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“A family of committed believers linked by love, and dedicated to sharing Christ with our community and the world.”

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www.washingtonbaptist.org

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

THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON:

Sunday, August 31st— Reunion Sunday
8:30 am No Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am Morning Worship Service
No AWANA
6:00 pm Tru Faith in Concert
Monday, September 1st-Labor Day
6:00 am Men’s Monday Morning Bible Study-Lg. Conf. Room
7:00 am Men’s Prayer Time- Room 211
Tuesday, September 2nd-
9:30 am & 7:00 pm Ladies Prayer Time-Prayer Chapel
11:30 am Keenagers-Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, September 3rd-
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper Begins
6:15 pm Youth Bible Study
GriefShare— Room 301
6:30 pm The Sonshine Gang-Room 324
His Kids Choir-Room 330
6:45 pm Little Lambs Choir-Room 330
6:45-8:00pm Handbell Rehearsal - Handbell Room
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting
RA’s, GA’s & Mission Friends
Young Adult Ministry-New Parlor
Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm
Thursday, September 4th
10:00-11:30 am GriefShare— Room 301
Saturday, September 6th-
8:00-9:30am Food Pantry Open
(USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)

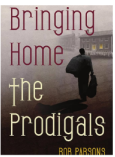
August 24, 2025		
Sunday School Attendance:		349
Church Attendance:	AM 487 PM 267	
Awana Attendance:		124
Sunday’s offering:	\$13,893.10	
Online Giving 8/21-8/27:	\$4,093.00	
Total Offerings Received:	\$17,986.10	
Budget Offering Received	\$16,310.00	
Budget Offering Required	\$26,300.00	
Designated*:	\$1,635.10	
Kingdom Vision (Including memorials)	\$1,635.10	
Reimbursements:	\$41.00	
Discipleship Training	\$40.00	
Envelopes	\$1.00	
*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 Members,
I cannot begin to express enough thanks and gratitude to you for all you did for our church and community during our recent Bible School. All the supplies, the time given and the kindness shown gave us so much encouragement and thankfulness in our hearts.
We will forever be thankful. Please continue to pray for our church as we struggle like so many in our area to build our church up that we could continue doing God’s work and building up HIS Kingdom.
Thank you so much for all you did for us.
Our Love and Prayers,
Barbara and member of
Phoenix Baptist Church



WHAT'S UP
at Washington

FALL DISCIPLESHIP COURSES



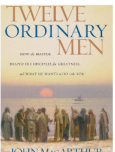
Bringing Home the Prodigals
(Led by Mike & Sybil Smith)
Tuesdays starting Sept. 2
Room 208 | 6:30pm
We all have prodigals - broken relationships - in our lives. This study will give a fresh sense of hope & encouragement for healing.



Experiencing God (Led by Joe Price)
Wednesdays starting Sept. 3
Small Conference Room | 6:30pm
A Bible study focused on seven Scriptural realities that teach us how to develop a true relationship with the Creator.



GriefShare (Led by Doug & Penny Noland)
Wed./Thurs. starting August 13/14
Room 301 | 6:15pm/10:00am
This study is for those who have lost loved ones to death, teaching what the Bible has to say about grieving and life after loss.



12 Ordinary Men (Led by Braxton Kubasko)
Tuesdays starting Sept. 2
Room 211 | 7:00pm
This study puts you face-to-face with the disciples as you’ve never seen them before. We will stand in their shoes & hear the words of Jesus in a whole new way.

Men's RETREAT

Friday, September 26 | 6PM
The Pond at 2639 E. Tyger Bridge Rd.

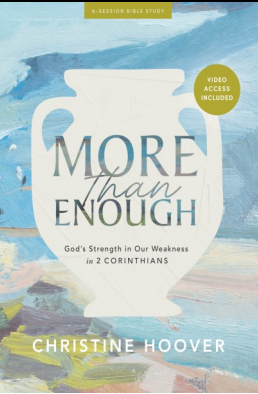


Tru Faith in Concert
here at Washington,
Sunday, August 31
at 6:00!

You will be blessed by this outstanding quartet! Come and invite as many as you can!
A love offering will be taken.



Menu for September 3rd:
Tacos, Taco Soup, Rice, Beans, Chips/Salsa, Desserts & Tea
The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$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!



