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

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

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Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
Our giving of the Annie Armstrong offering for North American Missions will support 2,400 missionaries and their families, enable hundreds of churches to be planted, and thousands of disciples to be made. Please give to help us meet our goal of **\$10,000!**
We have received \$3,670.62
May God bless you as you give to further His Kingdom!
Servants of Christ, The WMU Team

ANNUAL EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

Practical evangelism training for pastors, staff, and lay people.

March 31st & April 1st

Clearview Baptist Church

featuring Dr. Matt Queen

sponsored by Three Rivers Baptist Association

Want to improve your witness and sharing of the gospel? Then think about attending the TRBA Annual Evangelism Conference.

| THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON: | | |
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| Sunday, March 19th– | 8:30 am | First Morning Worship Service |
| | 9:45 am | Sunday School |
| | 10:45 am | Second Morning Worship Service |
| | 5:00 pm | Adult Choir Rehearsal |
| | 5:30 pm | Men’s Fraternity– Room 300 |
| Monday, March 20th– | 6:00 pm | Evening Worship Service-Church Conference |
| | 6:00 am | Men’s Morning Bible Study– Lg. Conference Rm. |
| | | Men’s Prayer Time-Room 211 |
| Tuesday, March 21st– | 4:30 pm | First Place- Room 211 |
| Wednesday, March 22nd– | 5:30 pm | Wednesday Night Supper-Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:15 pm | GriefShare– Room 218 |
| | 6:30 pm | The Sonshine Gang-Room 324 |
| | | His Kids & Little Lambs Choirs-Room 330 |
| | | Youth Choir-Beside Youth Room |
| Thursday, March 23rd– | 6:45-8:00 pm | Handbell Rehearsal-Handbell Room |
| | 7:00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| | | Youth Showtime |
| | | RA’s/GA’s & Mission Friends |
| | | Young Adult Ministry-New Parlor |
| Saturday, March 25th– | 8:00 pm | Adult Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:00 am | Griefshare- Room 218 |
| Sunday, March 26th– | 8:00-9:30 am | Food Pantry Open-By appointment only (USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.) |

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| March 12, 2023 | | |
| Sunday School Attendance | | 251 |
| Church Attendance | AM 321 | PM 227 |
| Sunday’s Offering: | | \$15,883.00 |
| Online Giving 3/8-3/15: | | \$6,644.00 |
| Total Offerings Received: | | \$22,527.00 |
| Budget Offering Received | | \$16,656.00 |
| Budget Offering Required | | \$29,300.00 |
| Designated* | | \$4,448.00 |
| Kingdom Vision (Including memorials) | | \$1,152.00 |
| Annie Armstrong Offering | | \$3,200.00 |
| Food Pantry | | \$96.00 |
| Reimbursements | | \$1,423.00 |
| Wed. Supper (3/8) | | \$458.00 |
| Cookbook | | \$20.00 |
| Ladies Celebration | | \$945.00 |
| <small>*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.</small> | | |



WEDNESDAY SUPPER

To make reservations, please sign up by filling out insert in Sunday’s bulletin or call the church office by **Monday, March 20th no later than noon.**
We will start serving at 5:30 pm.

The Menu for March 22nd:
Chicken Salad and Ham & Cheese sandwiches on Croissants, Vegetable Beef Soup, Potato Soup and Chili Beans, Dessert and Tea

The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children (children under 2 eat free).

If you would like to help with the suppers, contact Tammy Smith.

Clothes Closet Update:
For the month of March we helped 21 people with approximately 200 items. It is time for us to switch out the winter clothes. We are in need of all sizes of spring and summer clothes. **Please do not leave any winter items.**
Thank you for your support. —Evelyn Lynn

Clothes Closet

New to Washington?
Would you like to know more about us?

Every month the pastors host an event we call **Washington 101** for the benefit of our new members and our visitors who wish to learn more about our church. The next **Washington 101** will be **March 30th** at 7pm in the sanctuary. Please call the church office by Monday, March 27th if interested. We look forward to meeting with you!

ALL Ladies!

You can still reserve your table for the Ladies Celebration! Sign ups for table reservation will be in the hallways behind the Sanctuary - the cost to reserve a table is \$15.00 and we will need to know who is serving your table. Reservations will be open through the month of March. We have some black table cloths available or you can let Barbara Henderson know if you need a white one. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara at 895-2260.

Mark your calendars for our **Children's Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, April 1, from 2-4pm at the picnic shelter! All children up to 6th grade are invited to attend. This is a family event so please plan to attend with your children.

Donations of candy only are needed– We have plenty of plastic eggs! (please no suckers or oversized candy). Bins will be located near the Prayer Room, by the Children's Check-in Desk, and near the Youth Room downstairs.

Volunteers are needed as follows:

- To stuff eggs weeks of 3/20 and 3/27
- To help hide eggs day of hunt
- To help with set up before and clean up afterwards
- To help serve refreshments day of the hunt

Volunteer signup sheets will be on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Sunday School office.



