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“A family of committed believers linked by love, and dedicated to sharing Christ with our community and the world.”

Check out our website!
www.washingtonbaptist.org

Our Staff:
Rev. Trent Henson— *Pastor*
Rev. Braxton Kubasko— *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Dave Dupree— *Minister of Worship & Sr. Adults*
Mr. Matthew Moore— *Minister of Youth*

THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON:

Sunday, January 5th- Youth Sunday	
8:30 am	Early Morning Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Morning Worship Service
	No Adult Choir Rehearsal
5:00-7:00 pm	AWANA starts back
6:00 pm	Evening Worship Service
Monday, Monday January 6th-	
6:00 am	Men's Monday Morning Bible Study-Lg. Conf. Rm.
7:00 am	Men's Prayer Time- Room 211
Tuesday, January 7th-	
9:30 am & 7:00 pm	Ladies Prayer Time-Prayer Chapel
6:00-8:00 pm	WMU-Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Budget/Fin. Comm. Meeting- Large Conf. Room
Wednesday, January 8th-	
5:30 pm	Suppers start back- Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	The Sonshine Gang- Room324
	His Kids-Room 330
6:45 pm	Little Lambs -Room 330
6:45-8:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal - Handbell Room
7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	Youth Bible Study
	RAs, GAs & Mission Friends
	Young Adult Ministry-New Parlor
	Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm	
Saturday, January 11th-	
8:00-9:30 am	Food Pantry Open (USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)
8:00-9:45 am	Clothes Closet Open

December 22, 2024	
Sunday School Attendance:	336
Church Attendance:	AM430 PM 121
Sunday's offering:	\$32,615.42
Online Giving 12/19-12/27:	\$7,343.00
Total Offerings Received:	\$39,958.42
Budget Offering Received	\$32,391.42
Budget Offering Required	\$26,300.00
Designated*:	\$6,845.00
Kingdom Vision (Including memorials)	\$2,773.00
Lottie Moon Offering	\$3,522.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Gifts to Jesus	\$500.00
Reimbursements:	\$722.00
Wreaths for Veterans Graves	\$85.00
Deacon Ministry (Christmas Party)	\$630.00
Wednesday Supper	\$7.00

December 29, 2024	
Sunday School Attendance:	239
Church Attendance:	AM 249 PM N/S
Sunday's offering:	\$46,624.71
Online Giving 12/28-12/31:	\$6,438.00
Total Offerings Received:	\$53,062.71
Budget Offering Received	\$17,704.00
Budget Offering Required	\$26,300.00
Designated*:	\$34,654.79
Kingdom Vision (Including memorials)	\$27,231.79
Lottie Moon Offering	\$3,323.00
Food Pantry	\$1,000.00
Missions	\$3,000.00
Gifts to Jesus	\$100.00
Reimbursements:	\$703.92
Audio/Visual (refund)	\$351.92
League Sports	\$352.00

*Designated funds: Approved projects are Building Fund & Special Projects.
**Special offerings as designated by the Board of Deacons.
The work of our church is supported entirely by the faithful giving of our members.

WHAT'S UP at Washington

Men's Ministry Chili Cook-Off

Bring the whole family and come enjoy some friendly competition as we try everyone's chili recipes! We will get to hear from Braxton and our local pregnancy centers as we celebrate Sanctity of Life Month!

Saturday
January 18



Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm

More Info : www.washingtonbaptist.org

GriefShare®

GriefShare will begin at Washington on Wednesday, January 8th at 6:15 pm or Thursday, January 9th at 10:00 am Please sign up at griefshare.org. Call Doug Noland at 803-260-1950 for more information.

GriefShare is a support group to help you move through the grief process A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING



Collected: \$26,494
Goal: \$25,000

Thank you for generously giving so that the Gospel goes to the nations!

Wednesday Suppers

5:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

Sign-up
Today!

The Menu for January 8th:
Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert & Tea.

The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children—\$24.00 max. per family (children under 2 eat free) Fill out bulletin insert on Sunday or call the church office by noon on Monday!

GREETERS NEEDED!

