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# The Window

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**Check out our website!**  
[www.washingtonbaptist.org](http://www.washingtonbaptist.org)

**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*

*Janie Chapman*  
Offering for State Missions

**WHAT'S NEXT**  
MARK 16:15

September 10th-17th

[www.scwmu.org/jco](http://www.scwmu.org/jco)

Next Sunday begins our week of Prayer for State Missions. State Goal is \$2,100,000. Our church goal is \$6,000. Prayer guides will be included in this Sunday's bulletin.

## BASKETBALL SIGN UPS

Tuesday  
September 5th  
through  
Tuesday  
October 10th

Grades K4-12th and a mens team

Sign up online through WBC website

Contact Gregg Moore or Brooke Edwards with any questions  
(864-979-2173 or 864-907-0947)

**THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON:**

**Sunday, September 10th**  
8:30 am First Morning Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Second Morning Worship Service  
4:00-6:00 pm Constitution Committee-Room 304  
5:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal  
5:00-7:00 pm Awana  
5:30-7:00 pm Experiencing God Bible Study-Room 303  
6:00 pm Evening Worship Service

**Monday, September 11th-**  
6:00 am Men's Morning Bible Study- Lg. Conf. room  
7:00 am Men's Prayer Time-Room 211  
7:00 pm Deacons Meeting- Lg. conf. room

**Tuesday, September 12th-**  
11:30 am Keenagers- Fellowship hall  
4:30-5:30 pm First Place-Room 211  
7:00 pm Men's Fraternity- Food Pantry Chapel  
Faith & Foundations- Room 218  
Ladies Bible Study-New Parlor

**Wednesday, September 13th-**  
10:00 am Ladies Bible Study- Home of Melanie Hughes  
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper  
6:15-7:45 pm GriefShare-Room 218  
6:30 pm The Sonshine Gang  
His Kids & Little Lambs Choir-Room 330  
6:45-8:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting  
Youth Bible Study  
RA's, GA's & Mission Friends  
Young Adult Ministry-New Parlor  
Adult Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm

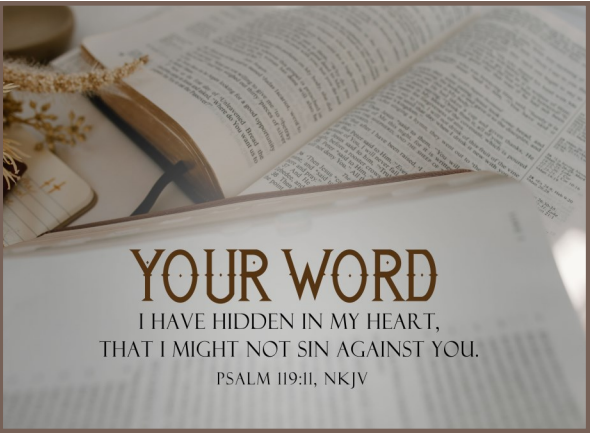
**Thursday, September 14th-**  
10:00-11:30 am GriefShare- Room 218

**Saturday, September 16th-**  
8:00-9:30 am Food Pantry Open-By appointment only  
(USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)

**September 3, 2023**

Sunday School Attendance:	304
Church Attendance:	AM 381 PM 110
<b>Sunday's Offering:</b>	<b>\$24,201.92</b>
<b>Online Giving 8/31-9/6:</b>	<b>\$9,020.00</b>
<b>Total Offerings Received:</b>	<b>\$33,221.92</b>
Budget Offering Received	\$28,781.93
Budget Offering Required	\$29,300.00
<b>Designated*</b>	<b>\$3,085.00</b>
Kingdom Vision (Including memorials)	\$2,610.00
Food Pantry	\$300.00
Missions (Football Breakfasts)	\$150.00
Wednesday Suppers	\$25.00
<b>Reimbursements</b>	<b>\$1,354.99</b>
Discipleship Training	\$179.99
Keenagers- Retreat	\$1,175.00

\*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.



