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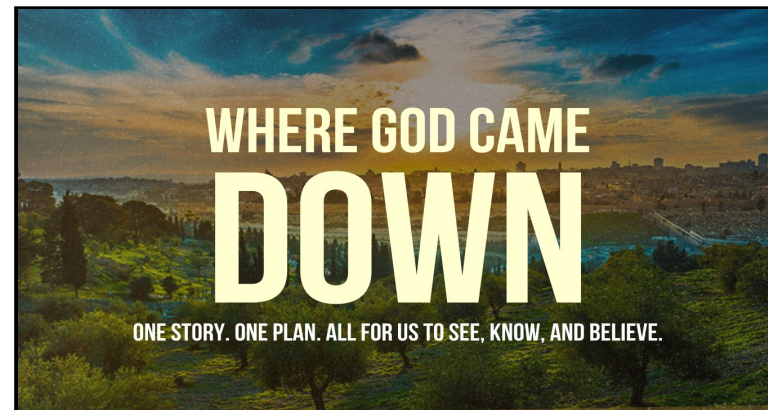
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Rev. Trent Henson— Pastor
Rev. Braxton Kubasko— Associate Pastor
Rev. Dave Dupree— Minister of Worship & Sr. Adults
Mr. Matthew Moore— Minister of Youth

WHAT'S UP at Washington



TAUGHT BY: **BRAXTON KUBASKO** **FEBRUARY 26 | 6PM | ROOM 208**
FEBRUARY 27 | 9AM | ROOM 208

This one hour session course dives into the intersection of the Bible and history aiming to deepen our understanding of the biblical narrative and its real-world context, so that we can see the Bible as one connected story of God's plan, understand it, and apply it to our lives.

From Our Basketball Ministry

AS ANOTHER BASKETBALL SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE, WE ARE THANKFUL TO HAVE HAD OVER 120 KIDS, STUDENTS, AND ADULTS IN OUR LEAGUE THIS SEASON. ALL OF OUR COACHES ARE VOLUNTEERS WHO COMMIT TO HELP TEACH THE GAME OF BASKETBALL TO OUR PLAYERS BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY TEACH THEM ABOUT JESUS. OUR SPORTS LEAGUE IS A GREAT OUTREACH HERE AT WBC!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Wednesday Suppers
5:30 pm
Fellowship Hall
Sign-up Today!

The Menu for February 19th:
Pizza, Salad, Desserts & Tea.
The cost is \$7.00 for adults
\$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!



GriefShare Seminar: Parenting Grieving Children and Teens
Thursday, February 27
6:30-8:00 pm
Contact Penny Noland with questions (803)260-3922.
Scan the QR Code to register.



THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON:

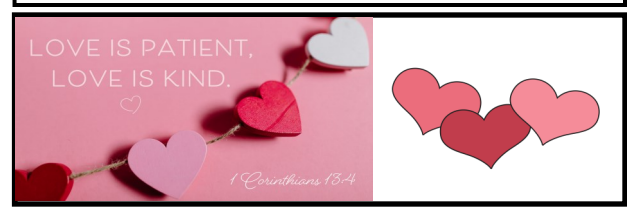
Sunday, February 16th-	8:30 am Early Morning Worship Service
	9:45 am Sunday School
	10:45 am Morning Worship Service
	5:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
	5:00-7:00 pm AWANA
	6:00 pm Evening Worship Service-Church Conference
Monday, February 17th- President's Day	6:00 am Men's Monday Morning Bible Study-Lg. Conf. Rm.
	7:00 am Men's Prayer Time- Room 211
Tuesday, February 18th	9:30 am & 7:00 pm Ladies Prayer Time-Prayer Chapel
	7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study- Home of B. Aughtry
Wednesday, February 19th-	10:00 am Ladies Bible Study- Home of M. Hughes
	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
	6:15 pm Youth Bible Study
	6:30 pm The Sonshine Gang- Room324
	His Kids-Room 330
	6:45 pm Little Lambs -Room 330
	6:45-8:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal - Handbell Room
	7:00 pm Prayer Meeting
	RAs, GAs & Mission Friends
	Young Adult Ministry-New Parlor
	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, February 22nd-	8:00 pm Food Pantry Open
	8:00-9:30 am (USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)

February 9, 2025

Sunday School Attendance:	325
Church Attendance:	AM 433 PM 212
AWANA Attendance:	97
Sunday's offering:	\$20,477.30
Online Giving 2/5-2/12:	\$7,828.00
Total Offerings Received:	\$28,305.30
Budget Offering Received	\$25,069.29
Budget Offering Required	\$26,300.00
Designated*:	\$1,815.01
Kingdom Vision (Including memorials)	\$1,690.01
Food Pantry	\$125.00
Reimbursements:	\$1,421.00
Wednesday Supper 2/5	\$661.00
League Sports	\$80.00
Ladies Celebration	\$680.00

*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.

