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The Window

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

CHILDREN'S MISSION GROUP
CORONATION

**MAY 19TH
6PM**

The service will begin at 6pm, please meet in the sanctuary that day at 4:30pm.

We hope to see you there!

Greetings Washington Baptist Brothers & Sisters in Christ!
Unfortunately, I will not be able to present the April Finance Report at our May 19th Conference. I do, however, wish to share a quick summary from the Budget & Finance Committee regarding April's performance. Please use this summary as a guide when reviewing the April Financials which will be available at the Sunday services.

- Checking Account Balance as of April 30, 2024, was \$65K.
- Contributions to the General Fund were below the budgeted giving by \$5,700. YTD, we are still ahead of the budgeted giving by \$21,467.
- Kingdom Vision contributions in April were \$1,400 below the target. The good news is that YTD – we have exceeded the '23-'24 goal by \$74,000. For a total of \$138K.
- Total Expenses for April were \$12K under budget. We are net positive at \$200,627 below the current YTD budget.
- \$38,945 or 34% of the March giving, was made electronically.
- In addition to our scheduled building loan Principal Payment of \$12,089, we made an additional payment of \$20K, reducing the outstanding balance to \$1,100,946.

- Through the first 8 months of this church financial year, we are favorable to budget by nearly \$300K. (Yes, that is very good!!!)
- When reviewing the balance sheet, you will see a new account; 1117 ED Jones. We created this account with a generous gift from the Pennington Family Estate. It will be earning 5.3% interest, and we have access at any time. This brings our investment account total to \$924,517!
- With 66% of the budget year complete, we have 18 cost centers in "Red" as of month end. Our constitution states that the Budget and Finance Committee is responsible for reporting this to the congregation. This is due to timing issues of one-time budgeted expenses payouts.
- In May we will see a reduction in Employee Benefits of \$900+/month because of a new health insurance plan.
- Budget request forms have been published (please pick yours up asap!). The intent is to ensure that all forms are returned by June 15 so that we can get the proposed budget to all members (July 17th.) a week before the July 24th Budget Q&A.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me @ 864-704-2150.
As always, I am grateful for your support as well as our committee; Deacon Hanley, Ms. Wanda Moore, Jeff Snow, Brent Powers, Brad Miller, and Dana Salsman.

Faithfully submitted,
Tom LaMartina, Treasurer

WASHINGTON BAPTIST

**MAY 22, 2024
6:30-8:00PM**

**SCHOOLS OUT
SUMMER
BEACH
BASH**

ULTIMATE GAME NIGHT,
SNACKS AND DEVOTION

**1ST-6TH
GRADERS**

**MEET US DOWN AT THE
PICNIC SHELTER FOR A
NIGHT OF FUN!!**

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THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON:

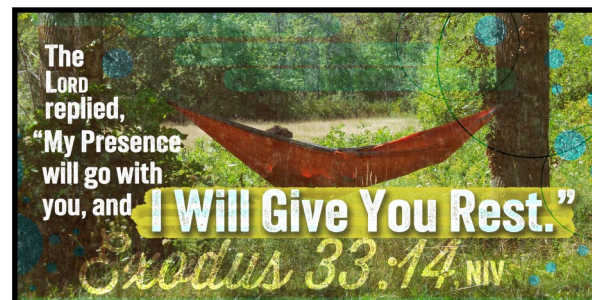
Sunday, May 19th-	8:30 am Early Worship Service
	9:45 am Sunday School
	10:45 am Second Morning Worship Service-Graduation Recognition
	4:00-6:00 pm Constitution Committee- Room 304
	6:00 pm Evening Worship Service-Children's Mission Coronation and Church Conference
Monday, May 20th-	6:00 am Men's Monday Morning Bible Study-Lg. Conf. Rm
	7:00 am Men's Prayer Time-Room 211
Tuesday, May 21st-	9:30 am Ladies Prayer Time- Prayer Chapel
	7:00 pm Ladies Prayer Time- Prayer Chapel
Wednesday, May 22nd-	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper-Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm The Sunshine Gang
	6:30-8:00 pm His Kids (4k&5k) Choir- Room 330
	6:45-8:00 pm Schools Out Bash-Picnic Shelter
	7:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal-Handbell Room
	Prayer Meeting
	Youth Bible Study
	RA's, GA's & Mission Friends
	Young Adult Ministry-New Parlor
	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 23rd-	8:00 pm Washington 101- Sanctuary
Saturday, May 25th-	8:00-9:30 am Food Pantry Open

(USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)

May 12, 2024

Sunday School Attendance:	304
Church Attendance:	AM460 PM N/S
Sunday's Offering:	\$22,250.00
Online Giving 5/9-5/15:	\$9,328.00
Total Offerings Received:	\$31,933.00
Budget Offering Received	\$27,326.00
Budget Offering Required	\$26,300.00
Designated*:	\$2,025.00
Kingdom Vision (Including memorials)	\$1,770.00
Food Pantry	\$195.00
Gifts to Jesus	\$60.00
Reimbursements:	\$2,582.00
Wednesday Supper- 5/8	\$732.00
Missions- Refund Canada Miss. Trip	\$1,450.00
Bldg. & Grounds- use of facilities	\$250.00
Reimbursement for Deputy	\$150.00

*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.



New to Washington? Want to know more about us?
Washington 101 is a special time for new members or guests to ask questions and learn more about our church. The next Washington 101 will be **May 23rd** at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Please call the church office or sign up online by Monday, May 20th if you are interested. We look forward to meeting with you!

Youth Girls Weekend - June 14th 6:00pm - June 15th 4:00pm. To be held at the O'Bryant's Home. We will be helping out at the food pantry, engaging in bible study and praise and worship time as well as activities and games. Please sign up in the youth room. This is for all rising 7th graders as well as current youth girls.

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed!
The WBC Pantry is serving more and more people lately. There is a need for more volunteers to assist our regular ones. The times are every Saturday from 7:20 to 9:15. Food pick ups are done on Thursdays in the AM. If you can help, just show up or call Josh Harvey, 879-8512 with questions or scheduling.



Trent's Two Cents:
 This Sunday morning we will be celebrating our graduates in the 10:45am service. We have 11 graduates who will be recognized. You will also hear our youth choir sing with our adult choir during the service. Our Youth Minister, Matthew Moore, will be preaching the message. I look forward to hearing him and am excited about how God will use our young people in the days ahead.

Your pastor,
 Trent
 (trent@washingtonbaptist.org)

It's that time again....BUDGET TIME!!
BUDGET WORKSHEETS ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP!!!
 The 2024-2025 Budget Request Worksheets are in the workroom mailboxes for all committee chairpersons to pick up. Please make sure to pick up yours as soon as possible as they are due back by June 15th. Questions? See or call Tom LaMartina. Important dates for budget planning below.

- Budget request forms are due by June 15th.
- July 17th-Proposed Budget will be published to the congregation.
- Budget Q&A will be held after the prayer meeting on Wednesday, July 24^h.
- July Church Conference will be held on Sunday, July 28th— Final Q&A and Vote for proposed 2024-25 Budget during evening business conference.

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

The Menu for May 22nd:
 Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Potato Salad, Rolls, Dessert and Tea
 The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children—\$24.00 max. per family (children under 2 eat free)


Note: Making a reservation assumes responsibility for paying even if you are unable to attend.



Clothes Closet Urgent Request:
 We are in need of children's clothes and shoes of all sizes. We had the biggest day ever on Saturday serving 36 families. Bathing suits have to be new and never worn due to health issues. Thank you for all of your help, Evelyn Lynn

Important news about the Church Life App! Online church Directory
 New users will not be able to download the Church Life app, as they have removed it from the app stores. **But...** you can still access the online directory! If you have the app and are using now, you will not have any change! If you have not previously downloaded the app you will have to use the internet browser to reach the online directory. Just go to churchlife.mobi and sign on from there. **Or...** you can access the online directory from the church website, washingtonbaptist.org. Just scroll down to the four circles and click on "member directory" and log in from there. Sorry for the inconvenience. If you have any questions or need help to log in, please feel free to contact Dana in the church office.