**WEDNESDAY SUPPERS!**

To make reservations, please sign up by filling out insert in Sunday's bulletin or call the church office by **Monday, September 11th no later than noon.** We will start serving at 5:30 pm. **The Menu for September 13th:** Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Dessert and Tea

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

**Kitchen Help Is Needed!** Please contact Tammy Smith if you are willing to help! 864-354-7201

**BIBLE STUDIES STARTING SOON!**

**Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God** – Leader: Joe Price  
Sundays from 5:30-7:00pm | Starting Sept. 10–Nov. 26. Sign up online or in the hallway!

**Moms Bible Study: "Ruth" by Kelly Minter** – Leader: Keri Hanley  
Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm--Sign up online!

**Men's Fraternity** – Leaders: Chris O'Bryant & Faron Ensley. Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30pm | Starts Sept. 12 Sign up online or in the hallway!

**Book Club – What is it?** A book club is a discussion group. It is not a Bible Study. Obtain your book, *The Return of the Gods* (Amazon, \$14.47). Read pages 3-7 before first meeting. Discussion Leader: Mike Smith. Starting September 28th @ 7pm for 6 weeks. Sign up online or in the hallway!

**Just Added..... "7 Laws of the Learner"**. Teacher: David Underwood  
Description: In this course, you'll learn how you can teach something to anyone with seven time-tested principles. Discover what motivates students and your own passion! Time: 5:45 starting on Sunday, September 24th Room TBD

## MY GAME, HIS GLORY

### BASKETBALL CAMP

#### OCTOBER 5TH-7TH

Washington Baptist Church Gym

**\$15 PER PLAYER**

**BOYS AND GIRLS**

**GRADES 3RD-8TH**

SIGN YOUR CHILD UP BY SEPTEMBER 22ND TO GUARANTEE A SHIRT

CONTACT BROOKE EDWARDS WITH ANY QUESTIONS 864-907-0947

**Attention All Children & Youth Volunteers!**

There will be a mandatory meeting next Wednesday night at 6:15pm in the Sanctuary for all those who are serving in any role for youth and children's ministries including our Nursery, Sunday School, AWANA, RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, WorshipKids, etc. to go over policies and procedures for the upcoming year. Attendance is needed to serve, so if you are unable to attend that night, please reach out to Braxton at [braxton@washingtonbaptist.org](mailto:braxton@washingtonbaptist.org) ASAP to see if another time can be arranged. Thank you for serving the Lord and continually blessing this church with your gifts!



Trent's Two Cents:

The picture below was taken September 2, 2012. This was Kerith's first Sunday at Washington Baptist Church. She was 8 weeks old. We, as new parents, came to Washington looking for a church home with a quality children's program. Eleven years later, Kerith was singing "Jesus You're All I Need" as part of Children's Sunday. As a parent, I am grateful for all the children's programs here at Washington. As your pastor, I am excited to see the next generation being trained and equipped to serve. The family in this picture had no idea what God had in store for them at Washington. Our lives have drastically changed for the better. I am so thankful God led us to Washington Baptist Church.



Your pastor,  
Trent  
(trent@washingtonbaptist.org)

WBC church goal: 1,000 shoeboxes

WBC OCC inspiration night - Wednesday, October 4th at 7pm  
Come hear testimony of how this ministry has blessed the lives of our members

WBC OCC launch - Sunday, October 8th  
Pick up your shoeboxes to take home to fill with your family and friends

WBC OCC churchwide packing party - Wednesday night, November 15th  
Come join in the fun as our church family packs 600 shoeboxes

Here are some ways you can help in September:

- Donate new stuffed animals or dolls for our packing party
- Donate balls-foam footballs, bouncy balls, baseballs, small playballs, or stress balls
- Make a monetary donation for our packing party- Mark OCC on your envelope
- Pray for the children receiving the shoeboxes and the Samaritan's Purse workers



**Camp McCall memories!** Don't forget to sign up for the Fall Family Retreat, October 27-28. This is a great time of fellowship, inspiration, and outdoor fun for the family! The sign up sheet is on the WMU bulletin board! Please write down how many people will be attending from your family. The cost is \$25.00 per person. See Nan Spearman with any questions.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED....**to work in the nursery and help with computer check in. Nursery volunteers are needed for Sundays during the 10:45 and evening service. Volunteers serve on a once a month basis. If you are interested in serving contact Jenna Pinckney- 864-979-0250.

