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WHAT'S UP at Washington

CHRISTMAS AT WASHINGTON

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

December 18
Live Nativity
7pm | Fellowship Hall

December 22
"Ring Out: A Handbell Christmas"
Featuring The Washington Belles | Followed by Pastor's Message
6 PM | Sanctuary

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

Honoring Our Veterans 2024

Saturday, December 14 | Church Cemetery | 9am

The First Christmas

Isaiah 9:6-7

Wednesday, December 18 | 7pm

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!

THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON:

Sunday, December 15th-	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
	5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 pm Evening Worship Service-Adult Choir Musical
Monday, December 16th-	6:00 am Men's Monday Morning Bible Study-Lg. Conf. Rm
	7:00 am Men's Prayer Time- Room 211
Tuesday, December 17th-	9:30 am Ladies Prayer Time- Prayer Chapel
	7:00 pm Ladies Prayer Time- Prayer Chapel
Wednesday, December 18th-	7:00 pm Live Nativity
Saturday, December 21st-	8:00-9:30 am Food Pantry Open (USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)

December 8, 2024

Sunday School Attendance:	331
Church Attendance:	AM414 PM234
Sunday's offering:	\$25,142.92
Online Giving 12/5-12/11:	\$9,241.00
Total Offerings Received:	\$34,383.92
Budget Offering Received	\$21,168.92
Budget Offering Required	\$26,300.00
Designated*:	\$12,642.00
Kingdom Vision (Including memorials)	\$1,552.00
OCC Shoeboxes	\$5,620.00
Lottie Moon Offering	\$4,725.00
Gifts to Jesus	\$500.00
Benevolence (Help families w/Christmas)	\$225.00
Food Pantry	\$20.00
Reimbursements:	\$573.00
Wreaths for Veterans Graves	\$50.00
Use of Facilities	\$50.00
Wednesday Supper (12/4)	\$473.00

*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.



The Church Office will be closed December 24th and 25th.

Merry Christmas!

Trent, Dave, Braxton, Matthew, Dana, Sherry, Debbie and Judy

Memorials and Gifts to the Church:

.....given to the Lottie Moon Offering in memory of Mary Brown and Earl Rainey by Ronnie & Carlene Styles.

.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Earl Rainey by Judy Cason, Gregg & Mitzi Moore and Blue Ridge High School Class of 1963.

.....given to the Lottie Moon Offering in memory of Mary Brown, Dennis Schneider and Jerriel Page by Richard & Wanda Vaughn.

.....given to the Lottie Moon Offering in memory of Margaret Barnette by Merle Ervin.

Men's Ministry Chili Cook-Off

CAROLINA Pregnancy Center
Piedmont WOMEN'S CENTER Pregnancy Medical Clinic

Bring the whole family and come enjoy some friendly competition as we try everyone's chili recipes! We will get to hear from Braxton and our local pregnancy centers as we celebrate Sanctity of Life Month!

Saturday January 18 Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm

More Info : www.washingtonbaptist.com

RING OUT!

PRESENTED BY THE WASHINGTON BELLS

FOLLOWED BY A SHORT MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TRENT HENSON

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND 6PM IN THE SANCTUARY

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COME LET US ADORE THEE

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 | 11PM

Trent's Two Cents:

This month we are collecting the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Every penny of this offering supports mission efforts around the world. Our church goal this year is \$25,000. To date we have collected \$17,809.00. Thank you for your generosity! I pray we will continue to give willingly, cheerfully, and generously to reach our goal and reach the nations with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Lottie Moon was an international missionary. 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 them in the name of Jesus. Lottie wrote many letters to church leaders and organizations here in America during her time in China. These letters show us her heart for reaching people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In 1887 she wrote a letter to the Baptist 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 did her best to motivate the church to pray, to give, and send missionaries. May we unite, pray, give, send, and go, so the world may hear the gospel!

Your Pastor,
Trent Henson
(Trent@washingtonbaptist.org)



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!

Hundreds of yards of wrapping paper and other gift supplies to help wrap 1800 gifts for Connie Maxwell Children's Home was delivered on Monday! We also delivered checks from the WMU and one of our SS Classes. Cards made by our Mission Friends were also delivered. They were so grateful! Thanks Washington Baptist Church for your support in this wonderful ministry! We are the hands and feet of Jesus!



The Mission Friends will have their Christmas Party tonight in the Preschool department! It begins at 7:00 and ends at 8:00. We always look forward to this festive time with our younger children! This will be our last Mission Friends meeting until January.

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. All donations can be put outside the Missions Closet downstairs by the Gym, and they will be delivered on December 12th!

Servants of Christ, The WMU Ministry Team

Dear Washington Baptist Church,
We wanted to send you a few words to show our appreciation for being so kind to send us in the most difficult time items that helps our efforts to reach our community that has been so tragically effected by hurricane Helene. Your kindness, and love will never be forgotten. May God bless each and everyone of you. Please continue keeping us and all that was effected by this relentless storm in your prayers. A special thank you to the sweet lady that traveled up the mountain to deliver the items to us!

