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# The Window

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## WHAT'S UP at Washington

### Praise God! A Milestone of Faithfulness Achieved

Dear Washington Baptist Church Family,  
We are thrilled to announce that, through the generous and faithful giving of our congregation, Washington Baptist Church has fully paid off our building loan of \$391,000—18 months early!

A huge thank you to every member who has sacrificially stewarded their resources and obeyed God's call to honor Him with their finances. It is through our faithful stewardship and obedience that we have been incredibly blessed to reach this debt-free milestone. As Proverbs 22:7 reminds us, "The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender." By God's grace and your commitment, we are no longer in that position of bondage, but free to pursue His purposes more fully.

The **Kingdom Vision Fund** was established precisely for moments like this—to fulfill God's vision for our church and community. Your consistent, cheerful giving has made this possible and demonstrated His faithfulness in multiplying what we place in His hands.

Now, let us remain steadfast in our stewardship to Kingdom Vision. As we continue to give faithfully and obediently, we position ourselves to be ready when God reveals His next vision for WBC. We will stand in awe as He multiplies our offerings once again for His glory.

To God be the glory—great things He has done!  
Tom LaMartina  
Treasurer

## CELEBRATION SUNDAY

As we celebrate the payment of our loan!

March 8th

Sunday School | 9:45am  
One AM Service | 10:45am

Check out our website!  
[www.washingtonbaptist.org](http://www.washingtonbaptist.org)

### Our Staff:

Rev. Trent Henson— Pastor  
Rev. Braxton Kubasko— Associate Pastor  
Mr. Matthew Moore— Minister of Youth

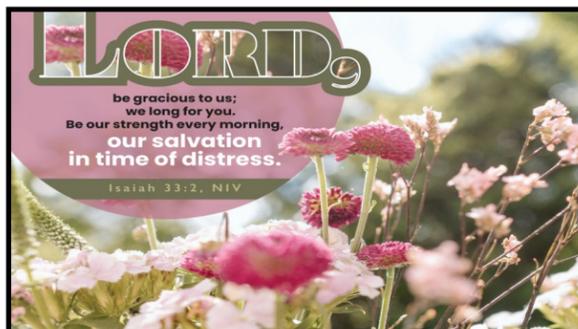
### THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON:

<b>Sunday, February 22nd-</b>	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
<b>Monday, February 23rd-</b>	6:00 am Men's Mon. Morning Bible Study-Lg. Conf. Rm
	7:00 am Men's Prayer Time- Room 211
<b>Tuesday, February 24th-</b>	9:30 am & 7:00 pm Ladies Prayer Time-Prayer Chapel
	7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study-Home of Beckie Aughtry
<b>Wednesday, February 25th-</b>	10:00 am Ladies Bible Study- Home of Melanie Hughes
	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
<b>Thursday, February 26th-</b>	8:00 pm Griefshare -Room 301
<b>Saturday, February 28th-</b>	8:00 am-9:30 am Food Pantry-Open
	(USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)

### February 15, 2026

Sunday School Attendance:	301
Church Attendance:	AM 170 PM 190
<b>Sunday's offering:</b>	<b>\$39,987.00</b>
<b>Online Giving 2/12-2/18:</b>	<b>\$10,140.00</b>
<b>Total Offerings Received:</b>	<b>\$50,127.00</b>
Budget Offering Received	\$46,005.00
Budget Offering Required	\$30,566.00
<b>Designated*:</b>	<b>\$3,465.00</b>
Kingdom Vision (Includes memorials)	\$970.00
Panama Mission Trip	\$1,900.00
Food Pantry	\$395.00
<b>Reimbursements:</b>	<b>\$657.00</b>
Wed. Supper 1/11	\$657.00

\*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.



The Seven Laws of the Learner

Sign up Today!

Starts March 1

5:45-7:00pm  
Room 304

HOW TO TEACH ALMOST ANYTHING TO PRACTICALLY ANYONE!