New Ladies Bible Study
8-Sessions
In this verse-by-verse on 2 Corinthians, Christine Hoover will show us how God is the ultimate source of the strength and sufficiency we need.
You will find that God gives you strength to go on-through troubles, disappointments, and temptations-and strength to go forth, equipping you to serve Him and compelling you to share the gospel.
Beginning Wednesday, September 10th at 10:00Am at the Home of Melanie Hughes
Or
Tuesday, September 30th at 7:00Pm in the home of Beckie Aughtry
Please purchase book from Lifeway.com or Amazon
Contact Melanie Hughes at 864-270-1331 or mhughes3440@gmail.com or Beckie Aughtry at 864-420-5124 to register, for assistance ordering book, or for more information.

Investing in the Kingdom
Philippians 2:4
State Goal - \$2,220,100
Church Goal - \$10,000
September 2025
Thank you for your support!

Trent's Two Cents:
This Sunday, August 31st, is Reunion Sunday! Sunday morning we will have Sunday School at 9:45am and one morning worship service at 10:45am. This service will include the Lord's Supper. I enjoy Reunion Sunday because we worship and have communion together, as one body. Sunday evening, Tru Faith, a gospel quartet, will lead us in worship. I hope you will join us on this special day of worship this Sunday!

Your Pastor,
Trent
(trent@washingtonbaptist.org)



Washington Kids



2025 AT WASHINGTON

NOVEMBER

OCC Packing Party
for RA's & GA's
November 19th | 7:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Thanksgiving Pinto Bean Supper
November 26th
5:30pm
Fellowship Hall

October

Fall Family Day
October 19th
5:00-7:00pm
Picnic Shelter

Amazing Autumn Celebration
October 31st
6:00pm
Picnic Shelter

December

Movie Night
December 5th | 6:30pm
Fellowship Hall

Children's Choir Program
December 7th | 6:00pm
Sanctuary

Live Nativity
December 17th | 7pm
Fellowship Hall

Christmas Eve Service
December 24th | 11:00pm
Sanctuary

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BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS

BASKETBALL SEASON IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER! SIGN-UP ONLINE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8TH- OCTOBER 7TH

TEAMS AVAILABLE FROM K4- GRADES 12

\$40.00 PER PERSON. LADIES & MENS TEAMS - \$50.00 PER PERSON.

GO TO WWW.WASHINGTONBAPTIST.ORG TO REGISTER AND GET MORE INFORMATION.



HENDERSON'S LOVE OFFERING

We will be taking the **5th Sunday Love Offering for the Henderson's on August 31st.** If you would like to help Kerry & Neltia with their ministry please make checks payable to **Kerry Henderson. DO NOT make checks to WBC.** If you are using as a tax donation, please make check payable to Barnabas International- in memo line put 'For Kerry Henderson.' If you would prefer to give online go to: give.barnabas.org/support/kerry-neltia-henderson or mail checks made to their new address:
2610 Old Covington Rd., Conyers GA 30013



CLOTHES CLOSET

With School back in, we need children's blue jeans and underwear in packages. Thank you for your help.

MISSIONS @WBC

WMU MINISTRY TEAM

We look forward to hearing from Neltia and Kerry on September 2. We will have sub sandwiches and fixings! We are NOT asking you to bring a dish this month. We do need for you to sign up, so we will know how much food to purchase. Please sign up on the WMU bulletin board by August 31. Thanks so much!

We are collecting gift cards from Walmart, Dollar General, Dollar Tree, McDonalds, Amazon, Chick-fil-A, and other businesses for them to use in their ministry! If you would like to participate, please turn in your donation to the church office or give it to Nan Spearman, Ruth Brannon, or Rachel Owensby. Thanks so much for your support! We are the hands and feet of Jesus!



Our mission study this month has been about missionaries sharing Jesus and helping refugees learn life skills in order to find jobs and support their families! As a part of this study, our GAs and Mission Friends learned about sewing. Thanks you, Liz Woodward for sharing your talent of sewing with us!

Servants of Christ, The WMU Ministry Team



WELCOME TO THE OCC Corner!

