



Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Events

May 2024: WGBC requesting personal care items for sick/shut-in

May 19: Deaconess Ministry Recognition @11am

May 26: WGBC 158th Church Anniversary and Baby /Children Dedication

June 30: Lagree Lagunes Memorial Scholarship Essay Due

Weekly Events

PRAYER: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 3pm via the conference line

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7pm via conference line

Conference Line Info
(978)-900-5000

Access Code: 655019#

Don't forget to mute your phones.



Snapshots of The Grove

Guests were much abound as those both near and far came to celebrate with Walnut Grove as we formally installed Dr. Marcus L. Stroud as our pastor.



A Message from Pastor Stroud

To say my wife and I felt loved and welcomed is an understatement. We could not have asked for a better installation program as it reminded us of why we have accepted the task of coming aboard to make Walnut Grove our new church home. We are elated about what God has already done, and I want to commit to the charge given to me by God through Pastor Lorenzo Heard during the installation program.

I commit to being sensitive to the wounds you have acquired in the absence of a pastor over the last five plus years. I understand that there are areas within you all that may need healing, and I will help you do just that and make it a priority in the process.

I commit to being careful about making assumptions. I truly want to get to know each of you for who you are right now and will do my due diligence to investigate matters that are brought to my attention as to make sure my assessments are accurate, true and based on biblical truths and not fallacies of man or the enemy.

I also commit to demonstrating courageous curiosity, asking myself what I can do, too. I am also going to be asking among us, looking to the pews for answers to questions as I know you all hold a wealth of information, wisdom, and knowledge within yourselves that can help push this local assembly in the right direction.

Finally, I commit to building a bridge where there may be barriers. In this hour and dispensation of time, we need one another like never before. Burned bridges will surely get us nowhere. I want us to maintain peace among one another to ensure we can meet the needs of our local congregation and beyond.



Send Us Your Pictures
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Pastoral Installation A TIME WAS HAD



Denim and White

Smiles and hi fives were all around during our Denim and White Attire Youth Sunday held April 21, 2024.



A Charge to the Congregation

To welcome a new pastor is the easy part. The task of installing takes a lot of work of planning the program and ensuring the actual building is welcoming to the guests that are planning to attend. The hard part, however, follows once the installation is done and the pastor takes on the role of shepherding of the sheep as protector, leader, and teacher. This is what has happened at Walnut Grove—a shepherd has been granted unto the members of Walnut Grove to keep us all from the wolves and fiery darts of the enemy through sound teaching, love, and prayer. But what is our duty? What role do we now adopt as we no longer must fend for ourselves? Pastor Clark laid before us three charges, each one accompanied by scriptural support to why they matter to God.

Charge #1: Love God Wholly

Scripture Reference- Mark 12: 28-30

Regardless of who or who is not in place, we are instructed to love God with our whole hearts. This keeps us in good inward standing with God and keeps us in a position to not give God part-time love. We all know how part time works. There is little dedication, multiple call outs and halfheartedness associated with doing anything at half capacity. Full time love shows up and brings its all to the table on a consistent basis.

Charge #2: Know Them that Labor Among You

Scripture Reference- 1 Thessalonians 5:12

One of the roles of a shepherd in the natural is to keep the sheep safe and ensure they are going in the right direction. Pastor Stroud can warn us through the Word of God that we are heading in the wrong direction and cheer us on when we are going the right way. His labor of love, in both instances, is not always seen as there is so much that goes on behind the scenes in the life of a pastor that enables him to do both tasks—admonish and encourage.

Charge #3: Commit to Follow

Scripture Reference- 1 Corinthians 11:1

We live in a world where we follow people we do not know on social media. We are interested in their lives enough to know what they are doing on a consistent basis. Scripture admonishes us to be followers of Christ, but through ample examples provided within the pages of our Bibles, we are encouraged to follow man if that man or woman is a follower of Christ. Walnut Grove is charged to commit to following Pastor Stroud as long as he is following Christ.

Have a prayer request?



Please visit our website at wgbc1866.com and fill out the request form.

