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Summer 2024



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Live faithfully.
Act courageously.

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THE GREAT Jungle JOURNEY

An Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation

July 8-12
8:30am - Noon

Open to kids entering Kindergarten-6th grade

Grab Your Binoculars!

It's a jungle out there, and YOU are invited to sail along with us on an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation! This year we will explore the biblical answers to today's questions as we set off on a cruise through the jungle. Amid sloths, butterflies, river dolphins, and dart frogs, we will embark on a fun jungle cruise, stopping at seven ports of call. These ports are the 7 C's of History: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation.

Why register early?

No matter when you sign up, Vacation Bible School is completely free! But, by registering before July 3rd, you guarantee that your swag bag will be ready for you when you arrive. We'll have a T-shirt and a bandana with your name on it. Plus, it helps make that first morning quicker and smoother for you!

Learn more and sign up at
walnutstreetbaptist.org/vbs

How can I help?

We need you to help make VBS happen! We need help with Bible lesson teaching, rotation group leaders, games, crafts, registration, music, and decorating. To sign up to volunteer, contact Ms. Mary or check out the volunteer board in the Gym.

SEE YOU SOON

MidWeek Returns

AUGUST 21

KIDS

Gaga Ball

6:00PM
Gym



YOUTH

Slip-n-Slide

6:00PM
Front Lawn



ADULT

Bible Study

6:00PM
Sanctuary



REGULAR MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

MidWeek Meal **5:00PM**

Resumes August 21

Bring the whole family for an easy and delicious meal every Wednesday night! RSVP to the church office by Tuesday at 4:00pm. See page 12 for menu.

Adults | \$6 College | FREE Age 11-18 | \$5 10 & Under | \$3
\$17 Household Maximum

Adults **6:00PM**

August 21, 28, & September 4 3-week series in the Sanctuary for all adults

September 11 MidWeek classes and D-Groups begin

Choir & Orchestra Practice dates TBA. Stay up to date with the Planning Center App.

Youth **6:00PM**

Students 7th-12th grade Worship in the Point every Wednesday night

Kids **6:00PM**

K-6th grade Meet Ms. Mary in the Gym for a fun learning time every Wednesday night

Birth-PreK Meet Ms. Jamie on the Kids End for MidWeek Nursery each week

College **8:00PM**

Collegiates and young adults, come hang out in the Gym for worship & teaching.

The Gathering



JULY
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JULY
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JULY
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Don't miss our favorite summer event!

Mark your calendars for a Walnut Street staple - The Gathering! This year, we'll have another awesome lineup of delicious food, great messages, and hilarious games. Join us on Wednesday nights in July as we take a closer look at four core Walnut Street values: the Bible, being multigenerational, developing intentional relationships, and prayer.

Bring the whole family for a fun and faith-filled time each week.

Food opens at 5:30pm. Teaching begins at 6:30pm.



Upcoming EVENTS

JUNE 2024

W JUNE 3

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
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 Pavilion 5! Sign up at the LF Cove for a headcount for food.

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 | 2:00PM

F JUNE 16

FATHER'S DAY
Family Commissioning in both morning worship services. No PM activities.

K JUNE 17-21

KIDS SUMMER CAMP

L JUNE 19-23

LIMA MISSION TRIP
Pray for our evangelism team headed to Lima, Peru.

Y JUNE 24-28

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

M JUNE 27

MEN'S BREAKFAST | 8:30AM
Eggsellent Cafe, 906 S Caraway Rd, Jonesboro

I JUNE 30

I HEART BIG CHURCH
Fifth Sunday family worship is a Sunday where our Pre-K 4 Class has the opportunity to worship with their family in the sanctuary during the 11:00 AM worship service. Extended care is still provided for kids aged 3 and under.

JULY 2024

W JULY 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.

4 JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY
Church Office closed Thurs, July 4, and Fri, July 5.

V JULY 8-12

VBS | 8:30AM-NOON
Grab your binoculars! It's a jungle out there, and YOU are invited to sail along with us on an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation! This year we will explore the biblical answers to today's questions as we set off on a cruise through the jungle. Amid sloths, butterflies, river dolphins, and dart frogs, we will embark on a fun jungle cruise, stopping at seven ports of call. These ports are the 7 C's of History: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation.

