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★ **THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON:** ★
★ **Sunday, September 7th** ★
★ 8:30 am Early Worship Service ★
★ 9:45 am Sunday School ★
★ 10:45 am Morning Worship Service ★
★ 5:00-7:00 pm AWANA ★
★ 6:00 pm Evening Worship Service ★
★ **Monday, September 8th** ★
★ 6:00 am Men's Mon. Morning Bible Study-Lg. Conf. Rm ★
★ 7:00 am Men's Prayer Time- Room 211 ★
★ **Tuesday, September 9th-** ★
★ 9:30 am & 7:00 pm Ladies Prayer Time-Prayer Chapel ★
★ 6:30 pm "Bringing Home the Prodigals"-Room 208 ★
★ 7:00 pm "12 Ordinary Men"- Room 211 ★
★ Budget/Finance Comm. Meeting.-Lg. Conf. Rm ★
★ **Wednesday, September 10th-** ★
★ 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study- Melanie Hughes Home ★
★ 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper ★
★ 6:15 pm Youth Bible Study ★
★ GriefShare— Room 301 ★
★ 6:30 pm The Sonshine Gang-Room 324 ★
★ His Kids Choir-Room 330 ★
★ Experiencing God— Room 303 ★
★ Little Lambs Choir-Room 330 ★
★ 6:45 pm Handbell Rehearsal - Handbell Room ★
★ 6:45-8:00pm Prayer Meeting ★
★ 7:00 pm RA's, GA's & Mission Friends ★
★ Young Adult Ministry-New Parlor ★
★ Adult Choir Rehearsal ★
★ 8:00 pm GriefShare— Room 301 ★
★ **Thursday, September 11th** ★
★ 10:00-11:30 am ★
★ **Saturday, September 13th-** ★
★ 8:00-9:30am Food Pantry Open ★
★ (USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.) ★
★ 8:00-9:45 am- Clothes Closet Open ★
★ ****Janie Chapman Week Of Prayer for State Missions Sept. 7-14**** ★
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August 31, 2025
Sunday School Attendance: 290
Church Attendance: AM PM
Sunday's offering: \$16,556.00
Online Giving 8/28-9/3: \$12,143.00
Total Offerings Received: \$29,344.00
Budget Offering Received \$26,559.00
Budget Offering Required \$26,300.00
Designated*: \$2,510.00
Kingdom Vision (Including memorials) \$2,245.00
Food Pantry \$265.00
Reimbursements: \$275.00
OCC Shoeboxes \$275.00

*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.

Gifts to the Church.....
.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Carl Walker
by Linny & Cheryl Moore
.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Harmon
Wood by Linny & Cheryl Moore, Bob & Bobbie Todd and
Rachel Owensby.



WHAT'S UP
at Washington

Men's RETREAT

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

Sign up today!

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

Wednesday Suppers
5:30 pm
Fellowship Hall
Sign-up Today!

Menu for September 10th:
Chicken Tenders, Baked Potatoes, Salad
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
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Church Goal - \$10,000
September 2025 *Thank you for your support!*

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.

Trent's Two Cents:
Sunday begins the Week of Prayer for State Missions. There will be an insert in Sunday's bulletin with a daily prayer guide to assist you as you pray. We will also be collecting the Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions throughout the month of September. This offering helps South Carolina Baptists reach the lost, plant churches, send missionaries, and serve communities in crisis. Our church goal this year is \$10,000.

Janie Chapman (1867-1948) was a prominent mission leader in our state. She served her church and community in many ways because she had a passion for reaching lost souls. She became the first President of the South Carolina Woman's Missionary Union in 1902 and served for 22 years. She was a great leader and motivator. In 1919, before the formation of the Cooperative Program, she encouraged the SC WMU to try to raise over one million dollars, and they exceeded their goal by giving \$1,487,647.00! In 1937 the state missions offering was named in her honor because of her service. Janie Chapman's personal motto was 1 Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore, beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." May we all serve the Lord with the same focus and enthusiasm as Janie Chapman. We can begin by praying for mission efforts in our state and giving generously to this mission offering.

