



3500 N. Hwy 14
Greer, SC 29651-5321
(864)895-1510



The Window

November 5, 2025
Volume 63~Issue 43

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

WHAT'S UP at Washington

CHRISTMAS AT WASHINGTON

November 30 - Hanging of the Green
6pm | Sanctuary

December 7 - Children's Christmas Music Program
6pm | Sanctuary

December 14 - "The Carols of Christmas"
Presented by the Adult Sanctuary Choir
6pm | Sanctuary

December 17 - Live Nativity
7pm | Fellowship Hall

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service
11pm | Sanctuary

December 25 - Office Closed

December 28 - Reunion Sunday &
No Evening Activities

December 31 - No Evening Services
or Activities

January 1 - Office Closed &
No Evening Activities

WWW.WASHINGTONBAPTIST.ORG

Men's Breakfast

November 15, 2025 | 7:30am | Speaker: Pastor Josh Slatten

Sign Up Today!

HONORING OUR VETERANS 2025

This year, we are again partnering with Wreaths Across America this holiday season to put wreaths on the graves of veterans in our church cemetery. If there is a veteran, whether friend or family, that you would like to support, please sign up on the Bulletin Board or contact Braxton with their information.



OCC Packing Party

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH | 7PM
MEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

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 ~



Poinsettias for Hanging of the Green

Order forms will be available this Sunday
on the tables in vestibule, in the halls behind sanctuary and in
the church office.

We will be placing poinsettias in the sanctuary for Hanging of the Green, November 30th at 6:00 pm. If you would like to purchase one in honor or memory of someone the price is \$15.00 each.

Contact Patsy Edney for questions or special requests.
The poinsettias will remain in the sanctuary until after the services on Sunday, December 28th.
To insure request are included in the booklet to be given during the Hanging of the Green service, please have forms in by Wednesday, November 19th

Check out our website!
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*

THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON:

Sunday, November 9th-	
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, November 10th-	
6:00 am	Men's Mon. Morning Bible Study-Lg. Conf. Rm
7:00 am	Men's Prayer Time- Room 211
7:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting-Large Conference Room
Tuesday, November 11th-Veteran's Day	
9:30 am & 7:00 pm	Ladies Prayer Time-Prayer Chapel
11:30 am	Keenagers- Eating Out-Silver Bay
7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study- Home of Becky Aughtry
Wednesday, November 12th-	
5:30 pm	Wednesday Night Supper
6:15 pm	Youth Bible Study
6:30 pm	The Sonshine Gang-Room 324
	His Kids Choir-Room 330
	Experiencing God- Room 303
6:45 pm	Little Lambs Choir-Room 330
6:45-8:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal - Handbell Room
7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	RAs, GAs & Mission Friends
	Young Adult Ministry-New Parlor
	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, November 15th-	
7:30 am	Men's Breakfast- Fellowship Hall
8:00-9:30 am	Food Pantry Open (USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)

November 2, 2025

Sunday School Attendance:	334
Church Attendance:	AM 447 PM 218
AWANA Attendance:	109
Sunday's offering:	\$24,620.00
Online Giving 10/30-11/4:	\$10,219.00
Total Offerings Received:	\$34,839.00
Budget Offering Received	\$28,703.00
Budget Offering Required	\$26,300.00
Designated*:	\$3,968.00
Kingdom Vision (Including memorials)	\$2,983.00
Janie Chapman Offering	\$50.00
Food Pantry	\$200.00
Gifts to Jesus	\$35.00
OCC Shoeboxes	\$600.00
Preschool Dept.	\$100.00
Reimbursements:	\$2,168.00
Wednesday Supper (10/24)	\$608.00
Poinsettias	\$135.00
Community Aid Ministry	\$1,425.00

*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
Rex Wilbanks, Tom Beacham and Rachel Crawford by
Richard & Nan Spearman.
.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Rex
Wilbanks by Rachel Owensby.
.....given to the Food Pantry in honor of Roger Moon by
Joe Jurovcik.



