

THE WALDO WITNESS...

July 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,

It is hard to believe that the year is nearly half gone. We are now in the middle of Summer, and time seems to pass by faster than our ability to slow down and appreciate all that God has done. We were blessed to see several new members join in covenant membership, one of whom I had the privilege of baptizing. We’ve heard from several of our members who had rich and edifying trips to Voice of the Martyrs and FUGE. These are certainly things to be thankful for.

We are currently in the middle of a foundation-laying sermon series, Creation to Consummation: God’s Redemptive Plan through His Covenants. I hope that we’ll have a better grasp of unity and coherence of Scripture as we trace the progressive revelation of God’s redemptive plan through the biblical covenants. This is particularly important for Baptists, as our theological distinctives stem from our understanding of how the covenants in Scripture relate to one another. As Matthew Emerson & Luke Stamps recently said in their new book *The Baptist Vision*, “This understanding of the change from the old covenant to the new covenant dictates every theological and practical distinctive of the Baptist tradition.”

I want to bring three upcoming events to your attention. The first is VBS, which will run from July 20th to 24th. Please be in prayer for Jen Heine and all of the volunteers who will serve that week. Pray that gospel seeds will be planted and bear fruit in the lives of the children who are with us. The second is Homecoming on August 3rd! Brother Jack Russell will preach the Word that morning, and we will make a special announcement! Lastly, on



August 24th, we are excited to host a panel titled Baptists and the Bible: Why How We Read Matters with Jake Stone of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Dr. Brian Arnold of First Baptist, Paducah. Please mark your calendars and listen to these brothers help us understand our Baptist distinctives and how they emerge from the way we read Scripture.

In Christ,
Pastor Nate



The Lord’s Supper will be served on Sunday, July 6th during the evening service time, 5:30 p.m. This is a time of family worship. There will be no youth or children’s activities but the nursery will be open for babies.

CREATION TO CONSUMMATION

Scripture Guide for the month of July

July 6th The Covenant with Israel: Exodus 19-20

July 13th The Davidic Covenant: 2Samuel 7

July 20th The New Covenant Promises: Jeremiah 31:31-33

July 27th The New Covenant Fulfilled: Hebrews 9:11-22

If you miss a Sunday, all messages can be found on the church app, FB page or by visiting www.waldbaptist.org

*Homecoming will be held August 3rd with Pastor Jack Russell sharing the message.

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Fellowship Fish & Chicken Dinner 5:30 p.m. *see details on next page	3	4  Office Closed	5
6 Morning Worship 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. The Lord's Supper 5:30 p.m.	7	8	9 Children's Bible Study w/ Bro. Kenny Gen NOW Student Ministry Journey 2911 Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	10	11	12
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20 Morning Worship 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. VBS KICKOFF FAMILY PICNIC 5:30 p.m.	21	22	23	24	25	26
---WONDER JUNCTION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL---NIGHTLY 6P.M.---8P.M.---						
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-----CROSSINGS KIDS CAMP-----						

Weekly Giving Report

Week of :

6/1	\$5,497.00
6/8	\$5,506.00
6/15	\$9,398.00
6/22	\$4,982.00

*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.
	Evening Worship/Activities	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Meal Ministry (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.



July
Birthdays &
Anniversaries
(*notes anniversary)

1st	*Mike & Daphne Keller
3rd	Logan Deasel
6th	James (Bubba) Dodge
7th	Charlie Jeffords
9th	Lori Deasel Bob Johnson
10th	*Jack & Kay Russell
11th	Charles Johnson Collette Stewart
12th	Evelyn Bryant James Forthman Jody Hoover
13th	Natalie Evans Jake Miller Derral Redwine *Dakota & Kaley McGinnis
14th	Angie Douglas Halle Glass Wyatt Gower
21st	Jason McManus Drake Williamson Yvonne Walsh
22nd	Shane Boudreaux Jeb Stewart
23rd	*Jerry & Leslie Brown
28th	*Jack & Cindy Anderson *Robbie & Rachel Hannah
29th	Aubree Bone *Tommy & Wanda Paris
30th	DeLisa Bunting
31st	John Cooper

IMPORTANT AUGUST DATES

Homecoming 2025

Join us on Sunday, August 3rd at 10:00 a.m. for a Homecoming Celebration. Our own Bro. Jack Russell will be our speaker. Following the service we will enjoy a potluck meal in the FLC. On this day there will be no 8:00 a.m. worship service, no Sunday school classes and no evening services or activities.

Our next regularly scheduled Members Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 6th at 6:00 p.m. ALL members are encouraged to attend.

Due to our Homecoming celebration being held on the first Sunday of August, The Lord's Supper will be served during the evening service time (5:30 p.m.) on Sunday, August 10th.



“WHAT IS YOUR WHY?”

As we gathered for a recent VBS volunteers meeting, Jen Heine posed the question “What is Your Why?” Why do we do VBS year after year? It’s hard work! It’s countless hours of planning, constructing, decorating, praying, asking for prayer. Sometimes it’s rushing from work to be on time for VBS. It’s disrupting schedules and stepping out of comfort zones. But “Why?” Why do we do it, year after year, after year? The answer to the question

came as Jen sat in a VBS conference and she has held onto it to share with us.

Q~ “Why do we do VBS?”

