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# The Window

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**BUDGET WORKSHEETS ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP!!!**  
The 2023-2024 Budget Request Worksheets will be 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 Sunday, June 4th.** Questions? See or call Tom LaMartina at (864)704-2150.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
June 25th – 29th  
from 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM  
Ages: Rising 2nd – 7th Grades  
**and**  
Preschool VBS  
July 24th – July 27th  
from 9:00 AM - Noon  
Ages: 3 years  
(by September 1st 2022) –  
Rising 1st Graders

Please mark your calendars for these two exciting weeks of Vacation Bible School. Volunteers are needed for teachers, craft leaders, game leaders, Team leaders, preschool leaders and more. Please contact Melanie Hughes at mhughes3440@gmail.com or (864)270-1331 or sign up on the bulletin board with your contact info.

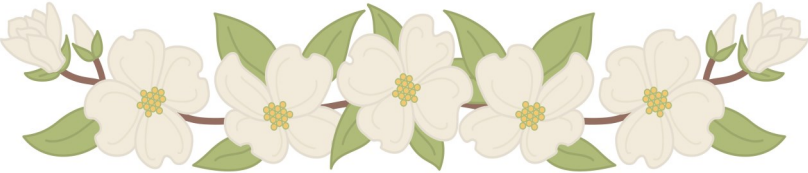
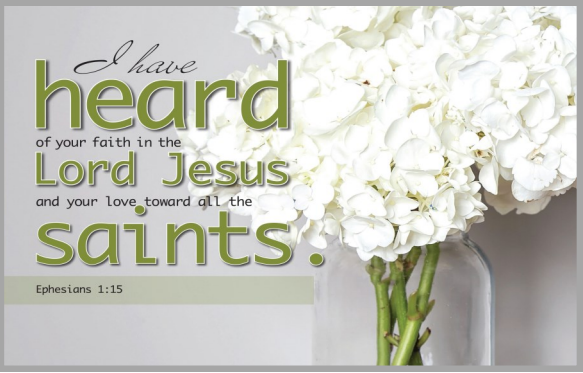
**Scan the QR code to register your child for VBS!**

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER**  
To make reservations, please sign up by filling out insert in Sunday’s bulletin or call the church office by **Tuesday, May 30th no later than noon.** We will start serving at 5:30 pm.  
**The Menu for May 31st**  
BBQ Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Chips, Dessert and Tea  
The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children (children under 2 eat free).

**ALL MEN AND BOYS**  
Join us for breakfast on Saturday, May 27th at 7:30 am in the Fellowship hall. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the History Room so we will know how many to prepare for!

THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON:	
<b>Sunday, May 28th-</b>	
8:30 am	First Morning Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Second Morning Worship Service
4:00 pm	Heaven Bible Study-Room 304
4:00-6:00 pm	Constitution Committee Meeting-Small Conf. Room
6:00 pm	Evening Worship Service
<b>Monday, May 29th- Memorial Day (Church office closed)</b>	
6:00 am	Men’s Morning Bible Study– Lg. Conference Rm.
	Men’s Prayer Time-Room 211
<b>Wednesday, May 31st-</b>	
5:30 pm	Wednesday Night Supper-Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	The Sonshine Gang-Room 324
6:45-8:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal-Handbell Room
7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	Youth Bible Study
	RA’s/GA’s & Mission Friends
	Young Adult Ministry-New Parlor
	Adult Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday, June 3rd-</b>	
8:00 pm	
8:00-9:30 am	Food Pantry Open-By appointment only (USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)

<b>May 14, 2023</b>	
Sunday School Attendance	339
Church Attendance	AM 430 PM 172
<b>Sunday’s Offering:</b>	<b>\$21,111.20</b>
<b>Online Giving 5/17-5/23:</b>	<b>\$14,504.81</b>
<b>Total Offerings Received:</b>	<b>\$35,616.01</b>
Budget Offering Received	\$30,817.01
Budget Offering Required	\$29,300.00
<b>Designated*</b>	<b>\$1,414.00</b>
Kingdom Vision (Including memorials)	\$1,414.00
<b>Reimbursements</b>	<b>\$3,385.00</b>
Wed. Supper (5/17)	\$637.00
History Books	\$148.00
Youth Centrifuge	\$2,600.00
*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.	



Washington Baptist Church  
Children’s Department  
Grades 1st-6th

**School's Out SUMMER Party**

Come enjoy some Water Games, Dinner with a devotion and Kona Ice!

**MAY 31st**  
6:00pm  
**WEDNESDAY**

**3150 N Hwy 14**  
**Greer 29651**

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

**All gave some and some gave all.  
Gone but not forgotten!**

**WESTERN NIGHT**

WASHINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

**JUNE 21ST**  
AT 7:00PM

Join us down at the picnic shelter. Come in your best western attire!

