A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

April 29, 2014

Dear church family and friends,



It was a "Great Day of Service" on April 26! There were over 100 participants from our church. Hundreds of people were impacted directly and hundreds more indirectly. It was more than a day. There were 9 service projects that happened on or near April 26. There were

many days of thinking, praying, and planning invested into this time of service. Thanks to our Deacons who helped lead and carry out this time of service. Thanks to all who took part in some way. You made a difference!

Why are we doing this? Why is it important? A good way to answer that question is contained in the phrase servant evangelism. The first word is "servant". Jesus called Himself a servant. In order to follow Him and His call, we must be servants. It means to give to others in Jesus' name without expectation of anything in return. In a world where there is always a catch, this stands out.

The second word is "evangelism". Evangelism is sharing the "good news". There are many ways to do this. Think about different approaches to evangelism like golf clubs in your bag. You have drivers, irons, putters, etc. You need them all, but only at the right time. Servant evangelism is like using the driver. It is a start, but not the finish. Think of a putter as the final part, like sharing the actual plan of salvation in detail. You don't start out with a putter. Launching into the plan of salvation with a mass of strangers would be counter-productive. Not every person can or will share the plan of salvation. But everyone can share an act of kindness in Jesus' name. Also, even believers are encouraged and blessed when served.

What's next? Think and pray about regular acts of kindness in Jesus name that can happen at every level on a consistent basis. Any type of small group can practice servant evangelism. There will be more about this in my article next week.

Remember, on this side of Easter, the journey continues.

Your servant and His...with love, Pastor Mike

MOTHER'S DAY

We look forward to celebrating all of our high school and college graduates during worship on Sunday, May 11. We will also share in a service of Baptism on that day. Be in prayer for our worship and plan to join us!

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday Night Bible Studies

6:45 each week

Mission Committee

April 30, 5 pm

The Daniel Plan

Thursdays at 6:30 Youth Building

Yard Sale for Missions

May 2-3, 8 am

Deacon Meeting

May 4, 8:30 am

How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

Express one of the following to the Pastor during the closing hymn:

† Transfer of Letter

transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church

† Baptism

desire to express faith in Christ through baptism

† Statement of Faith

baptized believer not on a membership roll



ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is still time to jump in...Bible studies each Wednesday at 6:45pm.

Recovering from the Losses of Life—H. Norman Wright guides through losses by death, broken relationships, job, leaving home, etc. Taught by Mike Winters

What Are You Afraid Of? - David Jeremiah explores ten fears holding us back. He shares the supernatural secrets for facing down these fears with faith. Taught by Teresa Adkins

<u>Kingdom Agenda</u> - Dr. Tony Evans teaches that the Bible provides authority to all of life. This study aligns your life with God's kingdom agenda. Taught by Robert England

Sunday School News

Joshua I:8 says "This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shall meditate therein day and night, **that you may observe to do according** to all that is written therein. " God wants us to be students of His Word. One great way to consistently be in His Word is to be an active part of Sunday School. Our average attendance for April was 89. Please plan to attend each Sunday. In the May newsletter, there will be a weekly overview of the different Sunday School Bible studies offered.

YARD SALE FOR MISSIONS

Your trash is someone else's "treasure"! We need your TREASURES! Please go through your closets, your attic, and your garage to round up some donations for our annual church-wide yard sale. Contact Sherlene Hall or Kathy Kennedy to arrange for pick-up or delivery of your donations. The sale is May 2-3 at the Rock. Doors will open at 8:00 am!





Heather Kunigelis on mission

One of our own at Wise Baptist, Heather Kunigelis, daughter of Stan and Brenda, will begin in June of 2014 to serve as a crew member with Mercy [hospital] Ships. They deliver free, world-class healthcare services to developing nations without access to medical care.

Heather will be an Ophthalmic Field Coordinator. She will assist eye-care teams, coordinate appointments, treatments, do patient intake, education, and post-surgical care. Heather is excited to share God's love through her actions.

