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Our Staff:
Dr. Drew Hines—Pastor
Rev. Trent Henson—Associate Pastor
Rev. Dave Dupree—Minister of Worship & Sr. Adults
Mr. Travis Henson—Minister of Youth

THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON:

Sunday, September 12th	Week Of Prayer for State Missions
8:30 am	First Morning Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Morning Worship Service-Reunion Service
4:00 pm	Heaven Bible Study-Room 301
5:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	Bldg & Grounds Committee-Small Conf. Room
6:00 pm	Evening Worship Service
Monday, September 13th	
6:00 am	Men's Morning Bible Study- Lg. Conf. room
	Men's Prayer Time-Room 211
7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday, September 15th	
10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study- Melanie Hughes Home
5:30-8:00 pm	Handbell Choir- Lg. Conf. room
6:30 pm	The Sunshine Gang-Room 324
	His Kids Choir-Room 330
	Youth Choir- beside youth room
	Truth Project- Room 310
	Griefshare
6:45 pm	Financial Peace Univ- Room 219
6:50-7:00 pm	Little Lambs Choir- Room 330
7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting- Mission Emphasis
	Youth Showtime
	RA, GA & Mission Friends
	Young Adult Ministry- New Parlor
	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 16th	
10:00 am	Griefshare
Saturday, September 18th	
8:00-9:30 am	Food Pantry Open-By appointment only. (USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)

September 5, 2021:

Sunday School Attendance:	256
Church Attendance:	AM 321 PM 113
Sunday's Offering:	\$21,597.06
Online Giving from 9/1-9/7	\$2,970.00
Total Offerings Received	\$24,567.06
Budget Offering Received	\$20,710.06
Budget Offering Required	\$24,000.00
Designated*	\$3,707.00
Kingdom Vision (Including memorials)	\$3,482.00
Missions (OCC offering)	\$100.00
Food Pantry	\$125.00
Reimbursements	\$150.00
Supplies	\$150.00

*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.

PLEASE NOTE:

We still need people to serve in the Nursery, Computer Check-in area, Worship Kids and AWANA. If you are able to help please contact Trent.



Washington Baptist Church & Covid Spike (September 2021)

Our Pastors and Deacons are concerned about the health of our membership and have made some decisions to help protect you during the month of September. They will continue to monitor the current Covid outbreak and make further decisions on any additional activity changes as they deem needed. For the month of September our schedule will be as follows:

- AWANA will not resume meeting until the first Sunday night in October. Wednesday night suppers will not resume until the first Wednesday night in October.
- Wednesday night prayer meeting, Sunday School, and Sunday services will continue as currently scheduled. This includes adult, youth, children, nursery, and His Kids.
- Discipleship training classes will continue as scheduled.
- All choirs (adult, youth & children) and mission groups (RA's, GA's, Mission Friends) will continue as currently scheduled.
- Adult choir rehearsals will continue, and choir members will be socially distanced throughout the sanctuary's congregational area. Sunday services' choirs will be limited to a maximum of 20 singers who are socially distanced.
- Food Pantry has gone to a drive through service for the month of September.
- The church facilities will be sanitized prior to Sunday and Wednesday activities and between Sunday's AM & PM services.

Since there are only a few changes in the activities scheduled, we ask your assistance in controlling the spread of this dreadful virus. We highly recommend and respectfully request that you wear a mask while on our campus. Masks are available at all entrances. Also, please social distance with all members other than immediate family members. Take advantage of good hygiene practices by washing hands frequently and using the available hand sanitizers. And as always, if you feel ill or know that you have been exposed, please follow the CDC's guidelines for whether or not you should attend church activities.



Keenagers will not meet September 14.
Next meeting will be October 12.

Food Pantry News

Food Pantry report for 7/31-8/28: We served 170 clients who represented 593 family members. Due to the present Covid spike, we have decided to go back to a drive through pantry for the month of September.

Homebound and Card Ministry

Homebound and Card Ministry will be meeting Sunday September 19th at 5:00pm in the Large Conference Room.

In honor of our Pastor's 20th Anniversary at Washington Baptist Church, we are asking for your help as we look forward to celebrating Dr. Drew Hines' milestone anniversary in October. If you have pictures of Drew from the last 20 years, would you share them with us? Please include date and any information about the picture. You can submit these by email to dana@washingtonbaptist.org or bring to the church office.



OCC kickoff & shoebox distribution will be Sunday, October 3rd.

