

A Word from Walker Road

"Making Disciples Because We C.A.R.E."

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Happy New Year!

A Note from the Pastor

Let me begin by saying that I hope you and your family have a very Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that 2010 is in the history books, and we are now beginning another year. Time just seems to fly by, doesn't it? That's why the Bible says in Ephesians 5:16 that we need to "redeem the time, because the days are evil." We need to make the most of the time that the Lord gives us, because once it is gone, it can't be gotten back. My prayer for you is that 2011 will be a great year of spiritual growth. Often, people make their resolutions during this time of the year. As a Christian, wouldn't it be great if you determined, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to be more like Jesus this year than you were last year? In 2011, let's determine to spend more time on our knees in prayer. Let's determine to spend more quality time studying God's Word than in front of a television. On Sunday, let's determine to get involved in a Sunday School class and be more faithful to worship. Let's determine to give of our resources to support missions and our church budget. Everyone has something that they can contribute to the work of the ministry at Walker Road.

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Church Calendar



January 8- J.O.Y. Group Activity

January 12- AWANA Bring-a-Friend Night

January 14- Youth Lock-In

Jan. 16-Feb.6- Sunday School Super Bowl

Jan. 30- Combined Service @ Pleasant Ridge

Walker Road Youth Ministry

Our student ministry is taking off! We've got a great group of kids, and they are growing in leaps and bounds. We've been really busy over the last couple of months, and there are a lot of great events planned.

On Christmas break, the youth participated in a Winter Extravaganza with four other church youth groups. On December 29, we had 35 go to a Charlotte Bobcats game. Then, on December 30, we went to the Fun Depot in Asheville. The week was capped off on Friday, December 31, where we had a time of worship and fellowship at Hopewell Baptist Church.

Please continue to pray for our student ministry. Pray that the Lord will grow us spiritually and numerically. I'm excited to see what God has in store!

Jamie Buchanan

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I believe with all my heart that God has great things in store for our church family this year. I'm excited about all that the Lord has afforded us. Brother Jamie has some great things planned for our youth ministry this year. Pray for him as he leads us in this area of ministry. Brett Wilson has some great ideas that we hope to soon implement for our Sunday School ministry. I'd encourage you to lift him up in prayer as well. The same goes for our C.A.R.E. ministry and every other area of importance. I'm thankful for so many *willing servants* who sacrificially give of their time out of devotion to Christ and His church. Will you join us in giving our best for our Lord in 2011? I pray that you do!

I'd ask that you pray for me this month as I prepare to spend ten days in the Andhra Pradesh province of south India. I'll be there on a mission trip from January 10-20. I will be teaching around 175 pastors and church leaders in the area of theology and pastor ministry. Also, we will be preaching in some rural villages where my friend is trying to plant churches. I'm excited to see what God will do. Pray for safe travel and an abundant harvest!

Be sure to check the upcoming events in January that are listed on the first page of this newsletter. On Sunday night, January 30, we will be moving our worship service over to Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. Our praise team and choir will sing, and we will enjoy a great time of fellowship with a sister church. The service will be at 6:00pm, and I hope each of you plan on being there!

In closing, let me say that I love this wonderful fellowship, and I count it an honor and a privilege to be your pastor. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you. If I can ever do anything for you, please call me or email me. I'll plan on seeing you at church with a smile on your face, a Bible in your hand, a prayer in your heart, and a friend by your side!

Pastor Brandon

J.O.Y. Group News

Can you believe that it is already 2011? What a year 2010 was! It was good for some and not so good for others, but we made it to 2011. An old song says "signs of the times are everywhere," We'll keep on living and working for Jesus until He comes.

What a time we had last month at our annual J.O.Y. Group Christmas Celebration! We had around 36 people. The special surprise group was "The Singing Winebargers"

from Lenoir who ministered to us in song. They are dear friends of ours, and we were blessed to have them with us. We also collected \$165 for a family who had some special needs. Thank you for your generosity!

One bit of news for you: the church leadership is putting together a calendar for this year. We'll be placing important dates on the calendar, so go ahead and mark them now. Our next get together will be on Saturday, January 8. There will be a sign-up list on the table in the church vestibule. Thank you all for your involvement. We love you all and hope to see you soon!