Your Pastor,
Trent

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

Live Nativity
December 17th | 7pm
Fellowship Hall

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

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

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FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Report:
August Food Pantry Report: This was a month with five Saturdays, so we were very busy serving God and our clients. Attendance was up with the month seeing 332 clients with a lot of them being first time visits. These clients represent 1218 family members. Thank you for your prayers and support.

PRAYER FOCUS - South Asia: Campbell and Elizabeth Bach are driven by a passion to see the peoples of South Asia reached with the gospel. Many of the people groups in the area where they work are unreached. "South Asia is the greatest concentration of lostness," Campbell explained. There are more than 4 million South Asians for every one IMB missionary. Pray God would multiply the spread of the gospel as Campbell and Elizabeth encourage national believers and churches to join the vision of reaching South Asia (Source: Missions Mosaic Prayer Patterns, page 40, August, 2025)

MISSIONS @WBC

Thanks go out to everyone that came out to support Kerry and Neltia Henderson last night! They did a wonderful job in sharing about their encouragement efforts with missionaries and updating us on their ministry! They really appreciated the checks and gift certificates that were given to help with this vital work! Thank you again, Washington Baptist Church!

Thanks to all of the families that came out to support the End of Summer Mission Friends Event! Thanks also go out to all the ladies and men who served and helped to make this a special time for the children! We had a great evening of water fun, fellowship, and pizza! Four Mission Friends were given special children's Bibles because they are being promoted to GA's and RA's! It is a joy to serve Jesus!

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

We need children's blue jeans and new underwear in packages.
Thank you for your help.
~Evelyn Lynn

Attention Homebound Volunteers!
Fall literature is available for pickup and delivery to our homebound folks. Serving Together In Christ, Debbie Shanks

The Washington Church family would like to extend Christian Sympathy to the Family of Rachel Crawford.

Sunday, September 7th:
Extended Session Workers:
8:30 am- Claire & Kesley Skinner and Robin Brown
10:45 am- Tonda & Freddy Rogers, Brandi & Madison Atkins, Amanda & Bella Van Patton
6:00 pm-Patsy Edney and Cheryl Moore
Computer Check-In:
8:30 am- Debbie Wade
Sunday School- David O'Shields
10:45 am- Marvin Woodward
6:00 pm- Mitch Atkins
Ushers for September:
Andrew Brown, Mike O'Bryant, Jonathan Perry and Hugh Sistare (meet in vestibule by 8:20)
Safety Team:
Vestibule
8:30-10:30-Freddie Lindley
10:30-12:00-Byron Henson
5:30-7:00- Kaleb Edwards
Fellowship Hall
8:30-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
10:30-12:00-Jeffrey Lynn (Lock all doors @ 11:00)
Children Area (Lock All Doors @ 11:00)
8:30-10:30-Dean Carrigan
10:30-12:00-Jonathan Perry
Youth Doors
8:30-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
10:30-12:00- Jeffrey Lynn
Children Area & Lock All Doors at 6:05
5:45-7:00- David Swartz
No AWANA
4:45-7:00- Chris O'Bryant/Jim Cason
Golf Cart
8:15-12:00- Kaleb Edwards/Avery James
5:30-7:00- Avery James
Wednesday - September 10th:
Vestibule: 6:45-8:00- Steve Wilder
Children: 6:45-8:00- Mike O'Bryant
Youth Doors: 6:45-8:00- Jim Cason
Golf Cart: 6:30-8:00- Claudia Burkhalter
Children's Check-In: 6:00 pm- Aimee Perry

