

THE WALDO WITNESS...

May 2025

knowing God and making Him known

“I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen of Me and what I will show you.”

Acts 26:16

Waldo Family,

We were blessed with many edifying fellowships and gatherings over the past month. We have much to be thankful for from Friends and Family Day, the Easter Egg hunt, Good Friday, and Easter morning. We trust that the Lord has been working through all these and that fruit will come according to the counsel of his good will.

As Mother’s Day approaches, I encourage all our ladies to attend the upcoming brunch. Jennifer Bone has been working hard to create an enriching experience, and you won’t want to miss hearing from this year’s speaker, Lori Walters. On another, no less important note, we hope that any women who might be experiencing grief on this holiday will join us on the Lord’s Day, so that we might lovingly stand with you in waiting and lament. You are loved.

The Lord has been good to us throughout our study of the Ordinary Means of Grace series, but as it comes to a close, I want to prepare you for what is coming. On May 18th , we will start a new series called Creation to Consummation: God’s Redemptive Plan Through His Covenants. This series will give us an overview of the biblical story, focusing on how God progressively brings about his kingdom through the covenants. We will announce some additional things to accompany this series soon!



We are also pleased to announce that Matt Glass of HeartCry Missionary Society will be with us on March 25 th to preach the Word. We’ve supported Matt in his labors for some time, and it will be good to hear from him, pray for him, and encourage his family as we fellowship together.

In Christ,
Nate Martin

Ephesians 6:4





[4] Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Of all the responsibilities God has given to parents, raising their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord is most crucial. This includes regular prayer, study & singing. In the new covenant, these ordinary means of grace are not confined to the four walls of the local church building. In fact, we are graciously and lovingly commanded by God to participate in worship at home with our families. If this is not a regular practice in your home, it’s never too late to start! If you don’t know where to begin, we have pastors who would love to come alongside and encourage you in this endeavor. May God bless you and your families as you worship Him in Spirit and truth.

In Christ,
Bro. Aaron Gillis

MAY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH 10:30 A.M. GUEST SPEAKER: LORIE WALTER
4 Morning Worship 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. YOUTH SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUNDRAISER FOLLOWING 10:00 A.M. SERVICE Adult Bible Study/Corporate Prayer Children's Bible Study Youth Bible Study 5:30 p.m.	5	6	7 Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m. WBCKids Gen NOW Student Ministry Journey 2911 Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10
11 Morning Worship 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. No Evening Worship Services/Activities	12	13	14 Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m. WBCKids Gen NOW Student Ministry Journey 2911 Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	15 Ladies Lunch 11:30 a.m. House of Grace	16	17
Journey 2911 Class/friends to V.O.M. _____						
18 Morning Worship 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Graduate Recognition 10:00 a.m. Fuge Parent Mtg. Children's Dept. to Maggie's Jungle Golf Both following 10:00 a.m. service Adult Bible Study/Corporate Prayer Children's Bible Study Youth Bible Study 5:30 p.m.	19	20	21 Last Fellowship Meal of the season 5:30 p.m. Last WBCKids of the season Gen NOW Student Ministry Journey 2911 Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24
25 Morning Worship 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. GUEST SPEAKER: MATT GLASS Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Church-wide Fellowship 5:30 p.m.	26  *office closed	27	28 No Fellowship Meal Children's Bible Study w/ Bro. Kenny Gen NOW Student Ministry Journey 2911 Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	29	30  Meet & Eat 5:30 p.m. Watch for details	31

Weekly Giving Report

Week of:		
3/30	\$4,538.00	
4/6	\$6,248.00	
4/13	\$9,220.00	
4/20	\$7,074.00	
4/27		

*These totals do not include online giving.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday	Early Worship Service	8:00 a.m.
	Sunday School (All Ages) Journey2911 (College/Young Adults)	9:00 a.m.
	Late Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Evening Worship/Activities	5:30 p.m.
	Meal Ministry (ends 5/21, will resume in the fall)	5:30 p.m.
	Prayer Mtg./Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	WBCKids	6:30 p.m.
	Generation Now (Student Ministry) Journey2911 (College/Young Adults)	6:30 p.m.



