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The Window

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WHAT'S UP *at Washington*

Bible Reading Plan 2026

Want to Follow Along
with the Bible Reading
Plan in Your Own Bible?
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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT

Thank you to all who gathered for our church conference Sunday evening. Your presence, support, and unity in spirit were deeply appreciated. I was profoundly humbled by the weight of our vote—which was unanimous—to retire our debt. In that moment, God reminded me once again of how faithfully He provides for His children when we walk in obedience to His Word. As someone still “young” in my salvation, this experience became another step in my spiritual growth. It echoed Trent’s message Sunday evening: though we are all spiritually thirsty, God stands ready to fill us, to refresh us, and to draw us deeper into relationship with Him when we come with open and obedient hearts. Several members have asked, “What happens now to the Kingdom Vision Fund since the debt is paid?” The answer is simple, it continues. God’s vision for His church does not end with the retirement of debt. His work moves forward, and the Kingdom Vision Fund remains a vital part of that calling. It becomes an investment in our missions, our children, our families, our growth, our community, and in all who need to hear the life-changing Word of God. This investment may one day take the form of expanded educational spaces, facility improvements, or even new worship areas to welcome the growing number of people God will draw to this ministry. Whatever shape it takes, it will be guided by His purpose. We come before God to give, not to get. And when we give faithfully to His vision, I can testify from personal experience that He continues to quench our thirst and bless us beyond measure. I want to offer a special word of gratitude to my predecessor, Stuart Williams, who first established the Kingdom Vision Fund as a means of building God’s Kingdom with intentional generosity. I also want to thank Rev. Don L. Kelley for rekindling our awareness of the importance of retiring this debt during the Senior Adult service last spring. Though you could not be with us Sunday evening, Pastor Kelley, we could almost hear your voice lifted in praise at the news. God has been exceedingly good to His Washington Baptist family. May our ongoing prayer be that we continue to honor Him, obey Him, and support His work with joyful and faithful hearts.

Tom LaMartina - Treasurer

THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON:

Sunday, January 25th-	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 Evening Worship Service
Monday, January 26th-	6:00 am Men’s Mon. Morning Bible Study-Lg. Conf. Rm 7:00 am Men’s Prayer Time- Room 211
Tuesday, January 27th-	9:30 am & 7:00 pm Ladies Prayer Time-Prayer Chapel
Wednesday, January 28th-	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:15 pm Youth Bible Study 6:15-7:45 pm Griefshare - Room 303 The Sonshine Gang-Room 324 His Kids Choir-Room 330 Little Lambs Choir-Room330 Handbell Rehearsal-Handbell Room Prayer Meeting RA’s, GA’s, Mission Friends Young Adult Ministry-New Parlor Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 29th-	8:00 om Griefshare -Room 301
Saturday, January 31st-	10:00-11:30 am Food Pantry Open 8:00-9:30 am (USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)

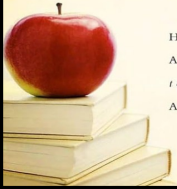
January 18, 2026	
Sunday School Attendance:	350
Church Attendance:	AM 433 PM 150
Awana	118
Sunday’s offering:	\$29,460.32
Online Giving 1/15-1/21:	\$8,599.00
Total Offerings Received:	\$38,059.32
Budget Offering Received	\$29,083.32
Budget Offering Required	\$30,566.00
Designated*:	\$8,187.00
Kingdom Vision (Incl. memorials)	\$4,717.00
Missions (Panama Mission Trip)	\$3,000.00
Food Pantry	\$470.00
Reimbursements:	\$789.00
Discipleship Training	\$165.00
Wednesday Supper (1/14)	\$624.00

*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 Faye Fry by Gregg & Mitzi Moore and Shirley Brown.
.....given to the Kingdom Vision fund in memory of Marylise Mills by Nelson & Joy Mills.
.....given to the Kingdom Vision fund in memory of H. David Hill by Elaine Huttenstine.
.....given to the Kingdom Vision fund in memory of Tonya Bernard by Andrea Schneider.
.....given to the Kingdom Vision fund in memory of Faye Fry, Dean Bruce Beeler by Richard & Nan Spearman.
.....given to the Kingdom Vision fund in honor of Richard & Nan Spearman by Freddy & Shirley Lindley.

The Seven Laws of the Learner



HOW TO TEACH
ALMOST ANYTHING
TO PRACTICALLY
ANYONE!

Sign up
Today!

Starts February 22

5:45-7:00pm
Room 304

Sign up
Today!

Starts February 1

5:30-7:00pm
Room 303

EXPERIENCING
GOD

Knowing & Doing
the Will of God



Want to Join The Choir? Now is a Great Time!
Wednesday Night Practice - 8-9pm | Sanctuary
Come Join Us!