Trent’s Two Cents:

The Amazing Autumn Celebration was a fun Friday of food and fellowship. The sky was clear and the parking lot was full. Families were grateful for a safe place with a family atmosphere. We had over 530 people register as they entered the building and I know some went through the trunk or treat line and never went inside. It takes a lot of volunteers to make this event a success. Thank you to all who served, donated candy, and prayed. We had plenty of candy, more than 50 cakes for the cake walk, and over 50 people volunteered to help with set up, registration, the trunk or treat, games, food preparation, and the tear down process. Thank you for your generosity and service.

Your Pastor,
Trent
(trent@washingtonbaptist.org)



Washington Kids



2025 AT WASHINGTON



NOVEMBER

OCC Packing Party | November 19th | 7:00pm | Fellowship Hall
Pinto Bean Supper | November 26th | 5:30pm | Fellowship Hall



December

Movie Night | December 5th | 6:30pm | Fellowship Hall
Children’s Choir Program | December 7th | 6:00pm | Sanctuary
Live Nativity | December 17th | 7:00pm | Fellowship Hall
Christmas Eve Service | December 24th | 11:00pm | Sanctuary

Mission Trip to Mexico

Oct. 3-10, 2026

Cost is \$950 + airfare

This trip will be doing projects like sports camps, arts & crafts, construction projects, & personal evangelism to the people of Oaxaca, Mexico! Participants need a passport valid until May 2027, and 18+ year olds must complete Child Safety Training online. Contact Hugh Sistare with interest or questions by January 2026.

Charleston Seafarers Ministry Report (2025 YTD):

176 ships were visited. 149 New Testaments/Bibles were given away in 70 languages. Additionally, 166 New Testaments and 224 Life Book Gospels of John were given out in English. We gave away 938 travel kits. 53 sailors were transported to the shopping centers.

PRAYER FOCUS - Sub-Saharan African Peoples:

The end vision for International Mission Board missionaries working in Sub-Saharan Africa is "to see African churches sending African missionaries to the ends of the earth." Pray those in positions of influence would steward their opportunities well to equip, train, and encourage Africans to engage in the Great Commission. Praise God that churches and associations are starting to send African missionaries! Pray many more would go and reach the lost throughout Africa and beyond.
(Source: Missions Mosaic Prayer Patterns, page 75, Fall, 2025)

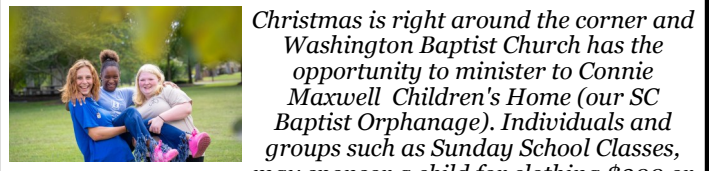


MISSIONS @WBC



The Mission Friends had a packing party for Operation Christmas Child on Wednesday night and packed 25 boxes! It just goes to show you that a child is never too young to learn about missions!

Thanks go out to our church family for your generous support of our prison ministry kits! We had a wonderful time in WMU last night putting together 182 prisoner packets! Thank you so much for your help! Please pray for each incarcerated person: man, woman, or teenager that receives these kits, to come to know Christ!



Christmas is right around the corner and Washington Baptist Church has the opportunity to minister to Connie Maxwell Children's Home (our SC Baptist Orphanage). Individuals and groups such as Sunday School Classes, may sponsor a child for clothing \$200 or Toys \$300 or both for \$500. If you wish to make a donation of gift cards or Check (Connie Maxwell Children's Home), you may turn those into the church office. If you wish to donate items for the Christmas Store at Connie Maxwell, you may put those in the WMU receptacles located throughout the church. The gift items are displayed on the WMU bulletin board in the hall. Everything is due by Monday, December 1st. Thanks for your help with this important ministry! Contact Nan Spearman with any questions.