We need more volunteers to volunteer one Sunday a month to greet and welcome people at our church! This is a VERY important ministry. We want them to know they are welcomed, loved, and greeted when they come to Washington! This is such a special way to share the love of Jesus with our church members and community.

Please contact Mallory Kubasko at 919-623-9471 if interested.



Food Pantry Report:

For the month ending December 2024, we served 174 clients representing 617 family members over three Saturdays. We were closed on 12-28. The Christmas Spirit was evident as we worshiped the birth of our Savior each Saturday through sharing the Gospel and ministering to those in need. A summary of the activities for 2024 were: Clients served: 2853 Family members represented: 9559.

PRAYER FOCUS - European Peoples: A Russian-speaking church in Europe is launching a men's ministry called "Bear Cave!" The ministry is renovating a small space to welcome young men who were injured in war, boys without fathers nearby, and older men struggling with purpose. Pray God would use the ministry's recreation area, prayer groups, and Bible studies to draw these men to Himself. (Source: Missions Mosaic Prayer Patterns, page 38, December, 2024)

Trent’s Two Cents:

Sunday I preached on Anna’s witness of Jesus as the Messiah and her devotion to God from Luke 2:36-38. Anna was devoted to God because she was devoted to Scripture, to worship, to prayer, and to speaking about Jesus. I pray we will be devoted to God in 2025, and it all starts with being in God’s Word. Bible reading is essential for spiritual growth (1 Peter 2:2), spiritual maturity (Heb 5:11-14), and spiritual effectiveness (2 Tim 3:16,17). True disciples hear the Word (Romans 10:17), study the Word (2 Timothy 2:15), memorize the Word (Psalm 119:11; Joshua 1:8), meditate on the Word (Psalm 1; Psalm 119:15-16), and obey the Word (James 1:22). We want to encourage you to be in God’s Word this year. We have three Bible Reading Plans available in the hallway near the choir room and a wristband for each plan. Here is a brief description of each plan:

- 7 Day Plan - This is a daily reading plan. This plan will take you straight through the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation in a year. (light blue wristband).
- 5 Day Plan - This is a 25 day a month reading plan that allows you to have several “free days” each month. This plan will guide you through the entire Bible by reading from four separate places in Scripture each day. (yellow wristband)
- 2 Year Plan - This is a reading plan that will take you through the Old Testament in a year while giving you at least 4 “free days” each month. (dark blue wristband)
- If you are reading through the bible using a different reading plan please pick up a white wristband.

No matter what plan you use, there are 1,189 chapters in the Bible and 365 days in a year. If you read 3.25 chapters each day, you will read the entire Bible in a year. Remember, you are not just reading for information, you are reading for transformation. Happy New Year and Happy Reading!

Your Pastor,
Trent
(trent@washingtonbaptist.org)



WashingtonKids



Girls in Action Spa Night

JOIN US FOR A FUN AND RELAXING NIGHT AS WE KICK OFF THE 2025 NEW YEAR!!!

FRIDAY
JANUARY 3RD

6:30-9:00PM

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL
PICK UP & DROP OFF

Enjoy face masks, nail polish, and lots of pampering.
A meal will be provided.

If you are interested in volunteering, please be sure to sign up on the sign up sheet via google forms or the bulletin board!

PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 27, 2024 TO GET A SPA KIT.



Memorials and Gifts to the Church:

..... given to the Lottie Moon Offering in honor of The Kitchen Staff by the Rita Williams.

..... given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of John Baker by Ronnie & Gale Knight, Billy Hill and Johnny Hughes.

..... given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Bill Crawford by Carroll Crawford.

.....given to Lottie Moon Offering in memory of Jewell Wall by the Dorcus Sunday School Class.

..... given to the Food Pantry in honor of Lem Dillard by Annette Fitch.

..... given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Mary Brown, Scott Nix, John Baker, Mellie Walker and Earl Rainey by Richard & Nan Spearman.

..... given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Earl Rainey and John Baker by Len & Barbara Dillard

..... given to the Kingdom Vision fund in memory of Mellie Walker by Faron & Kathy Ensley.