Wednesday Supper Menu for January 28th:

Chicken Tenders, Baked Potatoes, Salad, 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!**

In Case of Inclement Weather

FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA &
LOCAL NEWS FOR UPDATES!

KEENAGERS MOVIE MORNING

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**TUESDAY
JANUARY 27**

10 AM
YOUTH ROOM

Sign up by Jan. 25th!



Trent’s Two Cents:
Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Sunday night the church voted unanimously to pay off our outstanding loan balance! Our original loan for the three-story addition built in 2017 was just over \$3.2 million. Due to God’s abundant blessings and your generous giving, we are now going to fully retire this debt! It is amazing that we paid this off in less than 9 years! To God be the glory! Thank you for your consistent commitment to give generously toward the Kingdom Vision fund. If you feel led to give, now is the time! Your contributions to the Kingdom Vision fund will still be applied to the loan payoff that will happen soon. We will be planning a day of thanksgiving and praise to celebrate God’s faithfulness and another spiritual marker in the history of Washington Baptist Church. I am blessed to pastor a body of believers who serve the Lord with such unity and generosity. May we continue to advance the Kingdom of God and give Him the glory as we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Your Pastor,
Trent
trent@washingtonbaptist.org

Panama Mission Trip

June 5-12 | \$995 + airfare

Join with us on this trip through the International Mission Board led by Chad Cooper. We will have an informational meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 7pm in the Food Pantry for anyone who is interested in going on this trip or wants to be involved in supporting it!

Utah Mission Trip

July 18-25 | \$850-950

More Details
Coming Soon!

Mission Opportunities:

1. Greer Community Ministries is in need of bilingual volunteers primarily Hispanic and Ukrainian/Russian. Volunteers would serve from one to multiple days, as available, from 9 am to 12 pm. If interested, you could also serve as a training leader to instruct current staff members and volunteers in learning key/simple phrases and vocabulary in these languages. Call: 864-877-1937

2. Greer Relief is in need of volunteers on Thursdays with a reliable vehicle and 1-2 hours of time to pick up food from their generous community partners like Harvest Hope, Food Lion, Panera, and Starbucks. Email Jim at pantry@greerrelief.org.

3. Greer Relief is looking for volunteers to teach RENEW classes and help neighbors build skills, confidence, and independence. You can head a single class or a series. Subject areas are Financial Wellness (budgets, accounts, & spending), Job Skills (resumes, interviews, & workplace skills), and Healthy Living (exercise, hobbies/crafts, cooking, crocheting, & more). Contact Sam at RENEW@greerrelief.org.



Just a reminder! We are collecting baby items for Piedmont Women’s Center during the month of January! All the items should be at the church by February 3 at our WMU meeting! Please put your donations in the WMU Mission Project receptacles located throughout the church! Thanks so much for your support!


Our next WMU meeting will be February 3 at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. Pizza and salad will be provided. After our prayer for missionaries, we will be preparing for the upcoming WMU Winter Brunch on Saturday, February 7. We hope to see you there!




We are very excited to host the Three Rivers Associational WMU Winter Brunch on Saturday Morning , February 7 at 9:30 in the fellowship hall. Our guest speaker will be Jess Archer, Executive Director-Treasurer of the South Carolina WMU. She is a passionate advocate for missions and ministry! Please sign up on the WMU bulletin board. We hope to see you there!

Servants of Christ, The WMU Ministry Team





It’s camp sign up time again. If you are interested in you student, grades 2-12 going to Camp McCall or Camp LaVida this summer and need help signing them up, please meet with Nan Spearman in the large conference room on Wednesday night, February 11 at 6:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Nan Spearman. Remember a child’s life can be changed for a lifetime because of a Christian Camp experience!



Congratulations!
Yonfee & Kristen Rodriguez on the birth of a daughter, Penelope Marae.
Will & Abby Ayers in the birth of a daughter, Eliza Ruth born December 15th.
Sullivan & Kelsey Skinner on the birth of a son, Russell Hayes born January 5th.

SUMMER HELP WANTED - CAMP MCCALL: Looking for a summer job? Camp staffing personnel build relationships that last forever. This is the most rewarding 11 weeks of summer ever. Get details and submit an application by visiting their website: www.CAMPMCCALL.ORG/STAFF.



