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Spring 2024



# THE POWER OF PRAYER

*Teresa Wall's Story*

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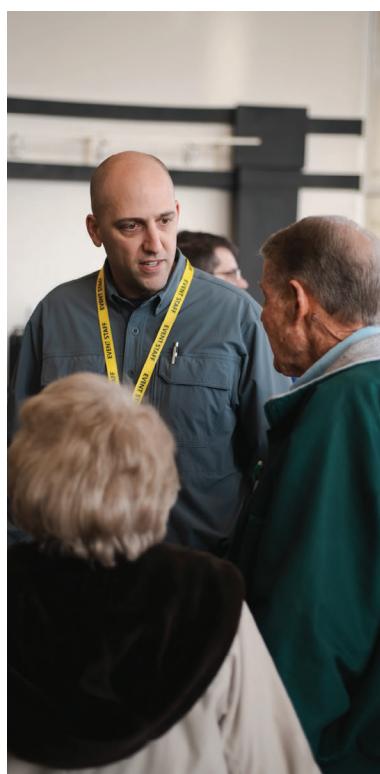


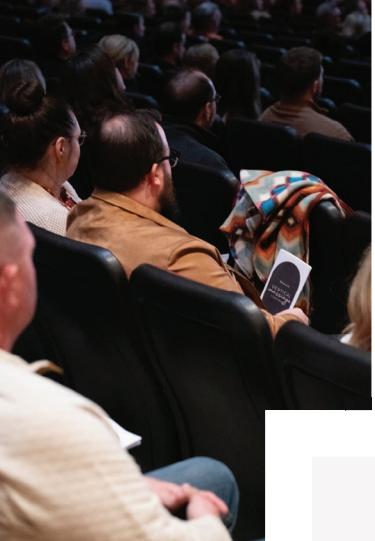
Spring has in fact...SPRUNG. Goodness, it feels like it is practically June with Easter being so early this year. What a time to remember that as all the trees put on new leaves, the grass – and let's be honest, the weeds – come out of hiding in everyone's yards and people start sneezing from the pollen in the air, Christ is Risen, He is Risen INDEED. The best part is whether you believe that or not, it is true. The tomb is EMPTY, death has been defeated and the grave carries no weight for those of us in Christ Jesus. No matter the situation or circumstance you find yourself in as you read this, remember that God is restoring all things and will restore all things. As stress and worry come this year, show your stress and worry the facts;

*"Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He will do it."*

Psalm 37:5

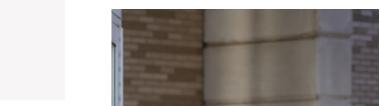
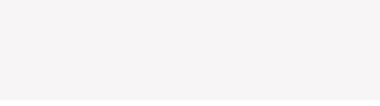
*We love y'all,  
Pastor Grey*





## VERTICAL *marriage* CONFERENCE

It was such a privilege to partner with five other churches from Northeast Arkansas to host this year's Marriage Conference! With more than thirty churches represented, we saw God move as Dave and Ann Wilson opened up and shared their testimony of how the Lord has continually worked in and through their marriage. Pray that God would not stop moving! Pray that the couples who attended would continue to seek Him in their marriages and in their homes.



# easter

at Walnut Street

**palm sunday** *March 24*

**Join us for an Egg Hunt at 5:00pm!**

Invite a friend and spend an hour racing for eggs. Kids of all ages go home with candy!



**maundy thursday** *March 28*



We'll gather in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm for a special service as we take the Lord's Supper together.

**easter sunday** *March 31*

We'll worship on Easter Sunday morning in the Sanctuary at 9:30am and 11:00am, with regular Sunday School hours for all ages. No PM Services.



[WALNUTSTREETBAPTIST.ORG/EASTER](http://WALNUTSTREETBAPTIST.ORG/EASTER)

# Upcoming EVENTS

## MARCH 2024

### N MARCH 10

NEXT STEPS CLASS | 9:00AM

Learn more about Walnut Street and what we believe, as well as how to take the next step towards membership. Open to prospective, new, and current members. Room 126 on the North Hall.