Plan to attend the WBC Church-wide shoebox fill party Wednesday, November 17th!
Our WBC OCC church-wide goal of 500 shoeboxes for 2021! Ways anyone can help:

- **Give to OCC.** Simply mark OCC on your offering envelope. Consider giving in honor or in memory of a loved one.
- **Buy shoebox items** (stuffed animals, balls, dolls, toothbrushes, scissors, markers) and place these in the designated shopping carts throughout the building.
- **Plan to fill shoeboxes** as a group or as a family.
- **Pray for OCC workers** and the children who will receive the shoeboxes.
- **Workshop Postponed-** Due to the pandemic surge, we have postponed the workshop to a later date.

Ladies Bible Study "Elijah"— Beginning September 13th or 15th

Join Priscilla Shirer on this 7-session journey through the life and times of the prophet Elijah to discover how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine. And how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now.

Two Classes available:
Monday's at 7:00pm at the church or
Wednesday's at 10:00am at the home of Melanie Hughes.
Please sign up on bulletin board or contact Melanie Hughes at 270-1331 or melaniescorner@aol.com to register or with any questions.
Three material options: Book: \$16.99
Bundle: Book and Online Video Rentals for \$24.99
(videos available for 6 months)
eBook: \$16.99 Bundle or eBook should be purchased from Lifeway.com by individual or reserve your copy of the book from Melanie.

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 12th at 5:00 pm
Meet in the small conference room.

"I'M A CHRISTIAN NOW" CLASS

I'm A Christian Now class is being delayed for now. We will send out information when we have a new date.

WMU Sponsored Ladies/Girls Brunch

Saturday, October 2nd at 9am in the fellowship hall. Please put on your calendar to attend. We will have a time of prayer, some testimonies on missions and fellowship. More information to come later. Watch newsletter!!



Safety Team Announcement

The Safety Team meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 12th has been **CANCELLED** and will be rescheduled for a later date.

Trent's Two Cents:

I am excited about the Fall Family Retreat at Camp McCall on October 15th – 16th. This retreat will allow families the opportunity to spend quality time together, focus on God, and enjoy the outdoors. The retreat will include planned activities, free time, meals, and devotions focusing on family worship. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the Children's Department. There are reservations for 30, so sign up as soon as you can. The family is the most important unit in society. The Bible speaks of the importance of family in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Ten Commandments display the value God places on the family. The fifth commandment regarding honoring parents speaks to the authority of parents and seeks to preserve peace and unity within the family. The seventh commandment prohibiting adultery protects the sanctity of marriage. Moses repeatedly mentioned the importance of passing the faith to the next generation (Deuteronomy 4:9; 6:4-9; 11:18-19). The Apostle Paul also repeatedly gives instruction about what Christian homes should look like (Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:20-21; 1 Corinthians 7). Christianity begins in the home. Parents, we have an obligation to teach and model the ways of God in our homes. How can we expect our children to worship, evangelize, serve, and grow spiritually if we are not dedicated to these things ourselves?

In Christ,
Trent

Hello Wonder Kids!

This is the day the Lord has made! Let's rejoice and be glad in it! This past Sunday was the first day of the new church year and all our children promoted to their new Sunday School classes. I think we had a great start to the new year!



Don't forget that Worship Kids started back up on Sunday as well. Worship Kids is for children in the 4K Sunday School room through First grade Sunday school. They will meet in the First grade Sunday School classroom during the 10:45 service every Sunday except the 5th Sunday and on special holidays.

Unfortunately, we were unable to start Awana at this time; however, it will now begin the first Sunday in October. I am looking forward to this new year in Awana. Pray for our children and our leaders, that they will remain healthy during this trying time.

All of our children's choirs start this Wednesday, September 8! See below for times and location!

We all love you so much, and we have lots of fun activities going on. See below and watch the newsletter and bulletin so you don't miss any of these fun events!

Upcoming events:
Wed., Sept. 8 from 6:30-7:00—Sonshine Gang (1-6 grade); Adult Choir Room
6:30-6:45—His Kids (4K - 5K); room 330 (2nd grade SS class)
6:50-7:00—Little Lambs (2 & 3 yrs); room 330 (2nd grade SS class)

So blessed to serve you,
Toni

Drivers still needed for the Learning Centers.....

We need more drivers for the Blue Ridge Christian Learning Center and the Greer Christian Learning Center. You can drive the WBC bus and transport BR Middle and High school students, or you can drive the Greer Christian Learning Center bus to transport Greer Middle and High school students. No special license is required. Please contact Joe Price or Trent for more information. This is a perfect way to answer the call of the Great Commission, and to teach the next generation about Christ.