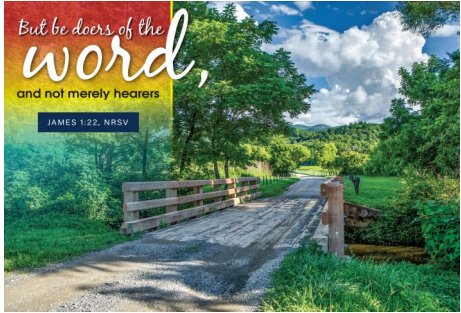


Trent’s Two Cents:

Sunday morning I preached on the life of King Manasseh in 2 Chronicles 33. The first 10 verses provide an overview of his sin and wickedness, which included idolatry, witchcraft, and child sacrifice. As we read the list we are appalled by his actions. However, the list concludes with a simple but profound statement: “The LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they would not listen.” (2 Chronicles 33:10). This is a big statement. Manasseh did not fall into sin because he was ignorant about the ways of God. God spoke to him through His Word and His prophets. Manasseh knew right from wrong. Manasseh knew what God expected of him. He just ignored it and chose not to obey.

Sadly, I think we are often guilty of this. We know what the Bible says. We know what to do. We just don’t do it. God has spoken to us; we just don’t listen. We say we want to know God’s will for our lives in specific situations, yet we do not listen or obey his clear instruction concerning our daily living. God has told us to go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19), to love one another as He has loved us (John 15:12), to bear one another’s burdens (Galatians 6:2), to abstain from sexual immorality (1 Thessalonians 4:3), to be kind and forgiving toward one another (Ephesians 4:32), and to give thanks in all things (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Are we paying attention to what He is saying? Do we listen? Do we obey? Are we really seeking His guidance and direction, or are we doing things just on our own, according to our own thoughts? I pray we will be doers of the Word, and not hearers only (James 1:22).

Your pastor,  
Trent  
Trent@washingtonbaptist.org



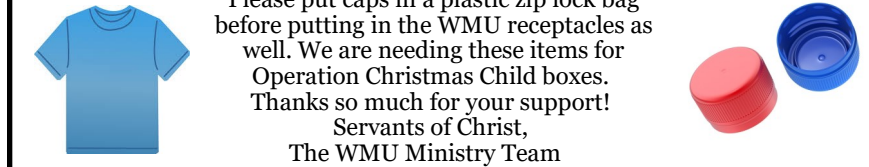
NEWS FROM THE WMU MINISTRY TEAM-

Summer is almost here and it's time to make plans for Camp McCall. Parents and boys, if you are interested, please pull up the Camp McCall website: Camp McCall.org. to check out the dates available and registration information. Our church supports this ministry by paying half of the Camp fee for our membership. If you have any questions or concerns, please check with the RA leaders or Nan Spearman. Thanks for your cooperation and support!

*Washington Baptist, we need your help! Our mission project for this month is to assist Greer Community Ministries. We are collecting Men's disposable razors, wash clothes, deodorant, and socks of any size. You always do such a great job of serving, and we really appreciate your support! Please put your contributions in the WMU Mission Receptacles that are placed throughout the church. Thanks so much!*

**ATTENTION ALL LADIES and GIRLS that are interested in missions!!!! Our next WMU meeting will be held on Monday evening, June 5 at 6:30-8 pm in the church fellowship hall. We will have a brief business meeting to plan what night to meet next church year, discuss our mission projects, and helpers, and work on jump ropes to put in our Operation Christmas Child boxes. We will have pizza and dessert for refreshments. Ladies, you do not have to bring anything, but can make a donation toward the pizza if you wish. Please sign up on the WMU bulletin board so we know how many pizzas to buy. We hope to see you there!**

Dear Washington Baptist Church Family! We are collecting old clean tee shirts. Any color or size will do. Please put your donations in the WMU receptacles that are located throughout the church. We also are collecting bottle caps. Please put caps in a plastic zip lock bag before putting in the WMU receptacles as well. We are needing these items for Operation Christmas Child boxes. Thanks so much for your support! Servants of Christ, The WMU Ministry Team



**SAVE THE DATE and MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Our Family Fall Retreat has been scheduled for the weekend of October 27 -28! This will be a great time of fellowship, inspiration, and outdoor fun for the family! School age children and their parents can stay together and have a great time of learning and making wonderful memories! The cost is \$25 per person. Look for more information to come!



