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Rev. Dave Dupree— *Minister of Worship & Sr. Adults*
Mr. Matthew Moore— *Minister of Youth*

THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON:

Sunday, March 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
	No AWANA
6:00 pm	Evening Worship Service-Church Conference
Monday, March 17th- St. Patrick's Day	
6:00 am	Men's Monday Morning Bible Study-Lg. Conf. Rm.
7:00 am	Men's Prayer Time- Room 211
Tuesday, March 18th-	
9:30 am & 7:00 pm	Ladies Prayer Time-Prayer Chapel
7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study- Home of B. Aughtry
Wednesday, March 19th-	
10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study- Home of M. Hughes
5:30 pm	Wednesday Night Supper
6:15 pm	Youth Bible Study
	GriefShare- Room 218
6:30 pm	The Sunshine 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
8:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 20th-First Day of Spring	
10:00 am	GriefShare- Room 218
Saturday, March 22nd-	
8:00-9:30 am	Food Pantry Open <small>(USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)</small>

March 9, 2025

Sunday School Attendance:	343
Church Attendance:	AM 396 PM 243
AWANA Attendance:	117
Sunday's offering:	\$25,732.56
Online Giving 3/5-3/11:	\$9,324.00
Total Offerings Received:	\$35,056.56
Budget Offering Received	\$22,125.56
Budget Offering Required	\$26,300.00
Designated*:	\$11,574.00
Kingdom Vision (Including memorials)	\$8,645.00
Gifts to Jesus	\$225.00
Annie Armstrong Offering	\$2,704.00
Reimbursements:	\$1,357.00
Wednesday Supper 3/5	\$ 527.00
Youth (Retreat)	\$380.00
Ladies Celebration	\$450.00

*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 Frances Durham, Brad Millers mom and Frank Noah by Richard & Nan Spearman.



WHAT'S UP at Washington

Men's Breakfast

March 15, 2025 | 7:30am | Fellowship Hall

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

Sign Up Today!

Girls in Action Tea Party

March 29th | 10am
in the Fellowship Hall

LADIES CELEBRATION DINNER

FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH
6:00 PM

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

One Day Spiritual Growth Workshop

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 | 10AM-12 PM

Bible Study Methods	10:00 AM	GROUP SESSION
TRENT HENSON	10:20 AM	WORKSHOP #1
Leaving a Legacy	10:55 AM	WORKSHOP #2
DAVE DUPREE	11:30 AM	WORKSHOP #3

Godly Leadership for Men
BRAXTON KUBASKO

The Prayer Closet
MATTHEW MOORE

SIGN UP TODAY!

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

GOAL: \$12,000 | RECEIVED: \$4,284

FIFTH SUNDAY CONCERT

March 30, 2025 | 6PM | Sanctuary

Featuring Stepl from Columbia, SC

We thank you!

For Past, Current and Future Food Pantry Volunteers and their families (including "behind the scene" weekly workers):

Your WBC Food Pantry is hosting a catered appreciation brunch on Saturday, March 22nd at 10:00 AM, in the Food Pantry Chapel.

Please register on the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hall near the History Room so we can plan accordingly. If you are considering volunteering for the first time, you are invited as well.

For more details see David O'Shields, Josh Harvey or Becca Bishop.

Paul Shanks is in Kenya until March 23rd on a medical mission trip.



Trent's Two Cents:

This month we are emphasizing the importance of evangelism and missions. Jesus instructed His disciples to go and make disciples in all nations, to baptize them, and to teach them to obey his commands (Matthew 28:18-20). We must be faithful in fulfilling the mission Jesus gave us. We started the month with a week of prayer for those serving as missionaries in North America. Throughout the month of March we will collect the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. Every penny of this offering goes to supporting missionaries serving across our continent. Last Sunday morning I preached about the importance of supporting and sending missionaries forward in the field. We at Washington have a proud heritage of being a supporting and sending church with our money, our materials, and our members. Pray we will continue faithfully in this work (Luke 10:2). Tonight, during our Wednesday night service, we as a staff will seek to motivate you to look for opportunities to share the gospel with those around you and equip you to share it with confidence. This Sunday morning, we will focus on the grace of the gospel and why it needs to be shared. We, as a staff, will also be leading a Spiritual Growth Workshop on Saturday, April 5th. I hope this workshop will encourage you and help you take your next step in your growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray that God would use each of these endeavors for His glory and your spiritual growth.

Your Pastor, Trent (trent@washingtonbaptist.org)



WASHINGTON BAPTIST CHILDREN'S UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS. VBS JUNE 22ND-26TH, 6:30-9PM. PRESCHOOL VBS JULY 21ST-24TH 9AM-NOON. SAM CAMP JULY 21ST-24TH 9AM-NOON. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING SOON!!