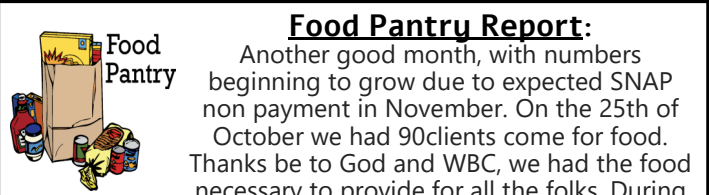
**Servants of Christ,
The WMU Ministry Team**

IMPORTANT - DATE AND TIME CHANGE FOR CHARLOTTE PROCESSING CENTER TRIP...

Have you experienced the joy of inspecting and preparing shoe-boxes at the Charlotte, NC Operation Christmas Child processing center? If you've never been to the processing center before, it's a true blessing that you won't soon forget.

A group from our church will be volunteering at the Charlotte facility on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 1st from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.** We currently have 12 slots.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tami Black.

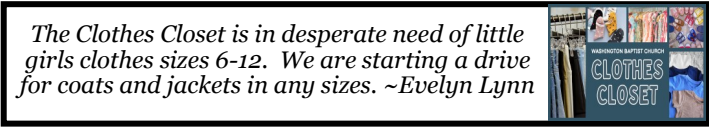


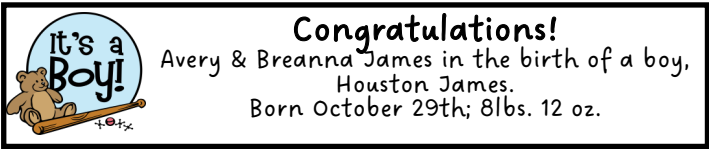
Food Pantry

Food Pantry Report:

Another good month, with numbers beginning to grow due to expected SNAP non payment in November. On the 25th of October we had 90clients come for food. Thanks be to God and WBC, we had the food necessary to provide for all the folks. During October, we served 265 clients representing a total of 907 family members.

The Clothes Closet is in desperate need of little girls clothes sizes 6-12. We are starting a drive for coats and jackets in any sizes. ~Evelyn Lynn





It's a Boy!

Congratulations!

Avery & Breanna James in the birth of a boy,
Houston James.
Born October 29th; 8lbs. 12 oz.

Page 3

Sunday, November 9th:

Extended Session Workers:
8:30 am– Abigail Butts, Sarah Coker and Amanda Brown
10:45 am– Liz Woodward, Sandra Bridwell, Krystal Brown, Suzanne Barbare, Patsy Edney and Haley R. Perry
6:00 pm- Liz Woodward and Vivian Forrester

Computer Check-In:
8:30 am– Katelyn Strange
Sunday School– Ross da Silva
10:45 am– Travis Barbare
6:00 pm– Marvin Woodward

Ushers for October:
Avery James, Kenny Hughes, Tom LaMartina and Chet McAbee (meet in vestibule by 8:20)

Safety Team:
Vestibule-
8:15-10:30-Michael Howard
10:30-12:00-Steve Wilder
5:30-7:00– Wyatt Spearman
Fellowship Hall-
8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
10:30-12:00-Jeffrey Lynn (Lock all doors @ 11:00)
Children Area (Lock All Doors @ 11:00)-
8:15-10:30– John Forrester
10:30-12:00-Marvin Woodward
Youth Doors-
8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
10:30-12:00– Jeffrey Lynn
Children Area & Lock All Doors at 6:05-
4:45-7:00– Roger Black
Video Surveillance Room-
8:15-10:30– Rusty Edwards
10:30-12:00-Josh Sterritt
5:45-7:00– Josh Sterritt
AWANA–
4:45-7:00-Chris O’Bryant/Jim Cason
Golf Cart-
8:15-12:00- Mitchell & Wyatt Spearman
5:30-7:00– Mitchell Spearman

Wednesday - November 12th:
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
Video Surveillance Room
6:45-8:00- Gregg Moore



