

OUR FAMILY OF FAITH NEWS

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF:

- Dick Whaley, July 1
- Lark Altom, August 3
- Jane Shoemaker, August 5
- Norman Jean Green, August 13
- Harry Hodge, August 20

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARENTS OF:

- John Todd and Luke Thomas Archer, born August 19, proud parents are Josh and Allison Archer

NOTES OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION FROM:

"There are no words to say enough about our gratefulness for our 25th anniversary love offering. You have loved us for 25 years and we feel it. It is our privilege to be a part of this ministry family."

In His love, Kent & Amy Williams

"Thank you for the visits in the hospital. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers. I began PT last week, doctors visited slowed, and progress is now visible. We can all think of better ways to spend a summer, but I tell you this one has become one of the calmest in memory and full of gratitude to God & our church family. You have been a blessing to us."

Pam Edds

"Thank you so much for the donation of Gideon Bibles in Ken's memory. The church meant a lot to Ken and we know he would be pleased."

The Poucher Family

"Dear Church Family, Thank you for being our Church! The service on that Thursday night for Lark was so special. God was there that night and we definitely had "church." Lark would have been pleased. Thank you for the donation of Gideon Bibles."

All the Best, George Altom



SEPTEMBER SERIES "God, Are You There?"

September 1	Day of Prayer
September 8	In the Midst of Suffering
September 15	In the Midst of Judgment
September 22	In the Midst of Hopelessness
September 29	In the Midst of Sadness



BE DISCIPLES MAKE DISCIPLES

SEPTEMBER 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 1
Day of Prayer

Sept. 2
Church Offices Closed

Sept. 8
Retirement Reception
for Darrell Wright
12:15pm, Atrium

Sept. 29
Deacon's Meeting
4pm, Kid's Center

Family Reunion
5pm, Worship Center

Wallace Campus
Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
8:30 am - 5:00 pm

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Dear Wallace family,

A few weeks ago we introduced the "2 More for '24" initiative to our church. When the worldwide COVID pandemic occurred a few years ago, most churches saw a decline in attendance and in giving. Some churches never recovered, but God has blessed our church family. By all metrics, our church is a healthy and growing church. We have grown to our pre-pandemic attendance numbers once again. We are baptizing more people than ever before. We are welcoming guests on our campuses every week. The only metric that hasn't recovered is our giving. Because of external factors, such as a difficult economy, families

are feeling squeezed financially.

Churches are facing some of the same difficulties with their budget. We have higher operational costs due to increases in utilities, materials and supplies. We have higher personnel costs due to increases in insurance, etc. Our giving is currently running behind our budget needs which would leave us with a deficit at year's end unless giving changes between now and then. Managing these costs, along with a drop in giving, has forced our church to make difficult decisions about ministry.

For this reason, we are proposing the "2 More for '24" initiative. We are asking for our church family to give 2% more for the rest of this year. For those who are already tithing, we thank you for your faithfulness in giving. Some may be able to give an additional 2% and are happy to do so. For others, giving that much more would be a tremendous sacrifice. We are asking for you to pray about what God would have you to do. For those who are not already tithing, would you consider giving 2% more than you are currently giving? For those who aren't giving consistently, would you begin a starting point of 2% for your giving? We believe that if our church family answers the call we will be able to meet our budget for the year.

We have been blessed financially. All of our tithes and offerings are an act of worship to God. We are thanking Him for His provision in our lives and giving back to Him of our first fruits, which shows that we trust Him and depend on Him and believe that He will continue to provide. The church is striving to be good stewards of all that God provides. The current financial situation of our church is an opportunity for us to grow in our faith and discipleship with the Lord. We believe that our Wallace family has a bright future and hope that you can give "2 More for '24!"

Sincerely, John



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT

Reverend Darrell Wright has served in the ministry of the gospel for over 27 years and has been our Discipleship and Leadership Development Pastor since March of 2014. The Wrights have expressed that they feel led to wind down this phase of their ministry and explore a new phase of ministry in retirement. They also want to spend some quality time with family including two beautiful grandchildren that are full of life! Darrell & Robin are not going

anywhere and plan to still be a part of the Wallace Family for many years to come. We are grateful for Darrell's leadership and example he has given us during this time. Please join us on Sunday, September 8, 12:15pm, in the Atrium, and let's celebrate with the Wrights on this next phase of life. A basket and note cards will be available for you to write some encouraging words and place any tokens of appreciation to them for their faithful love and service during these past 10 years. Congratulations Darrell and Robin!



Memory Verse of the Month - 1 John 3:18
"Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in action and in truth."

Breakfast with the Pastors - Thursday, September 5
 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 - Tues., September 10
9:30am and 6:30pm - Bill Wallace Room - Jo will be leading both groups in a study and prayer time for Tennessee missions. Tennessee is a mission field and we don't want anyone to be left behind.

Western Heights Baptist Ctr - Thursday, September 12
 Boomers/Sr. Adults will leave church at 8am to work in the market. Lunch will be out.

National Quartet Convention - Thursday September 26
 Boomers/Sr. Adults will leave church at 10:45am to go hear Dr. Robert Jeffress and the Collingsworth Family. Cost: \$25 (includes transportation and ticket - due at sign up). Dinner is at Holston's in Sevierville. See Boomer calendar for more details.

Hallelujah Chorus - Thursday, September 19
 The Hallelujah Chorus will sing at The Pointe at LifeSprings at 10:30am, where the O'Dell's live. At 1:30pm they will sing at Parkview where several members live. Lunch will be in between at a location to be determined.

