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WHAT'S UP at Washington

Bible Reading Plan 2026

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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

In Case of Inclement Weather

FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA &
LOCAL NEWS FOR UPDATES!



Wednesday Supper Menu for February 4th:

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Lima 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!**

PANAMA MISSION TRIP ASSISTANCE

If you would be interested in assisting anyone going on the Panama Mission Trip. Please put money in an envelope and mark it “Mission Trip”.

THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON:

Sunday, February 1st-	
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
5:30-7:00 pm	Experiencing God
6:00 pm	Evening Worship Service
Monday, February 2nd-	
6:00 am	Men’s Mon. Morning Bible Study-Lg. Conf. Rm
7:00 am	Men’s Prayer Time- Room 211
Tuesday, February 3rd-	
9:30 am & 7:00 pm	Ladies Prayer Time-Prayer Chapel
6:30 pm	WMU Meeting-Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Budget/Finance Committee Meeting-Lg. Conf. Rm
Wednesday, February 4th-	
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
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
8:00 om	
Thursday, February 5th-	
10:00-11:30 am	Griefshare -Room 301
Saturday, February 7th-	
7:00 am-1:00 pm	Three Rivers Assoc. WMU Brunch-Fell. Hall
8:00-9:30 am	Food Pantry Open (USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)

January 25, 2026	
Sunday School Attendance:	no services
Church Attendance:	
Awana Attendance:	
Sunday’s offering: (money received in office)	\$5,251.00
Online Giving 1/22-1/28:	\$5,747.00
Total Offerings Received:	\$10,998.00
Budget Offering Received	\$7,612.00
Budget Offering Required	\$30,566.00
Designated*:	\$2,510.00
Kingdom Vision (Incl. memorials)	\$2,510.00
Reimbursements:	\$876.00
Discipleship Training	\$40.00
Wednesday Supper (1/21)	\$636.00
Missions (Panama Mission Trip deposits)	\$200.00

*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
Mary Lou & Billy Wilson and Larry, Sheila, Lauren and Justing
Penland.



Trent’s Two Cents:

In July we are sending a group to Tremonton, Utah to support Jason Parker and his team as they plant a church to reach the people in the Bear River Valley. Jason’s core team is meeting every Sunday and currently consists of over 30 adults. They also have weekly Community Group meetings and Discipleship Group meetings once a month. They are currently meeting in homes, but hope to move into a newly renovated former elementary school soon (pictured below). They plan to meet in this new space sometime in April or May. Please continue to pray for the Parkers and their team as they seek to share the Gospel in Utah. If you would like to be part of our church team going there in July please sign up on the bulletin board or talk to Braxton for more information.

Your Pastor, Trent



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 **11:30 am** 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 life-time because of a Christian Camp experience!

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 -South Asian Peoples:

Workers wrote, "Access to our field of ministry is essential. Maintaining that access long term is becoming progressively more difficult. Ask the Lord to give us wisdom and to open doors for us 'that no one can shut' (Rev. 3:8)." (Source: Missions Mosaic Prayer Patterns, page 70, Winter, 2025-26)

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?
Mark 8:36



Sunday, February 1st:

Extended Session Workers:
8:30 am–Claire & Kelsey Skinner and Robin Brown
10:45 am– Dee Simms, Tammy Wade, Brandi Moore, Meredith Moore, Tami Black and Vivian Forrester
6:00 pm– Cathy Weaver and Cheryl Moore
Computer Check-In:
8:30 am– Debbie Wade
Sunday School– David O’Shields
10:45 am-Marvin Woodwards
6:00 pm– Mitch Atkins
Ushers for February:
Avery James, Kenny Hughes, Tom LaMartina and Chet McAbee (meet in vestibule by 8:20)

Safety Team:
Vestibule-
8:15-10:30-Blake Butts
10:30-12:00-Byron Henson
5:30-7:00– Chet McAbee
Fellowship Hall-
8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
10:30-12:00-Will Ayers (Lock all doors @ 11:00)
Children Area (Lock All Doors @ 11:00)-
8:15-10:30– Tony Farr
10:30-12:00-Jonathan Perry
5:00-7:00-Roger Black
Youth Doors-
8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
10:30-12:00-Will Ayers
5:30-7:00-Jim Cason
AWANA
5:00-7:00-
Video Surveillance Room-
8:15-10:30– Joe Aughttry
10:30-12:00-Roger Black
5:45-7:00– Kaleb Edwards
Golf Cart-
8:00-12:00- Avery James/Kaleb Edwards
5:30-7:00– Avery James

Wednesday - February 4th:
Vestibule
6:45-8:00-Kenny Hughes
Children-
6:45-8:00-Mike O’Bryant
Youth Doors
6:45-8:00-Jim Cason
Golf Cart
6:30-8:00-Gantt Martin
Video Surveillance Room
6:45-8:00-Daniel Ross
Children’s Check In-6:00pm-Aimee Perry



~Kubasko Korner~

The Lord’s Prayer - “Thy Kingdom Come”
One of the hardest concepts for us to always grasp when it comes to our modern reading of the Bible is the gap in cultural understanding we have between now and then. So we have to understand how a first century Jew or Gentile would have heard these statements from Jesus. When we do that, we often find that what Jesus was saying is much more direct and on-the-nose than we first imagined & helps us understand why so many people hated what He was saying. This next phrase of the Lord's Prayer is one such example. It simply reads “Thy Kingdom come,” and we often take it at face value. Its underlying meaning, however, is extremely controversial. When we look at Mark 1, we see Jesus’ initiation as a prophet as He is not only baptized in the Spirit but begins to proclaim to everyone that “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel (Mark 1:15).” So when Jesus enters into His ministry, He is proclaiming that the true Kingdom of God has been initiated through His proclamation of it. This was a common practice of the time - heralds would proceed kings and announce their arrival. Christ is doing the same thing here, but of course He is not only the herald/prophet of God’s kingdom but is also the King Himself. To a Jewish listener, then, He was making Himself known as the Messiah that they believed would perform this function while also subverting Caesar and the Roman system of government. The word “kingdom” here, however, has a deep meaning. It can be understood better by the terms “sovereignty” or “reign,” and point to the act of reigning rather than a physical kingdom. The idea points us to the reality that we live in the tension of a kingdom that is and is to come. At this moment in time, Christ the Son rules and reigns over all the world in a kingdom given to Him by God the Father. There is still a moment in time when Christ will reign physically here on earth as well and that kingdom will be made whole at the end of all things. So what does the prayer mean for us now? If we are to understand it correctly, the idea is that when we pray for the kingdom of God to come, we are praying for God's reign to be made complete in the world and ourselves right now. I hope that’s on our mind each time we pray and for everything we pray.

In the Service of Christ,
Braxton Kubasko
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Moore News:

Technology can come with a lot of bad, and like most things, Christians must show discernment in how we use things here on earth. For example, social media can be a helpful and fun way to keep up with friends and family. On the other hand, social media can also be a gateway to sin and a complete waste of time. All that to say, we saw how good and useful technology can be this past Sunday and today (Wednesday). Due to the weather, we were unable to gather for worship, yet technology allowed us to prerecord a message and stream it so that God’s people were able to worship the Lord with their families at home. This does not replace the blessed experience of being in God’s house with God’s people, which is something we are joyfully required to do in Scripture (Heb. 10:25). However, it is comforting to know that we can use technology when needed, for God’s glory and the good of His people.

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