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# The Window

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[www.washingtonbaptist.org](http://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 22nd-**  
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  
6:00 pm Evening Worship Service-Handbell Choir/Church Conference

**Monday, December 23rd-**  
6:00 am Men's Monday Morning Bible Study-Lg. Conf. Rm  
7:00 am Men's Prayer Time- Room 211

**Tuesday, December 24th-Church Office Closed**  
11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

**Wednesday, December 25th-Church Office Closed**

**Saturday, December 28th-**  
8:00-9:30 am Food Pantry Closed  
(USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)

**December 15, 2024**

Sunday School Attendance: 326  
Church Attendance: AM426 PM278

**Sunday's offering: \$29,847.20**  
**Online Giving 12/12-12/18: \$8,141.00**  
**Total Offerings Received: \$37,988.20**  
Budget Offering Received \$34,809.20  
Budget Offering Required \$26,300.00  
**Designated\*:** \$2,575.00  
Kingdom Vision (Including memorials) \$610.00  
Lottie Moon Offering \$1,840.00  
Food Pantry \$125.00  
**Reimbursements: \$604.00**  
Wreaths for Veterans Graves \$90.00  
Poinsettias \$84.00  
Benevolence (Christmas help) \$100.00  
League Sports \$330.00

\*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 Earl Rainey and John Baker by the Keenagers.  
.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of Earl Raine, Mary Brown and John Baker by Shirley Brown.  
.....given to the Kingdom Vision Fund in memory of John Baker by Hugh & Ann Sistare, Linny & Cheryl Moore, Faron & Kathy Ensley and Gregg & Mitzi Moore.  
.....given to the Lottie Moon Offering in honor of Rita Williams by the Kitchen Staff.



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

**Merry Christmas!**

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

## 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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### LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Collected: \$19,649  
Goal: \$25,000

Please continue to give generously as we send the Gospel to the nations!

### 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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O COME, LET US ADORE THEE

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 | 11PM

## 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.org](http://www.washingtonbaptist.org)

### 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](http://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).

**Trent's Two Cents:**  
Christmas is the season of giving. This Christmas we have.....

- packed 1,363 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
- donated money and gift wrapping supplies to help wrap 1800 gifts to the Connie Maxwell Children's Home
- assisted 10 families consisting of 29 children with Christmas gifts this year
- delivered gifts to 100 residents at Chestnut Grove Living Facility
- collected \$20,149.00 (and counting) for International Missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Thank you for your generosity and desire to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ this Christmas. Your giving will have an eternal impact

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

**Reminders!!**

No Newsletter next week. Announcement deadline for the Dec. 29th Bulletin is Thursday by 5:00 pm. Also, all Year-End Giving needs to be received in the office by December 31st to be included in the 2024 Contribution Statements.



Washington Kids



**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.**



**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. When you put your materials in the marked bins pray over these as they can touch a life anywhere in the world.



**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 Christmas Party. Our next meeting will be in January.



Our WMU meeting will be held on January 7th at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall! Our menu includes Italian food, so sign up for your favorite Italian dish! The sign up sheet is posted on the WMU bulletin board in the hall. Ladies, also pick up your January Mosaics from the gray desk in front of the WMU bulletin board. A great way to start this new year is by serving God by ministering to others! Since Helene hit, many people have been hurt in a big way! Some families have lost homes, businesses, and most importantly, family members! Our church family has taken a proactive part in trying to help as many people as possible, especially in Western North Carolina! Claudia Burkhalter has been making trips almost weekly in recent weeks to carry donations of blankets, coats, and other needed items to help people to stay warm during this winter weather! She will be sharing about this ministry at our upcoming meeting! Since January is recognized as Sanctity of Life Month in our country, we will focus on "Save the Children"! We will gather baby items for Piedmont Women's Center and North Carolina. We especially need large diapers for older toddlers! Please put donations in the WMU receptacles located throughout the church! May God bless you as you give!



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

**Online Giving** is a great resource to give your tithes and offerings besides checks and cash. There are three different ways to give. Visit the church website, there you will find a link to give online. You can also use the Church Life App on your phone or Text 'WBCgreer' to 73256. If you have any questions, just call the church office.

*In Christian Sympathy*

The Washington Church family would like to extend Christian Sympathy to Elizabeth Gibson in the loss of her Grandmother.

