

Walnut Community Bible Church

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Worship Service: Sunday 9:00 AM

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Our Mission:
To Know Jesus Christ
and To Make Jesus Christ Known

Walnut Community Bible Church is an evangelical community of believers committed to Jesus Christ and to living out their faith in Northern Illinois and around the world.

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www.WalnutCommunityBibleChurch.org



WCBC UPDATE

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Made for A Purpose

We all want to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. Contributing to a larger plan brings fulfillment and a sense of both worth and accomplishment. We want our lives to count for something, for something good and lasting. Though people try to live this out in many ways, the best ways are always God's ways. It is He who designed us to long for something more. It sets us apart from the rest of His creation, and it is a yearning that He Himself has placed at the core of our being. When you feel that desire to contribute to something beyond yourself, remember these four things:

1) God Has a Plan

the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. Psalm 33:11

If you believe that there is a God (and there definitely is), then you must know that He created the world we live in. And He did so with very specific reasons. It is worth your time to seek an understanding of His plan.

2) You Are a Part of His Plan

We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

It is an amazing thought to know that God had special missions for each us to carry out, and that He designed us with these exclusive jobs in mind. We become a part of His plan through His Son, Jesus.

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3) He Can Reveal Your Part in His Glorious Plan

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you Psalm 32:8

We serve a God who speaks, who guides, who intervenes in human affairs, and who seeks a relationship with You. He is willing to show you how He can make your life count.

4) His Plan Has Results that Last Forever

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever. Isaiah 40:8

All that we see eventually returns to dust. But the work that God accomplishes by His power and by His Word will last into all eternity. And you are invited to partner with Him (1 Cor 3:9). There is no greater offer out there to be a part of something bigger than yourself.

Thoughts Along the Way

God helps those who *cannot*
help themselves

Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)



February 3 Board Meeting Overview

Present: Andy Spencer, Gary Brooks, Tim Davis, Rob Allen, Randy Jamison, Adam Franklin and David Anderson. Also present: Pastors Nathan and Brett, Treasurer James Schoff, Josie Kepner, Delmar Hansen, Ed Donnelly, and Allen Twidell.

The meeting opened in prayer and with devotions from Adam Franklin,

The daycare reported a new fee structure. The board recommended a 10% increase in fees.

The building committee reported on the potential solar project and the Senior Pastor's office remodel is underway.

The missions team reported that they are able to increase support to missionaries for 2026.

The education committee reported a working plan to support special needs youth in our programs. Also the Timothy Scholarship applications will be available soon.

The pastors reported on the upcoming winter jam trip and the upcoming leadership retreat planned for Feb 27-28.

The board discussed the additional responsibilities that Brett Kepner is covering as the Rock Manager. A \$500 monthly stipend was approved.

Motions approved for (1) the travel costs associated with a pastoral applicant visit and (2) the church consulting and retreat involvement by Ron Eckberg.

Closed in prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Attendance and Giving

This section of the newsletter is designed to keep each of us informed about the weekly attendance and giving at WCBC.

*The attendance figures only represent in-person attendance.

Week	Attendance*	Offering
1/25/26	139	\$2,538.14
2/1/26	148	\$10,520.00
2/8/26	149	\$3,770.00
2/15/26	137	\$2,817.00

Weekly operational budget: \$6,000.00

Average for these 4 weeks: \$4,911.29

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World

On February 18, the Muslim month of Ramadan began. It is a period of fasting and reflection, a time when the Islamic world expects to draw closer to God. Ramadan will continue through March 19th.

For many years now, Christians have chosen to pray for the Muslim world during Ramadan because of the increased openness and spiritual seeking throughout the Islamic world. Our Muslim neighbors are pursuing encounters with God and greater understanding of His will. Many Muslims worldwide have reported dreams and visions of Jesus during this month. God has been reaching into the Muslim world and redeeming people for His glory. This year's prayer guide from 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim world focuses on areas of the world where there are now believers shining the light of Jesus to their own and nearby Muslim people groups. Jesus calls us to pray for the harvest, and your prayers are making a difference around the world.



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