Singles Adult Luncheon - Sunday, September 8
 The Single Adult Ministry will meet in the gym at noon. Fried chicken will be provided. Please bring a side dish, dessert and/or drinks. Council meeting to follow.

Rainbow Homes - Saturday, September 14
 The Single Adult Ministry will leave church at 11am. A pizza lunch will be provided for the residents and gametime will follow after lunch.

Exercise and Balance Tips with Missy Kane
Tuesday, September 17 - The Spirit Lifters will meet in the Atrium at 10:30am. Missy will lead in exercises that are fun and helpful. Cost: \$10 due at sign up (includes Salad and Baked Potato bar)

Grandparents Day - Sunday, September 8
 Come by the Wallace Grands table in the Atrium to see "What is Coming and Receive a Special Gift."



Explore Wallace Class - Wednesday, Sept. 4, 6pm
 This is a class for new members to WMBC. It is required for all persons requesting membership. The class meets on the first Wednesday night of each month. Contact John Green at jgreen@wallaceknox.com, for more information.

Backpack Ministry - Wed., Sept. 11, 5:30pm, Gym
 Used backpacks are needed. As you buy a new backpack for your students, consider donating your older ones to the backpack ministry. Items also needed: cereal bars, snack cakes, raisins, and potted meat. Leave donations in the black bins in the church office hallway. Call Peggy Reynolds, 865-406-8781, for more information.

Mats for the Homeless - Wednesdays, 6pm, Atrium
 You can be a part of the fun on Wednesdays. Men and women both can help with this project. Call Sandy Bolton, 865-688-4343, with questions.

Cumberland Women on Mission - Tuesday, Sept. 17
9-12noon - This group has lots of blankets to tie. Volunteers are needed! Come join in on the fun at Cumberland as they are tying blankets for Ukraine. Contact Dottie Sampsel, 865-659-9334, with questions.

Kids
Sept. 22 First Grade Bible Presentations During the Worship Service
 Contact Jeff Stevens
jstevens@wallaceknox.com with questions



Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions - Any way you slice it, Tennessee is a mission field. For 120 years, Tennessee Baptists have contributed so needs can be met and the gospel can be shared. Give by marking your envelope "Golden Offering." WMBC Goal: \$30,000

Scott County Mission Ministry Day - Monday, September 23 - It's not too late to join the team. Call Sandy at 865-688-4343.

Encouragers for the 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.

GriefShare - This is for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. The class meets on Mondays at 10am-12:30pm in Room S245. Contact Pam Lewis, 865-360-6480, or email at pam16775@gmail.com, for more details.

Fall Projects - As you make plans, remember that WMBC will be preparing 400 Thanksgiving food boxes for Western Heights and buying Christmas gifts for 100 plus children of inmates.

Have you ever asked the question, "Where are you God?" or asked "Why is there so much suffering in the world if God is a loving God?" If you have, it's ok. That means you are human.

Believe it or not, the Bible doesn't ignore this issue or gloss over it. God's Word actually embraces the reality of human suffering, grieving, and lamenting. There's actually an entire book in the Bible in the book dedicated to this issue called Lamentations.

Starting in September, we are going to start a series in the book of Lamentations. We are going to explore how Jeremiah lamented, grieved, and asked the hard questions. We are going to explore how he did this honestly AND biblically. How he asked God the hard questions AND honored Him at the same time.

Join us as we hear from the God Who Is Not Silent about suffering.

Chad Crawford
 Campus Pastor, Cumberland



Leadership Team

- Dr. John Green IV.....Lead Pastor
- Chase Campbell.....College & Young Adults
- Matt Crabtree.....Students Pstr
- Dr. Chad Crawford..Cumberland Campus Pstr
- Adam Diggs.....Riverview Campus Pstr
- Orlando Estevez.....Iglesia Knox. Pstr
- Vitalie Gribinet.....Romanian Cong. Pstr
- Dr. Jim McCluskey.....Pastor Emeritus
- Jarred Morgan.....Creative Arts/Comms.
- Kory Van Matre.....Worship & Music Pstr
- Jeff Stevens.....Children & Families
- Kent Williams.....Pastoral Care/Sr. Adults & Single Adults
- Darrell Wright.....Discipleship & Leadership Development
- Dale Maddox.....Church Administrator
- Grant Williams.....Executive Director
- Kristie Bell.....Weekday Ministries
- Tim Bennett.....Facilities
- Sandy Bolton.....Missions
- Trent Heston.....Technology
- Megan Kewaza.....Childrens Ministries
- Emily Summers.....Business Office Manager

Worship & Equipping Schedule

Sunday	
Wallace Campus	
9am	Connect 1
10am	Worship Gathering
11am	Connect 2
	Wallace Kids Connect
	Wallace Students Connect
	Romanian Baptist Worship
3pm	Hallelujah Chorus
Cumberland Campus	
9:30am	Worship Gathering
11am	Connect Groups
	Iglesia/Knox Worship
Riverview Campus	
10am	Connect Groups
11am	Worship Gathering
6pm	Vista Del Rio Worship
Wednesday	
Wallace Campus	
4:45pm	Cafe' Wallace
6pm	Choir Rehearsal
	Orchestra Rehearsal
	Catalyst Classes
	Children & Student Activities
Cumberland Campus	
5 pm	Fellowship Meal
6-7:15pm	Preschool, School-Aged Kids & Students (6th-12th) Activities
6pm	ESL/Spanish-speaking comm