Sponsored by Wonder Kids Spring Fling Family Day April 12th 3-5pm. Bring the family, enjoy games and a hamburger!

CANDY & EGG DONATIONS NEEDED! HELP US MAKE EASTER SPECIAL FOR THE KIDS! We are collecting individually wrapped candy & plastic eggs for our upcoming Spring Fling Family Event! Your donations are greatly appreciated! Thank You for Your Generosity! Please no large candy, suckers, or peanut-based candy.

WHEN MISSIONS SHAPES THE MISSION HOW OUR CHURCH CAN REACH THE WORLD. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 6PM | ROOM 208. THURSDAY, APRIL 10 9AM | ROOM 208. TAUGHT BY BRAXTON KUBASKO



WMU MINISTRY TEAM

This month we will collect items for our health kits (migrant bags). Needed items are: wash cloths, towels, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, comb/brush, and hand sanitizer/wet wipes. Donated items may be put in the WMU receptacles located throughout the church! Thanks so much for your help!

We had an amazing evening with our guest speaker, Ruth McWhite! It was definitely a time of inspiration, fellowship, and food at our March WMU Meeting! Those who came were truly blessed! As we look ahead into April, we are going to have a hands-on mission meeting! We will have pizza and salad for our meal and then we will put together health kits to use in various ways to help those in need. Please sign up so we will know how many pizzas to buy. You don't need to bring anything to eat but, if you would like to make a donation, please see Nan Spearman or Tami Black. The sign up sheet is on the WMU bulletin board!

Servants of Christ, The WMU Ministry Team

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!

OPERATION Christmas Child WELCOME TO THE OCC Corner! Helping you find ways you can minister with OCC all year long! Each child receives only one shoebox in their lifetime - will you put your heart into every shoebox? MARCH TIP: Check out the OCC Amazon Page using this QR code! 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 -

Summer is right around the corner and many people are making plans for June, July, and August! Our students at Washington Baptist have the opportunity to attend Camp LaVida this summer! Christian Camps serve to help students to grow in the Christian faith and values. See schedule on WMU bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Nan Spearman. KIDS SUMMER CAMP

Clothes Closet Update No donations are needed at this time. We are changing seasons. Thank you!! Evelyn Lynn

Welcome TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER: Emery Jeffries by Baptism

Sunday, March 16th:

Extended Session Workers: 8:30 am- Lisa Chisam, Maddi & Macie Hanley 10:45 am- Becca Bishop, Nell Eastland, Brooke Martin, Meredith Moore and Sonja Bradshaw 6:00 pm- Cheryl Moore and Melanie Smith

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

Ushers for March: Andrew Brown, Chris O'Bryant, Mike O'Bryant and Hugh Sistare (meet in vestibule by 8:20)

Safety Team:

Vestibule 8:15-10:30- Blake Butts 10:30-12:00- Steve Wilder 5:30-7:00- Steve Wilder Fellowship Hall 8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare 10:30-12:00-Will Ayers (Lock all doors at 11) Children Area (Lock All Doors @ 11:00) 8:15-10:30-John Forrester 10:30-12:00-Roger Black Youth Doors 8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare 10:30-12:00- Will Ayers Children Area & Lock All Doors At 6:05 5:45-7:00- Roger Black AWANA-NO AWANA Golf Cart 8:15-12:00-Patrick Cloninger/Mike Sloan 5:30-7:00- Benjamin Van Patton

Wednesday - March 10th:

Vestibule: 6:45-8:00- Mike O'Bryant Children-6:45-8:00-Rusty Edwards Youth Doors-6:45-8:00-Jim Cason Golf Cart-6:30-8:00-Gantt Martin Children's Check-In- 6:00 pm- Amiee Perry

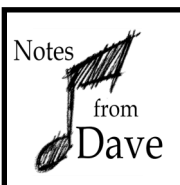
Menu for March 12th: Chicken Parmesan with Pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Tea The cost is \$7.00 for adults;\$5.00 for children \$24.00 max. per family (children under 2 eat free) Wednesday Suppers 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall Sign-up Today!

Attention Homebound Volunteers!

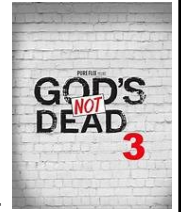
March's literature is available for pickup and delivery to our homebound folks. We also now have puzzles available for checkout to our homebound folks who might enjoy the extra activity. Serving Together in Christ, Debbie Shanks

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.