### T MARCH 12 & 26

TABITHA SEWS | 9:00AM

Sewing/crafting for ministry purposes.

### Y MARCH 16-21

YOUTH SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP

Keep our youth students in your prayers as they serve with Beautiful Feet Ministries in Fort Worth, TX.

### C MARCH 16-21

COLLEGE SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP

Keep our college students in your prayers as they serve River Church in Loveland, CO.

### S MARCH 17-23

SPRING BREAK

No Sunday PM or Wednesday PM activities.

### E MARCH 24

EASTER EGG HUNT | 5:00PM

Invite your neighbors and friends to come celebrate Easter in a kid-friendly way! There will be separate hunts for little and big kids. Everyone goes home with candy!

### M MARCH 28

MEN'S BREAKFAST | 8:30AM

Eggcellent Cafe, 906 S Caraway Rd, Jonesboro

### M MARCH 28

MAUNDY THURSDAY | 7:00PM

Join us for the Lord's Supper in the Sanctuary.

### G MARCH 29

GOOD FRIDAY

Church Office Closed

### E MARCH 31

EASTER SUNDAY

Join us as we celebrate Easter during regular Worship & Sunday School hours. Find more details on page 8.

#### MIDWEEK MENU: MARCH

6: Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes

13: Taco Salad

20: No Meal - Spring Break

27: Mexican Chicken Casserole

## APRIL 2024

### W APRIL 1

WHILE WE'RE WAITING | 6:00PM

Support Group for Bereaved Moms meets the first Monday of each month in the Point. Contact Carol Duncan for more info at 870-931-8517.

### T EVERY TUESDAY

TABITHA SEWS | 9:00AM

Sewing/crafting for ministry purposes.

### L APRIL 4

LOOKING FORWARD LUNCH | 12:00PM

Join us in the Gym for a potluck and special music by the Williams Singers. Sign up in the Looking Forward Cove for a headcount and to bring a side dish.

### W APRIL 9

LIES WOMEN BELIEVE | 6:30PM

Ladies, you are invited to join the Walnut Street Women's Ministry in the Point for desserts and coffee as we welcome Holly Elliff. More details on page 13.

### V APRIL 13

VBS CRAFT TRIAL RUN

10:00 am - 2:00 pm | Volunteers have an opportunity to come try VBS crafts and experiments prior to leading them this summer. Lunch provided.

### N APRIL 14

NEXT STEPS CLASS | 9:30AM

Learn more about Walnut Street and what we believe, as well as how to take the next step towards membership. Open to prospective, new, and current members. Room 126 on the North Hall.

### M APRIL 25

MEN'S BREAKFAST | 8:30AM

Eggcellent Cafe, 906 S Caraway Rd, Jonesboro

### S APRIL 27

STEPPING STONE SANCTUARY WORK DAY

Meet at Stepping Stone Sanctuary in Trumann at 9:00am and spend the day serving.

### D APRIL 28

LAST WEEK OF D-GROUPS

#### MIDWEEK MENU: APRIL

3: Soup & Sandwich

10: Breakfast

17: Ham & Hashbrown Casserole

24: Taco Salad

FOR GOD SO **loved** THE WORLD,  
THAT HE GAVE HIS **only** SON,

SO THAT EVERYONE WHO **believes** IN HIM  
WILL NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE **eternal life**.

## MARCH 2024

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# HAPPY Easter

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# Upcoming EVENTS

## MAY 2024

**M MAY 1**

LAST REGULAR MIDWEEK

**L MAY 2**

LOOKING FORWARD LUNCH

Join us in the Gym for a guest speaker and potluck.

**A MAY 5**

AWANA CELEBRATION | 6:00PM

**W MAY 6**

WHILE WE'RE WAITING | 6:00PM

Support Group for Bereaved Moms meets the first Monday of each month in the Point.

**T EVERY TUESDAY**

TABITHA SEWS | 9:00AM

Sewing/crafting for ministry purposes.

**F MAY 8**

FAMILY COMMISSIONING CLASS | 5:30PM

If you are interested in participating in our Family Commissioning Service on Father's Day, please contact Jamie Griffin to RSVP for this required class.

