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The Window

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

WHAT'S UP at Washington

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*



Wednesday Supper Menu for January 14th:

Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert & Tea
Fellowship Hall | 5:30 pm
The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. \$24.00 max, per family.
(children under 2 eat free)
Fill out the bulletin insert on Sunday or call the church office by noon on Monday!



There will be no Awana on the 11th as we celebrate Dave's retirement, but we will resume on Sunday the 18th!

THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON:	
Sunday, January 11th-	
8:30 am	First Morning Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Second Morning Worship Service
5:00-7:00 pm	AWANA
6:00 pm	Night of Praise
Monday, January 12th-	
6:00 am	Men's Mon. Morning Bible Study-Lg. Conf. Rm
7:00 am	Men's Prayer Time- Room 211
7:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting-Large Conference Room
Tuesday, January 13th-	
9:30 am & 7:00 pm	Ladies Prayer Time-Prayer Chapel
11:30 am	Keenagers-Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, January 14th-	
5:30 pm	Wednesday Night Supper
6:15 pm	Youth Bible Study
6:15-7:45 pm	Griefshare Begins- Room 303
	The Sonshine Gang-Room 324
	His Kids Choir-Room 330
6:45 pm	Little Lambs Choir-Room330
6:45-8:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal-Handbell Room
7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	RA's, GA's, Mission Friends
	Young Adult Ministry-New Parlor
	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 15th-	
10:00-11:30 am	Griefshare Begins-Room 301
Saturday, January 17th-	
8:00-9:30 am	Food Pantry Open (USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)

	12/21/25	12/28/25	1/4/26
Sunday School Attendance:	342	255	357
Church Attendance:	AM 391 PM 119	AM 182 PM —	AM 460 PM 251
AWANA Attendance:	—	—	117
Sunday's offering:	\$46,081.10	\$33,613.50	\$22,514.00
Online Giving 12/18-1/6 :	\$10,226.00	\$19,291.00	\$29,898.40
Total Offerings Received:	\$56,307.10	\$52,904.50	\$52,412.40
Budget Offering Received	\$42,331.00	\$26,034.50	\$47,956.90
Budget Offering Required	\$30,566.00	\$30,566.00	\$30,566.00
Designated*:	\$12,978.10	\$26,800.00	\$4,155.50
Kingdom Vision (Incl. memorials)	\$6,442.00	\$24,486.00	\$3,192.00
Lottie Moon Offering	\$6,141.10	\$1,414.00	\$693.50
Food Pantry	\$345.00	—	\$270.00
OCC Shoeboxes	\$50.00	\$800.00	—
Missions (Kerry Henderson)	—	\$100.00	—
Reimbursements:	\$998.00	\$70.00	\$300.00
Discipleship Training	\$375.00	\$70.00	\$210.00
Community Aid	\$100.00	—	—
Bldg. & Grounds	\$523.00	—	—
League Sports	—	—	\$90.00

*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.

Gifts to the Church.....

.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of
Rex Wilbanks & Milton Gordon by Ronnie & Carlene Styles.
.....given to the Food Pantry in memory of Miriam Polson's birthday by
Belinda Tapp.
.....given to the Lottie Moon Offering in memory of Earl Rainey by the
Men's 1 Sunday School Class.
.....given to the Lottie Moon Offering in memory of Margaret Barnette by
Merle Ervin.
given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Faye Fy by Billy & Charlene
Hindman, Linny & Cheryl Moore, Don Brown.
given to the Youth in memory of Marylise Mills by Richard & Nan Spearman

GRIEF SHARE

Starts Again On
Wednesday, January 14 at 6:15pm
&
Thursday, January 15 at 10:00am
Facilitators: Doug & Penny Noland
803-260-1950

Sign up online or
scan below!



EXPERIENCING GOD CLASS STARTS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1ST 5:30-7:00 pm Room 303

KEENAGERS MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH AT 11:30 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

Several months ago, our church set itself the goal of paying off our debt by January of 2026. Since then, we have paid it down significantly to \$424,000, and we have you all to thank for your generosity! Please continue to give to Kingdom Vision as well as your normal tithes as we aim to pay this debt off in January!

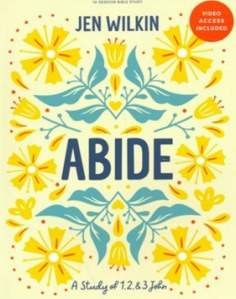
Second Annual Churchwide Chili Cook-Off

Contract Braxton for more information!

Saturday
January 24

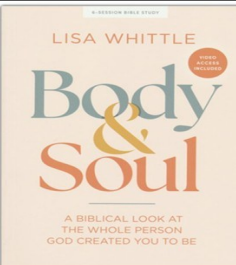


Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm



NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY 10 SESSIONS

A Study of 1, 2, & 3 John
Beginning Wednesday, January 21st at 10:00AM at the home of Melanie Hughes
Please purchase book from Lifeway.com or Amazon
Contact Melanie Hughes at 864-270-1331 or mhughes3440@gmail.com to register, for assistance ordering book, or for more information.



NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY 6 SESSIONS

Beginning Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00PM at the home of Beckie Aughtry
Please purchase book from Lifeway.com or Amazon
Contact Beckie Aughtry at 864-420-5124 to register, for assistance ordering book, or for more information.



Trent's Two Cents:

This Sunday, January 11th, will be Dave Dupree's last Sunday serving as our Minister of Worship and Senior Adults. Dave is retiring after 51 years of ministry. Dave and his wife, Donna, have faithfully served the Lord and His church here at Washington for nearly five years. Dave and Donna have been a tremendous asset to our ministry and fellowship. They have had a great impact on me personally. Drew Hines retired eight months after Dave was hired, and Dave played a vital role in helping me and the entire church body through a major time of transition. Dave and I were the only two full-time staff members for almost 10 months, and he was a tremendous help to me during that time. His wisdom, experience, energy, and service were a God-send. I will forever be thankful to Dave and Donna as they have been a stabilizing force during my first years of pastoral ministry.

Sunday evening, Dave will lead us in a Night of Praise. This will be a special night of musical worship featuring some of the choir's favorite songs. After the service we will have a reception for Dave and Donna in the fellowship hall to express our gratitude for their service. You are welcome to bring cards or gifts to express your personal gratitude. I hope you will be here for this special night of praise and appreciation.

Your Pastor,
Trent
trent@washingtonbaptist.org

Bible Reading Plan

2026

Want to Follow Along
with the Bible Reading
Plan in Your Own Bible?
Scan Here to Download!

Mission Trips in 2026

Panama

June 5-12

\$995 + airfare

Utah

July 18-25

Approx. \$850-950

Sign up on the Mission Board today for more info!

Panama Mission Trip

- It is now time to gain the information you need to make your decision to be a part of this mission trip. The trip is with the International Mission Board and will be led by our own member, Chad Cooper. Please put on your calendar the informational meeting that Chad will host on Wednesday, January 21, at 7 pm in the food pantry devotional room. This meeting is for all members who are interested in going on the trip and those who would like to be involved in supporting this trip.

Food Pantry Monthly Report:

For December we served 241 clients representing 835 families. We have had wonderful pantry volunteers all year making weekly job easier. We wish all the workers and donors a Happy New Year.

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MISSIONS

@WBC

Thanks to all who came out to support our live Nativity event. We especially want to thank our RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, youth, and their leaders for their participation in this presentation of Jesus Birth. It was a very special evening!

Thanks go out to all the ladies that came to our WMU meeting last night! Laura Woodruff did a great job in sharing about the ministries of Piedmont Women's Center! Thanks go out to Richard Spearman's Men's Class and individuals for their donations of needed baby items! Also, thank you Washington Baptist Church for the money given to support this very important ministry! It is a joy to serve God and save children!

Since January is pro-life month, we are supporting the Piedmont Women's Center that provides pro-life counseling services and other ministry support to women around the area. We are collecting baby items during this month to share with the Piedmont Women's Center. If you would like to donate some new baby items, please put them in the WMU Mission Project Receptacles located around the church. There is a list of items posted on the WMU bulletin board in the hallway behind the organ. Thanks so much for your help! We are the hands and feet of Jesus!

Servants of Christ, The WMU Ministry Team

All jackets and coats left in the gym will be taken to the Clothes Closet. Please make sure to check and see if you have left anything.
~Evelyn Lynn

The Washington Church family would like to extend Christian Sympathy to the family of Faye Fry.

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Sunday, January 11th:

Extended Session Workers:

8:30 am– Abigail Butts, Sarah Coker and Amanda Brown

10:45 am– Mallory Kubasko, Katie Yancar, Drenda Price, Norma Lyda, Abby Ayers and Haley M. Perry

6:00 pm– Liz Woodward and Vivian Forrester

Computer Check-In:

8:30 am– Katelyn Strange

Sunday School– Ross da Silva

10:45 am-Travis Barbare

6:00 pm– Marvin Woodward

Ushers for January:

Chris O'Bryant, Jim Brown, Steve Church and Mitchell Whiteside (meet in vestibule by 8:20)

Safety Team:

Vestibule-

8:15-10:30-Chet McAbee

10:30-12:00-Sam Spearman

5:30-7:00– Rusty Edwards

Fellowship Hall-

8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare

10:30-12:00-Ralph Howard (Lock all doors @ 11:00)

Children Area (Lock All Doors @ 11:00)-

8:15-10:30– John Susie

10:30-12:00-Ray Steadman

5:00-7:00-Roger Black

Youth Doors-

8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare

10:30-12:00-Ralph Howard

5:30-7:00-Jim Cason

Video Surveillance Room-

8:15-10:30– Jeff Green

10:30-12:00-Mike Sloan

5:45-7:00– Jeff Green

Golf Cart-

8:00-12:00- Josh Sterritt/Benjamin Van Patton

5:30-7:00– Josh Sterritt

Wednesday - January 14th:

Vestibule

6:45-8:00-Steve Church

Children-

6:45-8:00-Mike O'Bryant

Youth Doors

6:45-8:00-Jim Cason

Golf Cart

6:30-8:00-Claudia Burkhalter

Video Surveillance Room

6:45-8:00-Joe Aughtry

Children's Check In-6:00pm-Mike O'Bryant

THANK YOU!