All volunteers pay their own way. Heather will need \$1,250. Pray and give as God leads. Contact her by e-mail at http://mercyships-us.donorpages.com/crewmates/HeatherKunigelis/.

The Daniel Plan

Our group has had so much success and encouragement from one another, that we want to continue to study and learn about living healthier lives. So, you are invited to join us on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the youth building. You will need the Daniel plan book and workbook. The new group will begin May 1. See Leigh for details.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

- Remember to begin now collecting items for your OCC Shoebox. Lots of great sale items!
- Thank you for your donations to our Peanut Butter Drive for the Wise County Food Bank.



A baby shower for Wendy Adrian will be held on Saturday, May 3 from 1-3 pm in the Fellowship Hall—everyone is invited!

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

Pictures throughout the newsletter of our people "serving" all of Wise! What a great day!







From Leigh

I love everything about the Season of Easter! The worldly things like egg hunts, new clothes, candy, being able to wear white (southern thing!) are all great. But, I'm really talking about the things that help me center my life more completely on Christ—the Cross, the Resurrection, the Empty Tomb, Holy Communion, prayer, reflection, repentance. I am thankful for all the opportunities afforded me at WBC to experience Easter. Easter, however, is not an end...it is the beginning! The beginning of eternal hope and joy. As Pastor Mike says, "today is always the day after Easter". I pray that we will choose to live as people of Easter everyday! Blessings, Leigh

Thank you Russell and Susan for the beautiful music on Sunday. Congratulations to Brad Morris on his wonderful Senior Recital. Eva Kling shared the day with him as his friend and pianist!





PROM SUNDAY

Central's Prom is on Saturday night. All of our "promgoers" are encouraged to wear your prom attire to worship on Sunday morning. Be safe!!

GRADUATES

If I haven't received your graduate pictures yet, please get those to me ASAP. I also need a list of your accomplishments, honors, and future plans! Plan to wear your gown on Sunday, May 11.

SUNDAY NIGHT

Thank you, Vance family, for the dinner last night for our youth. We finished up our Zombie study and played an awesome game of SPUD! Hope to see all of our youth next Sunday. Dinner will be provided by the Mullins family. Invite a friend!

Our youth on Easter and at the Great Day of Service.





As you pray, please remember...

Marty, Rose and Jon Kennedy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Lisa Porchie, all of the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military



Our Shut Ins:

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

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

Daniel Plan Testimony (Rebecca Osborne)

"Ms. Osborne, you need to start taking 3 medications. Your blood work showed extremely high triglycerides and high cholesterol." Those were the words I heard in late September 2013 from my doctor's office. That was the point in time where I had a decision to make. I could both accept my "fate" and chalk up these results to my genes or I could decide to make a lifestyle change and see what would happen. I politely declined the medication (to the nurse's surprise) and decided to research ways to lower both of those numbers through diet and exercise.

Needless to say, my doctor was a bit surprised at my next appointment when she asked if I was taking my medication and I told her no. I insisted that she hear me out, though, and went on to describe the changes I had made. She was very concerned about the levels and she insisted that the blood work be repeated in 6 weeks. I had been working pretty hard on choosing better foods and trying to get in some type of exercise every day, but was it enough?

Needless to say, the holidays were HARD! I carried food to every holiday meal, turned down dessert more times than I could count, and hoped the weather was at least nice enough for a walk or run every day from late November through late December. I hoped I had done enough.

I wasn't looking forward to my appointment in early January, as you could imagine. I told myself that if all of these changes didn't work, then there must be some underlying issue and I was at peace. Imagine my surprise when my doctor told me that ALL of my levels were now in the NORMAL range. I did shed a tear (or maybe two or three). I was elated, of course. And my doctor rejoiced right along with me. I left her office with "keep up the great work" ringing in my ears. Keep it up? Keep this up for how long?

It finally hit me that I would be keeping up this work for the rest of my life. I thought 6 weeks was hard, so how in the world am I going to keep this up forever? It was at this point that Leigh told me about The Daniel Plan and how she was going to lead a group. I thought, "I've got this under control why would I need another diet/exercise plan?" But the more research I did about The Daniel Plan, I realized that there was something still missing. So, I told her I'd be there. It couldn't hurt to check it out. I ordered my materials and started reading.