Packing Party Prep

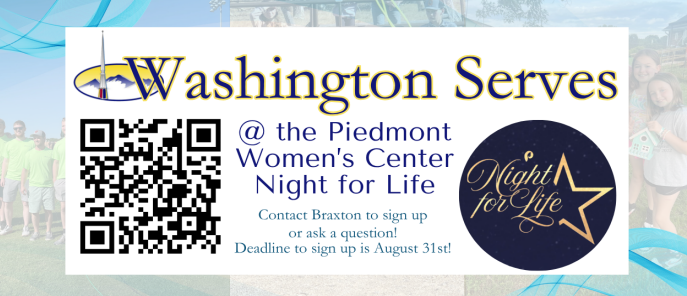
Ways you can donate now:

- Pick up an extra pack of colored pencils or markers while back-to-school shopping
- Choose an item from our Amazon gift registry



In considering your role in this ministry, bear in mind each child receives only one shoebox in his/her lifetime...knowing this fact, will you put your heart into every shoebox you pack?


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

@ the Piedmont Women's Center Night for Life

Contact Braxton to sign up or ask a question! Deadline to sign up is August 31st!



The Washington Church family would like to extend Christian Sympathy to the Family of Harmon Wood and to Chris Walker & family in the loss of his Father, Carl Walker.

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Sunday, August 31st:
Extended Session Workers:
8:30 am- NO SERVICE
10:45 am- Mallory Kubasko, Katie Yancar, Kristi Mathis, Abby Ayers and Betsy & Freddy Couch
6:00 pm-Tracie Carlisle and Patsy Edney
Computer Check-In:
8:30 am- NO SERVICE
Sunday School- Jenna Pinckney
10:45 am- Jenna Pinckney
6:00 pm- OPEN
Ushers for August:
Avery James, Kenny Hughes, Tom LaMartina and Chet McAbee (meet in vestibule by 8:20)
Safety Team:
Vestibule
8:30-10:30-Jim Brown
10:30-12:00-Jeff Green
5:30-7:00- Mitchell Whiteside
Fellowship Hall
8:30-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
10:30-12:00-Ralph Howard (Lock all doors @ 11:00)
Children Area (Lock All Doors @ 11:00)
8:30-10:30-Faron Ensley
10:30-12:00-Will Ayers
Youth Doors
8:30-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
10:30-12:00- Ralph Howard
Children Area & Lock All Doors at 6:05
5:45-7:00- Ronnie Styles
No AWANA Golf Cart
8:15-12:00- Mike Sloan/Benjamin Van Patton
5:30-7:00- Benjamin Van Patton
Wednesday - September 3rd:
Vestibule: 6:45-8:00- Kenny Hughes
Children: 6:45-8:00- Mike O'Bryant
Youth Doors: 6:45-8:00- Jim Cason
Golf Cart: 6:30-8:00- Gantt Martin
Children's Check-In: 6:00 pm- OPEN

A Note on Our New Church Budget Starting September 1 - Embracing Prudent Stewardship

Dear Church Family/Leadership Team,

As we approach the start of our new fiscal year on September 1, I'm excited about the opportunities ahead for ministry, outreach, and growth in our church community. Our approved budget reflects prayerful planning and a commitment to using God's resources wisely to advance His kingdom.

That said, I want to share a gentle reminder about how our budget operates to ensure we all approach spending with prudence and caution. Unlike some fixed funds, our church budget isn't 100% funded on day one. Instead, it accumulates gradually over the year through faithful tithes, offerings, and other contributions from our congregation. This means we'll start with a portion available (based on carryover and initial giving), and the rest will build month by month as the Lord provides.

To honor this reality and practice good stewardship: Be Judicious in Spending: Please review your department's needs carefully and prioritize essentials. For any non-routine expenses over \$1,000, let's discuss in advance to confirm alignment with available funds. (Just because it is in the "budget" does not mean it is funded).

Monitor Progress Together: I'll continue to provide monthly updates on our financial position so we can adjust as needed and celebrate God's provision.


Trust in God's Timing: As Proverbs 22:3 reminds us, "The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it." By being cautious now, we position ourselves for abundance later in the year. If you have questions or ideas on how we can better manage resources, I am always available. Let's continue to seek God's guidance in all we do- He is faithful!

In Christ,
Tom LaMartina

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Notes



from Dave

Tuesday, Sept 2- Keenagers, 11:30- Andy Ray from North Greenville University (This is a date change from Sept 9!!!) We still need cereal for the Food Pantry donations. Sign-up ASAP as this is the day after Labor Day and we need a final count Sunday, August 31!