**Y MAY 8**

YOUTH END OF YEAR CELEBRATION | 6:00PM

**N MAY 12**

NEXT STEPS CLASS | 9:30AM

Learn more about Walnut Street and what we believe, as well as how to take the next step towards membership. Room 126 on the North Hall.

**C MAY 19**

CAMP SILOAM MEETING | 3:30 PM

In the Gym. Attendance REQUIRED for campers & parents.

**P MAY 19**

CHURCH PICNIC | 5:00PM

Bring your family and friends to join us for an afternoon of grilling, games, and live music on the front lawn!

**M MAY 23**

MEN'S BREAKFAST | 8:30AM

Eggsellent Cafe, 906 S Caraway Rd, Jonesboro

**O MAY 26**

ONE SERVICE SUNDAY | 10:30AM

One worship service at 10:30 am. Large group Sunday School at 9:00 am in the Gym. No childcare.

## MIDWEEK MENU: MAY

1: Chicken Alfredo

## JUNE 2024

**W JUNE 3**

WHILE WE'RE WAITING | 6:00PM

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**T EVERY TUESDAY**

TABITHA SEWS | 9:00AM

Open to individuals interested in sewing/crafting for ministry purposes.

**L JUNE 6**

LOOKING FORWARD LUNCH

Join us for a picnic at Craighead Forest Park! Transportation provided. Sign up at the LF Cove.

**V JUNE 8**

VBS CRAFT ASSEMBLY DAY

8:30 am - Noon in the Gym

**N JUNE 9**

NEXT STEPS CLASS | 9:30AM

Learn more about Walnut Street and what we believe, as well as how to take the next step towards membership. Open to prospective, new, and current members. Room 126 on the North Hall.

**V JUNE 9**

VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING

2:00 - 4:00 pm

**F JUNE 16**

FATHER'S DAY

Family Commissioning in both morning worship services. No PM activities.

**K JUNE 17-21**

KIDS SUMMER CAMP

Camp Siloam, Siloam Springs, AR. Email [mary@walnutstreetbaptist.org](mailto:mary@walnutstreetbaptist.org) for more info.

**Y JUNE 24-28**

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

YM360 Generate Camp | East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, TX. Email [cory@walnutstreetbaptist.org](mailto:cory@walnutstreetbaptist.org) for more info.

**M JUNE 27**

MEN'S BREAKFAST | 8:30AM

Eggsellent Cafe, 906 S Caraway Rd, Jonesboro



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YOUR HEART AND SOUL FOR GOOD WORKS

APRIL  
TUESDAY  
**09** AT 6:30PM



FEATURING *Holly Elliff*

WIFE OF 50 YEARS TO BILL ELLIFF,  
MOTHER OF 8, GRANDMOTHER OF 27

*in the point*  
AT WALNUT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE ENTRANCE

*Desserts & coffee provided*

REGISTER BY APRIL 3RD AT [WALNUTSTREETBAPTIST.ORG](http://WALNUTSTREETBAPTIST.ORG)

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# THE POWER OF PRAYER

by Kathy Morrison

How do you do it? How do you face a difficult situation and stay strong in your walk with Christ? Life on this earth is a struggle and there will be difficult times. Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble but remember I have overcome the world". All of us in our church have faced various disappointments and trials — sickness, unexpected deaths, crippling diseases, and cancer just to name a few. These trials can be heartbreakingly and can cause us to become isolated, discouraged, and even so angry at God that we turn our back on Him.

But what if - what if the very tribulations that we go through are really a pathway to a much closer walk with our Heavenly Father? What if just by merely changing our perspective we allow God to use our trials as a conduit for the Holy Spirit to work through us to reach others for God's Kingdom work? What if we could find ourselves, like Paul, to be content in whatever situation and through total submission to God, our trials become all about Him instead of all about us. How? Through the power of prayer.

