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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

April 2, 2013

Important Dates:

Wed, April 3rd
5:00 pm—Mission
Committee Meeting

Sat, April 6th
10:30 am—Senior Adult
Trip

Sun, April 7th
8:30 am—Deacon
Fellowship
4:30 pm—"A Time to
Dance" Marriage
Enrichment Bible Study /
Ballroom Dancing

Wed, April 10th
6:00 pm—Dinner
6:45 pm—Bible Study
for All Ages
7:50 pm—Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal

Thu, April 11th
Noon—Women on
Mission

Sun, April 14th
5:00 pm—Singing
Sunbeams Program

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun, May 12th
Graduate Recognition
Sunday

Please Note: The
Church Office will be
closed on Thursday,
April 4th and Friday,
April 5th.



Dear friends,

What a glorious day of worship on Easter Sunday! The flower cross, the processional, the handbells, laying our burdens (stones) at the foot of the cross, music with TRUTH, our sanctuary choir (accompanied by cellist), message, and prayers. God came down among us! I am so thankful to be your pastor. Special thanks to Leigh for her wonderful leadership in music and youth not just this week, but every week.

We are an Easter people. We can celebrate and live out of the resurrection of Christ all year long, not just once a year. How do we "practice the presence" of Jesus? How do we position ourselves to experience Him daily?

When Eugene Peterson could not seem to get excited about news of his first grandchild on the way, his wife suggested that he build a cradle. So, he researched, selected the wood, cut the wood, sanded it, put it together, stained, and finished it. In the process of cradle-building, he reflected upon the child the cradle would hold. By the time the cradle was finished, he was ready and excited to receive the grandchild about to be born.

Our own cradle-building process is positioning ourselves to receive and experience the Risen Lord. What does that look like? Positioning ourselves to hear from Him involves Bible study, where we can hear God's personal words to us. Nourish your soul with them. Study the Bible with others. Listen to the Holy Spirit in others speak to us. Serve God. Meet Him in others whom we serve.

Remember, we are an Easter people. Remember, we are on this side of the Resurrection. Jesus lives!

Love, Pastor Mike



April Mission Project

During the month of April, the Mission Committee is sponsoring a peanut butter drive to assist the Wise County Food Bank. **Please help replenish their supply by bringing a jar (or two) of peanut butter to Wise Baptist Church throughout the month of April.** Collection boxes will be available at the Sanctuary and Middle entrances to the church beginning April 7th. **Our goal is 100 jars of peanut butter for this community organization!** For more information on this effort, please see Erra Sutherland or any member of the Mission Committee.

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday Night Bible Study

Beginning April 10th, three new 8-week adult Bible studies will be offered:

"The Total Money Makeover" - The success stories speak for themselves! Instead of promising the normal dose of quick fixes, Author Dave Ramsey offers a bold, no-nonsense approach to money matters, providing not only the how-to but also a grounded and uplifting hope for getting out of debt and achieving total financial health. Ramsey debunks the many myths of money and attacks the illusions and downright deceptions of the American dream, which encourages nothing but overspending and massive amounts of debt.

"So, You Want to be like Christ? Eight Essentials to Get You There" - This user-friendly study guides readers toward a greater understanding of eight spiritual disciplines of the Christian faith—prayer, humility, self-control, sacrifice, submission, solitude, silence, and hope. So, You Want to be Like Christ? is just right for anyone desiring to delve deeper into the fundamental elements of Christian life, and essential for all who hunger for authentic faith experiences.

"Conspiracy of Kindness" - by Steve Sjogren - This study, by the same author as "Outflow", is a great lesson on powerful and practical ways to be the church. It puts a kind and loving face on the church and it will change you.

Everyone is encouraged to sign up for a Bible study! You can contact the church office, check the box on the Communication Card found in your bulletin each Sunday, or see the display table in the foyer of the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 7th.

Please see Robert England or Pastor Mike if you have any questions



Senior Adult Trip

"No Ordinary Man"
Lamplight Theatre
Fall Branch, TN
Saturday, April 6th

This original Easter musical tells the story of the Passion through the eyes of saints 20 years after Christ's resurrection. The bus will leave WBC at 10:30 am (show begins at 2:00 pm). The cost is **\$20.00** (includes lunch, transportation, and show).

Contact: Church Office @ 328.6247 or Jerry @ 328.3106 to reserve your seat!

GOOD NEWS



Easter Sunday Worship

What a wonderful time of worship we had at Wise Baptist last Sunday morning! From the procession of the flowered cross and laying our burdens (stones) there for God to the video, *That's My King!*, it was truly a blessed time to be in worship! He is Risen. . . He is Risen Indeed!

A **thank you** note from Dr. Joe Smiddy—Thank you so very much for your prayers and support for Erra Sutherland, Melissa Blackburn, and Autumn Chisenhall for our Belize trip last week. They all three were invaluable and we shared a great Christian experience. Many lives were reached and many souls uplifted. Thank you so very much for making great things happen for His Kingdom in Belize.