The Next Sr Adult Movie Morning features "God's Not Dead 3...A Light In Darkness." Even if you have missed either or both of the previous God's Not Dead movies, each movie stands alone in its own story line. Come join us Tuesday, March 25 at 10:00 in the Youth Room. Free popcorn, candy and drinks provided!



Stepl, gospel quartet from Columbia will present a 5th Sunday Concert here at Washington Sunday evening, March 30 at 6:00. Keenagers enjoyed the music of David Spears who is part of that quartet at our last luncheon. These are great friends of mine and I know you will enjoy having them at our church!

April Keenagers will feature Author / Inspirational Speaker Michelle Cox. Michelle is widely published including devotional books connected to the hit Hallmark Series "When Calls the Heart." Join us Tuesday, April 8 in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 for great food, fellowship, and inspiration! Sign up soon!

"No More Night...A Celebration of the Resurrection" will be presented by the Adult Choir Sunday, April 13 at 6:00 PM. Save the date and invite someone to join you! I love serving with all of you! Dave Dupree

~Kubasko Korner~

The Beatitudes - The Persecuted (Matthew 5:10) Persecution is a reality that we are largely unfamiliar with in the United States, for while we are pressed by the culture to conform to the world's ways, we do not suffer like our brothers and sisters do across the globe. The situation in Syria for Christians hits home particularly hard in this light. Yet, Jesus here calls persecution a blessing, and like many other of the Beatitudes we have studied, we can see that Jesus is showing us that He is not only the one who can invert an earthly bad into a heavenly good but that heaven and earth are polar opposites. To persecute, in the Biblical context, gives the image of one who is hunting a catch, and the word here for "righteousness" speaks to the state of a believer - one who is declared righteous before God by Christ in grace through faith. So it is to these that Jesus speaks when He says that those who follow Him will undoubtedly be persecuted. As He says in the Gospel of John, the world will hate us because it hated Him first. Those with earthly minds would hear these things and be discouraged like the rich young ruler who turned away from Jesus when he heard that he could not possess both heaven and earth. We, however, now totally set apart from earth, live in the present and future reality of the kingdom of God. And although we currently live on this earth, we are already possessors of eternal life and the power of our Almighty Father & His Kingdom. As Matthew Henry says it so well, we "have at present a sure title to it, and sweet foretastes of it; and shall ere long be in possession of it...Heaven, at last, will be an abundant recompense for all the difficulties we meet with in our way." So when we encounter barriers, persecution, and difficulties, will we praise God for them as blessings from Him in our heavenly journey? Or do we have an earthly mindset?

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

WBC YOUTH logo with mountain background.

Moore News... Tomorrow will start the reading of the book of Judges. Here is a summary of the book. In a lecture taught by Jason DeRouchie, he states that the book of Judges can be split into three sections. The first section is an introduction that identifies Israel as becoming like the Canaanites and provides a picture of God's disciplining and delivering response (Judg 1-2) (DeRouchie). Israel fails to kick out the Canaanites in Chapter 1, while Chapter 2 focuses on the cycles of downward apostasy (DeRouchie). A generation died, and another generation arose who did not know the LORD and the people of Israel committed idolatry (Judg 2:10-11). In response to Israel's idolatry, God judged Israel by using their surrounding enemies to oppress them (Judg 2:14-15). The people cried out to God for help during this time of oppression (Judg 2:16-18). God raised up a judge to guide Israel back to God during these times of oppression, but every time a judge would die the people would turn back to idolatry (Judg 2:19).

This leads to the second section of Judges, which provides an overview of the six main judges and a picture of God's response to Israel's downward degeneracy (Judg 3-16) (DeRouchie). Each judge that is overviewed gets worse, making it clear these judges were not perfect. God used Gideon to defeat Midian with only 300 men, but even Gideon eventually led Israel into idolatry proving that he was not a good example and that a greater judge was needed (Judg 8:24-27). The third section reveals the effects of Israel's becoming like the Canaanites without a king (Judg 17-21). There was a desperate need for a king in Israel. Israel was doing what was evil in the sight of the Lord and the judges that God raised up were imperfect and were temporary. Judges 17:6 and Judges 21:25 read, "In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." The outworking effect of Israel's relationship with God is put on display as their disobedience led to hardship and oppression (DeRouchie). The Book of Judges reveals the need for the messianic king. Judges reveals the evil that took place in the midst of Israel for they did not have a king to rule over them (Judg 17:6; 18:1; 21:25). God raised up judges, but they were imperfect judges who at times led Israel into idolatry. The flawed judges reveal the necessity for a king who would come and rule over His people with righteousness, justice, and faithfulness (DeRouchie). Judges points us to the perfect king, Jesus Christ.

~Matthew (Matthew@washingtonbaptist.org)