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BIBLICAL BLUES

Bluesman Walter Jr. has been a weekly fixture at iMonelli, regaling patrons with his encyclopedic grasp of the blues, which he performs with facile aplomb. The mermentau native now has six records under his belt and, somewhere along the way, found that old time religion. He lays it on thick in his most recent, ***Standing On The Word***, a 15-song effort that doles out praise and shouts hallelujah. The record opens with Walter Jr.'s familiar swamp rock sound, "I Heard A Story," and weaves its way through a jump-jiving "Wedding Wine" to the stripped-down, deeply delta closer, "Dark As Death." "*Standing On The Word*" showcases the depth of both Walter Jr.'s songwriting and his newfound spirituality. The record is available at F. Camalo, Barnes & Noble, Asbury UMC, and on-line at www.walterjr.com.

- Walter Pierce

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Selected "Best of 2009" Records:

Walter Jr., *Standing On The Word* - Walter Jr. goes godly on us. And we like it.

- Dege Legg