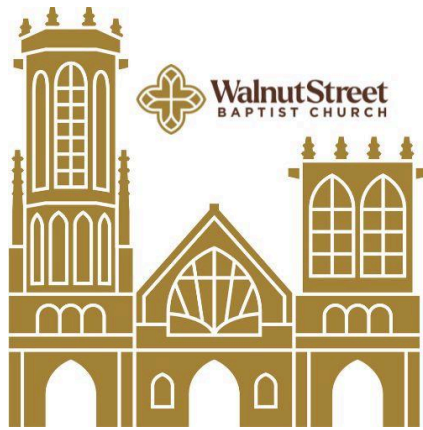
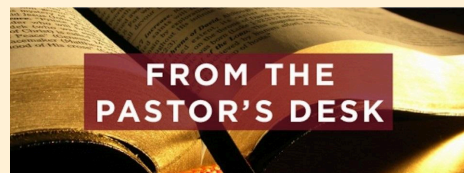




WSBC NEWS October, 2026



Forward Together In The Fourth Quarter

October is a big month for moving forward!

It's a big month in the sports world. It's playoff time in Major League Baseball. The Yankees are playing the Red Sox in Wildcard Series. It doesn't get much better than that in October for baseball fans. Football teams are giving their all to press forward to victory in the fourth quarters of games.

October is also a big month for us. With its arrival, Walnut Street enters the fourth quarter of 2026, and we do so with good news and with encouragement to finish the year strongly.

First, we have just called Daniel Gowans to serve as our new Minister of Music. We give thanks to God for this!

Daniel is a gift from the Lord to us. He is a gifted musician, a capable leader, and fully committed to our One Church—One Mission vision. He loves the church and he is “all in” on reaching people for Christ. We are confident that God will use Daniel to help us move forward in the coming months and beyond. Lord willing, Daniel will begin regularly leading Sunday services on October 11, 2026. Let’s support Daniel and move forward together!

Second, we are in good position as we enter the fourth quarter of our 2026 financial giving. Through the first three quarters of this year, you have come together to give \$660,581 in regular tithes and offerings. We thank God for this! Though our pace slowed a bit in the third quarter, we are still positioned well to reach and surpass our 2026 target of \$850,000 in undesignated giving. Let’s commit ourselves to give faithfully in October, November, and December. If we are able to give significantly more than \$850,000 for the year, this will give us confidence to move forward in needed ministry efforts to reach people for Christ and work together in making disciples. Be encouraged in the Lord. Be faithful to him in giving as he enables you.

It’s time to press on and move forward together, so we can finish strong!

Dr. Coye Still, III



Welcome to the Marketplace!

The Community Ministry has established a small area, The Marketplace, where clients can select a few grocery items. Due to the change in Dare to Care canned food delivery and the decrease in USDA Commodities, we hope this will provide a few choice items to supplement the client's food needs. If you would like to help The Marketplace, we need grains, especially rice, canned pasta with meat, cereal (small to medium boxes or bags), canned meat, instant potatoes, cornbread mix, chili with beans, pork and beans, and anything else you might want to donate.

This is a new venture for the Community Ministry and we appreciate your support and your prayers. Contact Janet Pearson for further information.

Janet Pearson, Director
jpearson@walnutstreet.org
502-589-3454



Infant Resource Ministry

We are having unusually large numbers of people the last few months. Any help with baby lotion, Desitin, sippy cups, bibs, baby bath towels, 18 month, 2, & 3 toddler size winter clothes, infant & toddler socks is greatly needed and appreciated.

Our supply is going out as fast as we can get it in! Thanks, Jan

Jan Dempsey

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
2:30-5 PM**

Walnut Street's annual Fall Festival is coming up on Saturday October 24 from 2:30 - 5:00 pm. We would love as many people as possible from our church to come and greet members of our community. Please be praying that

God brings people to salvation through this event. Also, if you would like to volunteer, we will be having a meeting right after church on October 18 in the chapel where you can sign up.

We will be collecting candy donations in the Children's building to be distributed during the festival.

Feel free to contact Andrew or Isabel if you need further information. We look forward to seeing you there!

