



## WSBC NEWS January, 2026



### “You Have Made Summer and Winter”

In his classic devotional book, *Morning and Evening*, Charles Spurgeon wrote a meditation on Psalm 74:17 that acknowledges that “You [the Lord] have made summer and winter.” I’m sharing Spurgeon’s words (slightly updated) with you in hopes that they may be an encouragement for the coming weeks.

“The cold snows and the piercing winds all remind you that he keeps his covenant with day and night, and tend to assure you that he will also keep that glorious covenant which he has made with you in the person of Christ Jesus. He who is true to his Word in the revolutions of the seasons of this poor sin-polluted world, will not prove unfaithful in his dealings with his own well-beloved Son.

“Winter in the soul is by no means a comfortable season, and if it be upon you just now it will be very painful to you: but there is this comfort, namely, that the Lord makes it. He sends the sharp blasts of adversity to nip the buds of expectation: he scatters the frost like ashes over the once verdant meadows of our joy: he casts forth his ice like morsels freezing the streams of our delight. He does it all, he is the great Winter King, and rules in the realms of frost, and therefore you and I cannot not murmur. Losses, crosses, heaviness, sickness, poverty, and a thousand other ills, are of the Lord’s sending, and come to us with wise design. Frosts kill

noxious insects, and put a boundary on raging diseases; they break up the clods, and sweeten the soil. O that such good results would always follow our winters of affliction!"

“How we prize the fire just now! how pleasant is its cheerful glow! Let us in the same manner prize our Lord, who is the constant source of warmth and comfort in every time of trouble. Let us draw nigh to him, and in him find joy and peace in believing. Let us wrap ourselves in the warm garments of his promises, and go forth to labors which are fitting for the season, for it is not good to be as the sluggard who will not plough by reason of the cold; for he shall beg in summer and have nothing.”

The Lord rules over our winters and summers and will work all things together for good for us in each one. As brothers and sisters in the Walnut Street Baptist Church family, let's look to him and encourage one another in him.

**Dr. Coye Still, III**



With decreased supplies and increased need, the year 2025 looked pretty dim for food pantries and community ministries. However, thanks to the members and friends of Walnut Street, your Community Ministry is flourishing. The financial donations you gave to Community Ministry and Infant Resources went directly to assist our clients with food, household, and hygiene items and, of course, diapers. The physical donations of clothing (infant and adult), bedding, dishes, towels (whether used or new) were a blessing to our clients.

During November and December, we were overwhelmed with blessings. The annual Thanksgiving and Christmas basket food drive was a resounding success due to your support. We were also blessed with donations of turkeys and hams from BAE Industries and turkeys from Kroger. We received a generous “love offering” from Hurstbourne Baptist Church and gifts from one of their Sunday School classes. We received boxes of hygiene items from East Audubon Baptist Church and a promise of more to come. We received blankets and jackets from the Caring Christians and financial donations from other Sunday School classes and individuals at Walnut Street.

The most important celebration for 2025 is that several of our clients and volunteers professed Christ as their Savior and

joined the church.

Whether you supported us with prayer or a donation, we are very thankful. With God's help and your support, 2026 will be another successful year for the Community Ministries.

Janet Pearson  
Director of Community Ministries



### *Infant Resource Ministry*

We can always use sippy cups, baby wash, & baby powder (made with cornstarch), & children's tooth brushes.

Thanks, Jan



### *Women on Mission* Tuesday January 13, 2026

WMU will meet January 13 at 10:30 in the WMU history room. Our speaker is Charity Taylor. Charity served as a 1998-1999 Ky Acteens panelist and received a Kentucky WMU scholarship while at seminary. She earned a Masters of Divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Charity started serving with Kentucky WMU as a missions strategist in July 2025.

Lunch will follow. All are welcome.

**If JCPS is not in session due to inclement weather, we will not meet. Thanks.**

*A Note of Gratitude from Your Interim Worship Leader, Bubba*

Over the past five months, it has been my joy and privilege to serve as the interim worship leader here at Walnut Street Baptist Church. Week after week, you have welcomed me with kindness, enthusiasm, and a spirit of worship that made every Sunday something I genuinely looked forward to. I've served in many interim roles over the years, but you have made this one of the easiest and most enjoyable I've ever experienced.



Being able to serve right here in my home city made the experience even sweeter - "eazy peazy," as I've joked more than once. But the real reason this season has been so special is you. Your faithfulness, your encouragement, and your willingness to worship wholeheartedly have been a gift to me.

I also want to express my deep appreciation for the staff of Walnut Street. You are one of the strongest, most unified teams I've had the privilege to work alongside. Your love for this church and your commitment to serving Christ is evident in everything you do.

As my time has come to a close, I'm reminded that the only constant in life is change. Seasons shift, roles transition, and God continues to lead His people forward. While I may be stepping away from this position, I want you to know that I am praying for you - for your worship ministry, for your next chapter of leadership, and for the continued movement of the Holy Spirit in this congregation.

Thank you for allowing me to walk with you in this season. It has been an honor, and I will carry the memories of our worship together with gratitude.

Grace and peace to you all as you continue to lift high the name of Jesus.

Blessings, Bubba

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## **OASIS**

January 26, 2026

Watch for a future announcement of the next OASIS, scheduled for Monday, January 26.



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# ***Church Financial Summary December, 2025***

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**Month of December 2025**  
**(as of December 29, 2025)**

**Tithes, Budget & Offering**      **\$ 53,464**

**Restricted/Designated**      **\$ 21,413**

**Lottie Moon**      **\$ 19,333**



## WAYS TO GIVE

*If you would like to support the gospel ministry of Walnut Street Baptist Church, you can do so in one of three ways:*

1. Drop your contribution in the offering plate when entering or leaving the Worship Area.
2. Go online to [walnutstreet.org](http://walnutstreet.org) and click on "Give".
3. Mail your contribution to the church offices at 1143 S. Third Street, Suite A, Louisville, KY 40203.

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## Church Ministerial Staff

**Dr. Coye Still III - Senior Pastor**

**Rev. Gang Li (Martin) - Minister to Chinese**

**Rev. Jimmy Bledsoe - Pastor of Disciple-Making**

**Rev. Steve Skaggs - Interim OASIS Coordinator**

**Herbie Ramsey - Media Ministries Director**

**Andrew Wilson - Youth Ministry Director**

**Janet Pearson - Director of Community Ministries**

**Isabel Puri - Children's Ministry Director**

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**Dr. Coye Still III, Senior Pastor**

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Kentucky Baptist Convention: <https://www.kybaptist.org/>  
Louisville Regional Baptist Association: <https://www.lrba.org/>  
(Formerly Long Run Baptist Association).  
Southern Baptist Press  
<https://www.baptistpress.com/resource-library/news>



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For info on giving to the Foundation, call  
**Harvey Ragland, Foundation President at 502-727-4962.**

#### EMERGENCY CONTACT

To alert the ministerial staff after hours and during the weekends of an **emergency situation** (death in family, medical emergency), please call the church office, 502-589-5290, press 1 and leave a voicemail with details and your contact information. Someone from our church staff will reach out to you to provide assistance.

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