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# Check out our new website! www.washingtonbaptist.org

Dr. Drew Hines—Pastor

Rev. Trent Henson-Associate Pastor

Mr. Steven Gillespie-Interim Minister of Music

Mr. Travis Henson– Minister of Youth

Mrs. Toni Arms- Minister of Children

#### THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON:

#### Sunday, November 29th-Reunion Service No 8:30 Service

Sunday School (Classrooms & Sanctuary) 9:45 am Reunion Service-Lord Supper & Baptism 10:45 am

Hanging of the Green 6:00 pm

Monday, November 30th-

6:00 am

Men's Prayer Time- Room 211 Men's Bible Study-Lg. Conf. Room

Wednesday, December 2nd-

Prayer Meeting Youth Showtime

Young Adult Ministry-New Parlor

Adult Choir Rehearsal 8:00 pm

Personnel Comm. Meeting-Lg. Conf. rm

following the evening service

Thursday, December 3rd-

Saturday, December 5th-

WBC Motorcycle Ministry-Lil' Rebel

Food Pantry Open-By Appointment only



#### November 22, 2020: Sunday School Attendance

Church Attendance: AM 319 PM 101 Awana Attendance Sunday's Offering: \$19,169.52 Online Giving from 11/18-11/24 **Total Offerings Received** \$6,343.00 \$25,512.52 Budget Offering Received \$21,250.52 Budget Offering Required \$24,000.00 Designated\* \$3,568.00 Kingdom Vision (Including memorials) \$2,645.00 Food Pantry \$523.00 Missions (ŘA & GAs) \$400.00 Reimbursements \$694.00 **Poinsettias** \$399.00 League Sports (Basketball Registrations) \$125.00 Worship Supplies (Pray for Me– Books) \$120.00 Deacon Ministry (Christmas Party) \$50.00

Approved projects are Building Fund & Special Projects.
\*\*Special offerings as designated by the Board of Deacons he work of our church is supported entirely by the faithful giving of our



**Washington Baptist Food Pantry Open** on Saturdays from 8:00-9:30 am by appointment only.



A Place For You

# The Window

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# RA & GA Christmas Ministry Project-

Dear Church Family,

The RAs and GAs are wanting to help Connie Maxwell Children's Home again this year. For those members who do not know about Connie Maxwell, it is an orphanage that is sponsored by Southern Baptist in Greenwood, S. C. There are 11 cottages (8 children per cottage). They are currently serving 65 children on the Greenwood Campus. They also serve 5 college students, 2 single moms and their 2 year old sons, and 10 Foster Families.

Last year, you may remember, we helped one cottage that housed children who had been taken out of their homes and would not go home for Christmas. We also gave them a party, which we cannot do this year. However, this year we felt that helping the orphanage as a whole would give many more people the support that they need at this time. Therefore, if more than one item is given, such as a set of sheets, then it can be used in the various cottages. A tree has been set up in the children's department of the church. It will have the items listed on each ornament. Please take an ornament and when you purchase the gift, put that tag on the

gift, if possible. Gift cards may be put in envelopes and other gifts need to be put in gift bags. Gifts may be placed in the GA room that is next to the tree. The gifts will be delivered to Connie Maxwell on December 7. Please have your gift here before December 7. If you have any questions please contact Nan Spearman at 864-360-4891.

Thanks in advance for your help! May God bless you! Love in Christ, RA and GA Leaders



Volunteers are still needed for **Children's Computer Security** for Sunday School and the 2nd worship service, Sunday night service & Wednesdays. If you would like to help, please contact Wade Roddy at 270-6197.

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# Food Pantry

Members are welcome to use pantry shopping carts to move materials around the church campus, but please return them to their assigned locations after use. All of these carts are critical to our operation every Saturday morning.





Attention all 3-6 graders: Mark your calendars now for CentriKid, June 14-18. 2021. More information will follow in January 2021.

# LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Week of Prayer for International Missions November 29th -December 6th *Our church goal is \$21,000.00* 





# Hanging of the Green

Join us a we prepare for the Christmas Season with our annual "Hanging of the Green service." Sunday, November 29th at 6:00pm.

We are starting back our **Gospel Music** in the youth room on **December 10th**. Come and enjoy some good music-some Christmas favorites and fellowship. We will be social distancing and we ask you to please wear a mask.

### Wednesday Night Bible Study: "A Walk of Faith: the Life of Abraham"

Join us on Wednesday's at seven as our pastor leads us in a study of the extraordinary life of faith of Abraham.

#### Clothes Closet Update:

We are still in need of gently worn Men's Blue jeans (we are completely out), Coats (any size) and/or Blankets? Please help us! Last Saturday, November 14th we served 31 families who received at least 20 items each. More people are coming to our clothes closet so we could really use your donations! Thank you for helping with this vital ministry!

