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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*

THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON:

Sunday, December 21st-
8:30 am First Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am Second Morning Worship Service
6:00 pm Handbell & Carol Sing-Church Conference
Monday, December 22nd-
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, December 23rd-
9:30 am & 7:00 pm Ladies Prayer Time-Prayer Chapel
Wednesday, December 24th- Christmas Eve-Church Office Closed
11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, December 25th-Christmas Day-Church Office Closed
Saturday, December 27th-
8:00-9:30 am Food Pantry Closed
(USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)

December 14, 2025

Sunday School Attendance: 350
Church Attendance: AM 441 PM 227
Sunday's offering: \$23,415.75
Online Giving 12/11-12/17: \$12,041.00
Total Offerings Received: \$35,456.75
Budget Offering Received \$29,438.50
Budget Offering Required \$30,566.00
Designated*:
Kingdom Vision (Including memorials) \$4,715.25
Lottie Moon Offering \$1,412.25
Food Pantry \$3,168.00
Reimbursements: \$135.00
Discipleship Training \$1,303.00
League Sports \$100.00
Wreaths for Veterans \$88.00
Use of Facilities \$20.00
Christmas for a Child \$100.00
Poinsettias \$300.00
Deacon/Staff Christmas Dinner \$45.00
\$600.00

*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 by Richard & Wanda Vaughn.
.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Milton
Gordon and Steve Knight by Shirley Brown.

Mission Prayer: Pray that every believer in a hostile area or restricted nation will have access to God's Word. Pray that Bibles smuggled into restricted nations will go unnoticed by those who oppose the gospel. Pray that those who read or listen to God's Word will be grounded in his truth.

WHAT'S UP at Washington

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING 2025

Join us as we give throughout December!

GOAL: \$25,000
RECEIVED: \$16,689

CHRISTMAS AT WASHINGTON

December 21 - Washington Bells Concert | 6pm in the Sanctuary

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service | 11pm in the Sanctuary

December 25 - Office Closed

December 28 - Morning Services Only; No Evening Services/Activities

December 31 - No Evening Services/Activities

January 1 - Office Closed



Donation Request

Please continue to pray for this ministry, and if you feel led, consider making a donation so that these gifts—and the message of *The Greatest Gift of All*—can reach every child.

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

The \$10 per box donation helps cover the costs of collecting, processing, and shipping the gift overseas. This donation also contributes to providing the children with gospel booklets written in their language and helps train local churches to use the gifts.



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.

Join us for Youth Sunday

Our Students will lead us in worship and share testimony of what God is doing in their lives!

Sunday, January 4

Afterwards,
we will have a social
in the Fellowship Hall to
celebrate Dave's retirement!
Please feel free to bring any
gifts or cards you'd like for
Dave to this event!

Join us for a
Night of Praise

January 11, 2026 | 6:00 pm
IN THE Sanctuary

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Want to know more about our 2026 Bible Reading Plan?

Watch this video on our Facebook
page that goes through all
information & questions!



Like a child excited
for Christmas morning,
may I always be eager
to receive the gift
of your love, O Lord.

Trent's Two Cents:

In 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, the Apostle Paul tells us when we give willingly, generously, and cheerfully, it not only meets the needs of others, but proves your faith, and results in thanksgiving to God. I have seen the truth of these verses firsthand over the last two months as Washington Baptist Church has

- Collected and delivered 182 Prisoner Packets
- Packed 1,330 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes
- Donated \$3,519 toward shipping and processing fees for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes
- Gave over \$4,000 to the Connie Maxwell Children's Home which allowed us to provide the children with gifts and help the ministry in many ways
- Provided Christmas assistance for 30 children in our community as Sunday School classes donated over \$2,200 toward this cause
- Bought and delivered Christmas gifts to nearly 90 residents in the Chestnut Grove Living Facility in Lee County, VA.
- Provided food and clothing to hundreds through our food pantry and clothing closet ministries.
- Given over \$16,300 (and counting) for International Missions by giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Thank you for your generosity and desire to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ this Christmas. There is no way to measure the eternal impact of these evangelical and missional efforts. It is a blessing to be part of such a generous, mission-minded church. To God be the glory!

Your Pastor,
Trent
trent@washingtonbaptist.org



2025 AT
WASHINGTON

December

Join us for our
Christmas Eve Service on
December 24th at 11:00pm
in the Sanctuary

Mission Trips in 2026

Panama
June 5-12
\$995 + airfare

Utah
Late July
Approx. \$850-1,000

Sign up on the Mission Board today for more info!

PRAYER FOCUS - France: With new churches started in Eastern France over the last few years, the network of church plants is growing. While still a minority, churches and ministries in the region are finding ways to make a meaningful social and spiritual impact there. Pray for the salvation of the people of Eastern France.
(Source: Missions Mosaic Prayer Patterns, page 53, Winter, 2025-26)

MISSIONS @WBC

One of the special memories for children are fun events at church. We had an awesome time with the Mission Friends last Wednesday night! Thanks to the helpers and families for their support in this wonderful Christmas experience!

The RAs and GAs had their Christmas party last Wednesday night. They planned for the "Live Nativity Event" while enjoying pizza, fun treats, and fellowship! Be sure and support these young people and this special event on Wednesday night, December 17.

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

Thank you to those who purchased Christmas gifts to the Chestnut Grove residents. It was a blessing to them and us!

THANK YOU!

Dear WBC family,
Thank you so much for the love offering last month! What a blessing for us during this holiday season. We wish all of you a Merry Christmas!!

