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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 21 - Washington Belles Concert & Carol Sing
6pm | Sanctuary
- 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

HONORING OUR VETERANS

2025

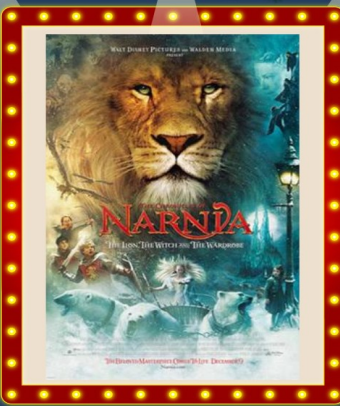
Saturday, December 13th | 9am
Washington Baptist Cemetery

Money for wreaths is due by December 7th!

WBC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS Christmas FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

COMING SOON ON
DEC. 5, 2025
6:30PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

MORE INFORMATION AT
WWW.WASHINGTONBAPTIST.ORG



Christmas Card Delivery

The children's mission groups will be sponsoring the Christmas card delivery this year!
A .25 Cents per card donation to the churchwide Lottie Moon Offering is all you need to pay!
Cards can be placed in the mailboxes around the church.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING 2025

Join us as we give throughout December!

March for Missions - December 7th

GOAL: \$25,000

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, December 7th- March for Missions	
8:30 am	First Morning Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Second Morning Worship Service
6:00 pm	Children's Christmas Music
Monday, December 8th-	
6:00 am	Men's Mon. Morning Bible Study-Lg. Conf. Rm
7:00 am	Men's Prayer Time- Room 211
Tuesday, December 9th-	
9:30 am & 7:00 pm	Ladies Prayer Time-Prayer Chapel
11:30 am	Keenagers-Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Budget/Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 10th-	
6:15 pm	Youth Bible Study
6:30 pm	The Sonshine 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	Prayer Meeting
	RA's, GA's & Mission Friends
	Young Adult Ministry- New Parlor
	Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm	
Saturday, December 13th-	
8:00-9:30 am	Food Pantry Open (USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)

Nov. 30th-Dec. 7th-Week of Prayer for International Missions-
Lottie Moon Offering

PRAYER FOCUS - Sub-Saharan African Peoples:
Missionaries can be overwhelmed trying to know where and how to address the various humanitarian needs they are faced with daily. Pray missionaries would have wisdom on how to help those who are suffering. Pray for those who are involved in refugee work withing multiple countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. (Source: Missions Mosaic Prayer Patterns, page 47, Fall, 2025)

November 30, 2025

Sunday School Attendance:	316
Church Attendance:	AM 301 PM 346
Sunday's offering:	\$16,612.00
Online Giving 11/26-12/3:	\$11,295.00
Total Offerings Received:	\$27,907.00
Budget Offering Received	\$25,427.00
Budget Offering Required	\$30,566.00
Designated*:	\$2,035.00
Kingdom Vision (Including memorials)	\$945.00
Lottie Moon Offering	\$1,020.00
OCC Shoeboxes	\$70.00
Reimbursements:	\$445.00
Bible	\$25.00
Poinsettias	\$190.00
League Sports	\$200.00
Wreaths for Vets.	\$30.00

*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 honor of the our Church Staff by Rachel Owensby.



Food Pantry Monthly Report:
Even though we were closed the Saturday after Thanksgiving for our workers' to have a holiday, still four Saturdays, we served 345 clients representing 1189 family members during November. During the week of Thanksgiving, God really blessed us with a much needed donation of food from Skyland Elementary from their Food Drive. If you know someone associated with Skyland, thank them for their donation. Also, thanks to all the workers who helped with the food pickup.

Trent’s Two Cents:

This week is the Week of Prayer for International Missions. I hope you have been praying through the prayer guide that was in the bulletin Sunday morning. As you pray for those serving the Lord around the world, be sure pray about your role in fulfilling the Great Commission of making disciples of all nations. One way you can help is by giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Every penny of this offering funds mission efforts around the world. We will be collecting this offering throughout the month of December. Our church goal this year is \$25,000. This Sunday morning, December 7th, we will kick off our giving with the March for Missions. Please come prepared to give.