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#### Trent's Two Cents:

I am looking forward to the Hanging of the Green this Sunday night. Honestly, because this year has been so challenging, I think I have been looking forward to this Christmas season perhaps more than any other. I have always been someone who waits until after Thanksgiving to listen to Christmas music and decorate for Christmas. However, this year I started listening to Christmas music two weeks ago, we decorated our house last week, and now we have presents wrapped under the tree! I think this is the case for most people, as many are decorating and shopping much earlier than usual. We are seeking the hope, peace, and joy that Christmas often provides. Unfortunately, many may have their hope and joy set on things like gifts, family, or bonuses at work. We know these hopes are misplaced because gifts often break, families often argue, and that bonus may just be a subscription in the Jelly of the Month Club. We as the church need to see this season as a great opportunity. People are seeking the things only Christ can provide. May we offer hope to hurting people by focusing on Christ as the true source of hope, peace, and joy this Christmas.

In Christ, Trent

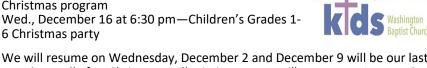
#### Trent's Podcast—

Don't forget to check out Trent's Podcast— "Washington Weeklu." To listen to this podcast all you have to do is visit the new church website at www.washingtonbaptist.org. Click on the 'menu' button and look to the bottom, right under "Events & Media." Click on "Podcast" and it will take you directly to the podcasts. The most recent on will be at the top. You can also find them in Apple Podcasts. Make sure to check it out!

Hello Wonder Kids. You all are constantly in my prayers, as well as all the teachers and staff. Please mark your calendars for these upcoming

Sun., December 6 at 6:00 pm—All Children's choirs Christmas program

6 Christmas party



meeting until after Christmas. All mission groups will resume on January 6,

The Children's Department Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 16, from 6:30 - 7:45.

All the children's choirs are practicing for Christmas programs. If you have not been coming, it is not too late to start! The Sonshine Gang (1-6 grades) and His Kids (4 years - 5k) meet on Wednesdays at 6:30. Little Lambs (2 and 3 year olds) meet on Wednesdays at 6:50.

Worship Kids, which is held during the 10:45 worship service for children 4 years through 1st grade, will not resume until further notice. We ask that children 4 years and older attend the worship service with their parents in the sanctuary.

So blessed to serve you,

Toni

#### LIVE STREAMING OF THE SERVICES:

To watch the services, go to the website at www.washingtonbaptist.org and click on the 'watch now button. Also, Washington has a YouTube channel! Simply go to YouTube .com on your device and search for Washington Baptist Church, Greer. Click on the subscribe button to the right of the church logo. Once you subscribe, you can watch the services. If you need any assistance, please call the church office. If you need additional help, call the church office.

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripe we are heale Isaiah 53:



We were created by God to live within his guidelines of His Holy Word. As we do so we have a promise that we will be blessed. So many times we decide that we can find happiness in our lives by depending on things such as people, money, drugs

and other sources. But true happiness cannot be experienced apart from God and His plan for our lives. It we walk in His ways He will supply all our needs according to His glory by Christ Jesus. Gods Word is so clear as it tells us how we should live.

By coming to Sunday School we each learn how to live our lives according to His Word. May his Word be a lamp to our feet and a light unto our paths. See you Sunday for Sunday School! Barbara

# **Staff Profile: Sherry Smith**

Administrative Assistant Sherry has been our Administrative Assistant for more than 1 1/2 years. Her and her husband Ronnie have one son. She is a member of Bible Baptist



Awana Update!! Wow!! Virtual Awana held a "Dry Run" Sunday night with our Virtual Awana Kids and some of our workers kids, it was GREAT!! We wore masks,



stayed apart when we could and used hand sanitizer after each activity and we had a wonderful time and the KIDS did great!! Just SO HAPPY to be TOGETHER. We still are working out details, and we have given ourselves, and everyone else, a bit more time and if all goes as planned, we are hoping to RESTART Awana Clubs @ Washington IN PERSON from 5:00 -7:00 pm on January 24, 2021. We'll be sending more specific information to our workers who were active thru March, but we will need more workers. We have plenty of opportunities for anyone interest-

ed in helping teaching children ages 3 – 8th Grade. If you think you might be interested helping with our kiddos please contact us at

awanawashington2005@gmail.com and please be praying for our kiddos, workers and staff. We just want to reach boys and girls with the gospel

of Christ and train them to serve Him!

**GIFTS FOR 62 PRISONERS** 

May God bless each of you who completed a Prisoner Packet. We had a total of 62 packets. A special "Thank You' to the GA's and RA's who completed 40 of those! WOW! Thanks to everyone, and may God also bless the prisoners who receive your gifts.





