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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 8th-	
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
6:00 pm	Evening Worship Service-Children's Christmas Music
Monday, December 9th-	
6:00 am	Men's Monday Morning Bible Study-Lg. Conf. Rm
7:00 am	Men's Prayer Time- Room 211
	Deacon's Meeting-Lg. Conference Room
Tuesday, December 10th-	
9:30 am	Ladies Prayer Time- Prayer Chapel
11:30 am	Keenagers- Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Ladies Prayer Time- Prayer Chapel
	Ladies Bible Study- Home of B. Aughtry
Wednesday, December 11th-	
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
	Youth Bible Study
	RA's, GA's & Mission Friends
	Young Adult Ministry-New Parlor
	Adult Choir Dress Rehearsal
7:45 pm	
Thursday, December 12th	
7:00 pm	"Old Friends" Christmas Concert- Youth Room
Saturday, December 14th-	
8:00-9:30 am	Food Pantry Open (USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)
8:00-9:45 am	Clothes Closet Open

December 1, 2024

Sunday School Attendance:	303
Church Attendance:	AM400 PM 391
Sunday's offering:	\$37,079.37
Online Giving 11/27-12/4:	\$10,532.00
Total Offerings Received:	\$47,611.39
Budget Offering Received	\$30,042.39
Budget Offering Required	\$26,300.00
Designated*:	\$16,854.00
Kingdom Vision (Including memorials)	\$3,120.00
OCC Shoeboxes	\$510.00
Lottie Moon Offering	\$12,724.00
Food Pantry	\$500.00
Reimbursements:	\$715.00
Wreaths for Veterans Graves	\$15.00
Poinsettias	\$210.00
League Sports (Volleyball)	\$290.00
Benevolence (Help with Christmas)	\$200.00

*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 Lottie Moon Offering in honor of Nan Spearman by the Dorcus Sunday School Class.

.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Frances Glascoe by David Glascoe.

.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Earl Rainey by Rachel Owensby, Don & Sherrie Brown, Ronnie & Gale Knight, Linny & Cheryl Moore, Hugh & Ann Sistare and Johnny & Donnie Clary.

.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Dennis Schneider by Ronnie & Gale Knight, Gregg & Mitzi Moore and Linny & Cheryl Moore.

.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Jewell Wall, Miriam Polson, Mary Brown by Linny & Cheryl Moore.

.....given to the Lottie Moon Offering in memory honor of my children, grand children and great grand children by Rachel Owensby.

.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Evelyn Durham.

WHAT'S UP at Washington

CHRISTMAS AT WASHINGTON

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



"Old Friends"-
(Joe Price, Ben Dryden and George & Margaret Newham) will have a Christmas Concert in the Youth Room on December 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the Christmas Spirit!

The First Christmas
Isaiah 9:6-7

Join us for our annual live Christmas Nativity brought to you by our WonderKids!

We will have music in the Fellowship Hall led by our Youth Worship Team, A Kingdom and Priests, and hot chocolate will be served!



Honoring Our Veterans 2024

Join us as we honor those who have served our country on Saturday, December 14 at our Church Cemetery at 9am!

If you signed up for a wreath, the cost of \$15 is due by December 8th.

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O COME LET US ADORE THEE

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 | 11PM

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who had a part in helping our church exceed our 2024 goal 1,225 boxes and packing 1,363!

Monetary donations are still needed to cover the shipping costs of the 660 boxes from the packing party. If you can give, please mark your envelope online gift "OCC!"

Trent's Two Cents:

The Hanging of the Green is one of my favorite Washington traditions. It is a fun and meaningful service. I love how all generations participate in decorating the sanctuary as we worship. It has been a joy to see our daughter, Kerith, participate in the phases of the service through the years. Scotti and I carried her down the aisle as an infant while carrying a poinsettia, she sang in the children's choirs, she helped decorate the tree, and this year she helped the children decorate the tree. At the end of the service my family takes a picture in front of the tree in the vestibule. We have done this every year for the last 12 years. I enjoy looking back at the pictures and reflecting on my Washington Christmas memories.