**Attention Homebound Volunteers!**

Your help is greatly needed! The Christmas packages for our Homebound folks need to be delivered!! The packages are wrapped, labeled and ready, waiting in the office work room. PLEASE stop in, pickup one or two, sign the list and drop them off before Christmas! Merry Christmas to each of 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 22nd:**

**Extended Session Workers:**  
8:30 am- Breanna James, Brooke Edwards and Megan Hines  
10:45 am- Brad & Elizabeth Miller, Genia Harvey, Rosalind Harvey and Abby Ayers  
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 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- Ronnie Styles  
10:30-12:00- Steve Cobb  
5:30-7:00- Mitchell Whiteside

**Fellowship Hall**  
8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare  
10:30-12:00-Ralph Howard (Lock all doors at 11:00)

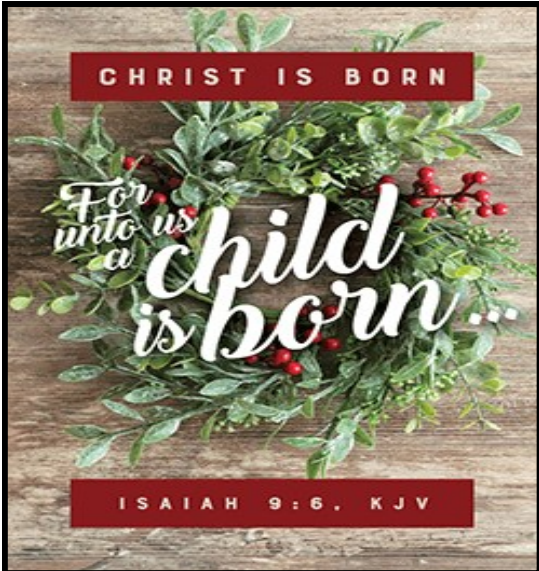
**Children/Preschool Area**  
8:15-10:30-Tony Farr  
10:30-12:00-Ray Steadman

**Youth Doors**  
8:15-10:30-Ronnie Barbare  
10:30-12:00- Ralph Howard

**Children/Preschool Area & Lock All Doors at 6:05**

**Golf Cart**  
8:00-12:00-Harold Wade/Josh Sterritt  
5:30-7:00- Harold Wade

**Wednesday - December 25th:**  
**No Service-Merry Christmas**



Notes from Dave

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!

Don't miss our Christmas Eve Service Tuesday, December 24 at 11:00 PM. It will be amazing!

Donna and I wish you the best Christmas ever! (Dave@washingtonbaptist.org)

**~Kubasko Korner~**

In this last week before Christmas Day, we are often still caught up in the rush of things that we have to get done before we celebrate with family and friends. I know this has been the case for myself as there have been so many church events, family events, and other things going on that it can really cause our heads to spin, in a way. But in the midst of everything - whether that is chaos or celebration - I think it would be warranted for us to take a moment of introspection and look at this next week so that we can live intentionally each day. Two weeks ago, I wrote about the coming Messiah and the hope that we should feel from not only the celebration of His first coming, but also because of His imminent second coming. Not only should the story of His birth inspire a sense of hope and light within us, but it should also inspire joy in us. The Bible tells us over and over again that our God is a God of joy, and we see over & over again examples in the Bible of joy coming out in words and actions (David dancing before God, the Psalms, the disciples worshipping at the Ascension, etc.). Is joy part of your metaphorical bingo card this Christmas? Does the thought of Christ - the Creator of the world, the Sustainer Who guides it even now, the Savior Who came as a baby & died in our place - fill you with such joy that you can't contain it? Or is your joy being lost in the rush of Christmas preparations, Christmas parties & events, work, and family time? The Psalmist tells us in Psalm 96 to sing a new song - a song of adoration & praise, a song to all nations & peoples, a song that the earth itself sings to its Creator. This idea is mimicked in a song I sang years ago called "Estampie Natalis" which basically means "birthday dance." The idea of the song is that the story of Christmas translates into not only into our joy but that it overflows into action, whether that be prayer, or giving, or even song & dance. The text of it reads like this when translated to English:

*The boy born in Bethlehem, rejoice Jerusalem!  
The Son has assumed flesh - the Father most high.  
Per Gabriel's greeting, the virgin conceived a Son.  
He lies in the manger, He who rules without end.  
Alleluia! In joy of heart Let us adore the newborn Christ with a new song.  
In joy of this birth, let us bless the Lord,  
may the Holy Spirit be praised, give thanks unto God, alleluia!*

So, this Christmas, how will our joy outpour? Praise be to God for His greatest gift, praise be to Christ Who came to save, & praise be to the Spirit for His work in us - His people! 2024 has been an outstanding year, and I believe that 2025 will be even better! Merry Christmas to you all and Happy New Year! I am blessed to be your Associate Pastor!

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

**WBC YOUTH**

**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 (Matthew@washingtonbaptist.org)

**PRAYER FOCUS - European Peoples:** A Russian-speaking church in Europe is launching a men's ministry called "Bear Cave!" The ministry is renovating a small space to welcome young men who were injured in war, boys without fathers nearby, and older men struggling with purpose. Pray God would use the ministry's recreation area, prayer groups, and Bible studies to draw these men to Himself. (Source: Missions Mosaic Prayer Patterns, page 38, December, 2024)