Tuesday, Sept 23- Our next Movie Morning Continues at 10:00 in the Youth Room! We will be showing **Breakthrough**, based on an inspiring true story that will keep you on the edge of your seat! Free drinks, candy and popcorn!

Tuesday, October 14- Keenagers One Day Retreat, 9:30-1:00, with "Old Friends"

Sr Adult One Day Retreat, Tuesday, October 14, 9:30-1:00! We are going to have a one-day retreat here on the church campus so that many more can participate this year. Our theme is "**Planting Shade Trees.**" We will have the retreat on our regular Keenagers meeting date of **Tuesday, October 14 but will begin at 9:30 instead of 11:30.** Even if you are not able to participate beginning at 9:30, you can still attend at 11:30-1:00 to finish out our time together. I hope you will plan to come early to enjoy the entire experience!

Spread the word and feel free to invite someone to join us for any or all of these events designed just for Senior Adults in our community!

Take a look at the Tru Faith Quartet promo elsewhere in this newsletter! Don't miss the concert this Sunday, August 31 at 6:00 here at Washington!

I love serving with all of you! Dave

~Kubasko Korner~

Babylon & Beyond: The Sovereignty of God in the Book of Daniel (3:26-30)

When we left off last week, Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego were cast into the furnace, but - as we heard from our children on Sunday - "the God that made that fire to burn [had] everything under control." And as Nebuchadnezzar looks into the fire, he sees a fourth figure in the fire that many have theorized was an appearance of a pre-incarnate Jesus since the king says "the fourth is like a son of the gods."

When he sees this, his tune changes immediately. His anger fades away and his pride disappears, he goes as close as he can to the door of the furnace and asks them to come out. Notice, first, he doesn't command his own men to go in because he knows, like before, they would be cooked alive, but instead realizes that whatever power is sustaining these three in the fire will also carry them out of it. Second, he acknowledges God directly as the "Most High God." He is placing God above every other god in the Babylonian pantheon of gods, including Marduk, their supposed highest god. We should not take this acknowledgement lightly.

Upon inspection, what Nebuchadnezzar and the other politicians there have seen is confirmed with physical evidence, and in response to this the king makes a decree that no one should speak anything against God because he now sees that no power could stand against God anyway. He plainly tells them all that God was the one acting in the midst of the fire and that Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego were correct to fully ignore his orders - again, a crime - to follow after God.

This is the testimony that we have when we live out the beliefs we espouse. It is easy for us to say that we believe something, but it is far harder to lose something for that belief. But we can be assured that God never lets anything we do go unseen or be done in vain. Notice here at the end of the chapter that the three men are promoted - this isn't to make the lesson of this story that God will somehow physically or materially bless us if we follow His commands (although we will be more fulfilled and blessed by it). Instead, the promotion is to show this: that God had now promoted Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego to some of the highest ranks in the world's strongest empire, and why? Because He was using these four men to take the Gospel to the nations. Keep that in mind in your own life and walk with Christ - you never know how God may be using you to take the Gospel to where He needs it to go!

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

Moore News:

Paul tells us in 1 Timothy 4:7, "Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness" (NASB). Godliness, or to become more like Christ, is the goal for all Christians, but godliness does not appear overnight. Scripture reveals that it takes disciplined work to grow in godliness. Donald Whitney wrote a book titled Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life. In it, he defines spiritual disciplines as "those practices found in Scripture that promote spiritual growth among believers in the gospel of Jesus Christ" (Whitney, 4). Specifically, personal spiritual disciplines consist of "Bible intake, prayer, worship, evangelism, service, stewardship, fasting, silence and solitude, journaling, and learning" (Whitney, 7).

Whitney further explains that personal spiritual disciplines are activities that we partake in that can be measured or evaluated in order to determine where we are in terms of godliness. Personal spiritual disciplines are the means to godliness. One is not godly merely because they read their Bible or pray daily. The detrimental error of the Pharisees is that they considered themselves godly simply because they actively participated in these disciplines. Whitney states that personal spiritual disciplines are "the means by which we get a hold of ourselves and pull ourselves into Christ's path so that we experience Him and are changed by Him."

In the weeks ahead, we will consider one spiritual discipline at a time, in the hope of helping us grow in godliness.

~Matthew Moore
(matthew@washingtonbaptist.org)

Thank you!
Thank you so much for all the calls, cards, food and especially the prayers for my surgery and recovery. I miss and love everyone! Hope to see you soon. —Debbie Servies