Trent’s Two Cents:

Easter Sunday is quickly approaching. The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of the Christian faith. If Christ is not risen, our preaching is in vain, our faith is futile, and we are still hopeless in our sin (1 Corinthians 15:14-19). In the weeks leading up to Easter I hope each of us will take time to meditate on the importance of the cross and the empty tomb. On Sunday evenings I am currently preaching a short series of sermons about the events preceding the crucifixion. On Palm Sunday evening, April 2nd, our choir will present “Calvary Covers It All” to help us celebrate our redemption. On Easter Sunday we will have a Sunrise Service at 7:00am, a churchwide breakfast at 7:30am, and then our usual morning worship schedule. This is an exciting time at Washington! I hope these events will help you worship and celebrate our Risen Lord.

Your pastor,
Trent

trent@washingtonbaptist.org



SPECIAL BIBLE STUDY TO BE OFFERED

“Heaven, Our Eternal Home”

An 8 week Bible Study led by Kevin Dunn will start on April 16th at 4:30 pm. A sign-up sheet will be located on the bulletin board beside the History room. Location to be announced later.

Thanks to all of you who came out to Sunday School last Sunday, even though it was a cold, rainy day. You are a blessing! I look forward to seeing all of you this Sunday! We should thank God for the gift of life and for the blessings that come by being His child. May we all have an attitude of gratitude and may the light of Jesus shine through us always.

“Know that the Lord, He is God: it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.” Psalm 100:3-5

Looking for you all this Sunday for Sunday School!

Love and prayers,
Barbara

PRAYER FOCUS: The North American Mission Board is the missions -sending agency of the Southern Baptist Convention for North America, which includes the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. Please pray for our NAMB missionaries as they reach the lost through multiple ministries, such as providing food, clothing and shelter for the homeless; disaster relief; planting churches; and many other ways of meeting needs in North America. As you give to the Annie Armstrong Offering and pray for the missionaries and their work, you become a part of the mission efforts. (from March, 2023 Missions Mosaic)

This is a great resource to give your tithes and offerings besides checks and cash. There are three different ways to give. Visit the church website, there you will find a link to give online. You can also use the Church Life App on your phone or Text ‘WBCGreer’ to 73256. If you have any questions, just call the church office.

Text Prayer Chain

If you would like to join the Text Prayer Chain, please contact Melinda Fowler by text or call 864-593-5129



Senior Adult Sunday

We had a great time on Senior Adult Sunday morning! The choir was filled with our Senior Adults and we got photos at both services with our members who will be turning 90 or above this year (below)! The testimonies, songs, and scripture were all blessings!

Pictured with Trent from left to right: Betty Wood, Ruth Kelley, Don Kelley, Lou Ellen Barnett and Don Black.

Pictured with Trent from left to right: Bruce Durham, Christine Seay and Milton Gordon

The Food Pantry needs help with picking up of bread on Thursdays between 9 am and 12 pm. If available, please contact David O’Shields at 864-320-7063.

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also.”
John 14:3

Being born again,
not of corruptible seed,
but of incorruptible,
by the word of God,
which liveth
and abideth
for ever.

1 Peter 1:23, KJV

Gifts to the Church

.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Andy Wade by Jim & Shirley Brown, Daniel & Denise Ross and Ronnie & Gale Knight.

Sunday, March 19th:
Extended Session Workers:
8:30 am– Lisa Chisam and Maddi & Macie Hanley
10:45 am– Brad & Elizabeth Miller, Nell Eastland, Tammy McAbee, Haley Perry and Alicia Sterritt.
6:00 pm- Stuart and Amanda Boone
Computer Check In:
8:30 am- Roxanne Bruce
Sunday School- Amy Baker
10:45 am- Katelyn Strange
Ushers for March:
Joey Merrell, Chris O’Bryant, Mike O’Bryant and Hugh Sistare (Please meet in Vestibule by 8:20)
Safety Team:
VESTIBULE
8:15-10:30-Mitchell Whiteside
10:30-12:00-Steve Wilder
5:30-7:30-Ralph Styles
FELLOWSHIP HALL
8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
10:30-12:00-Will Ayers
(LOCK ALL DOORS AT 11:00)
CHILDREN/PRESCHOOL AREA
8:15-10:30-John Forrester
10:30-12:00-Rob Dear
YOUTH DOORS
8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
10:30-12:00-Will Ayers
CHILDREN/PRESCHOOL AREA
LOCK ALL DOORS AT 6:05
5:45-7:00-Jim Cason
AWANA
5:00-7:00-N/A
VIDEO SURVEILLANCE-LOCATED FOOD PANTRY AREA
8:15-10:30-Gregg Moore
10:30-12:00-Jeff Green
5:45-7:00-Jeff Green
GOLF CART
8:15-12:00-Josh Sterritt/Drew Skinner
5:30-7:00-Josh Sterritt
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22nd
VESTIBULE-6:45-8:00-Joe Aughtry
VIDEO SURVEILLANCE
LOCATED IN THE FOOD PANTRY AREA
6:45-8:00-Gregg Moore
CHILDREN-PRESCHOOL AREA
6:45-8:00-Mike O’Bryant (LOCK ALL DOORS AT 7:05)
YOUTH DOORS/FELLOWSHIP HALL
6:45-8:00- Jim Cason (LOCK ALL DOORS AT 7:05)
GOLF CART-6:45--8:00-Steve Wilder

Notes from Dave...