**PRAYER FOCUS-Central Asian Peoples:** The Iranians of Azerbaijani ethnicity (Azeris) have little access to the light of God’s Word. Their lives are filled with gloom and darkness. Pray God would send His Word to the Azeris. Pray He would open their eyes to the light of Christ, and they would put their faith in Jesus. (Missions Mosaic, Prayer Patterns, May 2023)

**CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS!**  
*We are in need of all spring and summer clothing. Especially children’s clothes in all sizes. Thank you for your support!*

**Don’t throw away your used Sunday School Material!**  
*As our Spring Quarter ends please remember to recycle your Sunday School literature. Our used Sunday School material reaches people around the world thru the International Seafarers Ministry in Charleston. When you put your materials in the marked bins pray over these as they can touch a life anywhere in the world.*

*“Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.” ~Psalms 150:6*



**Sunday, May 28th:**  
**Extended Session Workers:**  
8:30 am– Julie Willimon, Hannah Willimon and Megan Hines  
10:45 am– *Babies-* Amiee Terry, Anita Ayers and Brooke Martin  
*1 yr. olds-* Norma Lyda and Katie Yancar  
*2&3 yr. olds-* Betsy & Freddy Couch  
6:00 pm- Cheryl Moore and Melanie Pinckney  
**Computer Check In:**  
8:30 am- Jenna Pickney  
Sunday School- Debbie Wade  
10:45 am- Dina Dryden  
**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-Freddy Lindley  
10:30-12:00-Keith Kirkland  
5:30-7:30-Ralph Styles  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare  
10:30-12:00-Benjamin Van Patton  
(LOCK ALL DOORS AT 11:00)  
**CHILDREN/PRESCHOOL AREA**  
8:15-10:30-John Forrester  
10:30-12:00-Ray Steadman  
**YOUTH DOORS**  
8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare  
10:30-12:00-Benjamin Van Patton  
**CHILDREN/PRESCHOOL AREA**  
**LOCK ALL DOORS AT 6:05**  
5:45-7:00-Jim Cason  
**VIDEO SURVEILLANCE-LOCATED FOOD PANTRY AREA**  
8:15-10:30-Joe Aughtry  
10:30-12:00-Jeff Green  
5:45-7:00-Jeff Green  
**GOLF CART**  
8:00-12:00-Josh Sterritt/Gantt Martin  
5:30-7:00-Josh Sterritt/ Gantt Martin  
**WEDNESDAY, May 31st:**  
**VESTIBULE-6:45-8:00-Kenny Hughes**  
**VIDEO SURVEILLANCE**  
**LOCATED IN THE FOOD PANTRY AREA**  
6:45-8:00-Joe Aughtry  
**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-6:30--8:00-Daniel Ross**

Notes  
from  
**Dave**

**This past Sunday Donna and I celebrated our 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary here at Washington** and what a great couple of years it has been for us! We love so much about our church and all the wonderful people we get to do life with week to week! You are a special family of faith and we are so blessed to be part of this ministry!

**Now is a great time to consider joining the Sanctuary Choir.** God has gifted many in our congregation with abilities, talents and a passion for worship. If that’s you, consider joining us Wednesday evenings after Prayer Meeting at 8:00 and Sunday afternoons at 5:00 prior to evening worship. I’d love to see our high school and college students using their gifts in choir as well! Let me know if you have any questions!

**Azania Children’s Choir from Uganda in Concert here at Washington Sunday, July 30, 6:00 PM!** You will love this energetic choir of children and students that will bless you! Invite others to come!  
I love serving with all of you!  
Dave  
Dave@washingtonbaptist.org

**~Kubasko Korner~**  
**Now What: The Church in Crisis—Nicaea (II Timothy 4:3-4, 7; I Peter 3:15; Hebrews 12:1-2)**  
When we defend the Truth, we shouldn’t always expect an immediate result. After all, everything is in God’s timing and under His sovereignty. As the story goes, George Mueller prayed for five of his friends to come to know Christ. Some believed quickly, while it took 52 years for the last of his five friends to come to know Christ. In that whole time, Mueller continued to pray. In fact, his last friend came to know Christ after Mueller’s death. In the same way, we have to expect to defend God’s Truth for our whole lives, and we may not see what God does through how we stand on His Truth. That is why it’s good to “always [be] ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect.”  
For their first 300 years, the Church had to be on guard. Paul’s words began to ring true: “For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.” Scripture was questioned, added to, and subtracted from. Many stood up to those who brought these teachings, and finally a council was convened in the city of Nicaea in 325 to make the Church’s position clear on the Truth of Scripture.  
What came out of this four month meeting is what is held as the standard summation of what Christians believe we called the Nicene Creed. It affirmed what the Bible had to say about God the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, and remains in use even today in churches all across the world. It took 300 years of defense to land here, but the outcome has lasted even until today. We must always be ready to defend the Truth with every moment of our lives. Are you ready?

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

**Moore News....**  
We had an incredible time this past Wednesday. We had Bible Study outside, enjoyed some nachos, and the students completed a color run. Be on the lookout for some pictures on our social media pages.

**Upcoming Events:**  
5/28 – Bible Study / 6-7pm / Ice Cream Sundae’s  
6/7 – Summer Celebration/ 6:30-8:30pm

**Youth Upcoming Events:**  
\* **May 28th -** Bible Study/ 6-7 pm- Ice Cream Sundae’s  
\* **May 31st-** Bible Study/ 6-7pm  
\* **June 4th -** Bible Study/ 6-7pm  
\* **June 7th-** Bible Study @ Picnic Shelter-6:30-8:30pm- Summer Celebration