**KEENAGERS MOVIE MORNING**

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24**

12 PM  
CHERRYDALE THEATER

Sign up by Feb. 22nd!

### Utah Mission Trip :

We are having an Informational Meeting on Wednesday, February 25 at 6:00pm in the Large Conference Room for our Mission Trip to Utah on July 18-25! We are going to be assisting Redemption Church as they continue to settle in their new community and support them in several different outreach events. Come and learn about the culture of this area and how God is using this church as well as how He can use you in helping them get started! Cost should be between \$850-\$950. Contact Braxton if you are interested or use the QR code to let us know you're interested in going!



IT IS FINISHED

Presented by the Sanctuary Choir of Washington Baptist Church

MARCH 29 | 6:00 PM  
IN THE SANCTUARY

Wednesday Suppers

5:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall

Sign-up Today!

**Wednesday Supper Menu for February 25th:**

Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Grits, and Sausage Gravy/Biscuits, Fruit & 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!

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

**Trent's Two Cents:**

I hope you are enjoying the sermon series on the life of Stephen. Last Sunday we read Stephen's response to the charges of blasphemy they filed against him (Acts 7:1-53). Here are a few things I want you to notice about his response:

1. **Stephen connected with his audience.** Stephen immediately grabbed the council's attention with his opening line: "Brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham..." Stephen started this way to establish common ground so they would pay attention and truly listen to what he had to say.

2. **Stephen knew his audience.** Stephen knew these men. He knew they were self-righteous and filled with pride. He knew their conflicts with Jesus and why they rejected Him. Stephen specifically shared things that not only addressed the charges against him but would cut straight to their hearts.

3. **Stephen used Scripture to prove his points.** All of Stephen's response was based in Scripture because the Bible tells the history of Israel. However, the council he was speaking to were Old Testament scholars. Stephen intentionally quoted passages of Scripture (Deuteronomy 18, Amos 5, Isaiah 66) to prove his points. Many of the things he mentioned Jesus Himself addressed (John 2:18-21; John 5:46-47; Matthew 5:17-20). He let the Word do the work.

4. **Stephen's goal was to glorify God.** He was not trying to save himself from harm, he was trying to save these men from hell. Stephen shared what they needed to hear, not what they wanted to hear. The message he shared demanded a response and he knew he would get one. These men would either be convicted by the truth and repent, or they would continue to harden their hearts and reject the truth. Stephen was not speaking to please the group, but to please God. He was not concerned about their approval, he was concerned about God's approval. He was ultimately speaking to an audience of One.

Dwell on these things. We need to learn from Stephen. Remember these things the next time you have an opportunity to share the gospel. Seek to connect with the person or group to whom you are speaking. Consider their spiritual condition or struggles they may be facing. Base your information on Scripture and let the Word do the work. Speak to glorify God by sharing the Truth.

Your Pastor, Trent  
trent@washingtonbaptist.org

**Panama Mission Trip, June 5-12:**

All thirteen available slots for this mission trip are now taken. Thank you to all who have shown interest in going! Please be on the lookout for upcoming international mission trips in going to the nations just for Jesus! As for this trip to Panama, we greatly need your support with **prayer** and **financial help**. Please focus on and pray for each of the individual members who are participating in this trip with the purpose of sharing the Gospel with the lost people of Panama. Here are the ones participating: **Buddy Satterfield, Angie Satterfield, Josh Lee, Ally Rathbone, Bryson Lister, Rachel Lister, Michael Paulson, Kellie Paulson, Bonnie Mussman, Lacy Cooper, Grant Cooper, Chad Cooper and Nan Spearman.** Any financial support offered, please make checks to Washington Baptist Church and designate **Panama Mission Trip**. All financial support will be divided up among all 13 individuals.

**Mission Opportunities:**

1. Greer Community Ministries is in need of bilingual volunteers for primarily Hispanic and Ukrainian/Russian people. 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](mailto: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](mailto:RENEW@greerrelief.org).