Thanks to all our Sr. Adults who sang in the choir on Sunday! Wow, what a powerful sound! I encourage many of you to consider and pray about serving in choir on a regular basis. Come join the fun, the fellowship, and the joy of leading our congregation in worship each week!

Easter Sunday is April 9, just 4 weeks away. As part of Palm Sunday the week before, the Adult Choir will present “Calvary Covers It All... A Night of Praise Celebrating Our Redemption.” You won’t want to miss this powerful and emotional time of focusing on the impact of the suffering and sacrifice of our Lord that paid the price for our salvation. Plan now to attend this special evening of worship Sunday, April 2, 6:00 PM.
(Email Dave at dave@washingtonbaptist.org)

~Kubasko Korner~

Faithlessly Disloyal - John 12:4-6; 13:2, 21-30; Matthew 26:14-16; Judges 16:4-18

Being betrayed is a feeling unlike any other. It causes us to question and ask: “Why would this person do this to me? What caused it? Did I do something wrong?” Oftentimes, we do not know what is in a person’s heart that would cause them to do this; but as we draw closer to Easter, we see how a lack of faith and loyalty stirred in the heart of Judas Iscariot.

Judas’ problems can be clearly seen in Scripture. First, he desired power and prestige as a powerful ruler in the earthly kingdom he thought Jesus would create. But when Jesus made it clear that His Kingdom is not of this world, Judas’ heart turned away from Jesus. Second, Judas’ heart desired wealth. Money is not a sin, but it caused Judas to fall prey to sins like lust and theft as John makes clear in His gospel that Judas took money out of ministry funds for himself. What Judas truly wanted wasn’t Jesus, and when Jesus did not make possible what Judas wanted, he had no problem in giving over Christ to the Jewish leaders for some money. This mirrors the story of Samson in the Old Testament. Samson wandered away from God and gave his whole heart over to his lust. Because of this sin, God’s Spirit left him like it left Judas, and Satan took hold of their hearts. A lack of faith makes them and us disloyal.

For us, the message here is simple - we can all be like Judas in our own life if we do not live by faith. Our loyalty to God is determined by where our full heart is. Sin pulls us away from God and makes us give our whole hearts to it. Keeping close to God in all His fullness and in step with His Word will make sure that we are seeing God and His truth for what it is and not what we wish it to be as well as guarding us from the sins that we so naturally follow in our own hearts. Instead, we must “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you (James 4:8).” Keep your heart full of faith and trust in the Lord and Allow God daily to mold and shape your whole heart so as to “make your paths straight (Prov. 3:5-6).”

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

Moore News....

I enjoyed Senior Adult Sunday. It was great to be reminded of God’s faithfulness to His people and His church through the testimonies of Earl and Elaine. We truly are blessed here at Washington. On Wednesday, we studied Psalm 51. I have prayed Psalm 51 many times during my Christian walk. I believe Christians should model David’s response to his sin by following 4 simple steps drawn from this Psalm. 1) Turn to God for His mercy – vs 1, “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.” 2) Pray for God to cleanse you from your sin – vs 2, “Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.” 3) Understand the seriousness of sin and confess it – vs 4, “Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.” 4) Pray for a renewed spirit – vs 10, “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” These are 4 steps I believe are necessary for Christians to follow.

Upcoming Youth Event – On Wednesday 3/29 from 7pm-8pm, we will have Bible Study and grill hamburgers at the picnic shelter. —Matthew (Matthew@washingtonbaptist.org)

WMU NEWS:

God has blessed us to bless others! This month we are making contributions to Southeastern Childrens Home in Duncan. They serve needy children and families in our immediate area. We are collecting deodorant, body wash, and paper towels. (male and female scents) throughout this month. If you feel led to help, please put donations in the WMU receptacles located throughout the church! Thank you and may God bless you! The WMU Ministry Team

WMU SPRING MEETING

Thursday, April 13th @7:00 p.m. at Greer First Baptist Church
201 W. Poinsett Street -Greer, SC 29650

Speaker: Missionary Peter Copeland, mpact Ministries in Myrtle Beach, SC
State Representative: Hannah Smith, WMU Associate in Columbia, SC
RSVP to Kelley Smith no later than Monday, April 10
Call/Text 864-621-9166 or send email to reeseskr@yahoo.com