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Who We Are, What We Do, Why We Do It

Ten Months ago Sharon and I were called to work with the congregation of the Washington Street Baptist Church. We have seen God at work in the life and ministry of the body of Christ in Lynn (1 Corinthians 12:27) as we strive to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20) and the Great Commandment (Mark 12:28–31). As we approach our Annual Meeting on February 24, I encourage us all to reflect on, pray for and participate in the five significant areas of ministry God placed in our church.

The Ministries of WSBC

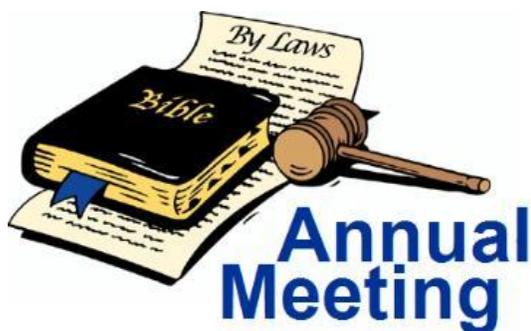
1. **Sunday Worship/BLAST/Bible Study**
 - a. **Worship 1 Chronicles 16:23–25** Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day.
 - b. **BLAST (Children’s Church) Proverbs 22:6** Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.
 - c. **Bible Study (Adult & Youth Sunday School) 2 Timothy 2:15** (Study the Word) a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.
2. **Food Pantry – Matthew 25:35–36** For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.
3. **Kids Club – Deuteronomy 6:5–9** These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road.
4. **Live Out Loud Youth Group – Joel 2:28** I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.
5. **Friday Prayer – Romans 8:26** In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

John 15:5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

James R Smith, Interim Pastor
Washington Street Baptist Church, Lynn, MA

Sunday, February 24, 2019

In accordance with Article XI, Section 2 of the Church By-laws, the Annual Meeting of the Washington Street Baptist Church will be held in Magee Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 24, 2018 at 1:00 PM. Dinner will precede the meeting at 12:15 PM.



The purpose of the meeting will be “to hear the annual reports of the pastor, officers, committees and church organizations, to elect officers and committees provided for in the By-laws, and to transact any other business which may legally come before it.”

Signed, Chengetai Nofi, Church Clerk

February 7, 2019

NEXT TWO WEEKS AT WSBC

Friday, February 8, 2019

7:00 PM Prayer Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 10

10:45 AM Worship Service

12:15 PM CoffeeTime Fellowship

12:30 PM Choir Practice

Tuesday, Feb. 12

6:00 PM Trustees Meeting

6:00-7:00 PM Line Dancing

Wednesday, Feb. 13

7:00 PM *Live Out Loud* Youth Group

Friday, Feb. 15

7:00 PM Prayer Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 17

10:45 AM Worship Service

12:15 PM CoffeeTime Fellowship

12:30 PM Choir Practice

Tuesday, Feb. 19

6:00-7:00 PM Line Dancing

Wednesday, Feb. 20

7:00 PM *Live Out Loud* Youth Group

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Feb. 3, 2018 Worship: 48

CHURCH SERVERS

Feb. 10, 2019

Nursery: *Elise Panias & Tai Nofi*

BLAST: *Marilyn Geldart*

Worship Assistant: *Marquis Lockhart*

CoffeeTime Hostess: *Judy Blonda*

SNOW CANCELATIONS

In case of inclement weather and having to cancel church, we will send out a mass email, update the church answering machine to reflect the cancelation, and post on Channel 7 News.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

With the coming of the new year comes the time to reflect upon 2018. One way to do that is to write the annual report for your department at church. As the annual church meeting approaches on February 24, **annual reports are now due from the heads of each department and committee.**

Since this is my first time compiling all the reports, it would help me out to have all the reports in on time. *Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their reports, and I look forward to receiving the rest of them!*

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

In spite of the cold weather this past January, we served *232 people* at our last food pantry, representing *102 households*. We distributed *408 meals* to those less fortunate than ourselves, including those going without pay from the government shut-down. We thank God for the generosity of those who provide the food and the generosity of those who give their time to serve our community. Please pray with us for opportunities to share the gospel with those who come through our doors.

CHURCH FAMILY

On January 22, long-time member *Louise Yeaton* passed away. Please keep her family in your prayers.

PRAYER MEETING UPDATE

Please join us this week in praying for our neighbors on **Allen Ave.**

Note: if you can't make it in person Friday evenings, you can call in at (605) 475-4070 with the access code 138890#.

****You can use your landline if you don't have a cell phone. We encourage you to join us for an hour together. You will be enriched and your presence will greatly enrich us!****

KIDS CLUB

This week, Kids Club returned from winter break. Our theme this term is learning about different cultures! We celebrated Chinese New Year (Feb. 5) this week by painting our names in Chinese, making paper lanterns, and making fried rice. Please pray for God to guide us in this new term, making the necessary changes to be effective ministers of His transforming gospel.

- *Laura Johnson*



Mission Statement

We are a family of faith, bound by God's love, following our Lord Jesus Christ as we worship and grow together. Called to join God in God's saving mission to the world and relying upon God's empowering Spirit, we go forth to serve and build the Beloved Community in Jesus' name.

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