We still need help in the nursery during Sunday morning & evening services and Worship Kids!
 Please contact Jenna Pinckney at 864-979-0250 if you can help.



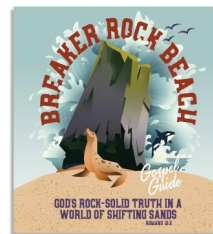

WMU MINISTRY TEAM
 Thanks for your support in the mission project fir Greer Relief! We have been told to add underwear for men, women, and children! They need all sizes! Thanks so much for your help!
The WMU Ministry Team

Welcome, New Members!

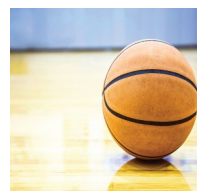
Andrew & Robin Brown
 By Statement
 and
 Michael & Kellie Paulson
 By Letter

Vacation Bible School
JUNE 23-27 from 6:30-9:00 pm
AGES-RISING 2nd-7th GRADES AND PRESCHOOL VBS
JULY 15-18 from 9:00 am-noon
AGES-3 years (BY SEPTEMBER 1ST 2023) -RISING 1st GRADERS
Volunteers are needed for all areas. Please contact Melanie Hughes at mhughes3440@gmail.com or 270-1331 to volunteer or for more info. You may also leave contact info on the bulletin board.

WE NEED 20 OZ. EMPTY GATORADE BOTTLES WITH TOPS FOR A VBS CRAFT. BOTTLES MAY BE LEFT IN THE CHILDREN'S SUPPLY CLOSET NEXT TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICE.




MY GAME-HIS GLORY GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP
 JUNE 3-7, 2024 from 6:30-8:30 pm
 WASHINGTON BAPTIST GYM
 \$10.00 FOR EACH PLAYER. PLEASE FILL OUT THE GOOGLE FORM SO THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE YOUR GIRL GETS A T-SHIRT.



PRAYER FOCUS: Florida: - Julio Vivas planted First Baptist Church Live Oak Hispanic Ministry in Live Oak, Florida. His sending church is First Baptist Church Live Oak. "Pray for the members of our sending church. Pray God would help me reach the lost in the area and influence the city with the gospel. Pray those attending the Hispanic ministry would be transformed and would focus on the Great Commission and multiplication. Pray for my health and that God would provide for my needs." (Source: Missions Mosaic Prayer Patterns, page 37, May, 2024)

SAM CAMP
July 15th-18th
9:00 am- 12:00 pm
Make sure to put on your summer calendar!!



"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."
 Philippians 4:13



Sunday, May 19th:
Extended Session Workers:
 8:30 am- Lisa Chisam, Maddi and Macie Hanley
 10:45 am- *Babies*- Nell Eastland, Meredith Moore and One Open Slot
1 yr. olds- Patsy Edney and Haley Perry
2&3 yr. olds- Elizabeth Miller and Brad Miller
 6:00 pm- Two Open Slots
Computer Check In:
 8:30 am- Roxanne Bruce
 Sunday School- Amy Baker
 10:45 am- Katelyn Strange
Ushers for May:
 Avery James, Kenny Hughes, Tom LaMartina and Chet McAbee
(Please meet in Vestibule by 8:20)
Safety Team:
Vestibule
 8:15-10:30- Blake Butts
 10:30-12:00-Byron Henson
 5:30-7:00-Rusty Edwards
Fellowship Hall
 8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
 10:30-12:00-Jeffrey Lynn (Lock all doors at 11:00)
Children/Preschool Area
 8:15-10:30-Stuart Boone
 10:30-12:00-Marvin Woodward
Youth Doors
 8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
 10:30-12:00- Jeffrey Lynn
Children/Preschool Area & Lock All Doors at 6:05
 5:45-7:00-Jim Cason
Video Surveillance-Located in Food Pantry Area
 8:15-10:30-Joe Aughtry
 10:30-12:00-Roger Black
 5:30-7:00- Roger Black
Golf Cart
 8:00-12:00- Benjamin Van Patton/Dean Carrigan
 5:30-7:00- Benjamin Van Patton
Wednesday - May 22nd:
Vestibule
 6:45-8:00-Steve Church
Video Surveillance- Located in Food Pantry Area
 6:45-8:00-Joe Aughtry
Children-Preschool Area
 6:45-8:00- Kenny Hughes
Youth Doors
 6:45-8:00-Jim Cason
Golf Cart-
 6:30-8:00-Daniel Ross