G JULY 10,17,24,31

THE GATHERING | 5:30 PM
Don't miss out on our favorite summer tradition! More details on page 8.

N JULY 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.

T JULY 16,23,30

TABITHA SEWS | 9:00AM
Sewing/crafting for ministry purposes.

C JULY 24

COLSON FELLOWS REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Find more information about the Colson Fellows program on page 18.

M JULY 25

MEN'S BREAKFAST | 8:30AM
Eggsellent Cafe, 906 S Caraway Rd, Jonesboro

Upcoming

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JULY 2024

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Upcoming EVENTS

AUGUST 2024

L AUGUST 1

LOOKING FORWARD LUNCH

Join us in the Gym for bingo and potluck.

W AUGUST 5

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.

M AUGUST 7, 14

MINISTRY SAFE TRAINING | 6:00PM

Mandatory volunteer training for all adults who serve with the kids and student ministries. For more information, see Mary Alldread, Jamie Griffin, or Cory Cartwright.

N AUGUST 11

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.

P AUGUST 11

PROMOTION SUNDAY

C AUGUST 17

COLLEGE MOVE-IN DAY

Let's serve college students! Join us on the campuses of Williams Baptist and Arkansas State University to help move in college students as they return for the fall semester. Contact Will Nichols for more info.

K AUGUST 18

KICKOFF SUNDAY | 10:00AM

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

M AUGUST 21

MIDWEEK LAUNCH

MidWeek activities are back for all ages. Details on page 6.

M AUGUST 22

MEN'S BREAKFAST | 8:30AM

Eggcellent Cafe, 906 S Caraway Rd, Jonesboro

MIDWEEK MENU: AUGUST

- 21: Burgers & Hotdogs
- 28: Spaghetti

SEPTEMBER 2024

L SEPTEMBER 2

LABOR DAY

Church Office Closed.

Regular AM Services, no PM Services Sunday 9/1.

T EVERY TUESDAY

TABITHA SEWS | 9:00AM

Sewing/crafting for ministry purposes.

L SEPTEMBER 5

LOOKING FORWARD LUNCH

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

N SEPTEMBER 8

NEXT STEPS CLASS | 9:00AM

A SEPTEMBER 8

AWANA STARTS | 6:00PM

Don't forget to register for the upcoming Awana year! Registration opens on August 18. See Ms. Mary for info.

D SEPTEMBER 8

D-GROUPS START WEEK

For more information, contact Keith Baker or go to walnutstreetbaptist.org/discipleship.

M SEPTEMBER 11

REGULAR ADULT MIDWEEK CLASSES BEGIN

G SEPTEMBER 19

GOLDEN AGE CONFERENCE

More information to come in the LF Cove.

W SEPTEMBER 24

WOMEN'S NIGHT | 6:30PM

Speaker: Sarah Rice, www.sarahsrice.com

M SEPTEMBER 26

MEN'S BREAKFAST | 8:30AM

Eggcellent Cafe, 906 S Caraway Rd, Jonesboro

I SEPTEMBER 29

I HEART BIG CHURCH

Our Pre-K 4 Class will have the opportunity to worship with their family in the Sanctuary during the 11:00 AM service. Extended care provided for kids aged 3 and under.

MIDWEEK MENU: SEPTEMBER

- 4: Chicken Strips & Mac & Cheese
- 11: Taco Salad
- 18: Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes
- 25: Soup & Sandwich



Pray FOR Camps

KIDS CAMP | June 17-21
Siloam Springs, AR | 3rd-6th Graders

YOUTH CAMP | June 24-28
Marshall, TX | 7th-12th Graders

Because of **God's work through your giving and your vote**, we are able to send 3rd-12th graders to camp for FREE this summer. **Pray** for these kids and students! Pray that our students would **invite their friends** who do not know Jesus or do not have a church home to come with them. Pray that all who attend will **encounter the Gospel** while at camp!





Gain wisdom. Live faithfully. Act courageously.