Camp McCall

The RAs and GAs are sponsoring a Fall Family Retreat at Camp McCall on Friday night, October 15 through Saturday October 16. Families will be staying together. All children will need to be accompanied by a parent. There will be activities for the family, great food, and Trent Henson will be sharing devotions. It will be a great get away time as well as a wonderful time to spend in nature. Children will need to be in first grade and older to be able to attend. The cost will be \$20 per person. Mark your calendars and plan for a great time, spiritually and physically. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the Children's Department. Checks may be made out to Washington Baptist Church. You may turn your checks in to Nan Spearman, Jessica O'Bryant or Blake Hanley. If you have any questions, please let us know. There are reservations for 30, so please sign up as soon as you can. Thanks for your support and encouragement! RAs and GAs of Washington Baptist Church!



Our new church year got off to a good start. If you were out of town last week and did not get to attend, you were missed. Plan to be here Sunday. We have three new classes this year and hope that you can find the right place for you. We have a Young Ladies Class, a

Young Married Class and a new Adult Co-Ed Class. Also, I would like to encourage our College and Career young people to attend. We have two classes for you. I realize many of you stay at school. But if you are home, please come and study Gods Word with us. Sunday School is very important to our churches life and it is also very important to everyone. God gave us His Word to help us navigate through this life. "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tent of the wicked." Looking forward to seeing you Sunday, Barbara

Deacon Profile:

Rusty Edwards
Spouse: Kelly
Children's Names: Breanna, Brooke, Emma Kate and Kaleb
Address: 302 N. Suber Rd. Greer, SC 29651
Phone: 864-320-6135
Rusty has been a member at WBC for 15 years. He is the Chairman of the Building & Grounds and is on the Youth Council and Security Team.



Thank you!!

Washington Church Family, Our family would like to thank you for all the food, prayers, phone calls and visits during Dad's illness and passing. All the meals were very much appreciated by our family. We also appreciate all of the thoughts and prayers that were offered up on Dad's and our behalf. Please continue to pray for our family over the coming days as we continue to mourn Dad's loss.

God Bless you, The Fry family

Thank you for the cards, food, phone calls and visits during my surgery & recovery. I really appreciate the love and caring that our church exhibits. We truly are a light on the hill.

Charlene Campbell

Dear friends and family at WBC, We loved being with you the other Sunday and also at the mission fair! Thank you so much for the love offering and for standing faithfully with us in what God has called us to. Thanks also to mission friends and the whole church for the goodies to give to our missionaries!! We love you all!!
Kerry & Neltia Henderson



What is it? The Pray For Me Campaign is rooted in the truths that God uses His Word, His people, and prayer to change the world. This ministry creates a web of multigenerational relationships and equips adult believers to pass on a sustainable faith to the next generation.
How does it work? The Pray For Me Campaign connects multiple generations within our church by having three adult Prayer Champions, from three different generations, commit to praying for one student/young adult in the church. We are focusing on middle school, high school, and college age students. Prayer Champions may want to use a Prayer Guide as they pray. You don't have to use the Prayer Guide, but you may find it helpful. The guides provide a Bible verse and a written prayer for each day that is structured around seven essentials: wisdom, favor, speech, conduct, love, faith, purity. The Prayer Guides cost \$10.
Want to participate? The Pray For Me Campaign will begin in mid-September. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the children's department. Please contact Trent Henson if you have any questions.

The Washington Baptist Church family extends **Christian Sympathy** to the family of Effie Stewart, Rita Williams in the loss of her sister and Don & Sherrie Brown and family in the loss of their daughter.

Gifts to the Church

..... given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Vivian Langford by Gene & Becky Tapp and the Keenagers.
.....given to Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Margaret Gibson by Gene & Becky Tapp, Alinda & Susan Mahaffey, the Keenagers and Richard & Wanda Vaughn.
..... given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Effie Stuart and Jodee Dailey by Ronnie & Carlene Styles.
..... give to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Jim Fry by the Keenagers and Richard & Wanda Vaughn.
..... give to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Donna Bagwell by Betty Busbin.