Notes from Dave
The South Carolina Singing Churchmen will be in concert here at Washington Thursday, May 16! That's tomorrow night (if you picked up the newsletter Wednesday evening)! You may remember their packed concert here in April of 2021. Pre-Concert with Orchestra and Handbells begins at 6:45. I have the pleasure of singing with this amazing group. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend! You will love it!
I hope you will join us for worship Sunday as our Adult Choir and Youth Worship Team lead us in worship together. You will be blessed by this intergenerational worship experience!

The next Movie Morning is Tuesday, May 28. We will view "Soul Surfer" based on the true and inspiring story of world class surfer Bethany Hamilton. You will recognize actors Helen Hunt, Dennis Quaid, Carrie Underwood and Kevin Sorbo. This is a great film about someone who overcomes tremendous odds following a tragic life event. Sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend so we can have enough popcorn, candy and drinks!

I love serving with all of you! Dave (dave@washingtonbaptist.org)

~Kubasko Korner~
 Last week, we looked at how the people of God will be distinctive according to Peter and in today's passage he picks up with this idea by comparing Christians to a "living stone" that has been rejected (v. 4). This, of course, is a reference to the fact that we are in Christ and that Christ was the "stone that the builders rejected," and that those who are in Christ become the stones on which He builds His church (v. 5-8). This becomes a defined line between Christians and unbelievers that the believer should be seen from his actions to be one and that those of the world will in no way have compatibility with God's Word because they don't obey it (v. 8). Jesus tells us this Himself in the book of John: "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you (Jn. 15:18)." We will always be at odds with the world because we are not of it; for as Peter says, we as Christians are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation (v. 9-10)." Paul says this in a different way, referring to the first time these terms were used - in Moses's days - and pointing out that God's covenant has always been through faith to those who believe Him and the One He sent (Ex. 19:6, Rom. 1:16-17, 9:8). But it's the final two verses that further point out the divide between Christians and the world as Peter labels us as sojourners and exiles (v. 11-12). The image to our minds here should be that of Israel wandering in the wilderness away from Egypt and towards their new home that God promised them, for their fate and ours is the same - Christ, our greater Moses, is leading us to the eternal life He has promised us! "Oh praise the One Who leads us on, for His grace will bring us home!"

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

Moore News...
 I am excited for our graduation service this Sunday. It is a special service, where we recognize college and high school graduates for their accomplishments and commit to praying for them and their future. I am even more excited as I have the opportunity to preach God's Word. Pray for me and our graduates. Below is the list of participants. I want to encourage you to write their names down and commit to praying for them in the days ahead.

-Matthew (matthew@washingtonbaptist.org)

Emma Kate Edwards- North Greenville University
 Brooke Edwards- North Greenville University
 Susan Mahaffey- South University
 Andy Snow- Charleston School of Law
 Klayton Mathis- North Greenville University
 Ava Terry- Blue Ridge High School
 Caroline Morris- Blue Ridge High School
 Wade Jinright- Greer High School
 Maddisyn Hanley- Home school
 Claire Skinner- Blue Ridge High School
 Eli Dunagin- Greer Middle College Charter High School

WANT TO JOIN OUR FIRST ALERT SYSTEM?

Whenever we have sudden changes to events or closures because of weather, be the first to know!

Text "@wbcalerts" to 81010 to join today!



WANT TO JOIN OUR PRAYER CHAIN?

Be the first to know about prayer needs in our church each and every day!

Text "@wbcpraying" to 81010 to join today!