Sonny and Yulita Hensley



C.A.R.E. Corner

"Christians Actively Reaching Everyone"

This past year has truly been a year of ministry for our church. As we look forward to what God is going to do in 2011 through our CARE Ministry we will be doing several things to get the word out. #1, many of you who have recently joined do not know what CARE is and how it works, so to help with that we will be offering CARE Classes for new members in the near future. Also, during the month of February we will be coming about to Sunday Class and doing presentations on CARE as well as some other special things. If you have a heart for people CARE Ministry is one of the best places to use that. We will be making a new schedule for those who wish to be involved in CARE so listen closely for details on how to be a part of all these exciting opportunities. #2 the CARE Ministry would like to spotlight those special individuals who do such a

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday afternoon, January 9, we will be having a Sunday School teachers meeting in which we request all of our teachers and leaders to be present. Also, a new class for couples with school age children will start on January 9. This new small group will meet in the choir room, and will be led by Brett Wilson and Chris Eakin. I want to encourage all of our Sunday School classes to have a Great Commission focus as we enter this new year.

Beginning on January 16, we will be having what we call our ***Sunday School Soup-er Bowl***. **Our goal this year is to win by having a record number of people in Sunday School and Church on four consecutive Sundays ending on February 6.** The key to our victory will be **TEAMWORK**. Every Sunday School class and church member is to be part of the team! The individual teams will be our Sunday School classes. **Every team member will be of equal importance, but each team will also need a Scorekeeper and a Coach.** The Coaches in our Soup-er Bowl will be the Teacher and his/her designated assistant. Their task is to motivate their class to stay focused and do their best reminding them that each player on God's team is important.

Let's all get into the game and do our best to have a record number in Sunday School and Church on these four Sundays! Remember, the key word is **TEAMWORK!** Let's get after it!

Brett Wilson, Sunday School Director

*"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go
unto the house of the Lord."*

Psalms 122:1

wonderful job with our Wednesday night meal---thanks to all of you it allows us to CARE. If it is writing cards, cooking meals, making calls, or just sharing a word of encouragement, there is a place for you!

Also, thanks to all of you who are so faithful in filling out C.A.R.E. cards every Sunday. These cards are the way that we get our ministry requests, and without them, we'd be left scratching our heads! Please continue to keep us informed of your loved ones who are lost, as well as those who are sick and in need of encouragement. In 2011, may all of us at Walker Road be Christians Actively Reaching Everyone. If you are not involved on a C.A.R.E. team, please see me or Yulita. Thanks!

Chris Dale



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Remember that you can always listen to our services online each week if you miss a Sunday! Also, check out our Facebook page!

Visit us online at:
www.walkerroadbc.org

NEW SUNDAY NIGHT SERIES:



SERIES BEGINS SUNDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 2, 2011

We live in a generation that is becoming more and more ignorant of God's moral law. However, ignorance of the law is no excuse! Perhaps the main reason for our current slide into sin and immorality as a nation can be attributed to our contempt of God's law as a nation. Whenever and wherever a nation of people decides to remove itself from under God's moral law, that nation is headed on a collision course of destruction. Bring the family to church on Sunday night for this teaching series!

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AWANA Happenings

Awana is off to a great start. Most of the clubbers are working through their handbooks and earning points and badges each week. Our attendance has been averaging in the mid-40's with our highest attendance being 63. Awesome! We ended 2010 with a game night where the sparks earned a pizza party to be held on January 12. Thank you Easton! The new year is kicking off with the Super Bowl Contest. Instead of our regular points, clubbers will be earning points to be the winners of the Super Bowl. January 26th will be our Super Bowl party and the winning club will receive Super Bowl rings! January 12th is bring a friend night. Let's see if we can set a new attendance record. Finally, we could not have Awana if it were not for our wonderful teachers and volunteers. You are seeing firsthand how your commitment to these children helps build their relationship not only with you but with our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. Thank you for your creativity, commitment and care for our great children. Welcome 2011! Can't wait to see what you have in store for us!

Anita Ware, AWANA Commander

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