May Birthdays & Anniversaries
(*notes anniversary)

- 5th Keaton Reynolds
Claudia Sumner
- 7th *Nick & Joy Griffey
- 8th Teri Neely
*Nathan & Greta Cross
- 10th Jordan Johnson
- 11th Taylor Cruz
Dakota McGinnis
Kaley McGinnis
- 12th Nylah Knisely
- 13th Hunter McManus
- 16th Gary Bryant
- 17th Bill Fitch
Kelly Jacobs
Emery Quarles
*Derral & Jamie Redwine
- 18th *Caleb & Katelin Waddell
- 19th *Donnie & Patti Kineman
- 21st John Taylor
- 22nd Diane Goss
Seth Jeffords
- 23rd Jerry Brown
- 24th *Mike & Kelly Jacobs
- 25th Janie Floyd
- 29th Alex Wooten
- 30th *Chad & Celesta Goins

With Heartfelt Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost loved ones over the past month.

Bonnie Barger
Monday, March 24, 2025
Grandmother of the Shoulta, Williams & Werner families

Mildred Louise Borders
Wednesday, April 2, 2025
Mother of Jim Carrigan

Bill Tanner
Friday, April 18, 2025
Husband of Evelyn Tanner

Please keep each of these families in prayer as they grieve their loss.

Thank You!

Thank you so much for your donation to the Alzheimer's Association in memory of my mother, Delores Tankersley. Thank you for the prayers, the visits, the calls, the texts and the cards. Over & over I stopped to thank God for blessing me with such a wonderful church family.
Your sister in Christ,
Diana Swinford



Sunday, May 18th we will be joined by representatives from The Gideons International during the 5:30 p.m. service. Please join us to help support this important mission opportunity.



CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT OUTING
SUNDAY, MAY 18TH
FOLLOWING THE 10:00A.M. SERVICE
SEE BRO. KENNY FOR DETAILS OR TO SIGN UP.



Senior Adults Ministry
"Meet & Eat" outing for Senior Adults on Friday, May

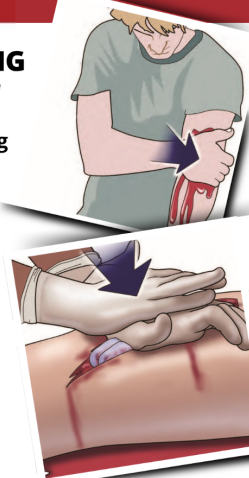
30th. All Senior Adults are invited to meet for a time of food and fellowship. The location for April will be announced soon! Please let Bro. Jack know if you'll be joining the group so that proper seating can be arranged.



SAVE A LIFE

FREE COMMUNITY TRAINING for anyone 17 and older

- Learn how to stop life-threatening bleeding in an emergency
- Each participant receives a **FREE** Stop The Bleed kit
- Space limited to 25 participants



Waldo Baptist Church
6790 Waldo Church Rd,
Metropolis, IL

May 15 / 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

future dates & locations available on the Emergency Preparedness page at www.southern7.org

Use the QR code to register or visit <https://form.jotform.com/250164229554153>

For more details call
Bobi Cavins
618-634-2297 ext. 971123



C.O.P.E. Food Pantry is seeking a representative from Waldo to serve on their board. If you interested in volunteering please contact Bro. David Atwell.

SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by
Gen Now Student
Ministry



All Donations are
for FUGE Summer
Camp

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH AT 11:30AM

@ WALDO BAPTIST CHURCH

TO-GO PLATES AND GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS
WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE

**SUMMER
KICK OFF**

**YOUTH EVENT
FRIDAY
MAY 30TH
5-9p.m.**

Cookout
Yard games
Blind Volleyball
Blacklight Dodgeball
& MORE!

See Bro. Caleb for
more details!

High School Seniors & Parents... Graduation Recognition Sunday is scheduled for May 18th. In preparation for the service, we will need the name of the senior, the school they're graduating from, their future plans and one picture. Please send these to Bro. Caleb as soon as possible via Facebook. If you have any questions please contact Bro. Caleb.



COLLEGE / YOUNG ADULTS

NAVIGATING LIFE...

Journey2911

WITH CHRIST AS OUR GUIDE

WALDO BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAYS 9AM & WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM

JOURNEY 2911

College/Young Adult
Outing To Lambert's Cafe
in Sikeston Mo.