WASHINGTON BAPTIST YOUTH Event Schedule

NOVEMBER

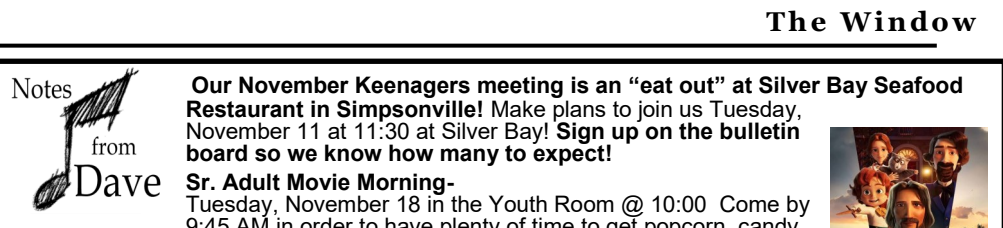
19th OCC Packing Party (Fellowship Hall)
23rd Youth Room Christmas Decorating
26th Pinto Bean Supper (5:30 - Fellowship Hall)
31st Hanging of the Green (PM Service)

DECEMBER

10th Christmas Party
24th 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 - 9:45 AM
Sunday Night - 6:00-7:00 PM
Wednesday Night 6:15 - 8:00 PM

Notes



Notes

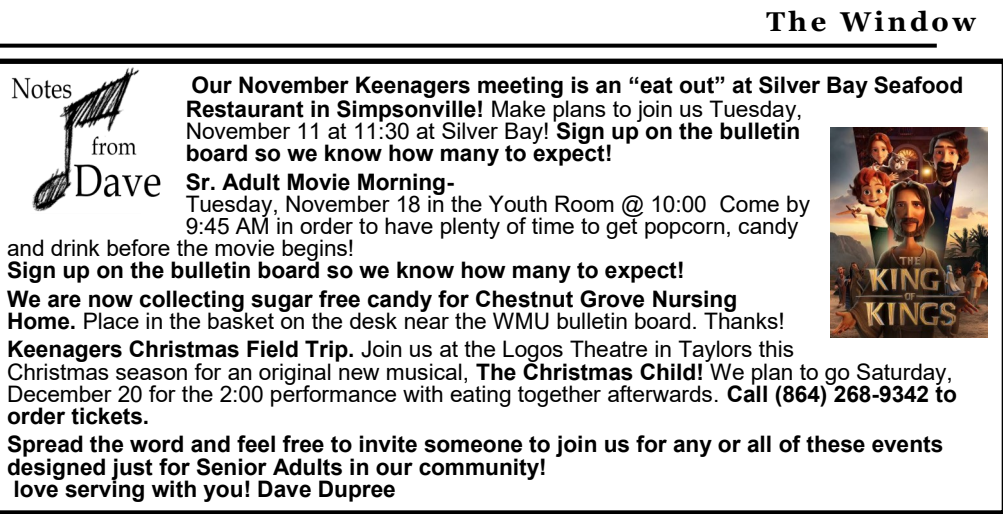
Our November Keenagers meeting is an “eat out” at Silver Bay Seafood Restaurant in Simpsonville! Make plans to join us Tuesday, November 11 at 11:30 at Silver Bay! **Sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many to expect!**

Sr. Adult Movie Morning-
Tuesday, November 18 in the Youth Room @ 10:00 Come by 9:45 AM in order to have plenty of time to get popcorn, candy and drink before the movie begins!
Sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many to expect!

We are now collecting sugar free candy for Chestnut Grove Nursing Home. Place in the basket on the desk near the WMU bulletin board. Thanks!

Keenagers Christmas Field Trip. 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. **Call (864) 268-9342 to order tickets.**

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!
love serving with you! Dave Dupree



~Kubasko Korner~

Come, Emmanuel: Waiting for Our Lord’s Return
Part One - Our Wisdom (Proverbs 4:7, 9:10; Isaiah 11:2)
I don’t know about you, but as soon as the month of November begins I am ready to celebrate the Christmas season! One of my favorite things during Christmas is the music because our musical tradition as Christians has been expanded, reduced, tested, tried, and boiled down to a handful of songs over hundreds of years (just like the rest of hymnody). The result of this will constantly be that songs that remain after 150 years or more are there because the truth is the most accurate distillation of Scripture.

