



JANUARY SERIES

"TELL THE WORLD"

January 7	Gospel: Who is God?
January 14	Gospel: Who is Man
January 21	Gospel: Who is Christ?
January 28	Gospel: How to Respond?



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JANUARY 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 1 & 15
Church Offices Closed

January 7
Deacon Ordination Service
5pm, Worship Center

January 10
Wednesday Night Programs
and Cafe' Wallace Resume

January 21
Carson Newman Acapella
Choir, 6pm, Worship Center

January 28
Deacon's Meeting
4pm, Kids Center

Annual Business Meeting
4:30pm, Worship Center

Family Reunion Service
5pm, Worship Center

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

Contact Us

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Cumberland Campus
(865) 584-9129

Riverview Campus
(865) 546-8741

Intercessory Prayer Line
(865) 688-7729

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Dear Wallace family,

We are speeding toward 2025 and I wanted to share with you an update on our 2025 vision. The Lord put in our hearts a huge vision that only He could accomplish a few years ago. We have been praying and working toward these goals over the past few years, even through the wildness of COVID. We have accomplished some of the goals, made great progress toward others, and still have some work to do on some. Here are our goals and where we stand:

1. 2000 average worship attendance
Prior to COVID, our church was averaging around 1200 in worship. COVID drastically changed worship attendance and we have had to build back over the last few years. We are now consistently having close to 1200 each week. We have room to grow!
2. 4 physical campuses with a language congregation on each campus
We currently have 3 physical campuses with a language congregation on 2 of them. This summer we added Riverview Baptist Church as a 3rd campus and the Romanian Baptist Church as the language congregation on the Wallace campus. We are praying about launching Vista Rio as another Spanish congregation on the Riverview campus in 2024. We are well on the way to reaching this goal!
3. 50 local mission engagements per month
As E-teams continue to grow, and as our various ministries are reaching out into the community, we are exceeding 50 local mission engagements each month. Praise the Lord!
4. Baptize 100 people per year
In 2023, our church baptized 57 people! We praise the Lord for every single person who comes to faith in Him. That is why we desire to continue to be faithful to share the gospel. The first half of 2024, we will have a sermon series through the book of Romans called "Tell the World" that will challenge us to share our faith. We have work to do!
5. Support 2 NAMB church plants
As we began this vision, we supported Reality Church in Miami, FL. As they have grown and become self-supporting, we have transitioned to help others. We are currently working with Revive City Church in Cincinnati, OH, Abiding Church in Los Angeles, CA, and Joseph and Carissa Smyly as they are planting in Montana soon. We have surpassed our goal and are making a difference to plant churches in areas where churches are desperately needed!
6. Adopt a UPG on every inhabited continent
We are currently partnering with IMB missionaries to reach unreached peoples in Germany (Europe), the Philippines (Asia), Indonesia (Oceania), and Mexico (North America). We are praying about potential partnerships for Africa and South America in the future. We are two-thirds of the way toward reaching this goal, and we are making an eternal difference in places with little to no access to the gospel.

When we set these goals several years ago, I became so excited about what God had put in our hearts and minds. I remember thinking, "If our church even comes close to these goals, imagine what that church would be like!" I still feel this way. It is incredible to witness how God has been good and faithful to our Wallace family. I am so excited to be part of such an amazing church. Let us continue to pray and work for the Lord and His kingdom. Let us work diligently to reach these 2025 vision measurables to the glory of God!

Sincerely,

John



Memory Verse of the Month - Proverbs 3:9
"Honor the LORD with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest."

Breakfast with the Pastors - Thursday, January 4
Boomers/Sr. Adults will meet at 9am for a time of fellowship. Cost: \$5 for breakfast. Sign up with Laura Simpson.

Day Women on Mission - Tuesday, Jan. 9, 9:30am, Bill Wallace Room - Kimberly Poore will share her experience in SE Asia. Everyone is invited!

Night Women on Mission - Saturday, Jan. 13, 10am, Bill Wallace Room, (Note date change) - Janet Hooten will be our guest as she shares from her heart about her years with the IMB.

Movie Day at Wallace - Thursday, January 11
Boomers/Sr. Adults will meet in the Kids Center at 1:30pm to watch the movie "The Hill," and enjoy popcorn/drinks.

Western Heights Baptist Center - Thursday, January 25
Boomers/Sr. Adults will leave church at 8am to work in the market. Lunch will be out.

Comedy Barn - Thursday, February 8
Boomers/Sr. Adults will leave church at 4:30pm. Cost: \$35 (includes transportation and ticket). Dinner is on your own and location is to be decided.

