

# THE WALMSLEY WITNESS

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Worship with Us!

**Sundays @ 11am**  
In-Person or on  
Facebook Live  
(WalmsleyBlvdUMC)

Join Us for  
Sunday School

**Sundays @ 9:45a**  
Classes for ALL ages  
available!

## APRIL 2023

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Grace and peace of Christ to you all,

We are having the season of Lent, which prepares our selves for Easter by following Jesus' journey and walking with him. During Lent, Walmsley people have been joining spiritual practices such as the Lenten Bible study and daily devotion, collecting coins for the EndHunger campaign, and reading the entire New Testament. All these practices are essential and basic practices of our Christian life. Through the Lenten Bible study, we have been revisiting the five essential practices of the Christian life: worship and prayer, study, serve, give, and share. These five, of course, are not new to us. These are basic to our Christian life.

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Movement, distinguished a true Christian from a nominal Christian. He named a true Christian 'Altogether Christian' while a nominal Christian 'Almost Christian.' I believe that you can get a sense of the difference between 'true' and 'nominal' or between 'almost' and 'altogether.' It is right that 'almost Christians' must be recalled and encouraged to go into a way forward to the station of 'altogether.' When we look around, some people stay in the station of a nominal Christian or almost Christian. For instance, some people are saying 'I am a Christian. but I do not attend any church.' Some have faith and church but do not regularly attend worship. Each one may have a different reason. However, every believer with living faith naturally joins and serves a faith community. Jesus was not a solitude mystic in the desert. He incarnated the Word of God among people. He lived with and for people. The Gospel of John teaches us that God became flesh to dwell among humans. Characteristics of Jesus' life and ministry were God-centered and people-oriented. This teaches us to make our church and Christian life in the same way: Christ-centered and people-oriented. The same faith value is revealed to us through the five essential practices of the Christian faith. Every practice is speaking to us about not staying in 'almost' but advancing and attaining to 'altogether.'

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## Church Office Hybrid Schedule

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The Church Office  
voicemail will be  
checked regularly.

You can reach Victoria  
via the church email  
[walmsleyblvdumc@verizon.net](mailto:walmsleyblvdumc@verizon.net)  
and Pastor TaeWon via  
his email at  
[pastortaewonkang@gmail.com](mailto:pastortaewonkang@gmail.com)  
or cell phone  
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Monday, 9a-3p  
(work from home)

Tuesday, 9a-3p  
(work from home)

Wednesday, 9a-3p  
(in Church Office)

Thursday, 9a-1p  
(Victoria in Church  
Office, Pastor TaeWon  
work from home)

When we look around us, there are unchurched people for different reasons. Of course, it is not deniable that, even within the church, some may be titled by the word 'nominal' or 'almost.' I am not speaking that they must be simply churchgoers. The most important thing is that unchurched people or almost/nominal Christians have to be recognized and added as important to our concerns, contacts, and communications. Faith matter is not just personal but communal. Every believer needs a faith community. Much more simply speaking, when you find hope in Jesus Christ, it is not just for yourself but for all people through you in the name of Jesus Christ. Therefore, Christians must make intentional progress steps to be 'all-together.'

Friends, we are marching toward passion week and Easter. We have to go up to the hill of the cross. New hope and the new beginning of life in God have been promised to us there. It's Resurrection. Going up the hill is tough, and it asks for physical challenges like heart-breaking breaths. However, we cannot end our journey in the station of 'almost.' Let us see Jesus our Lord and Savior. He carried his cross. He was nailed on it. BUT it was not the end. New hope and new beginning in God have been given from Jesus' never-ending acts. It's the mystery of his cross and resurrection. Jesus Christ is the way and the example of 'altogether.' Let us follow Jesus Christ. Our Lenten journey is almost done, but it never means completion. It will be perfected when we attain Easter through the Passion week in Lent. Easter will be perfected through Lent. The joy of Easter will be given through Lent. Therefore, take up your cross and make a progress to the hill of the cross. Glorify God and Happy Easter! God bless you. Amen.

*Pastor TaeWon Kang*



## Spring Family Covered Dish Dinner

Join us on **Saturday April 1st at 5:00p** for **FOOD, FUN, and FELLOWSHIP** with your Church family & friends! Bring a dish to share and join in the **Easter Bonnet/Fancy Hat Contest** and **Easter Egg Hunt** (activity for those not hunting eggs)!