Memorials and Gifts to the Church:
.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Marylise Mills by Richard & Wanda Vaughn and Linny & Cheryl Moore.
.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Ann Withrow by Richard & Wanda Vaughn, Linny & Cheryl Moore and Sarah Parker.
.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Evelyn Durham by Woodmen Life Chapter 67, Greer.



LADIES CELEBRATION DINNER
FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH

TABLE REGISTRATION
FEBRUARY 16TH
DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL IN HALL BEHIND SANCTUARY.

OPEN TICKET SALES-
FEBRUARY 23RD
& MARCH 2ND.
\$20.00 PER TICKET.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
CAROL LAMARTINA AT 828-400-1974
OR CHARLENE HINDMAN 864-553-9715

SIGN UP FOR OUR
CHURCH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR THIS ADULT CO-ED LEAGUE ARE IN THE BREAK AREA BY THE GYM.
SEASON BEGINS MARCH 6TH!
CONTACT GREGG MOORE OR MATTHEW MOORE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Trent's Two Cents:
 This week we will start studying the Apostle Paul's letter to Philemon on Wednesday evenings. Philemon is one of the shortest letters in the Bible (just 25 verses), but it has a powerful message. The letter demonstrates how the Gospel of Jesus Christ transforms lives and impacts human relationships on every level. It is a story about confession, forgiveness, reconciliation, and church fellowship. I hope this study will cause us to examine our hearts, mend broken relationships, and put the transforming power of the gospel on display in our church family and community.

Your Pastor,
 Trent
 (trent@washingtonbaptist.org)



A WORD FROM OUR
PRESCHOOL DEPARTMENT

We are so excited to serve you and your family in our nursery!

We just wanted to give you a few quick reminders!

Be sure to bring:

- ✓ Labeled Backpack— Bag tags will be provided!
- ✓ Labeled water and nut-free snack
- ✓ Labeled diapers/wipes (if needed)

And don't forget to...

- ★ Communicate any of your child's needs with your teacher.
- ★ Make sure you have filled out a **health form**.
- ★ Please refrain from bringing your child if they are sick.
- ★ Please limit one parent per child when dropping off/picking up.

Pray for us! And if you feel led to help please contact Breanna James (864-354-6106) or Kelly Edwards (864-354-4616)

SAM Camp
Co-Director Needed
 We are in need of a Co-Director for this years SAM Camp. If you are interested please contact Toni Johnson 864-421-7674.

Girls in Action
Tea Party
 March 29th 10am in the Fellowship Hall

The Washington Church family would like to extend Christian Sympathy to the family of Frances Durham

MISSIONS @WBC

WMU MINISTRY TEAM
Tamil Black delivered the needed baby products to Piedmont Women's Center! They were very appreciative of our gifts! Thank you Washington Baptist Church for your generosity!

March 4 will be here before we know it and we are going to have a special treat! Ruth McWhite will be our guest speaker for the WMU meeting that evening. Ruth is originally from Greer, SC where she grew up in First Baptist Church. She and her husband, Allen have pastored churches in Manning, Spartanburg, and Taylors, SC. They also served two terms with the International Mission Board in Ecuador. She retired after sixteen years as the Director of Women's Ministries at North Greenville University and is presently serving as a chaplain to the Tindall Corporation. She has a great passion to see women in a relationship with Christ and then grow in that relationship through HIS Word. She is a mom to five children and has fifteen grandchildren. She makes her home in Travelers Rest, SC. The evening will be a blessing to all who participate! So come to the meeting and bring a friend! We will have a taco bar. Please sign up on the WMU Bulletin Board and plan to be there. The meeting will start at 6:30 and will conclude at 8 pm.