Sunday, May 18th

We Will Leave
Immediately Following
The 10am Worship
Service.

Transportation Provided.

**The Voice
of the
Martyrs**

Please
Pray for Our Team
Heading To The
Voice of The Martyrs

May 12 -15th 2025



“Please keep the Waldo Baptist Church College/Young Adult class in your prayers as they travel to Bartlesville, OK, to serve at the *Voice of the Martyrs (VOM)* headquarters. Pray for their safety, for open hearts as they minister through their work and for God to use this experience to deepen their faith and understanding of the persecuted church. May their time be a blessing to those they serve and an encouragement to their own spiritual journey.”

~ Bro. David

Generation Now Student Ministries

We want to challenge each and every church member to be in prayer for the students on a daily basis. Romans 12:12 states, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

Thus, we need to be praying regularly for our students.

Here at Waldo Baptist Church, we are setting out to build a foundation of Prayer for our student ministry. We desire to align our hearts and the ministry to God's will. Henry Blackaby in *Experiencing God* writes about the importance of adjusting our lives to God by writing:

Without faith in God, you will make the wrong decision at this first turning point. Adjusting your [Ministry] to God is another turning point. If you choose to make the adjustment, you can move on to obedience. If you refuse to make the adjustment, you will miss what God has in store for your [Ministry].

Therefore, we want to make that adjustment through prayer, to align our hearts to that of God's will. We firmly believe that God has huge plans for the Students of Waldo Baptist Church in both Massac County and McCracken County. However, if we do not align our hearts through prayer, we are going to miss what God has in store.

Youth Prayer Wall

The Prayer wall in the Youth Building will allow anyone who wants to come on early on a Wednesday Night to pray for the students specifically. We are excited for this opportunity for the Church to get to know the students through prayer. This will also encourage the students to know that they are being prayed for. There will also be a Praises section, so that there is a tangible understanding of how God is working through their lives and prayers.

The youth building will be open from 2-5pm on Wednesdays for anyone who wants to come and pray for our students.

Parents!!!

We want to partner with you all!! "Our vision is to create an environment of parents who walk in unity as they pass the faith to their children. As well as investing in and welcoming students to an extended church family." Duet. 11:19, Prov. 22:6, Rom. 12:16, Eph. 4:15-16, etc. We desire to come alongside parents, equipping and empowering them in their walk as disciple makers. Our goal is to create a culture of families leaning on one another, investing in one another, and investing in the Generation of Now.

Upcoming Events

-May 4th: Youth sponsored Spaghetti Luncheon, directly after 10a.m. service

-May 18th: Graduate Recognition Sunday & Fuge Parent Meeting directly after service

-May 30th: Youth Summer Kick Off, 5-9p.m.

(This will be a big night of fellowship as we kick the summer off. We will be grilling out. There will be yard games, blind volleyball, blacklight dodgeball and more!)



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Caleb Waddell

Sr. Adults Pastor:
Rev. Jack D. Russell

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Bro. Aaron Gillis

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Bro. Kenny Forthman

Sunday School Director:
Bro. James Forthman Sr.

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Mrs. Missy Brinkley

Treasurer:
Mrs. Robin Loverkamp

Custodian:
Mrs. Susan Brinker

Ride through the Old West with us and discover the
Amazing Life of Jesus at Vacation Bible School 2025!

July 20—24

6-8 p.m.

Scan the QR code below to register

*Volunteers are also needed. Please see Jen Heine for details!



BOARDING PASS

NAME

WALDO VBS 2025

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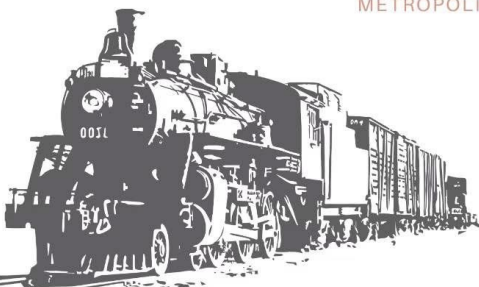
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DATE

JULY 20TH - 24TH

TIME

6PM - 8PM



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