Invite your friends and neighbors to share in this event that is sure to be a full out Spring Fling! *\*\*If you would like to attend but need a ride, please contact the Church Office to coordinate one!*



## **WORSHIP CONTINUES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Worship will continue to be held in the Fellowship Hall. We hope everyone will enjoy this time to worship in the ORIGINAL sanctuary of WBUMC! The first 6 parking spaces closest to the Fellowship Hall entrance will be reserved for those most in need!

## **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP**

Join us for the following Holy Week worship services:

- ✝ Palm Sunday @ 11a, in the Fellowship Hall
- ✝ Good Friday @ 6p, in the Fellowship Hall
- ✝ Easter Sunday Celebration @ 11a, IN THE SANCTUARY



## **5th Sunday Celebration**

Sunday April 30th we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck brunch at 10a (bring a dish to share) followed by informal worship at 10:30a.

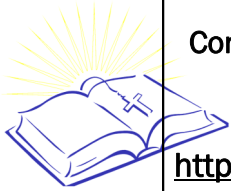
There will be NO Sunday School this day.





## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Studies will continue at 6:30p on Tuesdays (virtual) & 10:30a on Wednesdays (in-person) the first two weeks of April, and break the last two weeks of April.



### Tuesday access info

Conference Call #: (605)468-8855 Access Code: 6432815

Online Meeting ID: pastortaewonkang9

Online Meeting Link:

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/pastortaewonkang9>

## GROCERY MINISTRY

In 2023 WBUMC will continue to focus on our Grocery Ministry outreach by collecting specified items and sending them to our sister church Belmont UMC in support of their Food Pantry.

In **APRIL** we will be collecting **CANNED FRUIT**.

Please place donations in the grocery cart in entry way near the Fellowship Hall.



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



15– Lidia & David Tyree

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

10– Bob Moseley

15– Chris Campbell

13– Laura Guess



## APRIL SUNDAY READERS

2nd– Gloria Lambert

9th– **READER NEEDED!**

16th– Rose Henshaw

23rd– Ryan Thore

30th– Gloria Lambert

We are in need of a second Sunday reader! Please let the Church Office know if you'd like to volunteer!

## Online Giving!

God loves a cheerful giver and YOUR CHURCH IS IN GREAT NEED!

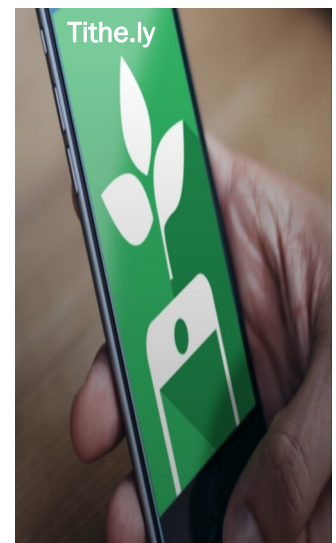
Visit

[walmsleyblvdumc.org](http://walmsleyblvdumc.org) and click the

**green** "Give" button to give your tithes and offerings easily online!

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You can also mail your gifts to the Church (2950 Walmsley Blvd, Richmond, VA 23234)



## WBUMC on Facebook & YouTube

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If you can't make it to in-person worship, you can catch us LIVE most Sundays on Facebook at 11:00 am.

In addition, our streamed services will be archived on Facebook and also on the church YouTube page! Search "Walmsley Blvd UMC" on either site to find our page!

## Newsletter Submission

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We welcome your news, articles, recipes, quotes & jokes! To be included in the MAY Walmsley Witness, please have your submissions to the Church Office **no later than THURSDAY Apr. 20th!**

## YARD & BAKE SALE

On Saturday May 6th we will hold a Church Yard & Bake Sale on the front lawn from 8a-12p! Spaces can be rented for \$15 (table provided) OR \$10 (*bring your own table*). Yard sale donations will be accepted on a limited basis but **MUST be dropped off on the morning of the May 6th (NO collection beforehand).**

Bakers are also needed for the Bake Sale! Please contact Rose Henshaw or the Church Office to reserve a space, volunteer to bake, or with any questions!



## WORSHIP WITH US!

We welcome everyone to worship with us on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall! Come as you are!

