

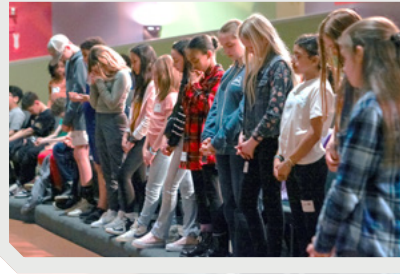


# LIVE & LOVE WELL



WALNUT HILL  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

2024-25  
Theme Year



# THE DIRECTION ♥ WHAT WE WILL DO

Building off the momentum of Arise and Shine, we are excited to launch into our new theme year,

## LIVE & LOVE WELL

We start our year off in the book of James, focusing on the importance of Christ-followers being quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger. James highlights the challenges of practicing this today, just as when it was first written. James also addresses practical issues, such as finding joy in trials, avoiding favoritism and advocating for the marginalized. In these things, we can live a life of wisdom and love that is grounded in a relationship with God through Jesus and shaped by the Spirit and the Word.

As the year progresses, we will continue to focus on prayerful and intentional living, seeking God's help to live and love well. We want to grow in Christlikeness, gain a heart of wisdom and live in a way that reflects Christ's love to others and brings hope and lasting change to our communities. By this, our lives will shine brightly for Jesus!

### Topics in Living and Loving Well

**LIVING A LIFE**  
THAT TRUSTS IN JESUS ALONE

**CARING** FOR THOSE IN NEED

**ASKING GOD** TO SHAPE OUR HEART,  
MIND AND EMOTIONS THROUGH THE POWER OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT AND STUDY OF HIS WORD

**LIVING WISELY** SO THAT PEOPLE SEE  
AND EXPERIENCE THE TANGIBLE LOVE OF JESUS

**ENCOURAGING**  
ONE ANOTHER IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

**BEING A BLESSING**  
TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND THOSE AROUND US

**UNDERSTANDING**  
GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE

**FINDING JOY**  
IN TRIALS AND STRENGTH TO FACE TEMPTATION

# CONNECTING TOGETHER WHAT WE ARE ASKING OF YOU

At the heart of living and loving well is connecting with God, one another and our community!

## WITH GOD

### **Make your relationship with God a priority.**

First 20: Start each day off spending time in prayer and reading the Bible. The First 20 refers to the best first 20 minutes of your day. If you'd like to learn more about this, visit [first-20.org](http://first-20.org).

## WITH ONE ANOTHER

### **Worship with us each Sunday.**

Make attending church each week a priority. It is a joy and blessing to worship together as the family of God! There is something truly special when the church comes together.

### **Join a group.**

We aren't meant to grow in our faith alone. Find people to walk alongside and encourage you in your journey with Jesus! We have many groups to connect into, including Community Groups, Men's, Women's, Care, Crews and more. You can find out about our groups under the Connect tab at [walnuthillcc.org](http://walnuthillcc.org).

### **Find a place to serve.**

The Lord has given each of us gifts and abilities to use in His Kingdom. Not only is serving a way we can be a part of the work of His Church, but it's also a great opportunity to grow and meet others.

## IN COMMUNITY

### **Be doers of the Word.**

Each week, we will be learning practical ways that we can live and love well. We encourage you to take these lessons and apply them each week in the places you live and work and with the people you do life with.

### **Be invitational.**

We know that the Word of God transforms lives. Invite your friends, neighbors, coworkers and others to experience church and upcoming events. Often, people are just one invitation away from walking through the doors!

# PRAYER WHAT WE ARE ASKING OF GOD

### **Would you join us in prayer?**

As we step into a fresh chapter at Walnut Hill, we are asking God for fresh favor upon His Church – that as we live and love well, we will reveal Him and His love to the world and see many come to know Him.

# FALL 2024 CHURCHWIDE KEY DATES More to come in the new year!

## SEPTEMBER

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## SEPTEMBER

- September 8: Community BBQ/Block Party (**Waterbury**)
- September 8 & 15: Ministry Fair
- September 15: Annual Theme Launch and BBQs (**Bethel, New Milford, Valley**)
- Mid-September: Launch of Ministry Groups

## OCTOBER

- October 5: Kay Warren Event (**Bethel**)
- October 12: Fall Festival (**Bethel**)
- October 19: Fall Festival (**Valley**)
- October 26: All-Campus Prayer Servant Training (**Bethel**)

## NOVEMBER

- November 9: Marriage Ministry Dinner and Speaker (**Bethel**)
- November 15-17: Play and Youth Fundraiser (**Bethel**)
- November 21: All-Campus Young Adult Thanksgiving Dinner (**Bethel**)
- November 22: Special Needs Pizza and Pumpkins Gathering (**Bethel**)
- November 26: All-Campus Men's Thanksgiving Dinner (**Bethel**)
- November 26: All-Campus Youth Thanksgiving Event (**Bethel**)

## DECEMBER

- December 6: Charlie Brown Christmas Concert (**New Milford**)
- December 7: Women's Advent Event (**Bethel**)
- December 8: Christmas Tree Lighting (**Waterbury**)
- December 13: Christmas Concert (**Bethel**)
- December 13: All-Campus Young Adult Christmas Party (**Bethel**)
- December 14: Family Christmas Party (**Valley**)
- December 17: All-Campus Youth Pajama Party (**Bethel**)
- December 20: Bethel Christmas Event (**Bethel**)
- December 24: Christmas Eve Services

