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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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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*

WHAT'S UP at Washington

CHRISTMAS AT WASHINGTON

December 1 - Hanging of the Green
6pm | Sanctuary

December 8 - Children's Christmas Music Night
6pm | Sanctuary

December 15 - "One Small Child"
Presented by the Adult Sanctuary Choir
6pm | Sanctuary

December 18 - Live Nativity
7pm | Fellowship Hall

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service
11pm | Sanctuary

December 25 - Office Closed & No Evening Activities

December 29 - Reunion Sunday & No Evening Activities

January 1 - Office Closed & No Evening Activities

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Join us for an annual tradition!

Thanksgiving

PINTO BEAN SUPPER

NOVEMBER 27 • 5:30 PM

The Fellowship Hall at
Washington Baptist Church
3500 N. Hwy 14, Greer, SC 29651

No Cost! No Sign Up!
Come and fellowship!

THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON:

Sunday, November 24th-	
8:30 am	Early Morning Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Morning Worship Service
4:00-6:00 pm	Constitution Committee- Room 304
4:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
5:00-7:00 pm	AWANA
6:00 pm	Evening Worship Service
Monday, November 25th-	
6:00 am	Men's Monday Morning Bible Study-Lg. Conf. Rm
7:00 am	Men's Prayer Time- Room 211
Tuesday, November 26th-	
9:30 am	Ladies Prayer Time- Prayer Chapel
7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study- Home of B. Aughtry
Wednesday, November 27th-	
5:30 pm	Pinto Bean Supper-Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	The Sunshine Gang-Room 324
	His Kids Choir-Room 330
6:45 pm	Little Lambs Choir-Room 330
6:45-8:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal-Handbell Room
7:00 pm	OCC Shoebox Packing Party- Fellowship Hall
	Youth Bible Study
	RA's, GA's & Mission Friends
	Young Adult Ministry-New Parlor
Thursday, November 28th-Church Office Closed	
Friday, November 29th-Church Office Closed	
6:30 pm	Children's Movie Night- Fellowship Hall
Saturday, November 30th-	
8:00-9:30 am	Food Pantry Open (USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)

November 17, 2024

Sunday School Attendance:	357
Church Attendance:	AM 474 PM 149
AWANA Attendance:	128
Sunday School Missions	6
Sunday's offering:	\$17,806.37
Online Giving 11/14-11/20:	\$7,894.00
Total Offerings Received:	\$25,700.37
Budget Offering Received	\$22,798.37
Budget Offering Required	\$26,300.00
Designated*:	\$1,310.00
Kingdom Vision (Including memorials)	\$940.00
OCC Shoeboxes	\$360.00
Janie Chapman Offering	\$10.00
Reimbursements:	\$1,592.00
Wednesday Supper (11/13)	\$807.00
Wreaths for Veterans Graves	\$25.00
Poinsettias	\$360.00
League Sports (Basketball registrations)	\$400.00

*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.

Memorials and Gifts to the Church:
.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Evelyn Durham by Mike & Nancy Smith.



December Monthly Church Conference
6:00PM
Sunday, Dec. 22, 2024

Happy Thanksgiving

The Church Office will be closed Thursday, November 28th and the 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

WBC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS

Christmas FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

COMING SOON ON
NOV. 29, 2024
6:30PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

MORE INFORMATION AT
WWW.WASHINGTONBAPTIST.ORG

MARCH FOR MISSIONS 2024

Join us on December 1st at both Morning Services as we generously give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions!

GOAL: \$25,000

Trent's Two Cents:
"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever. Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever." Psalm 136:1-3

Thanksgiving Day is next week! We have so much to be thankful for as individuals, as a church, and as a nation. Be sure to give thanks to the Lord for His enduring mercy toward us. We will celebrate and give thanks at our annual Thanksgiving Pinto Bean Supper on Wednesday, November 27th in the Fellowship Hall. We will start serving at 5:30pm. Once everyone has been served and had time to fellowship, Matthew Moore will bring a short message from God's Word. This event is free and no sign up is required! I hope you will be able to join us for this special night as we give thanks to the Lord.