Clothes Closet Update
We are in need of little girl sizes 6 to 12. We need anything and everything. We are low on blankets and throws. We desperately need little girl items. Thanks for your help.
~ Evelyn Lynn

PRAYER FOCUS - European Peoples: "Our team partners with local churches and ministries in evangelism, discipleship and strategic church planting," IMB team members said. "We are identifying areas where a new church is most needed. Pray healthy local churches would plant new churches in urban neighborhoods and rural villages of Northern France where there is currently little or no meaningful gospel presence."
(Source: Missions Mosaic Prayer Patterns, page 69, Winter, 2025-26)



The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
Psalm 29:4

Sunday, January 25th:
Extended Session Workers:
8:30 am– Megan Hines, Katelyn Strange and Don & Sherrie Brown
10:45 am– Brandi & Madison Atkins, Amand & Bella Van Patton, Breanna Perdue and Sarah Spearman
6:00 pm– Tracie Carlisle and Patsy Edney
Computer Check-In:
8:30 am– Jenna Pinckney
Sunday School– Debbie Wade
10:45 am–Debbie Servies
6:00 pm– OPEN
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-Mike Howard
10:30-12:00-Byron Henson
5:30-7:00– Rusty Edwards
Fellowship Hall-
8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
10:30-12:00-Kevin Phillips (Lock all doors @ 11:00)
Children Area (Lock All Doors @ 11:00)-
8:15-10:30– Blake Butts
10:30-12:00-Bill Servies
5:00-7:00-John Forrester
Youth Doors-
8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
10:30-12:00-Kevin Phillips
5:30-7:00-Jim Cason
AWANA
5:00-7:00-Chris O’Bryant
Video Surveillance Room-
8:15-10:30– John Susie
10:30-12:00-Harold Wade
5:45-7:00– Mitchell Spearman
Golf Cart-
8:00-12:00- Mitchell & Wyatt Spearman
5:30-7:00– Wyatt Spearman
Wednesday - January 28th:
Vestibule
6:45-8:00-Daniel Ross
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 Aughttry
Children’s Check In-6:00pm-OPEN



~Kubasko Korner~

The Lord’s Prayer - “Hallowed Be Thy Name”
We do not often see the word “hallowed” anymore. It’s origin is from the Germanic root meaning “holy.” Holiness is the concept we see most attributed to God and His character. The word “holy” simply means “set apart” and references something to God Himself or something that is set apart for God’s use or possession. Used over 600 times in the Bible, one use of this word is to talk about things and people that are ste apart to God. The Israelites and the Church are both called His holy nation (Ex. 19:6, I Peter 2:4). We are encouraged to be holy because God is holy (Leviticus 11:44, I Peter 1:16). But the use of the word “hallowed” here is in reference to God’s character - that He is set apart, incapable of sin or mere association with sin. The prophet Isaiah says that God’s thoughts and ways are higher than ours (Isaiah 55:8-9). In various visions of God’s presence throughout the Bible, God is proclaimed “Holy, holy, holy,” a repeated declaration indicating that God is not just holy, but the holiest above that which is holier than holy (Isaiah 6:3, Rev. 4:8). And the name, in Israel and the ancient world, held a lot of importance. Even now, your name can not only hold meaning that is important for your family, but you can be recognized by your name. If someone brings dishonor to their name, it can last for generations. So when Jesus applies holiness to the name of God, it again is implying that God’s very nature is holiness. Notice, He does not say God is gracious, or loving, or patient, or powerful, or all-knowing although He is all of those things. No - He proclaims God as holy above all else. God is the complete and total embodiment of holiness. What do you proclaim of God today? So many of us turn to those other monicres & descriptors, but do we place holiness preeminently above them? It is a practice I have held myself to for many months at this point to pray first to God of His holiness before I honor His other characteristics. I encourage you to pray the Lord’s Prayer again with that in mind and see that everything changes: “Our Father Who loves us, Who is in heaven, Your name & character are holy above everything else.” Thank you, God, for being holy, for without Your holiness we would be forever entrapped to sin.

Music Moment
What an encouraging week of worship with you all! I continue to encourage everyone who might be interested in being a part of the choir to give it a try. Now is a great time as we get ready to gear up for Easter and our Palm Sunday Presentation titled **It Is Finished!**
Weekly Schedule:
Wednesday Rehearsals from 8-9pm
Sunday Night Warm-Up at 5:30pm

Watching the Weather: Keep an eye on our church's social media and the local news in regards to this Sunday as it looks like there will be inclement weather on the horizon!


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

Moore News:
If you are a youth or a parent/grandparent of a youth, please mark these dates on your calendar. On Saturday 1/31, we will attend an NGU basketball game. We will plan to leave the church at 3pm and be back around 6:30pm. This event is free, but please bring money if you would like to take advantage of the concessions stand.

On Saturday 2/28, we will go to Black Bear Snow Tubing in Hendersonville, NC. We will plan to meet at the church at 8am and leave as soon as everyone arrives. We should be back around 1pm. The cost of this event is \$20.

I will place a signup sheet for both events in the youth room. Please let me know if there are any questions.

Matthew Moore
(matthew@washingtonbaptist.org)



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