1974 — 1968

Charles Colson had first-hand experience with culture that can lead you to places you thought you would never go. Colson was a key leader in former President Richard Nixon's administration. Once described as "the evil genius of an evil administration," Colson would say in his memoir that he was "valuable to the President...because I was willing to be...ruthless in getting things done."

As Colson was facing arrest for crimes related to the infamous Watergate scandal, he was given a copy of C.S. Lewis's *Mere Christianity* by close friend Thomas L. Phillips. Through reading this book and hearing his friend's testimony, Colson



encountered the Gospel, gave his life to Christ, and experienced a radical change in his worldview. He would serve his time in prison and, after his release, go on to found Prison Fellowship in 1976 – the largest prison outreach program in the nation today.

Through his involvement with prison ministry, it became undeniably clear to Chuck Colson that Christians were in need of a robust discipleship program dealing with the problems he was facing daily. At the time, the church was withdrawing from culture rather than figuring out how to engage with people from a biblical worldview. Colson understood personally that God has the



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power to accomplish great things through imperfect people. His own trials and the redemption he found in Jesus Christ inspired him to build a discipleship program that would "reverse the Christian evacuation from intellectual life and the public square." Colson would eventually find the Centurions, later renamed in his honor to Colson Fellows after his passing in 2012.

During the turbulent days of 2020, Bro. Grey Falanga was encouraged to find the Breakpoint podcast, a program produced by the Colson Center and hosted by John Stonestreet. Describing itself as "a daily dose of sanity – applying a Christian worldview to culture, politics, movies, and more," Pastor Grey was heartened to have discovered a source of information that was relevant as well as refreshingly grounded in biblical truth. This program served as our ministers' first introduction to the Colson Center and, subsequently, the Colson Fellows program. Through prayer and careful consideration, Bro. Grey, Keith Baker, Cory Cartwright, and Will Nichols decided to take the plunge and enroll in February 2023. Over the course of the past ten months, these four

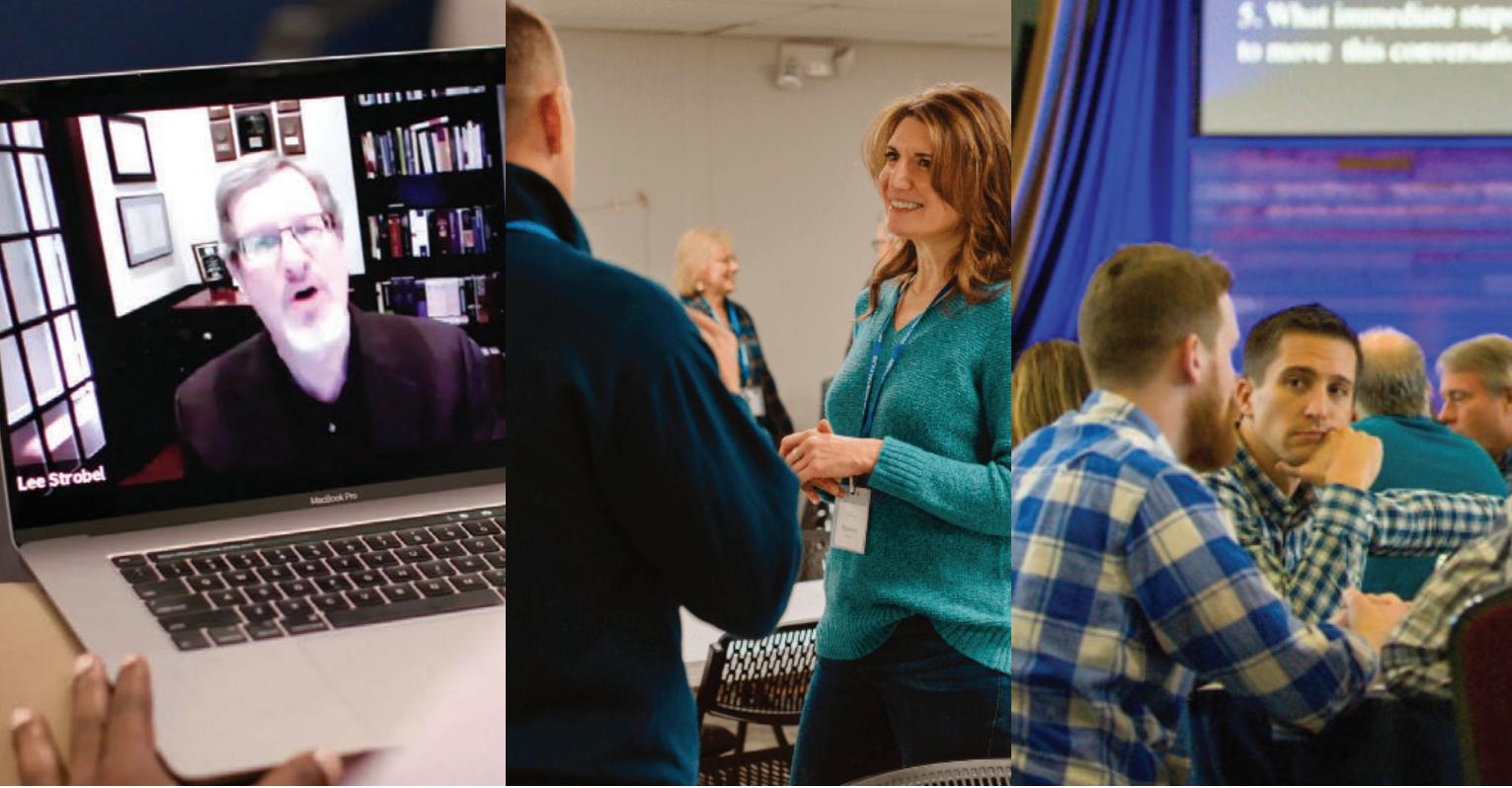
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ministers have been diligent in their endeavor to complete this program. They have been stretched and strengthened as they have faced tough topics head-on and built the framework necessary to have compassionate conversations with people who think entirely differently than they do. They have found the material so impactful that they want Walnut Street to have the opportunity to participate on our own campus.