Love, Kerry & Neltia

CLOTHES CLOSET

We are in need of coats & jackets all sizes. Also blankets & throws. These items go real fast. Thanks for all your help and Merry Christmas to each of you.
~ Evelyn Lynn, Jeffrey Lynn, Bonnie Mussman and Darlene Cooper

Sunday, December 21st:

Extended Session Workers:
8:30 am– Lisa Chisam and Maddi & Macie Hanley
10:45 am– Dee Simms, Tammy Wade, Brandi Moore, Meredith Moore, Tami Black and Vivian Forrester
6:00 pm– Grace Woody and Sarah Young

Computer Check-In:
8:30 am– Roxanne Bruce
Sunday School– Amy Baker
10:45 am– Jordan Johnson
6:00 pm– OPEN

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– Ronnie Styles
10:30-12:00– Dean Carrigan
5:30-7:00– Chet McAbee

Fellowship Hall-
8:15-10:30– Ronnie Barbare
10:30-12:00– Kevin Phillips (Lock all doors @ 11:00)

Children Area (Lock All Doors @ 11:00)-
8:15-10:30– John Forrester
10:30-12:00– Marvin Woodward
5:30-7:00– Johnny Westmoreland

Youth Doors-
8:15-10:30– Ronnie Barbare
10:30-12:00– Kevin Phillips

Video Surveillance Room-
8:15-10:30– Joe Aughtry
10:30-12:00– Steve Cobb
5:45-7:00– Daniel Ross

Golf Cart-
8:00-12:00– Josh Sterritt/Benjamin Van Patton
5:30-7:00– Josh Sterritt

Wednesday - December 24th:
Christmas Eve Service–
Golf Cart-
10:15 pm-12:15 am- Thomas & Kyle Chisam

WASHINGTON BAPTIST YOUTH

Event Schedule

DECEMBER

24th Christmas Eve Service (11:00 PM)
28th No Church Service
31st No Church Service

JANUARY

4th Youth Sunday

Sunday School - 9:45 AM
Sunday Night - 6:00-7:00 PM
Wednesday Night 6:15 - 8:00 PM

Welcome

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:
*Margaret Ann Fuller
by letter*

Notes

from
Dave

Thanks to our choir, accompanists, tech team and Robert Simms for an incredible evening of Christmas worship through "The Carols of Christmas!" And didn't our children's choirs bless us in an incredible way the week before! We are so blessed to have such an amazing worship ministry here at Washington. It has been such a wonderful time of ministry for me and Donna to be part of such a great church family!

I'm looking forward to our Washington Belles leading us in worship this coming Sunday evening. Come enjoy this unique Christmas worship celebration!

And don't forget to join us for Christmas Eve at 11:00! It will be a wonderful time of worship leading into Christmas day!

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 this 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 Seven - Our God with Us)

Waiting is difficult. Waiting is uncertain. Waiting brings doubt. Waiting is outside of our control. And yet, when you look throughout the Bible, God has always asked His people to wait, but to wait in faith. God has the Israelites wait by the Red Sea until Pharaoh arrives before delivering them to show them His power. God asked Moses to wait for Him on the mountain, and he did knowing God would come. God made women like Sarah & Hannah wait for the right time to have children, but both were remembered by God. God made David hide in deserts and caves when Saul was hunting him after being anointed as king. Over and over again, we are shown the picture of waiting in God, and each picture shows this waiting as something that is certain and sure. The question for us is, "Why?," and the answer is in the One Who is making promises and asking us to wait.

Because of the character of God, we can always be sure that what He says will come to pass and every one of His promises is unfailing. In Psalm 27, the Psalmist writes that "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord (Ps. 27:1, 13-14)!" The writing is clear and reflects two things that the apostle Paul teaches. First, he said to the people of Athens that God is not far away from us, and we have already seen that through God's promises (Acts 17:27). Second, he writes to the church in Rome that "...we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose (Rom. 8:28)." Not only is He close to us, waiting for us to seek & find Him, but He is working all things together for the purpose of salvation of His people. And what is His ultimate promise to us of this? We find the answer in Isaiah 7:14 - "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." The Messiah, the One Who would come to save God's people from their sins, would be called "God with us," spelled Immanuel or Emmanuel. At the end of the Bible, Jesus recounts the promises made through all time that He would dwell with His people for all eternity.

All of this paints a picture for us of the true spirit of Christmas - not just that Christ came, but that He is coming again; not just that He was faithful then, but that He is faithful now; not just that His salvation was for then, but that it will be for all time; and not just that we can have peace with Him then, but that we can wait and have peace now because Emmanuel - God Himself in Jesus - is with us. The verse of the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!" was, in the past, the last verse sung because it was not a cry of what occurred in the silent period before Jesus came but was a cry for us now. Read it again with your mind settled on the fact that Jesus will fulfill His promises to you: "O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel." As Christ said, "Surely I am coming soon," and our response is the same as the apostle John - "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus (Rev. 22:20)!" Come quickly, Lord Jesus - our God and Emmanuel -, and rescue us as we await your return!

Merry Christmas to you all! I love each and every one of you, and I can't wait to see what God has for us in 2026!

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

Moore News:

Matthew 1:20-21 says, "But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call His name **Jesus**, for He will save His people from their sins.'" What a glorious promise this is!

J.C. Ryle once wrote concerning verse 21, "The name Jesus means 'Savior.' It is the same name as Joshua in the Old Testament. It is given to our Lord because 'He saves His people from their sins.' This is His special office. He saves them from the guilt of sin by washing them in His own blood. He saves them from the dominion of sin by putting in their hearts the sanctifying Spirit. He saves them from the presence of sin when He takes them out of this world to rest with Him. He will save them from all the consequences of sin when He shall give them a glorious body at the last day. Blessed and holy are Christ's people!" I hope you find joyful rest in Jesus as you reflect on His first advent. Merry Christmas!

Matthew Moore (matthew@washingtonbaptist.org)