Lottie Moon was an amazing woman. She left home in 1872, at age 32, to share the gospel with the people of China. She spent the next 39 years, the remainder of her life, serving these people. In 1887 she wrote a letter to women back home that was printed in the Foreign Mission Journal. This letter motivated Baptist women to be more organized and united in giving toward international missions. In the letter she urged them to dedicate the week preceding Christmas as “a week of prayer and self-denial” as they sought the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on mission efforts across the world. She explained why she chose that week by asking, “Is not the festive season when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of The Gift laid on the altar of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time to consecrate a portion from abounding riches and scant poverty to send forth the good tidings of great joy into all the earth?” Lottie Moon worked tirelessly to motivate the church to pray for missions, give to missions, and send missionaries. I hope we have the same passion for the lost as Lottie Moon had and seek to unite, pray, give, send, and go so the world may hear the gospel!

Your Pastor,
Trent
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Washington Kids

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

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place!

If you joined us Wednesday night to pack shoeboxes, I’m sure you felt it too—God’s holy presence was evident in every moment!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this evening such a blessing! Whether you donated toys or school supplies, packed shoeboxes with us, loaded cartons, sorted and counted for set-up, or lifted this ministry in prayer—you played a meaningful part in sharing Christ’s love with children around the world.

So far, we have received about half of the \$7,000 needed for processing and delivery costs for the boxes filled at the party.

Please continue to pray for this ministry, and if you feel led, consider giving toward the remaining costs so these gifts—and the message of *The Greatest Gift of All*—can reach every child.

Thanks go out to all of the participants who went to Samaritans Purse Processing Center in Charlotte in Monday! It was a great experience of serving Jesus! We processed boxes for three different countries! It was a special joy to have Mrs. Lou Ellen Barnett go and work!

Thanks to all who came to WMU on Tuesday night to support our missionary speaker and special prayer emphasis for our Week of Prayer! It was a great evening of food, fellowship, and learning about Missions!

The RAs, GAs, and Mission Friends will have their Christmas parties on Wednesday night, December 10 during their regular meeting time from 7 -8 pm.

We are also grateful for the support so many of you have given for our Connie Maxwell Children’s Ministries this Christmas! We will deliver the money and gifts this Thursday! To God be the Glory!

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

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Saturday, December 6th
We will leave around 6 am and return about 4 pm. Contact Fred Brown if you plan to attend.

Thank You!

Thank you so much for the prayers, phone calls, cards and text messages I’ve received. I sincerely appreciate and am blessed by all the acts of kindness and faithful prayers of my loving church family during my dad’s recent illness and passing.

Jackie Church

The Washington Church family would like to extend Christian Sympathy to the family of Milton Gordon and to Ronnie Knight in the loss of his brother, Steve.

We really need little girls items. We are very low on them. We need anything and everything.

Thank you for all of your help.

~Evelyn Lynn

Sunday, December 7th:

Extended Session Workers:
8:30 am– Claire Skinner & Kelsey Skinner and Robin Brown
10:45 am– Tonda & Freddy Rogers, Brandy & Madison Atkins and Jessica & Emmie O’Bryant
6:00 pm– Cathy Weaver & 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 December:
Andrew Brown, Mike O’Bryant, Jonathan Perry and Hugh Sistare (meet in vestibule by 8:20)

Safety Team:
Vestibule-
8:15-10:30-Freddie Lindley
10:30-12:00-Sam Spearman
5:30-7:00– Hugh Sistare

Fellowship Hall-
8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
10:30-12:00-Will Ayers (Lock all doors @ 11:00)

Children Area (Lock All Doors @ 11:00)-
8:15-10:30– Tony Farr
10:30-12:00-Jonathan Perry
5:30-7:00-Tony Farr

Youth Doors-
8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
10:30-12:00-Will Ayers

Video Surveillance Room-
8:15-10:30– Rusty Edwards
10:30-12:00-Mike Sloan
5:45-7:00– Avery James

Golf Cart-
8:00-12:00- Avery James/Kaleb Edwards
5:30-7:00– Kaleb Edwards

Wednesday - December 10th:
Vestibule: 6:45-8:00- Steve Church
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
6:00-7:45- Joe Aughtry
Children’s Check-In- 6:00 pm– Aimee Perry

WASHINGTON BAPTIST YOUTH
Event Schedule

NOVEMBER
30th Hanging of the Green (PM Service)

DECEMBER
7th No Youth Service
10th Christmas Party
14th No Youth Service
24th Christmas Eve Service (11:00 PM)
28th No Church Service
31st No Church Service

Welcome

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:
Curtis & April Steadman by letter

Notes

from Dave

Our Children’s Choirs will present an evening of Christmas music this coming Sunday evening at 6:00! Come enjoy hearing our kids sing from their hearts of the birth of our Lord! You will be blessed.