If you can't make it in person, you can also join us on Facebook Live on the WBUMC Facebook page (Walmsley Blvd UMC).



## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL!

We have Sunday School classes for ALL Ages Sunday morning before worship at 9:45 a.m.



## CHOIR REHEARSALS-COME JOIN US!

Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 5:00p!

If you have interest in singing with the Choir OR playing an instrument with the Choir, please don't hesitate to talk to Victoria or any choir member, and join us any Wednesday evening!



## Share Your Recipes!

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Please share your recipes with us! Recipes should be sent to the Church Office!

## Dynamic Works Christian Academy

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Located in the rear Activities building at 2950 Walmsley Blvd, Dynamic Works offers preschool for children ages 3-5.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he shall not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

For more information on enrollment please visit [dwps.us](http://dwps.us) or call (804)301-7879



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- † 5/6– Yard Sale/Bake Sale
- † 5/14– Mother's Day
- † 5/28– Pentecost



## MUSIC NIGHTS AT HOPEWELL

Upcoming Date:  
April 21st– Calvary's Mercy



## Cook's Corner



### Crescent Roll Breakfast Casserole

- 1 pound bulk pork sausage
- 1 tube refrigerated crescent rolls, 8oz
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 8 large eggs
- 2 cups whole milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper



1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. In a large skillet, cook sausage over medium heat 6-8 min. or until no longer pink, breaking into crumbled; drain.
3. Unroll crescent roll dough into a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Seal seams.
4. Add sausage and top with cheese.
5. In a large bowl, whisk eggs, milk, salt and pepper. Pour over sausage and cheese.
6. Bake, uncovered, 35-40 min. or until knife in the center comes out clean. Let stand 5-10 min. before serving

# Did You Know Prayer is a Privilege?



When I was the pastor at Ivey Memorial UMC, we had a music group that sang at many churches. It was a joy to sing with this group. One night one member of our group gave his testimony and shared how his mother prayed for him consistently without his knowledge. He went in many directions, but his mother kept praying for him. It was on her deathbed that he realized she had been praying for him throughout his life.

Chris Stapleton wrote and sang a song, "Daddy Doesn't Pray Anymore." The lyrics tell the reason the prayers ceased. It was his father's death. Stapleton imagines how his father is no longer speaking with Jesus in prayer but is now walking and talking face-to-face with Jesus.

As King David's life was fading away, he made preparations for his son, Solomon, to take over as the next king of Israel. David gathered the people together and prayed with them. He told his people about God's faithfulness, and he prayed that his people would remain faithful to God. At the end of his prayer David asked God to "give my son, Solomon, the wholehearted devotion to keep your commands" (I Chronicles 29:19).

We, like the mother I told you about, and all of us, have the privilege to pray for our children and all those God has placed in our lives. We can faithfully pray that God will surround our loved ones, even after we are gone.

**Prayer – Father, I bring my loved ones before You and ask that You work out Your plans in their lives. Amen.**

**I Chronicles 29:19 – "Give my son, Solomon, the wholehearted devotion to keep your commands, statutes and decrees."**

# April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:45a Sunday School 11a, Worship (in the Fellowship Hall)	3	4  6:30p, Virtual Bible Study)	5 10:30, Bible Study  5pm, Choir Rehearsal	6 <b>Maundy Thursday</b>  8p, NA	7 <b>Good Friday</b>  6p, Good Friday Worship (in the Fellowship Hall)	8  5p, Family Easter Potluck Dinner (in the Fellowship Hall)
9 <b>Easter Sunday</b> 9:45a, Sunday School 11a, Easter Celebration Worship (IN THE SANCTUARY)	10	11  6:30p, Virtual Bible Study)	12 10:30a, Bible Study  <b>NO CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>	13  8p, NA	14	15
16 9:45a Sunday School 11a, Worship (in the Fellowship Hall)	17	18  <b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b>	19 <b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b>  5pm, Choir Rehearsal	20  8p, NA	21	22
23 9:45a Sunday School 11a, Worship (in the Fellowship Hall)	24	25  <b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b>	26 <b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b>  5pm, Choir Rehearsal	27  8p, NA	28	29
30 10a, Potluck Brunch 10:30a 5th Sunday Celebration (in the Fellowship Hall)						