Sunday, September 12th- Extended Session Workers: (2nd Sunday)

8:30 am– Jennifer Henson & Lauren Dryden
10:45 am– Sandra Bridwell, Lauren Dryden and Todd Hannon
6:00 pm—
Computer Security
8:30 am– Lisa Turner
Sunday School– Stephanie Hatmaker
10:45 am– Suzanne Barbare
Safety Team
Vestibule
8:20-10:30– Buddy Satterfield
10:30-12:00– Harold Wade
5:30-7:00– Harold Wade
Fellowship Hall
8:20-10:30–Ronnie Barbare
10:30-12:00– Will Ayers (Lock all doors at 11:00)
Children/Preschool area
8:20-10:30– Faron Enslay
10:30-12:00–Treva Lee
Youth Doors
9:20-10:30– Ronnie Barbare
10:30-12:00–Will Ayers
Children/preschool area & lock all doors at 6:05
5:45-7:00– Blake Hanley/Chris O'Bryant
Video surveillance-located in food pantry area
8:20-10:30– Gregg Moore
10:30-12:00– Dean Carrigan (Lock all doors at 11:00)
5:45-7:00– Benjamin Van Patton
Golf cart
8:00-12:00–Josh Sterritt
5:45-7:00– Josh Sterritt
WEDNESDAY-SEPTEMBER 15 TH
VESTIBULE—6:45-8:00– Steve Church
Video surveillance-located in food pantry area
6:45-8:00– Gregg Moore (Lock all doors at 7:05)
Children-preschool area
6:45-8:00– Ronnie Styles (Lock all doors at 7:05)
Youth doors/fellowship hall
6:45-8:00– Jerry Ayers (Lock all doors at 7:05)

"Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven."
Luke 6:37



HINES-SIGHT:

As we celebrated Labor Day this past Monday I meditated on the meaning of the holiday. It was originally set apart to honor the men and women who have labored to make this nation the great nation that it is. Without the people who worked the fields, the mines, the railroads and the factories of America we could never be what we are today. Today the focus of labor is not so much industrial as it is information and technology, nevertheless, we could never make it in the twenty-first century without laborers who still work the foundries and fields of America. All are important! However, what we have discovered through this Covid crisis is that a lot of people have become comfortable collecting checks instead of reporting into work. I realize that's a generalization and there are plenty of people who are not back at work for good reason, but many do choose not to seek employment during these challenging times.

What so many do not realize is that the ability to work and labor for the good of one's family is an honorable thing to do and is, indeed, a gift from God. The Bible never tells us that work is a curse. We misinterpret God's word to Adam after the fall. Remember, Adam was working in the Garden of Eden before sin entered into the world. Adam's pre-fall work was honorable and God given. After the fall God simply made it more complicated and difficult by adding the thorns and weeds into the mix. Nowhere does God tell us our work will always be simple and fun. Sometimes it will be, but as descendants of Adam and Eve, and because of their sin and ours we will earn our bread by the sweat of our brow. Nevertheless, it is honest and honorable sweat! Our sleep at the end of the day is sweet knowing that we have given an honest day's work for an honest days wage.

If you are unemployed due to no fault of your own I pray you will be able to find gainful employment soon. If you are employed I encourage you to give it your best! God will honor you and bless you for it! And you will be satisfied and fulfilled that you have put your best foot forward!

See you Sunday!

Your Pastor,
Drew Hines

Notes from Dave...

Keenagers will not meet September 14. Our next meeting will be October 12. Be sure to sign up for the Sr Adult Retreat Oct 28-30 at Ridgecrest! (See info below.)

Be part of this year's Christmas music at Washington! All age groups are beginning to prepare for Christmas along with weekly worship services.

Find your place in our Worship Ministry...
Wednesdays:
6:30 Youth Choir and Children's Choirs
7:00 Handbell Choir- We've adding a 3rd octave of bells this year!
8:00 Adult Choir (Also Sundays @ 4:30)
***Adult Choir Christmas Music Preview, Wed, Sept 8 @ 8:00 in the Sanctuary**
I love worshipping and ministering together at WBC!
Dave Dupree

Sr Adult Fall Retreat

October 28-30 at Ridgecrest
Enjoy the mountains, great fellowship, food, and inspiration!
Cost: \$150 per person (Double Occupancy) for lodging and meals for 3 days, 2 nights!
\$50 Deposit due Sept 15
*Invite a prospect or unchurched friend to come with you!



Volunteers needed for the WBC tent at the Kids Creation Station Greer Arts and Eats Festival.

DATE: Saturday, October 2nd
TIME: Noon – 4:00pm at the Children's Art Booths
Please consider representing your church along with the many churches participating in the Greer fall festival this year. WBC will have a tent at the Anne Helton Creation Station craft section off Trade St. (old depot lot) We will be in charge of demonstrating a craft that our team can choose to do. A signup sheet will be on the bulletin board for two, 2hr shifts or for the whole 4 hrs.