Call to Prayer:

Please pray:

- **That people would come to know Christ through this event** and that God would use the Fall Festival to draw people to Himself.
- **That our church family would serve together in unity**, growing in friendship and strengthening our relationships with one another as we work side by side.
- **For good weather** and for all the details of the event to come together smoothly.

Call to Action:

There are many ways you can help make the Fall Festival a welcoming and meaningful event for our community:

- **Be there to connect with our community.** We need people who are willing to talk with and welcome those who attend, build relationships, and help our guests feel at home.
- **Volunteer to serve.** We need people to help with setup, cleanup, and running the various attractions throughout the event.
- **Donate candy and help distribute it.** We need donations of candy, as well as volunteers who are willing to decorate their trunks and hand out candy to families.



Women on Mission

Tuesday
October 13, 2026

WMU will meet Tuesday, October 13 at 10:30 in the WMU History Room.

Our speaker is still to be determined.

A collection will be taken. Lunch to follow.

All are welcome!



OASIS
October 26, 2026

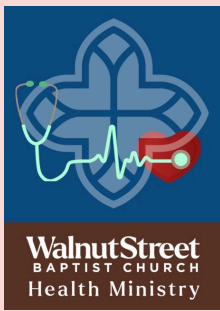
OASIS will meet on Monday, October 26 at 10:45 am in the Activities Building Dining Room.

Susan Hooe is going to share a devotion with us.

Our speaker will be Kim Wigginton, author, artist and storyteller, who will share another chalk drawing original. Kim serves with her husband as part of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Lunch cost will be \$5. Make your reservations through your OASIS caller or the church office by Wednesday, October 21.

Plan to join us for this fun time of fellowship!



Gratitude is Good Medicine

In May the health ministry team provided journals for those wanting to record daily three specific things they were grateful for. Some of you are not into journaling, but I hope that you have at least taken the time each day to reflect on God's blessings in your life. The research on the holistic health benefits to body, mind, and spirit of daily gratitude is indisputable.

The flyer below published by the American Heart Association offers some tips on how to start a gratitude habit, and some benefits of a regular gratitude practice.

The health ministry team would love to hear from you about your gratitude journey. E-mail to kwilson@walnutstreet.org, Subject: gratitude, and she will forward it to the health ministry team. Or you can talk to one of the team members at any time. Some areas to share:

- Were you already practicing daily gratitude?
- If this concept was new to you, how has it changed your life (body, mind, spirit)?
- Would you like to share any specific gratitude (anonymously if preferred)?
- Any other thoughts or comments?

The health ministry team looks forward to hearing from you.

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." Psalm 107:1



Gratitude is good medicine

A regular gratitude practice can make you healthier and lead to:



Better mood



Better sleep



Lower blood pressure



Improved immune function



Pair it up

Do your gratitude right after something else you do every day, such as brushing your teeth or eating lunch. This makes the habit stick.

How to start a gratitude habit

Soak it in

Savor those grateful feelings and feel good about yourself. If you enjoy your new habit, you're more likely to stick with it!



Repeat daily to build a habit!



Jot it down

Grab some paper or a notebook you already have, nothing fancy. Then, write down anything you feel grateful for.

"I don't know what to be grateful for!"

It doesn't have to be Thanksgiving-level to count. Focus on anything simple like:

"For the clouds"

"For my heart that keeps beating"

"For my friend"

"For this sandwich"

"For this day"

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SAVE THE DATE!

NOVEMBER 1, 2026
6:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE SOON!

Church Financial Summary September, 2026

Church Financial Summary

Month of September, 2026	
Tithes, Budget & Offering	\$36,310.54
Designated Offerings	12,327.96
Total Offerings	\$37,538.50



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 it is passed during the worship service.
2. Go online to walnutstreet.org and click on "Give".
3. Mail your contribution to the church offices at 1143 S. Third Street, Suite A, Louisville, KY 40203.

Church Ministerial Staff

Dr. Coye Still III - Senior Pastor
Rev. Gang Li (Martin) - Minister to Chinese
Rev. Steve Skaggs - Interim Worship Minister &
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Herbie Ramsey - Media Ministries Director

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Dr. Coye Still III, Senior Pastor

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Important Addresses You Might Be Interested In

Community Ministry WSBC: www.cmwsbc.org
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 Vice President/Treasurer at
502-727-2962

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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