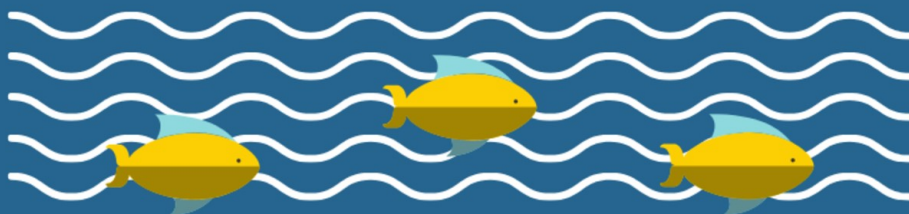
A~ “We do VBS so we can teach boys and girls the truth of God’s word. We don’t do it for fun or just for an activity. We do VBS so we can see boys and girls accept Christ as their Savior and grow in their faith.”

So as we are planning and organizing, we need to remember our “WHY”! We need to remember that the way we act toward these kiddos and love on these kiddos during VBS is also important. The need to see Christ through us!

Even if you can’t physically be a part of VBS, you can be a VBS Prayer Warrior! We have July VBS Prayer Calendars available at the Welcome desk. Pick one up and keep it near for your daily prayer time. We are looking forward to an awesome week of VBS and anticipate God doing great things!

ALL ABOARD....HERE WE GOOOOOOOO!

* If you have not signed your children up for VBS please do so as soon as possible by using the QR code on the back of this newsletter in the “train ticket”.



Waldo Baptist Church Wide

Fellowship Fish & Chicken Dinner
Wednesday, July 2nd - 5:30pm

Invite/Bring a Guest!

Fish, Chicken and Hushpuppies for the meal will be provided with the remainder of the meal (side dishes & desserts) being potluck. Grab a friend and bring a dish or two to share and enjoy an evening of family fellowship!

The Monthly Ladies Luncheon will be held on Thursday, July 17 at 11:30 a.m. at Strickland’s Seafood Restaurant in Paducah. All ladies are welcome to join in this wonderful time of fellowship. Please contact Diana Swinford to let her know if you plan to attend so that she can arrange plenty of seating.

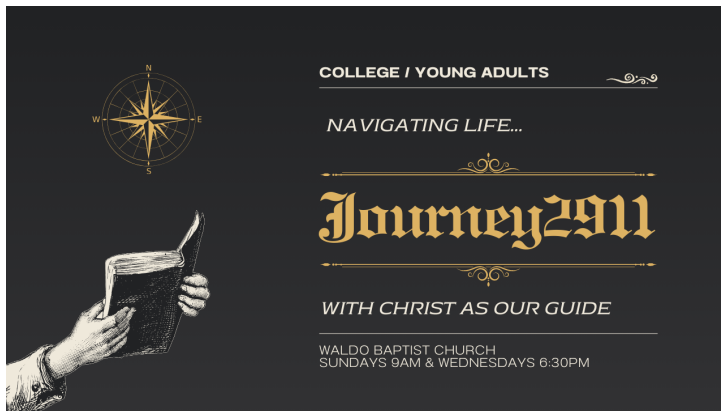
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WALDO BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAYS 9AM & WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM



CrossCon 26 Who's in? The College/Young adult group is planning to attend CrossCon 2026 (January 1-3rd). Cross Con is a conference designed for college age young adults in Louisville, Ky and led by well known Biblical teacher and author David Platt. There are many details to this conference so please take time to learn more by visiting the Cross Con website link below.

The major trip details are:

- Trip dates are: Thursday, January 1st. - Saturday, January 3rd.
- All transportation costs will be covered by Waldo Baptist Church.
- Accommodations are at the Marriott Louisville Downtown - 280 West Jefferson Street Louisville, KY, 40202.
- Cost: \$100 per person for Hotel (two nights) - Plus CrossCon Ticket - Meals & discretionary spending.
- **Important:** Tickets to Crosscon26 are not being pre-purchased this year. You will need to purchase your own ticket. Please use the link below to secure your spot. Your room rooms will be assigned when you purchase your ticket and notify Bro. David. The earlier tickets are purchased, the cheaper they are, so please plan accordingly.

Questions: You may contact brother David via email at dwatwell@gmail.com or 270.366.4438.

<https://www.crosscon.com/>

CAMP MAC 2025

JULY 12-18

GRADES 3-8

\$60.00 PER STUDENT

Registration forms are available at the
Welcome desk & must be returned to the
UBA office by Thursday, July 3rd.

Everlasting

Psalm 139:23-24

Must have completed these grades:

Grades 3/4 Saturday, July 12—Arrival 3-4p.m.
Pick up, Monday, July 14—10-10:30 a.m. to check out

Grades 5/6 Monday, July 14—Arrival 3-4 p.m.
Pick up, Wednesday, July 16—10-10:30 a.m. to check out

Grades 7/8 Wednesday, July 16—Arrival 3-4 p.m.
Pick up, Friday, July 18—10-10:30 p.m. to check out

*Transportation to and from camp is the responsibility
of the parent or church

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.

Thank you


Just a note to say "THANK YOU" to each of you who supported our students allowing them to attend Mission Fuge. Whether it was our spaghetti lunch fundraiser, sponsorships, monetary donations, prayer, etc., we truly appreciate your generous support for this mission as well as your continued support in the future. We are definitely blessed, here at Waldo, with a church family willing to give of themselves in many different ways to help our students grow in life and in their faith.



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Mrs. Robin Loverkamp

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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

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WALDO VBS 2025

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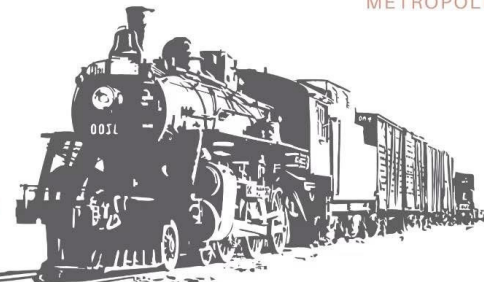
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JULY 20TH - 24TH

TIME

6PM - 8PM



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