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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

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WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.*



Dear Church Family,

Decisions, decisions! We make many decisions every day, big and small. How we make those decisions matters. The effects of some of those decisions continue long after they are made. How can we make better

decisions that honor God?

Here are 6 ideas that may be helpful.

1. **Pause.** Think, pray, and read your Bible. This will provide a spiritual base and a calmer place from which to draw as you make decisions.
2. **Identify related issues.** One reason we may be confused is that there are many issues that overlap. This creates a mental fog that makes it hard for us to know where or even how to start. It creates stress that can be paralyzing or overwhelming. ***List all of the related issues*** on a piece of paper. It is surprising how listing the issues and persons involved can clear your mind. Talk it over with someone who can help you think it through.
3. **Prioritize the issues.** Look at the issues one at a time. Which decision or issue needs to be addressed first? Sometimes, when you deal with the first one, related issues resolve themselves. Try to deal with one issue at a time.
4. **Who needs to be in the room?** One reason wrong decisions are made is that the people who need to be involved and in the room are not present. Make sure that those people are included so the appropriate people can talk to each other.
5. **Involve no more people than necessary.** This makes the decision neater, clearer and cleaner. The more people involved, the messier it gets.
6. **Carry out the decision.**

May your decisions come from a clear head, a warm heart, and a spirit that is always open to God.

Love, Pastor Mike

## Important Dates:

**Wed, April 24th**  
**6:00 pm**—Dinner  
**6:45 pm**—Bible Study  
for All Ages  
**7:50 pm**—Sanctuary  
Choir Rehearsal

**Sat, April 27th**  
**10:00 am**—Servant  
Evangelism Project

**Sun, April 28th**  
**4:15 pm**—Jubilation  
Ringers Rehearsal  
**4:30 pm**—"A Time to  
Dance" Marriage  
Enrichment Bible Study /  
Ballroom Dancing

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Wed, May 1st**  
**5:00 pm**—Mission  
Committee Meeting

**Sun, May 12th**  
Graduate Recognition  
Sunday

## SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School  
at Wise Baptist Church  
July 22nd—26th

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## GOOD NEWS

**Thank you** note from Autumn Chisenhall—Thank you for your generosity. The money collected was extremely useful in offsetting my travel expenses to Belize. I spent my days working in the clinic assisting doctors and family nurse practitioners to give basic health care to the Belizean community. It was truly a blessing to visit the area for my second time. Thanks again for your love and prayers as well as financial assistance.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Outreach Opportunity

On **Saturday, April 27th** everyone is invited to participate in a servant evangelism project. This project will involve washing the windows of businesses in town. All participants are asked to meet at the Youth Building parking lot at 10 am that day. We will be finished by noon. If you would like to be a part of this project, please contact the church office ([wisebaptist@verizon.net](mailto:wisebaptist@verizon.net) or 328.6247).



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COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

### Lunch for College Students

Wise Baptist Church will provide lunch in support of the Collegiate Ministry at UVA-Wise on **Monday, May 6th**. The meal will be served between 11 am and 1 pm at the BCM building. If you can help by preparing food and/or serving on that day, please contact Donna Hutchinson (393.5004 or [donnahutchinson@usa.net](mailto:donnahutchinson@usa.net)).



### 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 are available at the Sanctuary and Middle entrances to the church. **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.



### MEOC Walkathon

On **Sunday, May 5th, Jerry Vance** will be walking in the MEOC Walkathon in honor of all the senior adults at Wise Baptist Church to raise money for the Emergency Fuel Fund. If you would like to sponsor Jerry or make a donation for the walkathon, please contact him at 328.3106.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study

Everyone is invited to attend dinner and Bible Study on Wednesday evenings! Dinner starts at 6:00 pm and Bible Study starts at 6:45 pm. Three new adult Bible studies are available:

**"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 attend Bible study!**

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



### Lost and Found

There are a number of items in the lost and found boxes located in the church office. If you or someone you know has lost something at church, stop by to see if any of these items might belong to you!

## MEETING REMINDER

The **Mission Committee** will meet on Wednesday, May 1st at 5:00 pm in the Men's Sunday School Classroom.



### From Leigh

Wow! What a week! So much tragedy and suffering; even more outpouring of love and compassion. Last Wednesday I asked the youth what our response as Christians should be to tragedy. We had a great discussion about current world events as well as tragedy and suffering in Biblical times.

Based on scripture, we determined that we should first trust God; believe that He is always in control. Second, we should turn to Him in prayer; share our anguish, grief, and questions with Him. Third, we must remember that no one knows better than Jesus about suffering! Finally, take comfort in the fact that through Jesus' death, God took care of suffering "once and for all". Rev. 21:3-4 says: "He will wipe away every tear from our eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Psalm 61:2 says: "When I am overwhelmed: lead me to the Rock that is higher than I." Let me share something I read this week: "His comfort is higher than our confusion, His mercy is higher than our mistakes, and His love is higher than our hatred." He is higher than us in every way! He is our Rock because He is the same "yesterday, today and tomorrow". May we choose today and everyday to *LIVE* in His joy! *To God Be All Glory! Amen!*

Blessings, Leigh

P.S. Thank you for everyone who asked about Anna. Thankfully, she is fine. West, TX is about 15 minutes from Waco. A good number of faculty, students, and alumni are residents there. The Baylor family is reaching out to help all of those in need.

The Jubilation Ringers will rehearse on Sunday at 4:15 pm.

TRUTH will rehearse Sunday at 7:45 pm following youth.



Thank you, Robert, for leading the youth in Bible study on Sunday evening and to Kim Hall and Lisa Porchie for providing the meal.

On Friday, we will have a youth team (Nick England, Beau Chisenhall, Reagan Elkins) participate in the Relay for Life Golf Tournament at Raven Rock.

### As you pray, please remember...

Pat and Fred Adkins, George Barnette, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Lynell Wells, Michelle Hunter, David Mullins, Ron Swindall, Lawrence and Irene Black and Toni Thacker  
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 27

Reuben Swindall

April 29

Pat Cline



April 24

Don & Cyndi Newlon

April 27

Stan & Brenda Kunigelis



### 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, Ben Buchanan, Autumn Chisenhall, Mark Collins, Cameron Curtis, Kate Kunigelis, Lisa Moody, and Justin Wilson.

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.

## VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	4/21-4/27	Jerry Baird; Ron Helton 4/28-5/4 John Ponish; Gil Blackburn
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	4/28 5/5	Billie Harris David & Sandy Mullins
Nursery	4/28 5/5	Daniel & Tabitha Ray Russell & Vanessa Cyphers; Marybeth and Alex Adkins
Children's Church	4/28 5/5	Jill Jessee Debbie Helton
PA	4/28 5/5	Ron Swindall Oscar Raile
Tellers	Apr May	Oscar Raile and Mike Strouth Lee Ann Adkins and Kim Coomer
Ushers	4/28  5/5	Edgar Owens*, Roger Viers, Stan Kunigelis, John Hedden, Harold Witt, Butch Hutchinson, Mark Clark, and Jerry Baird Youth *Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	4/24 5/1	Kim, Kathy H., Martha, and Donna Teresa, Brenda L., Cyndi, and Gina
Menu	4/24 5/1	Lasagna, Garlic Bread, and Salad BBQ, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, Cole Slaw, and Salad (Children's Menu: Hotdogs)

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## 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	In Recess
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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**SERVANT EVANGELISM OPPORTUNITY ~ SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH ~ 10 AM**

**Wise Baptist Church**

**P.O. Box 777**

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### Thought For The Week:

"Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live."  
 ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16—18  
 (The Message)