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# The Window

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Rev. Trent Henson— *Pastor*  
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Mr. Matthew Moore— *Minister of Youth*

## WHAT'S UP *at Washington*

### WHERE GOD CAME DOWN

ONE STORY. ONE PLAN. ALL FOR US TO SEE, KNOW, AND BELIEVE.

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.

**A joint recommendation from the Deacons, Budget and Finance, Building & Grounds, and the Safety Team was presented during the February 16th Church Conference.**

We have an immediate need to upgrade to our security system because of age and integration, to include the purchase and installation of 40 new cameras and cabling. This is necessary to address our aging equipment (15+ Years) and facilitate the integration with the new server. We have sourced 3 competitive quotes; \$31K, \$32K, and \$37K. The recommendation is for the \$32K quote. A motion will be made, and Questions will be taken regarding this matter during the March 16th Church Conference. Since this is an unbudgeted expense, funds would come from either savings or Special Projects. We are asking for your prayerful consideration of this very important safety measure. Should you have any questions in advance of the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Tom LaMartina or Gregg Moore.

**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:**

<b>Sunday, February 23rd-</b>	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
<b>Monday, February 24th-</b>	6:00 am Men's Monday Morning Bible Study-Lg. Conf. Rm.
	7:00 am Men's Prayer Time- Room 211
<b>Tuesday, February 25th</b>	9:30 am & 7:00 pm Ladies Prayer Time-Prayer Chapel
	11:30 am Keenagers to Martha Franks
	7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study- Home of B. Aughtry
<b>Wednesday, February 26th-</b>	10:00 am Ladies Bible Study- Home of M. Hughes
	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
	6:00 pm "Where God Came Down" Bible Study-Room 208
	6:15 pm Youth Bible Study
	6:30 pm GriefShare- Room 218
	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
<b>Thursday, February 27th</b>	8:00 pm Where God Came Down Bible Study- Room 208
	9:00 am GriefShare- Room 218
	10:00 am GriefShare-Parenting Grieving Children- Rm. 208
<b>Saturday, March 1st-</b>	6:30-8:00 pm
	8:00-9:30 am Food Pantry Open

(USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)

**February 16, 2025**

Sunday School Attendance:	306
Church Attendance:	AM 389 PM 229
AWANA Attendance:	93
<b>Sunday's offering:</b>	<b>\$26,183.97</b>
<b>Online Giving 2/13-2/19:</b>	<b>\$12,091.00</b>
<b>Total Offerings Received:</b>	<b>\$38,274.97</b>
Budget Offering Received	\$35,146.97
Budget Offering Required	\$26,300.00
<b>Designated*:</b>	<b>\$1,427.00</b>
Kingdom Vision (Including memorials)	\$1,007.00
Gifts to Jesus	\$400.00
Food Pantry	\$20.00
<b>Reimbursements:</b>	<b>\$1,701.00</b>
Wednesday Supper 2/12	\$641.00
Discipleship Training	\$20.00
Ladies Celebration	\$1,040.00

\*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 Ann Withrow by Anna Boyle.

.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Marylise Mills by Dean Hill.

.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Ann Withrow and Marylise Mills by Lem & Barbara Dillard.



## Men's Breakfast

March 18, 2025 | 7:30am | Fellowship Hall

Bring your Bible, bring your appetite, and be ready to be challenged from God's Word!

**Sign Up Today!**




### LADIES CELEBRATION DINNER

FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH  
6:00 PM  
OPEN TICKET SALES  
FEBRUARY 23RD  
(LAST WEEK OF TABLE REGISTRATIONS)  
& 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:**  
On Sunday evenings we are going through Psalm 119. The Psalmist repeatedly says "teach me" throughout the Psalm. In fact, the phrase appears 10 times in Psalm 119:

- Teach me Your statutes (Psalm 119:12)
- Teach me Your statutes (Psalm 119:26)
- Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes (Psalm 119:33)
- Teach me Your statutes (Psalm 119:64)
- Teach me good judgment and knowledge (Psalm 119:66)
- Teach me Your statutes (Psalm 119:68)
- Teach me Your judgments (Psalm 119:108)
- Teach me Your statutes (Psalm 119:124)
- Teach me Your statutes (Psalm 119:135)
- Teach me Your statutes (Psalm 119:171)

As the psalmist goes to God and His Word, his desire is to learn from God. I pray we will read the Bible with a teachable spirit, desiring to be taught by God and to learn His ways.

Your Pastor,  
Trent  
(trent@washingtombaptist.org)

**Washington Kids**

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 year's 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

**Clothes Closet Update**  
We are in desperate need of Little Girl and Little Boys items. Men or women clothes can't 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

**MISSIONS @WBC**

**WMU MINISTRY TEAM**  
Come join us for a night of inspiration with Ruth McWhite! WMU meeting March 4th at 6:30 pm. 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.

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!

RA's and GA's are still collecting tabs for Shriners Hospital! If you wish to collect and donate tabs, please bring them to the Children's Department or put them in the WMU receptacles located throughout the church! We can make a difference in a child's life!

**Servants of Christ, The WMU Ministry Team**

**OPERATION Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse**

**WELCOME TO THE OCC Corner!**  
Helping you find ways you can minister with OCC all year long!

Did you know that each child receives only one shoebox in his/her lifetime? With that in mind, how will you put your heart into every shoebox you pack? We want to renew our hearts to give high quality items to go along with the Gospel that will be presented to them!