Colson Fellows at Walnut Street

Beginning this July, you can enroll in the Colson Fellowship and embark in an exploration of the Christian worldview along with other believers seeking to increase in wisdom and solidarity. As was the case in Colson's day, it is tempting to retreat away from hard topics rather than face them. The truth, however, is that we are already involved in these conversations each day. Whether we like it or not, by simply existing in the world we are all now or will at some point be personally confronted with popular viewpoints that stand in direct contradiction to God's Word. Without a solid foundation, it is easy to become defensive. Bro. Grey shared,





"I have found that knowledge removes the defensiveness that arises in those moments. Knowing what you believe and why you believe it takes away the fear of the conversation so that you are able to see people as image-bearers of God rather than opposition."

We are not trying to 'win' conversations with unbelievers. Praise God, Jesus already won. In pursuing the Colson Fellowship, you can expect to build a wealth of resources that will equip you to share the truth lovingly in every situation. God will give us the opportunity to have conversations that may not result in an immediate decision to follow Christ but can leave, as Bro. Grey often says, "a pebble in their shoe." The Colson Fellows program can enable you to have meaningful conversations with your children, your grandchildren, and coworkers rather than feeling like you are beating against a wall. By building a worldview using evidence based in biblical as well as scientific and philosophical reality, you can effectively share truth with even those for whom the Bible holds no authority.

This program is for believers seeking an intellectually vigorous and theologically rich curriculum. Many of today's hot-button

issues seem overwhelming, but they are not new. The devil has used the same strategies since the Garden of Eden. The truth is rephrased and twisted and brought into question. "Did God really say ___?" The Colson Fellows program will develop the critical thinking skills required to answer questions with confidence. Participants are offered a place where one can, through study and open discussion, develop a deeply-rooted worldview in line with what the Bible teaches.