There are many people in our church who are striving to do that very thing. One among them is Teresa Walls. It has been my pleasure to know Teresa for the past ten years and after interviewing her, it is now my privilege to share her story with you. The following is her story in her own words:

I met Hollis when I was 16. He would walk fifteen miles to my house to visit me and my daddy would drive him home. We got married and we have two children. Our son, Kevin, and our daughter-in-love, Rachel, have two children—Harley(20) and Logan(16). Our daughter, Melissa and our son-in-love, Beau, have two older children—Kaylee(26) and Hollie Kim(23). Melissa and Beau now also have 5 month old twins, Robert Lee and Lilly Kate. I prayed specifically for those twins because Melissa could not get pregnant and she underwent implantation of two embryos. I said “Lord, please let both those babies live so I can have the twins I have always wanted.” Sure enough, she had twins. Then I prayed, “Lord, please let them be a boy and a girl.” And they were. So, I firmly believe you MUST pray specifically.

When I was around 9 years old, some friends and I walked the aisle during a revival and took the preacher’s hand. I don’t remember praying. I was baptized but I was NOT saved. I hesitate to say this because I don’t want to confuse any little

child who might be under conviction because we must be very careful to be sure they understand. Anyway, it wasn’t until April of 1984 that I came under conviction. Hollis and I had been thinking and talking about church and this sweet little lady said to me “You are responsible for these babies.” And God used that to draw us to Him. Two weeks later the pastor came to our house and we prayed for salvation. But, you know, for some reason we got out of church. We had moved to Jonesboro and we just didn’t look for a church. People think that Satan is that red, ugly guy but he’s not. He tempts you with anything you’ve ever wanted. He tempted Jesus, so why wouldn’t he tempt us? When he does we need to use the WORD just like Jesus did. So, we weren’t in church. I was saved but for about ten years if I had died I would have just got to Heaven by the seat of my pants.

About ten years ago, around November, Hollis and I began praying for a church home. Some friends from Blytheville told us about WSBC and encouraged us to go. So, we went on a Wednesday night and everyone was so kind that Hollis wanted to join right then. We joined in January and I’m so glad we did. We love our church family. They mean so much to us.

On Wednesday, October 31, 2019, I got sick. I thought I was having a heart attack and I was in the hospital for three days. That following Tuesday the doctor called and said he had some bad news. I had primary peritoneal cancer and the treatment is a lot like the chemo for ovarian cancer. We were heartbroken. I had just lost my sister, Judy, to cancer in March of 2019 and we were very close. The doctor started to give me a prognosis, but I refused to hear it. I told him, “You don’t know when I’m going to die. God will take me home when He is ready to.” We sat and processed the news for a while before calling the kids. We were determined





not to cry when we told them. I said, "My cancer is different than Judy's. I'm different." I told Hollis that cancer will NOT define us and that God will get the glory for this.

Since 2019 I have been in and out of chemo treatments and remission three different times. Now, since November, I have started on my fourth round of chemo and it will be the longest so far. I will be on chemo through April. People have asked me, "What's it like to have a terminal illness?". I just tell them, "You have one too. You're not in control of when you are going to die just because you don't have cancer." I gave God the glory from the beginning and He has had the glory every step of the way.

I think God has shown me that cancer has been a blessing. Especially because of Hollis. He means so much to me. He's my

friend, my lover, and my sidekick. He's my 'Tonto'. My son, Kevin, says, "Mom, Dad treats you like a queen." God also showed His love to Hollis by giving him a vision. About 4 months before I was diagnosed, Hollis had a dream of being at church and seeing a rainbow outside. When he walked out to see it more clearly, there was a golden door at the end of the rainbow and above the door was a mansion in the clouds. Hollis realized after my cancer diagnosis that God was telling him that mansion was for me.

**People have asked me, "What's it like to have a terminal illness?" I just tell them, "You have one too."**

Other blessings have occurred since having cancer. It has allowed me to be a witness to my family on both sides. They have seen me talk about how good God has been. My daughter and I have been reconciled. I have been able to work and keep my daycare running with some really wonderful and understanding parents. Miss Liz, my chemo nurse, is a



Christian and one of my favorite people. We have had many conversations about God, and the Lord allowed me to minister to her when her mom was diagnosed with cancer and she needed to talk to someone who knew what she was going through.