To God be the glory! Merry Christmas! Your Pastor, Trent Henson



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WBC KIDS PANCAKES & PJ'S DECEMBER 4TH SNACK | GAMES | FELLOWSHIP FELLOWSHIP HALL 7PM WBC WONDER KIDS 1ST-6TH GRADERS

Check out Right Now Media

Right Now Media is a Christian online resource website which Washington Baptist subscribes to for our members. In order to access the website you need an ID and password. We encourage you to sign up and begin to enjoy these wonderful free Christian resources.

Don't throw away your used Sunday School Material!

As our Summer Quarter ends please remember to recycle your Sunday School literature. Our used Sunday School material reaches people around the world through the International Seafarers Ministry in Charleston.

MISSIONS @WBC

WMU MINISTRY TEAM

Don't forget to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions this December! Our goal is \$25,000, and every penny counts for Jesus!

Mission Friends will have their Christmas party on December 11th! There will be no Mission Friends on December 18th so the kids can go see the Live Nativity!

We support the Connie Maxwell Children's Home every year at this time with gifts of love they need for their facilities and ministries, but this year we are going to do something a little different. They have asked us to supply wrapping paper, tape, ribbons, bows, gift boxes & bags, and gift tags for 1,800 gifts, so please help us by dropping off supplies in the WMU receptacles around the church by December 8th!



Claudia Burkhalter is working with a group from the Banner Elk area of Western NC where she once lived. We were able to respond last weekend with a vehicle's worth of warm blankets, coats, etc. for these people in dire need, and we need your help supply them with the following items: blankets, regular & work gloves, warm socks, hats, toys (crayons, coloring books, balls, books), tarps, small heaters, & flashlights.

Thanks to all the ladies for coming out to our WMU meeting last night! We had a wonderful meeting! Our speaker was amazing and was so inspirational! We also want to thank Braxton for helping us with our technology, which helped our speaker be able to present her ministry pictures well!

We pray that God continues to bless she and her family in their ministry!

Servants of Christ, The WMU Ministry Team

WBC FOOD PANTRY Food Pantry Monthly Report: During November, we served 311 clients representing 1077 family members. Such a blessing!

The Washington Church family would like to extend Christian Sympathy to Chris Walker in the loss of his mother, Mellie Walker.

Miriam Spearman By Letter



We have 8 slots open for anyone interested in going to Charlotte to the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center on Monday, 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.

GREETERS NEEDED!

We need more volunteers to volunteer one Sunday a month to greet and welcome people at our church! This is VERY important, especially right now as we enter into the Christmas season and our church has a lot of visitors. We want them to know they are welcomed, loved, and greeted when they come to Washington! This is such a special way to share the love of Jesus with our church members and community. Please contact Mallory Kubasko at 919-623-9471 if you are interested!

Sunday, December 8th:

Extended Session Workers: 8:30 am- Abigail Butts, Sarah Coker and Katelyn Strange 10:45 am- Suzanne Barbare, Brandi Atkins, Breanna Perdue, Sandra Bridwell and Liz Woodward 6:00 pm- Stephanie Hatmaker and Sarah Young Computer Check-In: 8:30 am- Jordan Johnson Sunday School- Ross da Silva 10:45 am- Suzanne Barbare 6:00 pm- OPEN Ushers for December: Andrew Brown, Chris O'Bryant, Mike O'Bryant and Hugh Sistare (meet in vestibule by 8:20)

Safety Team: Vestibule 8:15-10:30- Freddie Lindley 10:30-12:00- Byron Henson 5:30-7:00- Chet McAbee 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-Scott Chisam 10:30-12:00-Roger Black Youth Doors 8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare 10:30-12:00- Will Ayers Children/Preschool Area & Lock All Doors at 6:05 Golf Cart 8:00-12:00-Benjamin Van Patton/Kaleb Edwards 5:30-7:00- Benjamin Van Patton/Kaleb Edwards Wednesday - December 11th: Vestibule 6:45-8:00- Steve Church Children-Preschool Area 6:45-8:00- Rusty Edwards Youth Doors 6:45-8:00- Jim Cason Golf Cart- Gantt Martin



Our Children's Choirs will be presenting an evening of Christmas Music this coming Sunday evening at 6:00. Come enjoy and show our children that you support them as developing worship leaders of the present as well as the future!

