following the Worship Service (11am) in the Pastors Workspace (Treehouse). Contact John Green at [jgreen@wallaceknox.com](mailto:jgreen@wallaceknox.com), for more information.

## Backpack Ministry - Wednesday, January 14, 5:30pm, Gym

This ministry will be filling backpacks to help as the cold weather has arrived. Contact Peggy Reynolds 865-406-8781, for more information.

## Mats for Homeless

Matmakers are making a difference when they turn a plastic grocery bag into a sleeping mat for those living on the street. Join this group every Wednesday, 6pm, in the Atrium. Call Sandy Bolton, 865-688-4343, with questions.

## Cumberland Women Sewing Ministry - Tuesday, January 20, 9-12noon

Come and help make outfits and blankets for those struggling in Ukraine. You will make a difference. Contact Dottie Sampsel, 865-659-9334, with questions.

## Students

There are lots of student activities coming up in 2026!

Strength To Stand (STS) Conference & Los Angeles Mission Trip registration is open! STS is limited to the first 50 students! Los Angeles is for all Freshman-Senior high school students.

Go to the student website to learn more about what's happening in 2026 ([www.wallacestudents.com](http://www.wallacestudents.com)). Any questions text Tylar Baker at 606-425-7049.



**Lottie Moon Offering - "Together" we can do more to reach the nations.**  
In December we can give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. WMBC Goal: \$160,000.

## Thank you Church Family!

368 Thanksgiving boxes  
224 shoeboxes  
110 Angel Tree gift bags of toys and clothes  
What are blessing you were in December. God is good!

## Encouragers for Homebound Ministry - WE NEED ENCOURAGERS!

Please contact Kent Williams or Laura Simpson if you would be interested in serving in this ministry. Let's be a blessing to our homebound members by calling, visiting and/or sending a card once a month.

**Celebrate Recovery** - Did you know that nationwide 2 and 3 Celebrate Recovery participants do not have a chemical addiction? Join us on Monday nights at 5:30pm to learn how to overcome hurts, habits and hang-ups. Contact Steve Anderson, CRKnox Ministry Leader, 423-327-1053, for more information and how you can support this ministry.



## 2026 MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

February 2-10	Central Asia (trip is full)
TBD	Puerto Rico
March 28	Townsend Ministry Day
July 19-22	Townsend Campground
July 31-August 8	Montana Construction
TBD	Cincinnati
September 14 or 21	Scott County Ministry Day
October 19-26	Red Hill, England
Nov. 27- Dec. 5	Germany Music

Sign up sheets for these trips will be on Green Light Sunday, Feb.22. Look for information tables for each trip in the Atrium. Please contact Sandy Bolton, 865-688-4343, to find out more information.

## Leadership Team

Dr. John Green IV	Lead Pastor
Tylar Baker	Students Pstr
Chase Campbell	Discipleship Pstr
Adam Diggs	Riverview Campus Pstr
Orlando Estevez	Iglesia Knox. Pstr
Vitalie Gribinet	Romanian Cong. Pstr
Dr. Jim McCluskey	Pastor Emeritus
Jarred Morgan	College & Comm. Pstr
Kory Van Matre	Worship & Music Pstr
Jeff Stevens	Children & Families Pstr
Kent Williams	Pastoral Care/Sr. Adults & Single Adults
Dale Maddox	Church Administrator
Kristie Bell	Weekday Ministries
Tim Bennett	Facilities
Sandy Bolton	Missions
Trent Heston	Technology
Tara Miller	Pre-School
Emily Summers	Business Office Manager

## Worship & Equipping Schedule

### Sunday

Wallace Campus
8:30am Connect 1
9:30am Wallace Worship
Iglesia Adult Connect
11am Connect 2
Iglesia Knox Worship
Romanian Worship
Wallace Kids Connect
Wallace Students Connect
3pm Hallelujah Chorus

Riverview Campus
10am Connect Groups
11am Worship Gathering

### Wednesday

Wallace Campus
4:45pm Cafe' Wallace
6pm Choir Rehearsal
Orchestra Rehearsal
Children & Student Activities
Wallace Institute
Iglesia Prayer Mtg