Your Pastor,
 Trent Henson
 trent@washingtontbaptist.org

Congratulations! It's a Girl!
 To Andrew & Megan Hines in the birth of a daughter, Lucy Gale born November 18, 2024 weighing 7lbs 14oz.

Attention Homebound Volunteers!
 It's time to prepare our Christmas gifts for our homebound folks. We will be meeting in my home on November 30th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM to assemble & begin distribution of these gifts. Everything needed will be provided! Please call to RSVP or get directions!
 Looking forward to the fellowship!!!
 Debbie Shanks- 864-915-6808

with sympathy
 The Washington Church family would like to extend Christian Sympathy to the family of Mary Brown.



hello **NOVEMBER**

Upcoming Events

- ✓ **November 6th -**
RA's, GA's, & Mission Friends
- ✓ **November 13th**
RA's, GA's, & Mission Friends
- ✓ **November 20th**
Mission Friends - Packing Party
Upstairs
RA's & GA's - Packing Party in the Fellowship Hall
- November 27th**
Churchwide Pinto Bean Supper
Fellowship Hall - 5:30PM
- November 29th**
Family Movie Night
Fellowship Hall - 6:30PM



WMU MINISTRY TEAM
 November is winding down and we are finishing up with a bang! We have delivered Prisoner Packets to the Three Rivers Associational Office, and we also put together more health kits after depleting our supplies during Hurricane Helene. Operation Christmas Child has been in full swing as we have packed boxes individually and now as a church with our Packing Party. There are also still ways to help, like the Chestnut Grove Nursing Home Christmas Tree! We are almost ready for December and it's an exciting time to serve Jesus!



Thanks to our RA's & GA's and their leaders for doing such a great job in packing 61 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! It's such a blessing to see our children being on mission for the Lord! This week, our Mission Friends will have their Packing Party in the Children's Wing!

We will not have RA's, GA's, or Mission Friends on November 27th on the night of the Pinto Bean Supper, but we will have the nursery available on that night!

Our next WMU meeting is right around the corner on December 3rd at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall! This will be a special meeting as it will be during the International Week or Prayer, and we are looking forward to hearing from Eden Stargel and her husband, who are missionaries in the Middle East. We will be serving Christmas foods, and we hop to see you there! Sign up today at the WMU bulletin board!



Eden Stargel is from the upstate of South Carolina. She and her husband met at North Greenville University and have been married for 4 1/2 years! In 2021 they moved to the Middle East with the International Mission Board to minister to Muslim Arabs in a large Mega-city. In the spring of this past year (2024), Eden and her husband had a baby girl who is 8 months now and who was born in the Middle East. Eden previously has been on several mission trips, one of which was summer-long and affirmed the call to the nation the Lord had placed on her life in her teen years. Eden has spoken at many WMU events and is excited to be in the States for this holiday season to share about what the Lord is doing in the Middle East.

Servants of Christ, The WMU Ministry Team

Clothes Closet Update
 Only little boys clothes needed until further notice. Thank you for your help.
 ~Evelyn Lynn

THE CHESTNUT GROVE CHRISTMAS TREE IS UP IN THE HALLWAY ON THE ORGAN SIDE. PLEASE WRAP GIFTS AND PLACE IN WHITE TRASH BAG WITH NAME TAG ATTACHED. RETURN GIFT BY DECEMBER 4TH.

We have 8 slots open for anyone interested in going to Charlotte to the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center on Thursday, December 16th from 12-4 pm. If you're interested in going on this date, please sign up on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Carlene Styles or Tami Black. Thank you.

Thank you
 Church Family,
 Thank you for all the prayers and words of encouragement for Joel over the last few months. We really appreciate your kindness.
 Joel & Lydia Waddell



"Old Friends" will have a Christmas Concert in the Youth Room on December 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the Christmas Spirit!