“The Carols of Christmas” will be presented by the Adult Choir Sunday evening, December 14 at 6:00! It will be an amazing time of worship with incredible arrangements of some of your favorite songs of Christmas! Invite someone to join you!

December Keenagers is Tuesday, December 9, 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Ben Dryden and Dave Dupree will present a program of Christmas music you will enjoy! Sign up on the bulletin board so we will know how many to prepare for! As has been lately, bring boxes of cereal for our Food Pantry Item!

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. Plan to come by 1:45 as the show begins right at 2:00! There are other dates available to enjoy this program if December 20 does not work for you. **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 for Sr Adults and everyone in our community!

I love serving with you! Dave Dupree

~Kubasko Korner~

Come, Emmanuel: Waiting for Our Lord’s Return (Part Five - Our Dayspring)

The word “dayspring” is always one that I and I think all of us have sung in “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” without thinking much about it or defining it; but when you trace the use of this word, it is a synonym and older word for the dawn of a new day which makes a lot of sense. The prophet Isaiah foretold that not only would the gloom dissipate, but that “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone (Is. 9:2).” This theme pervades the Old Testament, starting all the way back in the Exodus when God illuminates the peoples’ nightly path through the wilderness with fire and continues through the spiritual darkness of the kingdom of Israel as well as the exile of Israel. There is a sense of pervasive darkness that only the light of God can shine through, and here that promise is made plain. Of course, we know the fulfillment of this promise comes in Jesus Who is the Light of the world (John 8:12). He Himself uses this passage from Isaiah to refer to Himself in Matthew 4:16. Even Jesus’s uncle, the priest Zechariah and father of John the Baptist, spoke of Jesus in this way when he said under inspiration of the Holy Spirit “because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace (Luke 1:78-79).”

Ultimately, it was that peace with God that Zechariah foretold that is the entire reason for Christ’s coming. When we sing for the Dayspring (notice the personification) to cheer us and disperse the clouds of night, it points us to the fact that Christ came to illuminate our darkness with the truth. As the original Latin of the hymn says, He came to “enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.” almost a literal copy of Isaiah’s prophecy. Jesus came to us as the Way, the Truth, and the Life - to bring us back into a healed and reconciled relationship with God the Father (John 14:6) - and is called the light of men by the prophet John (John 1:1-5, 9-18). The prophet Malachi said before the silence preceding Christ that “...for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall (Malachi 4:2).” The coming of Christ was not just an event in a series of events, but the pinnacle and apex of all of human history. Before Him was darkness, and the first day only truly dawned at His coming. Think, for a moment, of the way it is written in Hark, the Herald Angels Sing: "Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings." For the first time, the Light dawned on us with the coming of Christ - “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel (Luke 2:32).”

But this will not be the first dawn, for what “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” tells us in its words is that not only has He come, but He is coming again. We live, at this moment, in our own form of darkness in our time in the tension of what has been illuminated to us by the Dayspring while waiting for our own darkness to end when He returns. With this in mind, we can live in true peace because Christ has already brought His people into peace with God by His sacrifice on the cross and kept us in that peace by His eternal priesthood at God the Father’s side. He has dawned Light upon us, and that Light shall dawn again with healing in His wings. And so we sing: “O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.”

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

Moore News:

This is my favorite time of year. For me, it really begins at the pinto bean supper. I get to preach, the next day is Thanksgiving, and then it is officially Christmas time. I love to see all of the Christmas decorations, whether that is walking through the church or driving through town. I love Christmas music, Christmas movies, and seeing the excitement on my daughters' faces as they open their presents on Christmas Day. All of these things fill my heart with joy. But it is all pointless if we forget the real reason we celebrate Christmas. Christmas is about Jesus. That is a simple and obvious statement for Christians, but with the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, it is easy to put Jesus in the back of our minds until we get to church each Sunday. Let us be intentional this Christmas in worshipping Jesus, the One who took on flesh to save His people from their sins (Matt. 1:21).

~Matthew Moore
(Matthew@washingtonbaptist.org)