**MISSIONS @WBC**

March 3, Tuesday night at 6:30 pm will be here before we know it! We are in for a special time! Jeff Farrington, Director of Greer Community Ministries, will be our guest speaker. He will share with us how we can help the needy people in our community! We look forward to seeing you there!



Jeff Farrington  
Director of Greer  
Community Ministries

Our menu will be pot luck of your choice. Donations for this month (February) will be Men's Belts, New Underwear, Pants- Blue jeans/Kakis, Adult Socks, Warm Hats, and Gloves. Please put your contributions in the WMU receptacles located throughout the church! May God bless you as you give!

*Servants of Christ, The WMU Ministry Team*

**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](http://www.CAMPMCCALL.ORG/STAFF).



It's camp sign up time again! If you are interested in your 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!

**Thrive, Foster Care Event, Friday, March 6, 2026,** Taylors First Baptist Church, 5:30-8 pm. Wherever you are in your journey as a foster parent (currently fostering, have fostered, or are considering becoming a foster parent), please connect with this free event sponsored by Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries. Meal and childcare provided. Learn more and register at [conniemaxwell.com/thrive](http://conniemaxwell.com/thrive).

**Ladies Celebration Dinner April 17, 2026**  
*We are delighted to announce a special guest speaker for our Ladies Celebration: Cherie Nettles.*

*Cherie is a true Southern woman who sprinkles gentle comedy into every corner of life. As a gifted Christian humorist, speaker, and writer, she shares warm, relatable stories and uplifting messages that point hearts toward Christ and reflect her deep love for the Lord.*

*Through life's various seasons, Cherie has leaned fully on the Lord for strength and discovered that a joyful, light-hearted spirit can be a quiet, powerful testimony of His sustaining grace. She brings that same faith-filled joy and gentle humor to every gathering.*

*Please plan to join us, April 17, 2026, in the Fellowship Hall, for an evening of celebration, good food and fellowship. Doors open at 6 pm, the program starts at 6:30 pm.*

*Registration forms will be available February 22nd, at the Welcome Desk and in Sunday School Classrooms.*

*Beginning March 8th, and the remaining Sundays in March, bring your completed registration form to the sign-up table outside the choir room, before or after Sunday School, to complete your reservation and table selection.*



**Sunday, February 22nd:**

**Extended Session Workers:**  
8:30 am-Megan Hines, Katelyn Strange and Don & Sherrie Brown  
10:45 am-Katie Yancar, Drenda Price, Norma Lyda, Abby Ayers and Haley M. Perry  
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 February:**  
Avery James, Kenny Hughes, Tom LaMartina and Chet McAbee (meet in vestibule by 8:20)

**Safety Team:**  
**Vestibule-**  
8:15-10:30-Michael Howard  
10:30-12:00-Byron Henson  
5:30-7:00- Mitchell Spearman

**Fellowship Hall-**  
8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare  
10:30-12:00-Harold Wade (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-Roger Black

**Youth Doors-**  
8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare  
10:30-12:00-Harold Wade  
**AWANA**

5:00-7:00-Chris O'Bryant/Blake Butts  
**Video Surveillance Room-**  
8:15-10:30- Jeff Green  
10:30-12:00-Kevin Phillips  
5:45-7:00- Jeff Green  
**Golf Cart-**  
8:00-12:00- Mitchell & Wyatt Spearman  
5:30-7:00- Wyatt Spearman

**Wednesday - February 25th:**  
**Vestibule**  
6:45-8:00-Linny Moore  
**Children-**  
6:45-8:00-Mike O'Bryant  
**Youth Doors**  
6:45-8:00-Daniel Ross  
**Golf Cart**  
6:30-8:00-Steve Church  
**Video Surveillance Room**  
6:45-8:00-Gregg Moore  
**Children's Check In-6:00pm-OPEN**

*Welcome*  
**OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:**  
*Randy & Barbara Hartsoc by letter*