What a blessing to be a member of such a praying, caring church. Your cards, prayers and phone calls meant a lot to us when I was recently in the hospital.

Carol Horton

To WBC and the Homebound Committee, Thank you all so much for the gift, cards, visits and especially your prayers during this Christmas season. They were all very much appreciated.

Christine Seay

Thank you for bringing the magic of Christmas to the children and families of Connie Maxwell!! Because of you, cottages are glowing a little brighter, laughter rings a little louder, and little hearts are reminded -again and again- that they are seen, cherished and never forgotten. Your \$2,000.00 turns this season into the "most wonderful time of the year" for every child in our care. Also, thank you for the generous gift of 8 bags and 3 boxes of items for our Christmas Store. Moments like these don't just happen they are made possible by friends like you.

Eric Taylor

Connie Maxwell Children's Ministry

Vice-President for Advancement

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Notes

from Dave

This coming Sunday the choir will lead us in a "Night of Praise" as they share their favorite songs with us. It will be a wonderful night of worship. I would love to see our Sanctuary filled as we lift up the name of Jesus together!

Keenagers is next Tuesday, January 13! Join us as we gather together in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 for a great meal and a fun time of fellowship. I will be bringing the program for this final time as Sr Adult Minister. I hope you will join us! The pantry item for this month continues to be cereal. Sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many to expect!

Movie Morning continues Tuesday, January 27 @ 10:00 in the Youth Room! Our Movie Morning committee is planning a great showing and will continue providing popcorn, candy and drinks! Be on the lookout for more information!

Donna and I are so grateful for the opportunity we have had to be part of such a wonderful church as Washington over these past four and a half plus years! You have loved and blessed us in unbelievable ways. You have joined together passionately in worship as we have approached God's throne each and every service, that we might exalt and glorify our Creator God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Many have asked if we are staying in the area. Yes, we plan to make Greer our retirement home. We love this community and all that is wonderful here in the Upstate.

We will be praying for the one God has been preparing to lead worship here at Washington in the days ahead and for the Music Search Committee as they seek God's direction in the selection process. We love you and look forward to our final week together!

What a joy it has been to serve with all of you! Dave

~Kubasko Korner~

The Lord's Prayer - "Our Father"

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

We know this prayer, taught to us by Jesus, as the Lord's Prayer. Many churches use it as part of their services week to week. It is held up as the archetype of prayer, and for the foreseeable future I wanted to walk through it with you all and answer the questions it presents to us. How should prayer look? What do I say when I don't have words? What if I forget my request? What does prayer say about our relationship with God?

So to begin down this road, we only have two words to look at to start - "our Father."

The first thing that Jesus shows us about this prayer is in the relationship with God that it indicates. Jesus prays to His Father constantly, and He calls Him Father well over 150 times in the Gospels. He is making it obvious to His disciples and to us that the relationship is not a distant one, but one of intimacy and closeness. The image used throughout the New Testament is one of a father and his child. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans, "For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The writer of Hebrews tells us to draw close to God with confidence (4:16). The image here I always equate this to is one of my favorite moments of the day when I come home. It's always a joy when I unlock and open my front door and hear the pitter patter of Shep's feet. A moment later, he stops at the end of the hall to see who is there. Once he realizes it's me, he runs to give me a hug. He sees me and he runs to me and he wants me to know about his day and what he's been up to.

The closeness Jesus has with God the Father is the same closeness that we should have with Him. Prayer is not an obligation, but a refuge. Prayer doesn't steal our time, but becomes as easy as a text message or phone call with someone we love. Oftentimes, we can formalize our prayers to a point where they feel performative and repetitive; and while there is some benefit in repeated prayers, they can also grow stale based on the state of our hearts. Jesus pointed this out in His story of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector in Luke 18. The Pharisee says his prayer loudly and publicly for all to see, and Jesus said the attention he receives is his reward but that his heart is not right before God (Matthew 6:5-8). But instead, we are invited into the presence of our Father to bring our requests to Him with a heart that is seeking His will and His way in our lives. So don't be afraid in the hustle of every day to stop and talk with your Father today - He's waiting to hear from you!

In the Service of Christ,

Braxton Kubasko

(braxton@washingtonbaptist.org)

Moore News:

I want to say thank you to everyone who checked in and prayed for my family over the past couple of weeks. It was a rough couple of weeks with illness and Georgie in the hospital, but the Lord is good, and we are all doing well.

I hated that I was unable to be here for Youth Sunday, but I was encouraged as I watched our youth lead worship through prayer, song, and testimony online. I hope you will continue to pray for our youth in the days ahead.

Matthew Moore (matthew@washingtonbaptist.org)