Our mission project this month is for the Greer Relief and Resources Agency that helps needy families in a number of different ways. They are in desperate need of cleaning supplies, paper towels, and toilet paper for their pantry right now. We will collect needed items until our WMU meeting March 4. Please put donations in the WMU receptacles located throughout the church! Thanks so much for your help! We are the hands and feet of Jesus!

Servants of Christ, The WMU Ministry Team



WELCOME TO THE OCC Corner!
 Please check here weekly to find ways you can help with OCC all year long!

In a renewed effort to pack our shoeboxes with the highest quality items, we will provide information on deals on toys and school supplies you may want to purchase for your personal shoeboxes or to donate for the WBC packing party.

FEBRUARY TIP: Check out the sale items in stores and online right after Valentine's Day.

In considering your role in this ministry, bear in mind each child receives only one shoebox in his/her lifetime...knowing this fact, will you put your heart into every shoebox you pack?

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:7 -

Clothes Closet Update
 A very special thanks to Joel Morris, Steve Church and Dennis Gibson for making the necessary repairs to the clothes closet. Thanks again guys! Saturday was another big day. We serviced 25 families. We gave out more children's clothes than anything else. We are in desperate need of Little Girl and Little Boys items. Men or women clothes can be taken until further notice. ~Thank you for your cooperation, Evelyn Lynn

Can't We Do Even Better?
SC Baptist Convention Evangelism Report for 2023
 Baptisms: 10,408
 Percentage Increase from 2022: 29%
 SC Population: 5,373,555
 Number of Baptist Congregations in 2023: 1,988
 Ratio of Baptisms to Population: 1:516
 Baptisms per 100 in Worship attendance: 4.73

Sunday, February 16th:

Extended Session Workers:
 8:30 am- Lisa Chisam, Maddi & Macie Hanley and Becca Bishop
 10:45 am- Becca Bishop, Nell Eastland, Brooke Martin, Elizabeth Miller and Brad Miller
 6:00 pm- Kelly Edwards and Brooke Edwards

Computer Check-In:
 8:30 am- Roxanne Bruce
 Sunday School- Amy Baker
 10:45 am- Katelyn Strange
 6:00 pm- OPEN

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- Jeff Green
 10:30-12:00- Byron Henson
 5:30-7:00- Mitchell Whiteside

Fellowship Hall
 8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
 10:30-12:00-Kevin Phillips (Lock all doors at 11)

Preschool Area
 8:15-10:30-Rusty Edwards
 10:30-12:00-Rusty Edwards
Children Area (Lock All Doors @ 11:00)
 8:15-10:30-Tony Farr
 10:30-12:00-Marvin Woodward

Youth Doors
 8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
 10:30-12:00- Kevin Phillips
Preschool Area
 5:45-7:00 - Rusty Edwards

Children Area & Lock All Doors At 6:05
 5:45-7:00- Ronnie Styles
AWANA
 5:00-7:00- Mike O'Bryant/Chris O'Bryant/Jim Cason
Golf Cart
 8:15-12:00-Josh Sterritt/Benjamin Van Patton
 5:30-7:00- Josh Sterritt

Wednesday - February 19th:

Vestibule: 6:45-8:00- Hugh Sistare
Preschool Area: 6:45-8:00- Rusty Edwards
Children: 6:45-8:00-Mike O'Bryant
Youth Doors: 6:45-8:00-Jim Cason
Golf Cart: 6:30-8:00-Gantt Martin

WBC YOUTH

WBC YTH BIBLE STUDY
 WEDNESDAYS NOW START AT 6:15!
 We will have Activities, Food, Praise & Worship, and Large & Small Groups!

Youth Group
Snow Tubing Trip
 Sign up today! February 22

YOUTH RETREAT MARCH 7TH-8TH
 Retreat will be held at Look Up Lodge (Travelers Rest, SC)
 We will plan to leave the church Friday at 5:30pm and returning to the church Saturday at 8:30pm. The cost will be \$40 per student and this will include their lodging and meals for the weekend. Sign up sheet is in the Youth Room.