Sunday, November 24th:
Extended Session Workers:
 8:30 am- Breanna James, Brooke Edwards and Megan Hines
 10:45 am- *Babies*- Amiee Terry 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 Smith
Computer Check-In:
 8:30 am- Jenna Pinckney
 Sunday School- Debbie Wade
 10:45 am- Debbie Servies
 6:00 pm- OPEN
Ushers for November:
 Avery James, Kenny Hughes, Tom LaMartina and Chet McAbee (meet in vestibule by 8:20)

Safety Team:
Vestibule
 8:15-10:30- Jeff Green
 10:30-12:00- Rob Dear
 5:30-7:00- Richard Vaughn
Fellowship Hall
 8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
 10:30-12:00-Ralph Howard (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- Ralph Howard
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/Jim Cason
Golf Cart
 8:00-12:00- Patrick Cloninger/Josh Sterritt
 5:30-7:00- Patrick Cloninger

Wednesday - November 27th:
Vestibule
 6:45-8:00- N/A
Children-Preschool Area
 6:45-8:00- N/A
Youth Doors
 6:45-8:00- N/A
Golf Cart-
 6:30-8:00- Claudia Burkhalter

Attention All Committees and Groups referenced in the Nominating Report:
 The Nominating Committee asks that all chairpersons report to the church office by the end of November in order to update the current list. Thank you for your cooperation!



We will kick off the Christmas season with "Hanging of the Green" Sunday evening, December 1 at 6:00! Plan to come enjoy this amazing evening of music as we beautifully decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas season. Be sure to check out the listing of all our Christmas musical offerings elsewhere in this newsletter!

December Keenagers Meeting will feature "Joyful Harps," two sisters who play harp concerts together. They have been here before and will present a wonderful program of Christmas music Tuesday, December 10, 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Donna and I wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving! We love serving with all of you!

~Kubasko Korner~

Psalm 100
 Thankfulness is a cornerstone of the Christian life - for the ways that God sustains us with blessings each day as well as for the love and grace He has showed us through His Son. The Psalmist speaks about this in the 100th Psalm by outlining three things: the character of God, our response to Him, and the promise God gives us. Verse 3 shows us the character of God - that He is God alone. Not only is this a statement showing His power and authority, but it shows us our dependence on Him for all things. In fact, the Psalmist calls us His people - those He has made, and bought, and claimed. Even here, the picture of a shepherd with His sheep is used to further drive home that point. So how, then do we respond to this? Verses 1 & 2, which open the Psalm, call us to praise and serve the Lord with gladness. This indicates, on our part, our willingness to respond to Who He is. We know that there are many people, including Christians, who do not show thankfulness for anything in their lives. These verses are highlighting something important - that to be truly thankful is to respond to what God has done. Verse 4 continues in this light, and makes clear that when we see what He has done in our lives - giving us the very air we breathe as well as the grace and mercy He has shown us in Christ - we will not only come to Him willingly but with thanksgiving in our hearts. We will give ourselves away to Him as He has given Himself to us, and thankfulness will be the natural outpouring of our hearts. Does your life show thankfulness each and every day? Is gratitude your natural response? Because the final verse - verse 5 - shows us the promise of this Psalm, which is that His love endures forever and He is always faithful. This, in turn, again promotes more gratitude in those who love Him and serve Him. Gratitude really does show the state of our relationship to the Lord, so are you feeling thankful today?

Come join the Operation Christmas Child Packing Party tomorrow night at 7pm as we work to touch thousands of lives all over the world with the Gospel! Bring your family and let's all serve the Lord together with gratitude in our hearts!

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

Honoring Our Veterans
2024
 Saturday, December 14 | WBC Cemetery | 9am
 Cost - \$15
 Please pay for your wreath by Dec. 8

WBC YOUTH

Moore News...
 Braxton brought a good message on thankfulness yesterday morning at our Bible & Biscuits. We have entered into the season where everyone reflects on all they have to be thankful for. As Christians, we have so much to be thankful for, as God is truly good to us. Most importantly, we are thankful for the atoning work of Jesus Christ.

I encourage you to take time to meditate on the following passage. "That while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life" (Rom 5:8-10). The salvation that you enjoy - that Christ purchased for you - is truly a miracle and this should impact every aspect of our lives. May we apply Paul's instruction to our lives, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thess 5:18).

~ Matthew (matthew@washingtontbaptist.org)