I would give this advice to anyone going through cancer or any other trial: number one, you must first have a relationship with God through His Son, Jesus. Give it all to Him and give Him the glory for it. You must stay positive. I would say 80% of your treatment is just staying positive and you are able to do that knowing God is in control and He works all things for good to them that love Him. Second, you must have a good church family. I can't say enough of how much our church family means to us. I know you are all praying for us and lifting us up. I've been battling cancer now for 4 1/2 years and I'm still going — only because of the prayers of my church family and my kids and their church families. You also need to have a close relationship with a small group of prayer warriors. You need the power of prayer. When I'm sick I can just call and y'all pray.

I've learned something else that is really important. Before cancer, I was a runner and I had the attitude that "I've got this." Before cancer, if you said to me, "Teresa, would you pray for me?" I would say "yes" and I'm sorry to say I would just get my happy tail home and forget all about it. But now, I have seen the importance and the power of prayer and if you say "pray for me," I get my prayer notebook out and you WILL get prayed for. The power of prayer is so important. It gives me shivers just thinking about how important it is. People may have family issues or other problems and they just need someone to love on them and pray for them. My papaw always said, "You need to walk the walk because you may be the only Bible that some people read."



If we could all tap in to that power—the power of prayer—the same power that brought Lazarus from the grave, the same power that rolled the stone away, that healed the leper and caused the lame to walk and the blind to see, what kind of a church would we be? Oh Father, let your light so shine through us that all would see and (as Teresa did) all would give YOU the praise and all the honor and glory.



*Kathy Morrison and her husband, Marshall, have been members of Walnut Street for 29 years. Together they have three daughters – Melanie (Matt), Holly (Preston), & Becky (Jonathon) – and enjoy doting on their seven grandchildren.*

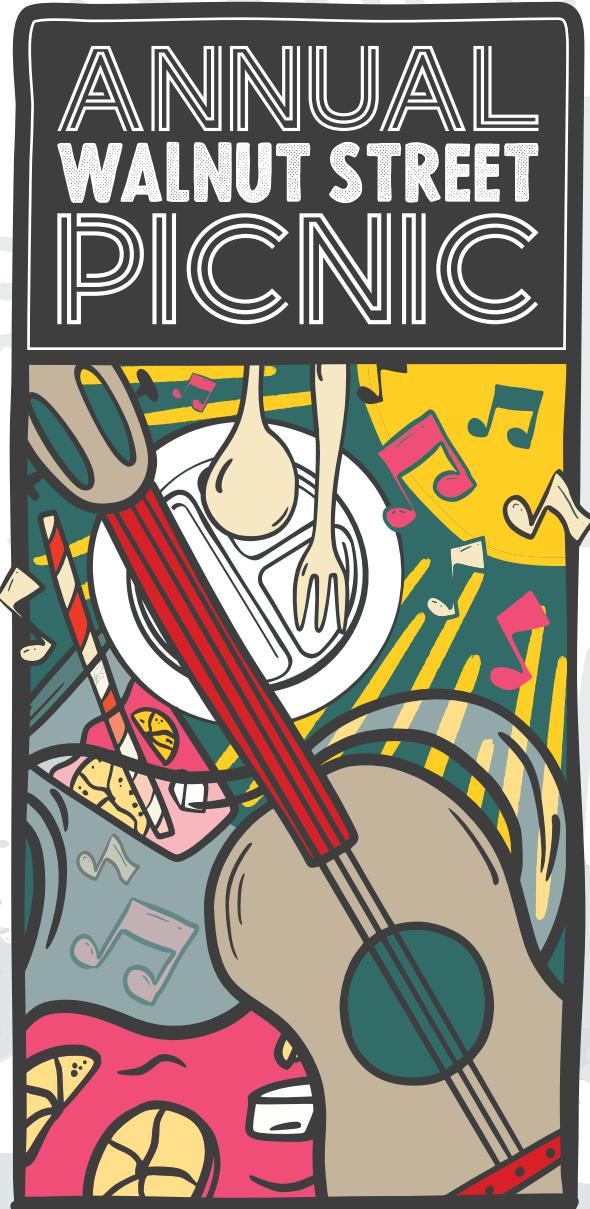
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