Notes from Dave
 The Keenagers Martha Franks trip has been postponed to Tuesday, February 25 when we hope the weather will be a lot better. We will meet at Martha Franks at 11:30 for a tour of the community as well as Barbara Forst's apartment and enjoy a free lunch in the dining hall. A new signup sheet has been posted, so be sure to check your schedule and sign up for this fun trip! For your GPS, put in "Ball Drive, Laurens." Food Pantry item for February is Hamburger Helper. Place in the grocery cart near the office any time in February.

Our next Sr. Adult Movie Morning has been moved to Tuesday, March 4 at 10:00 in the Youth Room. We will show "God's Not Dead 2." Even if you did not make it for the first movie, each movie stands alone in its own storyline, so come join us!

The Adult Choir has begun rehearsing music for the Easter season. "No More Night...a Celebration of the Risen Savior" will be presented Sunday evening, April 13.

Save the Date...Step! gospel quartet from Columbia will present a 5th Sunday Concert here at Washington Sunday evening, March 30. Keenagers enjoyed the music of David Spears at our last luncheon who is part of that quartet. These are great friends of mine and I know you will enjoy having them at our church!

I love serving with all of you! Dave Dupree

~Kubasko Korner~

The Beatitudes - The Hungry & Thirsty (Matthew 5:6)
 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." These words from Jesus show us one of the focal points of the Christian life as well as the core part of the Christian's heart. Jesus here is imploring those who seek Him to see their spiritual pursuit as all men see their physical pursuits of hunger and thirst. Hunger and thirst were common in the ancient world as shortages were common based on world events and weather. People could potentially travel long distances to find these resources, and the picture Jesus is giving us here is one of intentionality. We should be seeking out righteousness and holiness - the very character and nature of God - the same we strive and work for that which satisfies our hunger and thirst. Unlike our physical needs, however, Jesus promises that in Him all our spiritual needs are satisfied. The Greek word here indicates not just a satiation, but an overabundance of His provision. The message here is very simple for us - nothing else will satisfy us but Jesus & our faith in Him. Even Jesus Himself says this to the devil when He quotes Deuteronomy: "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." He also says something similar to the woman at the well: "whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again." What does our pursuit of His righteousness say about us?

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

Moore News...

In the one-year Bible reading plan that goes from Genesis to Revelation, you are currently reading in the book of Numbers. The book of Numbers is about a God who faithfully leads and confronts an unfaithful nation. Numbers provides the account of Israel leaving Mt. Sinai, their journeying to the Promised Land, their failure to enter the Promised Land, and the consequences that followed. Numbers sheds light on the extended season of discipline in the wilderness. This was a time when Israel was supposed to learn to wait on and follow God as they journeyed to the promised land and as they hoped for the promised Messiah. Instead, Israel rejected the God who was more than able to give them the Promised Land (Num 13-14). Their rebellion led to God's punishment, which was the generation that rebelled would not live to see the Promised Land. Israel continued to test the Lord, which resulted in many punishments for their unfaithfulness. One of the key punishments is found in Numbers 21:4-9. After the generation that wandered in the desert died, a new generation arose to enter the Promised Land (Num 26-36). In Numbers 24, God uses Balaam, a pagan prophet, to pronounce blessings on the nation of Israel. In the fourth oracle, Balaam announced that God is sovereign and has complete control over the world and all its affairs, which extends to the promised Messiah. The book of Numbers points to God's faithfulness to a sinful people. We see an example of this in Numbers 21 with Moses and the bronze serpent, which ultimately points us to Jesus (John 3:14-15). God's faithfulness was not unique to Israel. God remains faithful today to a sinful people. Numbers provides insight into how Israel went back and forth between rebellion and triumph, and Paul expounds on this and provides a warning to Christians in his letter to the Corinthians. Paul writes, "Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did (1 Cor 10:6)."

~Matthew (Matthew@washingtonbaptist.org)

PRAYER FOCUS - Louisiana: Randolph Mercelita is the planter and pastor of Comunidad Cristiana Getsemani in New Orleans, Louisiana. Iglesia Bautista Getsemani in New Orleans in his sending church. Pray for God's wisdom in the development of leaders because the church is growing faster than we have leaders. Pray God would provide a van so we can transport people to the church. We will soon outgrow the location where we are now, and we will need a new place. We have a large number of children in the church whose parents don't have enough resources for school. Pray God would provide a larger place to meet and resources to help parents in our church. (Source: Missions Mosaic Prayer Patterns, page 35, January, 2025)