**~Kubasko Korner~**

**The Lord's Prayer - "On Earth as It Is in Heaven"**

This phrase follows behind the phrases for the two last weeks, and I wanted to separate it from those two for a precise reason. One of the things we learn from God's Word is truth - an absolute truth that can only come from the mouth of God. Jesus, of course, is the ultimate example of this as He is the Way, Truth, and Life (John 14:6). One of the pillars, then, of the Christian life is the pursuit of truth in every endeavor by every Christ follower at every moment of every day. What the Bible tells us as a central truth is that we, as the blood-bought people of God, are not of this world, but are the creations of God meant for an eternity of fellowship with Him. We are born into this physical world and a specific time but all of this world also exists in a spiritual world where God is as well outside of what we perceive as time and space. God tells us through the prophet Isaiah that His thoughts and ways are above ours but we also know that He draws near to us to make Himself known to us and know us Himself (Is. 55:8-9, Acts 17:27).

We, therefore, live in a tension between these two things. We were each born physically in a time, space, and location, but our home is not actually here in this world but with God. His presence is what we crave and look for, and we are only truly home when we are with Him. This should not only be a comfort of ours in our physical lives but a goal of ours to be with Him, for as Paul once wrote: "We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord (II Cor. 5:8)." We each call the Upstate home, but we are not South Carolinians - rather we are God's people who are in South Carolina. This is not our home but our mission field in which God has placed us for whatever ends and however long He has planned for us.

It is important that we grasp this truth as we look at this prayer. Our prayer is not just that His Kingdom come one day, but that it be made real now in us "on earth as it is in heaven." We do not just simply ask His will to be done here in our midst but "on earth as it is in heaven." Our longing and desire is not for this world, but to stand in His presence as God's people and children who are forever cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ (Rev. 5:13, 22:1-5; Rom. 8:14-17, 22-25). So what do we do now while we wait? We watch, we pray, we follow faithfully, we give & serve, we build each other up & love those who tear us down, and we proclaim God's Word & Truth to the nations with the confidence that "neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 8:38-39)," and God will use our lives & hearts for His glory and in His Will "on earth as it is in heaven."

We are beginning to practice our Palm Sunday presentation, *It Is Finished*, so now is the perfect time to come and join the choir to sing of the wondrous grace of our Savior! Mark your calendars for **March 29** as you will not want to miss this event! It will be a wonderful opportunity to not only reflect during the Easter season, but also to invite friends and family to come and hear the Gospel in musical form!

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

**MOORE NEWS!**

A passage that often comes to mind is Isaiah 26:3-4, "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD God is an everlasting rock." What a wonderful passage to meditate on and apply to our own lives. Consider the note from one of my Study Bibles below regarding this verse.

"In Him we need not fear. In Him is all our hope. Therefore, we must trust Him in every situation. The trials of life often bring doubts to our minds, but these we must cast off. It is only when our mind and thoughts are propped up upon the Lord, thinking of Him, that we will experience peace regardless of circumstances." Look to the Lord today!  
~Matthew Moore (matthew@washingtonbaptist.org)

**PRAYER FOCUS -** Sub-Saharan African Peoples: The Fang people make up 85 percent of the population of Equatorial Guinea. They are known for their secret societies, mysterious rituals, wooden masks, and idol carvings. After a time of being attracted to Christianity, many Fang have returned to their traditional religion. Pray for a revival of interest in the things of Christ among the Fang. (Source: Missions Mosaic Prayer Patterns, page 82, Winter, 2025-26)

**ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE BEGINS MARCH 5TH**  
Please contact Matthew Moore, Brooke Martin or Kayla Rechenbach if you are interested in playing.  
Registration fee is **\$50.00 per person** and does **not** include cost of the jersey.



**Clothes Closet Update:**  
*We again had a big day Saturday serving 28 families. A great big thank you to all the ladies who brought us little girl items. They were much needed and appreciated. We are still in need of girls sizes 6 to 12. We're good on teen ages.*  
*Thanks again, Evelyn Lynn*