Following a curated curriculum over ten months, participants will read 12 books, attend a variety of webinars presented by experts in the field, complete daily devotions, and develop a plan to apply the principles learned in their individual context. These materials will ignite conversation in monthly group discussions about topics like race relations, progressive sexuality, religious liberty, the role of government, economics, and the sanctity of life, to name a few. While not a casual program, this information is presented in a way that is digestible and achievable. Though you will encounter many difficult topics, you can expect to come out of this program encouraged by how God is moving in the midst of our culture. We do not

have to look at the world through a lens of doom and gloom; we can celebrate that the Bible really is true and God has won the war!

The Colson Fellows Program is a transformational course that compresses a lifetime of Christian wisdom into ten months. This program will establish a solid foundation for those new to the study of the Christian worldview, and those well-versed in Christian worldview & apologetics will gain new insights into today's rapidly changing culture. Colson Fellows-in-Training will go beyond understanding worldview as mere arguments and facts and develop instead the critical thinking skills or wisdom to discern what is or is not true, good, and beautiful in every issue that assails us today. They are able to understand the times and engage others thoughtfully and with grace.



PROGRAM DETAILS

Costs

- Typically, participants in the Colson Fellows Program pay \$900.
- Through an exclusive Licensing Agreement with the Colson Center, **Walnut Street Baptist Church members only pay \$600 in tuition.**
- Participants will need to purchase books from a source of their choice such as Amazon. Estimated book costs are an additional \$200.

Schedule

- **Registration closes July 24, 2024**
- Online access to the Course opens July 1, 2024
- Monthly sessions begin July 27, 2024 and continue on the 2nd Saturday of each month through May 2025 in the Gym from 8:30am to 12:00pm. Coffee and refreshments will be available.
- Students completing the Program will be commissioned in May 2025.

Register and learn more at www.walnutstreetbaptist.org/colson

Hear from our Colson Fellows



Keith Baker
SR. ASSOCIATE
PASTOR

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I am so grateful for this program, and how it has challenged and encouraged me! It has helped me to see that my brothers and sisters down through church history have had their cultural challenges to deal with as they have evangelized this gospel of The Kingdom. In fact, these issues that we are dealing with are not really new at all...living our own version of truth...has been a human problem since creation. This program has also helped me to see how Christ is at work in making all things new at this very moment, and He has invited me to simply be faithful, and to join Him in it.

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**Cory
Cartwright**
STUDENT PASTOR

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As our culture is ever changing, one of the most humbling things I realized in my own life was how I have failed to use my mind so many times, but rather rested on what someone else has said. I want people to experience the forgiveness found in Jesus, but if I fail to understand the world in which they live, then how can I connect to someone else living in a post Christian society? Colson has helped me understand the world around me and my place in God's great story. I look at my life and my ministry so differently as I look to God through His Word and Spirit to understand how to think and navigate life. I must think critically and be able to give an answer for the hope that I have in Christ.

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Grey Falanga
PASTOR

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One of the biggest takeaways for me has been moving from an adversarial approach to the lost or people operating in a different worldview, to a care and love for them. The fact that every single person is an image-bearer of God really does hold great weight on how we handle others and God's great love for them, that they too would come to eternal life, enter God's Kingdom and come back to His design.

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Will Nichols
COLLEGIATE PASTOR

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The Colson Fellows Program has reshaped my way of thinking. I have been challenged to love God with my mind as well as my heart and to really think about what is going on in the world around me and how to respond in a way that reflects the hope we have in Jesus. I have also been challenged to see what in this world is good so I can join God in His redemptive work of not only His people but also those things which He made to be good on this earth. God has brought me nearer to Him and used this program to help me live my faith not simply in the church but in my cultural moment.

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DON'T MISS

WELCOME SUNDAY

AUGUST 18 | 10:00AM

Kick off a new semester with us! Come for worship in the Sanctuary at 10:00 am and stay for BBQ lunch at 11:00 am. This will be the place to get information about the ins and outs of every ministry as we enter a new semester. From Pre-K and Kids events to the Looking Forward ministry schedule, Awana sign-ups, D-Group information, and ways to serve, it will all be here! During the worship service, we'll celebrate what God has done over the past year and look toward what he is doing in the year ahead. Bring a friend and dress casually!

SERVICE AT 10AM BBQ LUNCH AT 11AM DRESS CASUALLY!