Of all these Christmas songs, I always find myself drawn to “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” - a song written somewhere in the 4th-6th century. Its words are timeless, and the original Latin lyrics span 7 stanzas reflecting one of the complete numbers that God uses throughout history to symbolize completeness. Each stanza reflects on one of the characteristics of Christ, our Emmanuel, but more than often people miss the true point of the song - it is not a reflection on the past, but a call to the future. Yes, it references the never-changing nature of our Lord and Savior, but its main point is to remind us that our Lord is coming again. In fact, if you take the first letter of the Latin word of each characteristic from back to front as an acrostic, you get the phrase "Ero Cras" or "Tomorrow, I will come." This is the case with many Christmas hymns, but I take so much hope & comfort from the fact that this song tells me every year that I am living in the same hope that filled the period of silence before Christ’s first appearing. Then, it was silence waiting for a Messiah in mystery and wonder, but now we sit waiting for our King to come in full revelation of His glory so that we continue to proclaim “Come, Emmanuel!” So, let us look to this song and see the comfort found within!

The first stanza speaks of Wisdom (Sapientia in Latin), which Isaiah the prophet lists as one of the defining characteristics of the Messiah: “And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord (Is. 11:2).” This prediction should come as no shock to us, for God is the root of not only all truth but therefore all wisdom. In fact, in his Proverbs, Solomon records these two things: “The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight.” & “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight (Proverbs 4:7, 9:10).” We are told, as God’s people, that wisdom begins by seeking wisdom, and Christ once told us that if we seek Him we shall find Him & that we need only knock and the door will be opened to us. He is not separated from us by anything but our willingness to seek and find Him, and the apostle James writes that if any of us lacks wisdom to simply ask for it and God will supply. Wisdom, here, is the beginning of a healthy fear, or reverence, of God. Solomon, and likewise Jesus, both speak of the fact that wisdom and knowledge are in tandem with one another, for if we seek Him we shall know Him & the more we seek Him and see His glory, the more we will have a knowledge of our own sin and need for Him. In all of these ways, wisdom rests on Jesus because He is the One we must seek. In fact, He Himself said that no man comes to the Father but by Him. Thus is the essence of true wisdom - seek the Lord and He will come to you. So we sing: “O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.”
In the Service of Christ, Braxton Kubasko (braxton@washingtonbaptist.org)

Moore News:

Dr. Thomas Johnston notes that there are only two ways of hearing the gospel message: “profitable and unprofitable” (Consumed, 164). Whether or not the gospel is heard in a profitable or unprofitable manner is revealed in how one responds to the message. In Acts 17, the profitable reception is found in the following statements: “Persuaded and joined (v. 4),” “They received the word with all eagerness (v. 11),” “Many of them therefore believed (v. 12),” “Some men joined him and believed.” On the negative side, there were those who reacted as follows: “But the Jews were jealous...formed a mob, set the city in an uproar (v. 5),” “agitating and stirring up the crowds (v. 13),” “Some mocked (v. 32).”

Ultimately, it is God who opens the hearts of the hearers to believe (Acts 16:14), but the context of each gospel presentation helps us understand each reaction. In Thessalonica, the Jews were jealous that the gospel was advancing and that some were joining Paul and Silas (vv. 4-5). The Jews in Berea were more noble than the Jews from Thessalonica, and they received Paul’s gospel presentation with eagerness and went to the Scriptures themselves to test what Paul was saying (vv. 11). Athens was filled with philosophers who enjoyed hearing new things and were willing to listen to Paul’s gospel presentation (vv. 18-20).

Charles Spurgeon said, “The messages that are most likely to convert people seem to me to be those that are full of truth” (Soul Winner, 82). As long as we are preaching the truth of the gospel, we can expect people to respond positively by believing, and negatively by mocking and reviling. Our job is to sow the seed and let God do the sowing.

Acts 17 brings the reality of the Parable of the Sower to light. There are different types of soil that present a different reception to the gospel message (Mt. 13:18-23). It is the Christian’s responsibility to ensure all people hear the gospel and then trust God, knowing only He can give a hearing of faith.

~Matthew Moore (Matthew@washingtonbaptist.org)