Your brothers & sisters in Christ,
Fall Creek Baptist Church

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

WBC FOOD PANTRY



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 15th:

- Extended Session Workers:**
 - 8:30 am- Lisa Chisam, Maddi & Macie Hanley and Becca Bishop
 - 10:45 am- Becca Bishop, Nell Eastland, Brooke Martin, Haley Perry and Meredith Moore
 - 6:00 pm- Kathy Weaver and Brittany Moore
- Computer Check-In:**
 - 8:30 am- Roxanne Bruce
 - Sunday School- Amy Baker
 - 10:45 am- Katelyn Strange
 - 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- Eddie Smith
 - 10:30-12:00- Gene Tapp
 - Fellowship Hall**
 - 5:30-7:00- Benjamin Van Patton
 - 8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare
 - 10:30-12:00-Jeffrey Lynn (Lock all doors at 11:00)
 - Children/Preschool Area**
 - 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/Preschool Area & Lock All Doors at 6:05**
- Golf Cart**
 - 8:00-12:00-Avery James/Kaleb Edwards
 - 5:30-7:00- Avery James/Kaleb Edwards
- Wednesday - December 18th:**
 - Fellowship Hall & Picnic Shelter-Youth Choir & Live Nativity**
 - 6:45-8:00- Gregg Moore/Joe Aughtry



"One Small Child, A Christmas Worship Experience" will be presented this coming 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!

The Washington Belles will present a wonderful evening of music Sunday, December 22 at 6:00 followed by a message from our pastor. Don't miss this beautiful program of unique Christmas music!

Our final Sr Adult Movie Morning of 2024 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 (Dave@washingtonbaptist.org)

~Kubasko Korner~

There is so much going on at Washington over these next few weeks, and I hope that you are taking part in all of it! If you were at the Children's Christmas Concert last night, you know what a treat we experienced as our kids led us in worship, and I was so happy to see kids as young as Shep all the way to our 6th graders using their voices to celebrate Jesus! But over the next few weeks, I would encourage you to use the events coming up as a reason to invite friends, family, and others to our church. Many people that do not normally want to come to a church will come for things like concerts and Christmas events, and that can be their gateway to knowing God - especially since every Christmas event and concert we have points them to and explicitly tells them the Gospel! Our Adult Choir will be doing this through their presentation, "One Small Child," this Sunday evening, and our Washington Belles will be performing their concert on the evening of the 22nd followed by a short message from Trent - both of these are fantastic opportunities for you to share the Gospel with someone just by inviting them! And another great invite to give would be for our Live Nativity on the 18th when our kids will do a live nativity where our Youth Worship Team will be playing Christmas music and there will be refreshments as we get to live out the Christmas story again! And, of course, our Christmas Eve service is another wonderful opportunity to share! You see, this Christmas season, being a missionary is as simple as inviting that coworker, or friend, or family member that does not know Christ to come to hear our music and join in the fun here at Washington, and while they are here they will also be connected to the Gospel & the Christmas story! So I can't wait to see you all there to support our church family and I hope you will be like the shepherds this Christmas - ready and eager to tell others about Jesus and bring someone with you to experience His love and grace firsthand!

I do want to take a moment to brag on our Youth Worship Team, or as we have come to title ourselves - A Kingdom and Priests. I am so blessed to be able to work with them every week. Not many in our church get to see all they do, but they practice almost every Sunday evening and lead worship every week at Wednesday Night Youth Group as lead on Sunday mornings and at special events! You'll see them this Sunday and on the 18th, and I hope everyone will come out on the 18th to support them and our kids at the Live Nativity - they have worked so hard and really are viewing the 18th as their Christmas Concert! To everyone in the group, if you're reading this, know how proud I am of you and all you have done since we started in 2023. I have been blessed to see how much you all have grown as not only musicians but as people, and I am so grateful that God has given me this opportunity to get to know you and work with you every week!

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

Girls in Action Spa Night

JOIN US FOR A FUN AND RELAXING NIGHT AS WE KICK OFF THE 2025 NEW YEAR!!!

FRIDAY JANUARY 3RD 6:30-9:00PM

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL PICK UP & DROP OFF

Enjoy face masks, nail polish, and lots of pampering. A meal will be provided.

If you are interested in volunteering, please be sure to sign up on the sign up sheet via google forms or the bulletin board!

PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 27, 2024 TO GET A SPA KIT.

In Christian Sympathy

The Washington Church family would like to extend Christian Sympathy to the family of John Baker

We delivered Christmas gifts to 100 residents living at Chestnut Grove in Virginia last Saturday. What a Blessing!

Rejoice IN THE LORD always. PHILIPPIANS 4:4

Moore News...

Last reminder for the NGU Basketball game this Saturday. There is a signup sheet in the youth room, so please sign up if you want to attend. Our youth group will get into the game for free. Please bring your own money if you wish to buy anything from the concession stand. Originally, the plan was to leave at 2 pm. We are now going to leave at 3 pm. This should allow those who are playing church basketball to attend the game. The game starts at 4 pm and we will plan to be back at the church around 6:30 pm. Parents - I will have your kids text you when we are heading back. Also, parents, you are welcome to come to the game with your kids. Please just let me know ahead of time so I can give Coach Lister a headcount before we arrive. Please let me know if you have any questions.

~ 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.