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Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 12th

All high school and college graduates will be recognized during worship on Sunday, May 12th. **High school graduates**, please send 10—15 "through the years" pictures via email (wisebaptist@verizon.net) or cd by April 28th. **All graduates should send** a list of your accomplishments, honors, degree, and future plans also by April 28th to the church office. The **high school** graduates that we know of are: Christian Coomer, Nick England, Alex Hall, Kristen Osborne, and Jerrard Vance. The **college graduates** that we know of are: Andrew Adkins, Elisha Alexander, Katie Carson, Autumn Chisenhall, Mark Collins, Cameron Curtis, and Lisa Moody. If your name is not on this list, please notify the church office (328.6247) as soon as possible to be included in the recognition service.



Children's Spring Musical Program

The Singing Sunbeams will present "Happy Day", An Easter Musical on **Sunday, April 14th beginning at 5 pm in the Sanctuary**. The Singing Sunbeams are under the direction of Debbie Collins and Carla Sheppard. Everyone is invited to attend!



From Leigh

Lent traditionally is associated with giving things up as a way to remember Christ's suffering.

While I did give up chocolate (yes, really I did), I honestly found *Lent* this year to be more about realizing God's presence in every aspect of my life. Carrying this stone in my pocket for weeks has been awesome! I know that sounds silly—but it has! Every time I put my hand in my pocket I am reminded that I need to trust God with my burdens and that I am only responsible for what is mine. But, more importantly, it has been a constant reminder that God is with me always. God doesn't ever leave me alone to carry these burdens and He is never the one who contributes to my burden (*My yoke is easy; my burden is light..*).

Laying the stones at the foot of the cross was a beautiful act of worship today. It occurred to me that if everyone of us who laid our burdens at the foot of the cross were really transformed—really trusted Jesus with all of our cares—our world will be a different place. The truth is that if even one of us is transformed, God will be glorified. I joyfully gave my stone to God but, I intend to continue carrying a rock in my pocket from now on as a reminder of God's presence.

The entire worship service Sunday was awesome—from the welcome to the *That's My King!* video—it was truly a worshipful hour. The sanctuary choir has gone above and beyond during the entire Lenten season. I encourage you to take a moment when you see choir members and express your gratitude to them. I am especially grateful for Susan Mullins and her faithfulness. Also, I want to add that the hand bells and our cellist were a beautiful accompaniment to the choir and congregational singing—what a blessing!

Would you prayerfully consider becoming a part of the choir? Everyone is welcome—no audition required. Please consider joining our musical family for a wonderful blessing in your life.

Blessings, Leigh

As you pray, please remember...

Pat and Fred Adkins, George Barnette, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Lynell Wells, Michelle Hunter, Toni Thacker, and Florine Pennington
All of the cancer patients in our area
Our men and women in the military

Hospitalized:

Jack Tolbert, Sr (Heritage Hall—BSG Rehab)

Our Shut Ins:

Jewell Bradley, Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Jeanne and Debbie Stallard, Vernoy Bolling, and Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG)

If there are other known prayer concerns and/or shut-ins, please let us know.



April 5

Holly Cline

April 6

Don Newlon

April 7

Alex Maine



THANK YOU

Thanks to the snow day last week, the youth and I enjoyed some good food and fellowship as we watched *The Hobbit!* We won't have Bible study on Wednesday but we will meet on Sunday, April 7 at 6. Plan to wear some "work" clothes that evening. If the weather cooperates, we are going to do a small service project at the church.

UPCOMING PLANS

We will enjoy creating Gary's "bug-out" Christian Survival Kit on Sunday, April 14. We will meet at 6:30 that night because of the children's program scheduled for that afternoon. So, please make plans to be present for that special occasion.

SPRING EVENTS

Many of our youth are involved in spring sports, concerts, and the 9 o'clock club. I encourage you to attend events when you can to support our youth.



The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

WBC Offering Goal: \$3,500

As of Sunday, March 31st, WBC collected **\$3,882.00** for this year's offering. Thank you to everyone who gave to this offering in support of all North American missionaries!

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	3/31-4/6	Edgar Owens; Ron Helton
	4/7-4/13	Jerry Baird; John Ponish
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Worship Welcome Team		Cindy E., Jason M., Oscar R., Daniel R., and Wendy A.
SS Greeters	4/7	John & Edna Hedden
	4/14	Bob & Teresa Adkins
Nursery	4/7	Pat Adkins; Pam Collie; Kathy Osborne; Kim Coomer
	4/14	Vance Family
Children's Church	4/7	Beth Snodgrass
	4/14	Cindy Elkins
PA	4/7	Mike Strouth
	4/14	Wayne Isaac
Tellers	Apr	Oscar Raile and Mike Strouth
Ushers	4/7	Youth
	4/14	Ron Swindall*, Lewey Lee, Bob Adkins, Gary Smith, Bill Sutherland, Mike Strouth, David Mullins, and Matt Meade
		*Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	4/3	No Dinner
	4/10	Pat A., Cindy, Gail, and Mingkwan
Menu	4/3	No Dinner
	4/10	Hamburgers and Fries

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with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
	TRUTH	7:45 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd, 4th, & 5th)	9:00 am
	Children's Choirs	3:45 pm
Wednesday	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bible Study (All Ages)	6:45 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women On Mission (2nd)	Noon

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Thought For The Week:

"Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said, 'Peace to you.' Then he focused his attention on Thomas. 'Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe.' Thomas said, 'My Master! My God!' Jesus said, 'So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing.'" ~ John 20:26—29 (The Message)