One Small Child, A Christmas Worship Experience will be presented Sunday evening December 15 at 6:00. Don't miss this amazing evening as we celebrate and focus on the significance of the birth of One Small Child! 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 next Tuesday, December 10, 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board so we will know how many to prepare for our free lunch! Food Pantry item for December is cans of turnip greens!

Our next Sr Adult Movie Morning is Tuesday, December 17 at 10:00 in the Youth Room. We will show Journey to Bethlehem an amazing musical interpretation of the Christmas story.

We love serving with all of you! Dave & Donna

Kubasko Korner

Until the Son of God Appear

As the nights grow darker and the days colder, we find ourselves at Christmas once again - a time where we not only celebrate what God has done in bringing Christ to earth but what He is still doing in our lives and ultimately in waiting for the predetermined moment when Christ will return to earth. One of my favorite Christmas carols at this time of year that speaks of this is O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Oftentimes we sing Christmas hymns with thoughts of them as simply referencing past events, but when we think about the words of this song we realize that we are in the same situation as Israel in the Old Testament. As they waited in the silence for the coming Messiah, and so do we; but unlike them, we do not wait in anxiety but in the hope that Jesus has given us. Joy to the World also speaks of this reality originally have been a song about the second coming of Christ, which gives a whole new dimension to the line let earth receive her King. So as the nights get colder and darker, we can light up our homes with light as we celebrate the hope that Christ brings with Him when He comes again!

Thank you all for your generosity over these last few weeks! Operation Christmas Child has been a huge success, and our giving to the Lottie Moon Fund for Missions has started off with a bang! We've also had a great response to our Christmas for a Child Ministry as we try to provide gifts for families who are struggling at this time of year! Let's continue to show the love of Christ as we celebrate Him this Christmas!

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



Moore News...

I want to remind our youth and parents of a few upcoming events. This Friday, our youth-age girls will meet in the fellowship hall from 6 pm to 9 pm for a girl's night. Please see Jessica O'Bryant for more information. On 12/11 (next Wednesday), we will have our Youth Christmas Party. Please bring a \$5-\$10 gift for our gift exchange. Lastly, on 12/14 we will go to a NGU Basketball Game. We are going to plan to leave around 2 pm to meet the team before their 4 pm game. I will have more info on this next week.

Matthew (matthew@washingtonbaptist.org)

More Upcoming Youth Events:

12/18- Children's Nativity: 7-8 pm- we need youth volunteers to help with this event.

HENDERSON'S LOVE OFFERING

We will be taking the 5th Sunday Love Offering for the Henderson's on December 29th. If you would like to help Kerry & Neltia with their ministry please make checks payable to Kerry Henderson. DO NOT make checks to WBC. If you are using as a tax donation, please make check payable to Barnabas International- in memo line put 'For Kerry Henderson.' If you would prefer to give online go to: give.barnabas.org/support/kerry-neltia-henderson OR mail checks made to: Barnabas International-P.O. Box 708 Elkhorn, WI 53121 (Put Kerry Henderson in the memo line).

PRAYER FOCUS - Sub Saharan African Peoples

Darfurians have been coming into Arua, Uganda, over the last year. So far, about 350 people have fled from Sudan into this area of Uganda. From this people group, approximately 100 believers and 250 Muslims live within 15-20 minutes from IMB missionaries. Pray for IMB missionaries as they actively minister to these believers through trauma healing, theological education, teaching English as a second language, and discipleship and as they reach out to the Muslims near them. (Source: Missions Mosaic Prayer Patterns, page 33, December, 2024)