**Breakfasts for the Blue Ridge High School Football Team:**  
We are again blessed with the opportunity to minister through a Friday morning breakfast and Devotional to the Blue Ridge High School Football Team. Some of these young men may not hear the message of Christ except here, so we feel led to include the opportunity for our members to contribute to or even sponsor a breakfast for these players. If you, as an individual or a group, such as a Sunday school class feel so led to participate in this ministry by contributing to one or more of these events you can put in the offering plate. Make sure to mark the envelope "football breakfasts."

If you would like a digital copy of the weekly newsletter sent by email to avoid snail mail, please call the church office or email Dana at [dana@washingtonbaptist.org](mailto:dana@washingtonbaptist.org).



**Free Flu Shots**  
**Wednesday, October 18th**  
**From 5:00-6:30 pm**  
**In the classrooms near fellowship hall**



**FOOD PANTRY REPORT-**  
Our attendance continues to creep up in number as the economy continues to increase our living expenses. During August, we served 219 clients who represented 805 family members. You are always welcome to visit on Saturday mornings (between 7:45 and 8:45 am) to see what this ministry is all about.

NEWS FROM THE WMU MINISTRY TEAM

**PLEASE Remember!** We are gathering cleaning supplies this month for Greer Relief! Please put your donations in the WMU Receptables placed throughout the church.

**Servants of Christ,  
The WMU Ministry Team**



Clothes Closet



**Clothes Closet Update:**  
*We are now accepting all winter clothing especially coats, jackets, blankets and throw's. No summer clothing accepted please as we have no room.*

*Thank you for your cooperation. ~Evelyn*



**Jerry Waltz  
By Statement**



**The Washington Church Family  
would like to express  
Christian Sympathy  
to the Roger Black in the passing of  
his brother, David**

Gifts to the Church

.....given to the Food Pantry in memory of  
**Don McAbee by Frankie Ponder and  
Ronnie & Gale Knight.**

.....given to the Food Pantry in honor of  
**Martha Rickard by the Joint Heirs Sunday School  
Class.**

**We still need Bus Drivers for BRCLC!**  
**We need a Friday Bus Driver for the  
Blue Ridge Christian  
Learning Center.**  
**Contact David O'Shields or Kenny Hughes**

*"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."*

*~John 13:34*



Sunday, September 10th:

Extended Session Workers:

8:30 am- Abigail Butts, Sarah Coker and Katelyn Strange

10:45 am- *Babies*- Stephanie Hannon, Lauren Dryden and OPEN

*1 yr. olds*- Sandra Bridwell and Liz Woodward

*2&3 yr. olds*- Sherry Lynch and Danny Lynch

6:00 pm- Stephanie Hatmaker and OPEN

Computer Check In:

8:30 am- Lisa Turner

Sunday School- Donna Dupree

10:45 am- Suzanne Barbare

Ushers for September :

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 - Eddie Smith

10:30 - 12:00 - Gene Tapp

5:30 - 7:00 - Gene Tapp

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 - Tony Farr

10:30 - 12:00 - Benjamin Van Patton

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 - Ronnie Styles

AWANA-5:00-7:00-

Mike O'Bryant/Chris O'Bryant

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE - LOCATED IN

FOOD PANTRY AREA

8:15 - 10:30 - Gregg Moore

10:30 - 12:00 - Jeff Green

5:45 -7:00 - Jeff Green

GOLF CART

8:00 - 12:00 - Stuart & Amanda Boone

5:30 - 7:00 - Stuart & Amanda Boone

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 13th

VESTIBULE

6:45 - 8:00 - Hugh Sistare

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE - LOCATED IN

FOOD PANTRY AREA

6:45 - 8:00 - Gregg Moore

(LOCK DOORS AT 7:05)

CHILDREN-PRESCHOOL AREA

6:45 - 8:00 - Mike O'Bryant

(LOCK DOORS AT 7:05)

YOUTH DOORS

6:45 - 8:00 -Ronnie Styles (LOCK DOORS AT 7:05)

GOLF CART - 6:30- 8:00 - Daniel Ross



Notes



**September Keenagers is Tuesday, Sept 12!** Our special guests will be **The Anderson Follies To Go Troupe!**

This is a traveling version of the famous Anderson Follies Show presented in Anderson each Spring. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary. Food Pantry item this month is Cans of Fruit or Fruit Cocktail.