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

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 -

**Washington Serves**

**BORN TO RUN 5K**

JOIN US AS WE SUPPORT THE **Piedmont WOMEN'S CENTER**  
OUR MINISTRY PARTNER HERE IN THE UPSTATE!

05.17.2025 | INTERESTED IN HELPING? SCAN THE QR CODE!

BOB JONES UNIVERSITY

**Sunday, February 23rd:**  
**Extended Session Workers:**  
8:30 am- Breanna James, Brooke Edwards and Megan Hines  
10:45 am- Mallory Kubasko, Norma Lyda, Genia Harvey, Rosalind Harvey and Abby Ayers  
6:00 pm- Traci 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- Blake Butts  
10:30-12:00- Rob Dear  
5:30-7:00- Chet McAbee  
**Fellowship Hall**  
8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare  
10:30-12:00-Will Ayers (Lock all doors at 11)  
**Preschool Area**  
8:15-10:30-Rusty Edwards  
10:30-12:00-Roger Black  
**Children Area (Lock All Doors @ 11:00)**  
8:15-10:30-John Forrester  
10:30-12:00-Ray Steadman  
**Youth Doors**  
8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare  
10:30-12:00- Will Ayers  
**Preschool Area**  
5:45-7:00 - Roger Black  
**Children Area & Lock All Doors At 6:05**  
5:45-7:00- Rusty Edwards  
**AWANA**  
5:00-7:00- Mike O'Bryant/Chris O'Bryant/Jim Cason  
**Golf Cart**  
8:15-12:00-Scott Chisam/Kyle Chisam  
5:30-7:00- Scott Chisam  
**Wednesday - February 26th:**  
**Vestibule:** 6:45-8:00- Daniel Ross  
**Preschool Area:** 6:45-8:00- Joe Aughtry  
**Children:** 6:45-8:00-Mike O'Bryant  
**Youth Doors:** 6:45-8:00-Jim Cason  
**Golf Cart:** 6:30-8:00-Claudia Burkhalter

**WBC YOUTH**

**Youth Retreat**

Retreat will be held at Look Up Lodge (Travelers Rest, SC). We will plan to leave the church on Friday at 5:30 pm and returning to the church Saturday at 8:30 pm. The cost will be \$40 per student and this will include their lodging and meals for the weekend.

**March 7th - 8th**

**WBC YOUTH** \*\*Sign up Sheet is in the Youth Room\*\*

**PRAYER FOCUS - European Peoples:** Michael, Shelly, and Sue are Muslims from Central Asia who served as translators for believers during an evangelism project among Russian-speaking students in Eastern Europe. After several days of gospel conversations, the three expressed interest in learning more. As believers follow up with these three and the students, pray God would draw them and many students to repentance and salvation.  
(Source: Missions Mosaic Prayer Patterns, page 39, January, 2025)

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 sign-up 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...Step1, 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 Merciful (Matthew 5:7)**  
Mercy is not by any stretch of the imagination a normal reaction of the human spirit. More than often, the response we have to those we view with enmity or those we view as lower than us is one in which we fantasize that they deserve what they're getting. This is no different in Jesus's time, as "In the Greco-Roman world, mercy was not always considered a virtue, as strength and power were often more highly valued." And even though mercy is advocated throughout the Bible, we know that it was not practiced actively by even many of the Jewish religious elite - think of the priest passing the man by in the story of the good Samaritan. So when Jesus shares this blessing for the merciful, He is again pointing to the blessing to be found by sharing with others what He would share with us on the cross. The Greek word for mercy "is used in the New Testament to express the act of showing mercy or compassion towards someone [and] often implies a deep sense of empathy and a desire to alleviate the suffering or need of another." We see this used throughout the New Testament by Jesus and the apostles, but this tense of the word is only used twice. The first is here in Matthew 5 and the other is in Hebrews 2:17, where Christ is called our merciful High Priest. So what is the difference with this tense of mercy? Isn't all mercy just mercy? Why did they decide to use a different tense here? The answer is actually quite simple in that the mercy referenced in these two passages speaks of "[mercy] acting consistently with the revelation of God's covenant." This is a mercy that we can see all the way back to the story of Adam and Eve tracing through Israel's history until the arrival of Jesus on the earth - a mercy that relates to God's promise to save us. So let's look at the verse in Matthew again with that in mind - "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy," or the Braxton translation: "Blessed are [those who believe and show the mercy that God planned and gave us all as sinners], for they shall receive [that] mercy." The theme of the Beatitudes continues to show itself to us week by week - God's people are defined and blessed by their realization of their sin, their repentance before God, put their faith entirely in Him, center their lives around Him, and now show others that same Gospel mercy they have been shown. Christ stands right now on our behalf pleading our innocence to God by His own blood, so are we going to plead with others that exact mercy so that they too will receive it?

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

**Moore News....**  
Please pray for the youth this Saturday as we will be traveling to Hendersonville, NC for a Snow Tubing Trip. We will leave around 8:45 am and plan to return around 1:30 pm.  
**Upcoming event:** We are going to Look Up Lodge for a weekend retreat on March 7-8. The youth group from Burnsville Baptist Church will be joining us for a weekend of Bible study and fellowship. The sign-up sheet is in the youth room. Please let me know if you have any questions about this trip.  
~Matthew (Matthew@washingtombaptist.org)

**The Menu for February 26th:**  
Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Chips, Dessert and 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!**

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