WBC YOUTH

WASHINGTON BAPTIST YOUTH

Event Schedule

SEPT.	24 th - Bible Escape Room - Supper at 6:15 pm 27 th - Serving - Food Pantry 7:15 am
OCT.	15 th - Fall Youth Celebration - Picnic Shelter 19 th - Churchwide Family Cookout 31 st - Amazing Autumn Festival
NOV.	19 th - OCC Churchwide Packing Party (FH) 23 rd - Decorate Youth Room for Christmas 26 th - Churchwide Pinto Bean Service - 5:30 pm 30 th - Hanging of the Green - PM Service
DEC.	10 th - Christmas Party 24 th - Christmas Eve Service - 11:00 pm No Separate Youth Services - 12/7, 12/14 No Church Services - 12/24, 12/28, 12/31

Sunday School Morning - 9:45 AM
Sunday Night Service - 6:00-7:00 PM
Wednesday Night Service - 6:15 - 8:00 PM

Notes from Dave

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!

Keenagers Field Trip... get tickets when they are available! Join us at the Logos Theatre in Taylors this Christmas season for an original new musical, **The Christmas Child!** We plan to go Saturday, December 20 for the 2:00 performance with eating together afterwards. As soon as tickets are available, we will let you know so you can call and get your tickets! <https://thelogostheatre.com/2025-2026-production-season/>

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!

I love serving with all of you! Dave

~Kubasko Korner~

Babylon & Beyond: The Sovereignty of God in the Book of Daniel (4:1-9)
One of the greatest themes running through the Book of Daniel is how God used the exile of Israel to take the Gospel to the nations, and one of the greatest ways this is seen is in the personal testimony of Nebuchadnezzar. Chapter after chapter, we see his encounters with God through Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, but in today's chapter we see him have a direct encounter with God through his dream. Be sure to note, here, that it was not uncommon for prophets to have these kind of encounters with God, but it was exceedingly rare for anyone else to. What's also interesting is that this is recorded in the style of a royal proclamation from the viewpoint of the king, and while Nebuchadnezzar is perplexed by this revelation, he recognizes one thing for sure - that in Daniel rests "the spirit of the holy gods."

Even though Nebuchadnezzar is still wrestling at this point between the gods he has known and the God that Daniel is introducing him to, you can tell that he sees something in Daniel that is not present with his own magicians and wise men - the Holy Spirit had made His mark in Daniel's life and heart. It was unmistakable and unmissable. That made me ask a question - do others see that mark in my life? I think we could all take a moment and consider that. Nebuchadnezzar could see that "no mystery is too difficult for you" because of the God Daniel served, and he knew that Daniel could give him an answer. Do people see us and see God in us? Do they come to us because they know we serve a God that makes all things possible? I pray that we all will walk so close to God that others will see Him in us.

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

Moore News:
The first personal spiritual discipline that we will cover is Bible intake. I think we will all agree that reading our Bible is important. In fact, I would argue it is the most important discipline a Christian is to partake in. Within the category of Bible intake, there is meditation, and that is what our focus will be on this week.

Joshua 1:8, which states, "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success" (ESV).

The Why: Many Christians who read the Bible struggle to retain all that they read. If one fails to retain what is read in the Bible, it becomes almost impossible to apply the truths of Scripture to one's life, resulting in being a hearer of the Word only (James 1:21-22). Donald Whitney states, "Reading is the exposure to Scripture, but meditation is the absorption of Scripture" (Whitney, Lecture). A careful reading of Joshua 1:8 brings out the connection between meditation and application (See bold words). Whitney further explains that when Christians meditate on a truth of Scripture, "We can smell its aroma more fully and taste it better" (Whitney, 74). This kind of experience with God and His word is what leads to application and ultimately, a life of godliness.

The How: There is more than one correct way to meditate on Scripture. Biblical meditation, simply put, is thinking about what you read in the Bible. No matter the method of meditation one uses, the goal of meditation should always be to apply what is read to one's life in order to grow in Christlikeness.

Below is a link where you can find 17 different methods of mediation. Take a look and find one that works for you and apply it for the purpose of growing in godliness.
<https://biblicalspirituality.org/article/methods-of-meditation-on-scripture>

~Matthew Moore
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