MISSIONS

@WBC


WMU MINISTRY TEAM

Our WMU meeting will be held on January 7th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall! Our menu includes Italian food, so sign up for your favorite Italian dish! The sign up sheet is posted on the WMU bulletin board in the hall. Ladies, also pick up your January Mosaics from the gray desk in front of the WMU bulletin board. A great way to start this new year is by serving God by ministering to others! Since Helene hit, many people have been hurt in a big way! Some families have lost homes, businesses, and most importantly, family members! Our church family has taken a proactive part in trying to help as many people as possible, especially in Western North Carolina! Claudia Burkhalter has been making trips almost weekly in recent weeks to carry donations of blankets, coats, and other needed items to help people to stay warm during this winter weather! She will be sharing about this ministry at our upcoming meeting! Since January is recognized as Sanctity of Life Month in our country, we will focus on “Save the Children”! We will gather baby items for Piedmont Women’s Center and North Carolina. We especially need large diapers for older toddlers! Please put donations in the WMU receptacles located throughout the church! May God bless you as you give !

Ladies! Don’t forget to pick up a Mission Mosaic Magazine!

Servants of Christ, The WMU Ministry Team





Dear Washington Family,
Our family wants to thank you for the many prayers, cards, calls of concern and food during John’s sickness and his passing. Washington is truly a very special church.

Love, Carolyn Baker & Family

Thank you Washington Baptist Church for all your prayers! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Schmittling and Palaero Family

Thank you for being there for my mom and our family all these years!

Karen Atencio (Florence Sloan’s daughter)

Trent and the Washington Baptist Fellowship,
Thank you so much for the food, for hosting Mom’s service, and for loving my parents.
Washington does an amazing job of sharing God’s word and loving people.
Take care of my Dad, like your fellowship has always done.
Keep sharing the love of God and loving people.
Blessings to you and your church.


J.B. Brown

Dear WBC Friends & Family,
We wanted to tank you all so much for the love offering! What a blessing you all are to us! Love each of you and pray you have a blessed New Year!

Love, Kerry & Neltia

Dear Friends at Washington Baptist Church,
Thank you for your generous donation to our Connie Maxwell Children’s Ministries Christmas. On behalf of the children and families touched by your kindness this season, thank you for making such difference. Wishing you a blessed New Year. Thank you & God Bless!

Eric Taylor
Vice President for Advancement



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

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Just in case we have inclement weather, you will be able to get updates on service cancellations/changes on channels WYFF4 or WSPA, Facebook and the church website.

Sunday, January 5th:

Extended Session Workers:

8:30 am– Claire Skinner, Kelsey Skinner and Robin Brown

10:45 am– Tonda Rogers & Freddy Rogers, Ross da Silva, Betsy & Freddy Couch

6:00 pm– Kelly Edwards & Brooke Edwards

Computer Check-In:

8:30 am– Debbie Wade

Sunday School– David O’Shields

10:45 am– Marvin Woodward

6:00 pm- OPEN

Ushers for January:

Jack Hollifield, Ralph Styles, Steve Church and Mitchell Whiteside (meet in vestibule by 8:20)

Safety Team:

Vestibule

8:15-10:30– Blake Butts

10:30-12:00– Rob Dear

5:30-7:00– Ralph Styles

Fellowship Hall

8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare

10:30-12:00-Wyatt Spearman (Lock all doors at 11:00)

Children/Preschool Area

8:15-10:30-John Forrester

10:30-12:00-Kevin Phillips

Youth Doors

8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare

10:30-12:00– Wyatt Spearman

Children/Preschool Area & Lock All Doors at 6:05

5:45-7:00 - Rusty Edwards

AWANA

5:00-7:00- Mike O’Bryant/Chris O’Bryant/Jim Cason

Golf Cart

8:15-12:00–Avery James/Kaleb Edwards

5:30-7:00– Avery James

Wednesday - January 8th:

Vestibule: 6:45-8:00- Joe Aughtry


Children-Preschool Area

6:45-8:00- Rusty Edwards

Youth Doors

6:45-8:00-Jim Cason

Golf Cart-6:30-8:00-Gantt Martin



WBC YOUTH

Sunday Nights

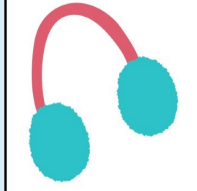
6:00-7:00 PM

January 5th
January 12th
January 19th
January 26th

Reminders

****Upcoming Snow Tubing Trip in February. Please sign up in the youth room if you are interested in going.**

****Mark Your Calendar for an upcoming joint event with Burnsvieview Baptist Youth - March 7th and 8th****



WBC YOUTH SCHEDULE

January 2025

Wednesday Nights

January 1st - Happy New Year - No Church Services

January 8th

January 15th

January 22nd

January 29th

Youth time will start at 6:15pm!! If you can’t make it right at 6:15, please come when you can. We will start with an activity, food, praise and worship, large group and small group time.



Notes



from Dave

Keenagers Meeting, Tuesday, January 14, 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Program presented by David Spears and Pat Long, extremely talented and longtime friends of ours driving up from Columbia just to be with us! I hope you will make plans to come enjoy our first Keenagers event of 2025! Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board so we will know how many to serve.

The Next Keenagers Movie Morning is Tuesday, January 28 and will feature the film “God’s Not Dead.” If you have never seen this film, it is a must see! Invite someone to come join us. Sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend! (Insert film graphic I will send separately)

Adult Choir Rehearsals resume Sunday afternoon, Jan 5 at 5:00 and Wednesday evening Jan 8 at 8:00. Come join us as we lead our congregation in worship each week. And Easter is not to far away! You will love the music and fellowship!

I love serving with all of you! Dave Dupree

~Kubasko Korner~

A new year has dawned on us, and we can praise God for the ways in which He will work in 2025! Change is always a part of the human experience, both by accident and on purpose. The chaos of daily life and changing circumstances tends to send us reeling; and while there is a sense of optimism at the beginning of each new year, there is also an uncertainty to accompany it. But while everything around us seems to change, the Bible tells us that the God we served in 2024 is the same God that we will serve in 2025 and forever. In one of my favorite passages of the Bible, the prophet Isaiah declares:

“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young...Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.” (Isaiah 40:8-12, 28-29)

As the world around us seems uncertain going into a new year, we can be reassured that God is the only certainty in the universe. It is by His hand that all things were made, all things are, and all things will be. He will hold us when we are weak and sustain us when we feel strong. He will give comfort and guidance to us if we ask Him for them. In 2025, our God will go before us as the pillars of fire & cloud went before the Israelites. Do you believe that? Is that your heart? Are you living that out each and every day? Because if you are, it changes how you live. It helps you live with confidence, with a heart willing to serve, bathed in God’s Word and prayer, ready to give an answer for the hope that is in you at all times. Those are the bold Christians we need in 2025. And is that up to us to do? No - it is up to us to ask the God of Isaiah 40 for a changed heart - a “heart of flesh” instead of stone, as Ezekiel puts it - to live in Him this year so that we can not only be His child, but abide in Him, rejoice in Him, rest in Him, and work for Him. Let’s make 2025 the year where we put our faith in the certain and unshakeable God we profess! Happy New Year!

In The Service of Christ,
Braxton Kubasko
(Braxton@washingtonbaptist.org)

Upcoming Events

Movie Day - January 3rd

1:00pm - 3pm - We will be screening “Play the Flute” in the youth room.

Youth Sunday - Both Morning Services January 5th

Youth will be leading both Sunday Morning services through song, testimonies, scriptures and prayer.

Moore News...

I am beyond excited for Youth Sunday. It is a great joy for me to see our youth step out and lead us all in worship. It is also encouraging to hear them sing before the Lord, and share their favorite Bible verses, as well as testifying to the goodness of God. I also love having the opportunity to preach God’s word – which is truly my favorite thing to do. I hope you will be blessed by Youth Sunday, but most importantly, I pray it will be honoring to our Lord.

Upcoming Event: We will go snowtubing on Saturday, 2/22. Time: 8:45 am – 1:00 pm. There is a signup sheet in the youth room.

~ Matthew
(Matthew@washingtonbaptist.org)