The Washington Baptist Church family extends Christian Sympathy to Toni Arms

in the loss of her sister, Robin.

# Gifts to the Church

given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of... Curtis Spearman by the Bill & Fran Mixon. ..given to Kingdom Vision in memory of Guynelle Rainey by Daniel & Linda Oliver and Tom & Carol LaMartina.

...given to the Food Pantry in memory of Donald Moore by Tom & Carol LaMartina.

**Greer Community Ministries** - Ahead of #GivingTuesday, we're sharing a way to bring a global campaign home to Greer. Help provide 1,000 Meals on Wheels lunches by Tuesday, Dec. 1. Purchase a meal for \$5 then ask your family and friends to do the same. Go to their website to donate: gcminc.org

#### **Ongoing GA & RA Mission Project:**

We are still collecting can tabs for the Shriners Hospital. Please put your donations in the jars located in the children's area. Thank you so much for your support!

#### Sunday, November 29th:

Safety Team:

Vestibule

9:30-12:00—Harold Wade 5:45-7:00—Harold Wade

Children/Preschool Area

9:30-10:30—Faron Ensley 10:30-12:00—Ray Steadman (Lock all doors at 11:00)

Youth Area/Fellowship Hall

9:30-12:00—Josh Sterritt (Lock all doors at 11:00) Video Surveillance—Located in Food Pantry

8:20-10:30 - Gregg Moore 10:30-12:00—Gene Tapp (Lock all doors at 11:00) 5:45-7:00—Blake Hanley (Lock all doors at 6:05)

Wednesday, December 2nd

Vestibule-6:45-8:00-Kenny Hughes Children/Preschool Area—6:45-8:00—Mike O'Bryant (Lock all doors at 7:05)

Video Surveillance—Located in Food Pantry

6:45-8:00—Gregg Moore (Lock all doors at 7:05) 

#### HINES

Thanksgiving is the most American of all holidays. Celebrated first by the pilgrims of the Plymouth Colony to commemorate God's blessings upon them for their safe passage to America and their first harvest, generations of Americans have taken up the practice and have given thanks to God for His goodness and His blessings. For Americans the Thanksgiving celebration has evolved into something those Mayflower passengers would not have recognized. No longer is it primarily a day of giving thanks, but for many it has simply become a day of feasting, fellowship and football. If Covid-19 accomplishes anything I hope it will bring us closer to one another and closer to God. My prayer is that Thanksgiving 2020 will be different from all the rest. I hope we will take the time to reflect on God's goodness even in the midst of a global pandemic. I hope we can acknowledge God's safekeeping and watch care over us. I trust we will pause to praise Him for the prospect of a soon-coming vaccine. I pray that we will take time on this earth more seriously and remember just how fragile life here really is. And I trust that we will learn to cherish and treasure everyday and hold one another closer. If we can do all this I believe with all my heart that Thanksgiving this year can take on a whole, fresh new meaning. After all, Thanksgiving itself is all about recognizing our blessings, both great and small, and also recognizing where they come from! With that in mind, Suzanne and I would like to wish you and your

wonderful family a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

See you Sunday!

Your Pastor, **Drew Hines** 

#### 5th Sunday Love Offering for the Henderson's:

We will be collecting a love offering for Kerry & Neltia Henderson on Sunday, November 29th. You can mail to the church to be sent to Kerry or mail straight to Kerry. His address is 1971 Commonwealth Way Grayson, GA 30017-1744. If you would like to help in their ministry, please make checks payable to Kerry Henderson. DO NOT make checks to WBC as this offering will be given straight to Kerry. If you are using as a tax donation, please make check payable to Global Frontier Missions—in memo line put 'For Kerry Henderson'.

# **Washington Baptist Church Christmas Card Delivery!**

It's that time again! Our Awana Staff is offering to WBC Church & Sunday School Members \$0.25 Christmas Card Delivery starting November 30th thru December 16th.

Drop-off Mailboxes will be located near the elevator on the lower level and upstairs on both sides of the Sanctuary, near the Choir room and Children's Area. Cards can be picked up in the mailboxes located in the hallway behind the Sanctuary and some will be delivered to Sunday School Classrooms.

Please place any payments in an envelope and mark it as "Christmas Card Delivery Payment".

You can leave payments in the Drop-off mailboxes or put them in the Offering plate during Services. All proceeds this year will again go towards WBC's own "Gifts for Jesus".

We love this Christmas tradition at Washington and hope everyone enjoys giving and receiving all the Christmas Cards and saving a little on postage

With this year continuing to being so different and some of our Members not attending regularly; there may be more cards than normal that are not picked up. Unfortunately we will not be able to mail every card that isn't picked up.

For your convenience, if you would like any of your cards that are left behind to be returned to you, just include your return name on the envelope and we'll be able get them back to you. Thanks so much!