Ice Bears Game - Baby Sharks Baby Race - Friday, January 12, 7:35pm - The Single Adult Ministry will leave church at 6pm. This is a race of the fastest babies in east Tennessee as they crawl across the ice for the chance to be crowned the speediest rugrat at the Coliseum. Tickets: \$17. Watch for more details.

Single Adult Luncheon - Sunday, January 14, Noon, Gym
Fried chicken will be provided. Bring a side dish, dessert and/or drinks to share. Council meeting to follow.

Hands Up For Women - Tuesday, January 30
The Spirit Lifters will leave church at 10am to go to the brand new location of Hands Up for Women where Dottie Sampsel, from our Cumberland Campus, and some of the participants will share details of the program and give a tour of the house. Lunch will be out.



Explore Wallace Class - Wednesday, Jan. 17, 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 Travis Gordon at tgordon@wallaceknox.com, for more information.

Backpack Ministry - Wed., Jan. 10, 5:30pm, Gym
Winter is cold and being homeless is dangerous. Your help is needed to fill 50 backpacks with: beanie weenies, fruit cups, vienna sausages, cookies, snack cakes, breakfast bars and water. 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
This group will begin meeting again on January 10. Come help make sleep mats out of grocery bags. Call Sandy Bolton, 865-688-4343, with questions.

Cumberland Women on Mission - Tuesday, Jan. 16, 9am-noon - This group has a heart to help as they make blankets for Ukraine. Contact Dottie Sampsel, 865-659-9334, with questions.

Sunday Preschool Monthly Workers
We will no longer be asking Connect Groups to volunteer in Wallace Kids Jr. If you are interested in investing in and serving the youngest at Wallace, please contact Megan Kewaza at mwkewaza@wallaceknox.com to be placed on a rotating volunteer schedule.

Wallace Kids
Wednesday, January 10, 6pm

Wallace Students
Wednesday, January 10, 6pm
Big Reveal Both students and parents are encouraged to come.

Winter/Spring Catalyst Classes begin Wednesday, January 17.
Online registration is open now.



Missions Ministries - As we begin 2024, a big thank you for the difference you made in the Missions Ministries in 2023. 383 Thanksgiving boxes for families were collected, 110 Angel Tree Children had a blessed Christmas, 103 shoeboxes were made for Operation Christmas Child and there was a successful Christmas outreach held in Breathitt, KY. Thank you!

International Moms - Wednesday, January 17, 9:15am, Atrium
Join us for a fun-filled morning as we meet new friends from around the World. Call Sandy Bolton, 865-688-4343, with questions.

Encouragers for the Homebound Ministry - 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 next meeting will be on Monday, February 19, 10-12:30pm in Room S245. Contact Pam Lewis, 865-360-6480, or email at pam16775@gmail.com, for more details.

Passports - As doors continue to stay open for us to walk along-side of our partners, be sure that your passport is up-to-date. Watch for announcements for upcoming trips or call Sandy Bolton, 865-688-4343, with questions.

Mark Clifton, the Director of Church Revitalization for our North American Mission Board, recently observed that: "Southern Baptist weekly worship attendance was 6.2 million in 2009. In 2022 the weekly attendance was 3.8 million,. a decline of 40% in 13 years. No doubt Covid 2021 and in some cases into 2022 had a huge impact on these numbers."

I believe another huge factor in this decline is that the average church member has either lost the passion or the competency for sharing the gospel. That is why we are starting a brand new sermon and Connect Group series entitled "Tell the World" beginning the first Sunday of 2024.

We will take a deep dive into each element of the gospel and what it means. And then we will make the process simple for you to clearly and boldly share the gospel with friends, loved ones, neighbors, and co-workers in the New Year.

Join us for "Tell the World" each Sunday morning as we challenge and encourage one another to reverse the current trends in the American church and witness a revival in our church and our city.

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
- Chad Davenport.....Next Generation Pstr
- Adam Diggs.....Riverview Campus Pstr
- Orlando Estevez.....Iglesia Knox. 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
9 am	Connect A
10 am	Worship Gathering
11 am	Connect B
	Wallace Kids Connect
	Wallace Students Connect
3:30 pm	Hallelujah Chorus
	Cumberland Campus
9:30 am	Morning Worship
11:00 am	Connect Groups
	Iglesia Knox
11:00 am	Worship Gathering
	Riverview
11:00 am	Worship Gathering
Wednesday	
	Wallace Campus
4:45 pm	Cafe' Wallace
6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm	Children & Student Activities
	Catalyst Classes
6:30 pm	Orchestra Rehearsal
	Cumberland Campus
5:00 pm	Fellowship Meal
6-7:15 pm	Preschool, School-Aged Kids & Students (6th-12th) Activities
6:00pm	ESL for Spanish-speaking comm.