**September 13 is the deadline for signing up for our Sr Adult Retreat! The theme of our Sr Adult Retreat is "Living as Kingdom Heroes to Upcoming Generations" I hope you will join us October 9-11 (Mon-Wed) at Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock. Cost: \$225 per person (Double), \$372 per person (Single) and \$174 (3 or 4 per room). Includes lodging, program and meals. Make checks out to Washington Baptist and note "Sr Adult Retreat." You can pay the full amount or make payments as needed.**



**Now is a great time to join the Adult Choir.** Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings after Prayer Meeting at 8:00 and Sunday afternoons at 5:00 prior to evening worship. Come join us as we lead God's people in worship each week! **Adult Choir Christmas Music Preview is Wednesday, September 13, 8:00 PM** following Prayer Meeting!

**New River in Concert** here at Washington Sunday October 8 at 6 PM! Help us spread the word!

**I Love serving with all of you!**

**Dave** (dave@washingtonbaptist.org)

-Kubasko Korner-

What is the Community of Believers?

Hebrews 10:19-25, Proverbs 17:27, Colossians 2:1-8

One of the greatest revelations from the Bible is the consistency of mankind. We see in its pages that from the earth's creation until the end of the first century after Christ not much has changed about us. We are sinners in need of a Savior, we want to go our own way, and we think that we know better than God. We see this today in our world, and it's a reminder to us that nothing has changed about us - we need Christ just as much today as we did from the very beginning. What this also shows us is not just our consistency as humans, but also God's consistency from Creation onward. His plan is for us to know Him, believe in Him, repent of sin, and to live in new life that He gives to us, and perhaps the second greatest tool He has given us for this, next to the Bible, is the community of believers. This would be our churches who journey life together "[stirring] up one another to love and good works;" and yet, we also know that there are millions who claim to be a part of the family of God and yet are surprisingly distant from churches as the writer of Hebrews says. Many claim that church is too political or judgmental, or they feel that their own personal relationship with Christ is all that is needed. But what does God intend for us?

First, we see that God meant the church to be transformational. The work that begins with salvation is "carried unto completion" by being together as believers hearing and living together the Word of God, pursuing Him in holiness, and continually evaluating ourselves and each other by God's Word and reminding ourselves of the work of Christ. We honor and remember Him in the taking of the Lord's Supper, we preach and sing the Word faithfully, we wait to see how God transforms hearts through salvation, and we baptize and make disciples in His name. The Church, reliant on God's Word, is a transformational tool that He intended to be accomplished through a community of transformed souls being renewed in mind and spirit every day together. Second, then, God intended the church to be supportive. It's a place where we can live and grow in being honest with others about our needs and struggles. As long as we try to act like perfect and put-together people we will remain stagnant and fearful. Instead, God wants us to come alongside each other and sharpen each other through study and prayer. This is another ground that leads to that transformational nature of the church. And that all leads to, third, the fact that the church is missional. Jesus did not tell us to sit around and wait for Him, but to go to all nations - that's an explicit command. So if we stay within the walls of our church and do nothing to go to the world as individuals and as a church, we are sinning against God. All of this summarizes the church because all of it describes our God - He is One Who transforms, He never leaves us or forsakes us, and He continues to work in our midst and the world every day. If we are intent on being His community of believers, we have to emulate His example, or else we have to take a long moment to look in the mirror and ask ourselves if we are part of that community at all...

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

Moore News....

We had a great time of Bible Study and Christian fellowship this past Wednesday in Youth. There was a lot of smiles, laughter, and pizza involved. This Sunday we will finish our verse-by-verse walk-through of the Sermon on the Mount. I pray our students have enjoyed this study as much as I have. With that being said, I am excited to start a new study as we will walk through the book of James beginning on 9/17.

Matthew Moore  
(matthew@washingtonbaptist.org)