The first foundation of the plan wasn't Food or Fitness, it was Faith. Faith is first. Faith that these changes can be everlasting. Faith that God is in control and will give me the desire to live a healthy life, if only I ask. I ultimately am not doing this for myself, but I am doing this to be better prepared for His work and for His glory. Treating my body as a temple, holy and pleasing to Him. That's what was missing! God loves me on the days that I make good choices and He loves me on the days that I don't (knowing that tomorrow is another day to make good choices). Food, Fitness, Focus, and Friends all come after Faith.

I invite you to join this journey with members of your church family. For it is a journey of Faith that is made more fun with Friends as you learn about healthy Food, how to move your body to attain Fitness, and the Focus that can be achieved by having a healthier lifestyle. All of these foundations work together for His glory!

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call: 4/27-5/03 John Ponish, Jerry Baird 5/04-5/10 Mark Clark, Lewey Lee

Building Stewards: Ron, Dan, Scott S. Instrumentalists: Susan M., Eva, Susan S.

Worship Welcome Team: Cindy E., Oscar R.,

Daniel R., Wendy A. S.S Greeters: 04/27 John Kennedy 05/04 John Ponish

Nursery: 04/27 Crutchfield and Mullins families

> 05/04 Nancy Stalnaker, Caroline Mullins, Emma

> > **Snodgrass**

Mike Osborne

Children's Church: 04/27 Crutchfield Cindy Elkins 05/04 PA: 04/27 Wayne Isaac

05/04

Tellers: Lee Ann Adkins, Martha Blackburn April

Oscar Raile, June Dotson May Ushers: 04/27 Ron Helton*, Jeff Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, John

Ponish, Mark Clark, Scott Snodgrass, Dan

Helton

05/04 Lewey Lee*, Bob Adkins, Gary Smith, Bill

Sutherland, Mike Strouth, David Mullins, Matt

Meade, Ron Swindall *Offertory Prayer

Serving Team: 04/30 Vanessa Cyphers, Susan Smith, Jennifer

England, Karen Ponish

05/07 Beverly Viers, Sandy Mullins, Sherrie Collie,

Brenda Kunigelis

Wed meal: 04/30 Lasagna, Garlic Bread, salad

05/07 Breakfast for Supper



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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

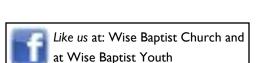
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Thought For The Week: Growing **Christians are serving Christians.**































Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
B=Birthday A=Anniversary	If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office. (328.6247)			Daniel Plan 6:30pm B: Daniel England,	2 Yard <u>B:</u> Roger Viers	3 Sale 8am <u>B:</u> Brandon Ison
Deacon Meeting 8:30am	5	6 <u>B:</u> Sharon Bradley	7 Dinner Bible Study 6:45 pm B: Lin Allio	8 Daniel Plan 6:30 pm B: Susie Clasby, Rachel Helton, Sarah	9 <u>B:</u> Rosemarie Boyle	IO B: Kim Coomer, Caryn Johnson
Mother's Day Graduate Recognition	12	13	Dinner Bible Study 6:45 pm	15 Daniel Plan	16	And Forces Day B: Celeste Smith, Henri-
B: John Bridges A:	B: Jack Tolbert, Jr. 19 A: Johnny & Tracy Wills,	20	2 I Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45 pm	A: Dan & Shan Rose 22 Daniel Plan 6:30pm B: Courtney Coughlin, Christina Meade, Jordan Owens, Archie Kennedy	23 <u>B:</u> John Thacker, Devan Johnson	24 B: Grace Allio,
25	26 B: Dr. Charles Maine	27	28 _{Dinner 6pm} Bible Study 6:45 pm	29 Daniel Plan B: Angel Cox, Christian Coomer A: Randy & Rita Longworth	30 <u>B:</u> Joshua Owens, Jason Mullins <u>A:</u> Bob & Teresa	3 <u>A:</u> Jim and Sherry Collie