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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

April 30, 2013

Important Dates:

Wed, May 1st

5:00 pm—Mission
Committee Meeting

6:00 pm—Dinner

6:45 pm—Bible Study
for All Ages

7:50 pm—Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal

Sun, May 5th

8:30 am—Deacon
Fellowship

11:00 am—Holy
Communion

Noon—Mission Trip
Meeting

Noon—Jubilation Ringers
Rehearsal

4:30 pm—"A Time to
Dance" Marriage
Enrichment Bible Study /
Ballroom Dancing

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun, May 12th

Graduate Recognition
Sunday

Fri, May 31st and Sat, June 1st

Yard Sale to Support
Summer Mission Trip

*Our heartfelt
prayers and deepest
sympathy is
extended to Tracy
Wills and family in
the loss of her
grandfather, George
Knott, on Friday,
April 26th.*



Dear friends,

In the beginning, God charged mankind with a sacred task. In Genesis 2:15 – we are instructed to “work and care” for this garden, planet earth. We are stewards, managers of something precious.

God’s fingerprints are all over His creation. I invite you, this week, to allow His creation to usher you into His presence. There is the miracle and mystery of life itself in lush grass, flowers, gardens, and trees. The mountains and valleys instill and inspire us to think of the size of God. We are powerfully reminded that there is Something and Someone beyond and bigger than us all. Don’t stop with simply enjoying the creation. Go beyond the enjoyment of the creation to enjoying the Creator and His presence. Allow the enjoyment to lead to worship.

The original sin of man, described in Genesis 3 has tainted all of God’s creation. It has led to two different and wrong directions. It has led to exalting the creation as something sacred, apart from God. Exalting the creation raises its value above even God’s crowning act of creation, man. The opposite and equally wrong direction is exploiting the creation, or environment. Greed has led to pollution and wasting of resources, often to the detriment of the well-being of many people. Fortunately, great strides in managing pollution have taken place.

Each person can make a difference and have a hand in redeeming the creation. If each person continues to make small steps, it will add up over time. If many people over time take small steps, it adds up to something big. What are some of those small steps?

There are three simple steps...**plant, recycle, and conserve.** **Plant** flowers, shrubs, and trees. This puts oxygen back into the air and prevents erosion. **Recycle** by using biodegradable or recycled materials. Recycle your trash (glass, cardboard, etc.). **Conserve** water (water-saving devices for showers, toilets, etc.), gas (combine trips, maintain proper tire inflation), and power (improve insulation, use fluorescent bulbs, etc.).

Love, Pastor Mike

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

GOOD NEWS



Thank you to everyone who donated jars of peanut butter (and money) for The Wise County Food Bank. Together, we collected/purchased **119** jars!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the servant evangelism project on Saturday! A dozen or so Wise Baptists, armed with buckets and squeegees, turned out to spend a couple of hours washing windows on Main Street in Wise. About 15 downtown businesses hopefully have cleaner windows. The group gets an A for effort. Each business was spoken to prior to the Saturday window washing, which provided for good exposure for the project's purpose, and good opportunity for the Church's testimony in our community.



Thank you to Melissa Blackburn and Erra Sutherland for sharing with our church family this past Sunday about their mission trip to Belize. Autumn Chisenhall was also part of the mission team. The team was able to provide medical care, food, and the Word to the Belizean people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



BAPTIST
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).



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.



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!

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Mark Your Calendars for a Mission Trip Fundraising Event Yard Sale—Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1st

You may drop off items for the sale beginning May 22nd. All items should be brought to **The Rock**. Please contact John Kennedy (328.5013) for large items that need to be picked up.



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 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.

MEETING REMINDER

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



From Leigh

I wonder: how many people in this world don't realize they are "chosen"? How many are overwhelmed with sadness and grief because they think they have to face everything in their life by their selves? How many feel completely rejected and alone not knowing they are actually accepted and loved?

I'm certain the number is greater than I can imagine. I'm also certain that even though I *KNOW*, that sometimes I live as if I don't. Sometimes I take the day for granted and miss opportunities to live out of joy and acceptance.

The choir sang an anthem yesterday entitled, *I Choose You*. The message is beautiful and true: *I choose you to be My beloved, I choose you to be My joy; I choose you to live with me forever. I choose you.* We, as Christians, need to share that message with everyone we know! We have the answer! We *know* who holds our future! We *know* that God wants to "rejoice over us in song"! We *know* that we are not last, we are not forgotten, we are not alone—we are chosen! WE ARE CHOSEN! Let's share that good news with the world! *Amen*.

Blessings, Leigh

Thank you, Kristen Osborne, for so beautifully accompanying the choir on Sunday morning.

TRUTH will rehearse at 9:15 am on Sunday.

The Jubilation Ringers will rehearse following worship.



Special thanks to the Vance family for providing a meal for the youth this week. Following dinner, we went on a peanut butter shopping spree! It was so much fun!

All youth attending Central's Prom on Saturday are invited to wear your attire to church on Sunday morning!

Youth will meet this week on Wednesday at 6 for dinner and Bible study. We will not meet on Sunday, May 5.

GRADS: remember to get your bio and pics into the church. Also, wear your cap and gown to church on Sunday, May 12.

As you pray, please remember...

Pat and Fred Adkins, George Barnette,
Ray and Carolyn Jones, Lynell Wells,
Michelle Hunter, David Mullins, Ron Swindall,
Susie Clasby, 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.



May 1

Daniel England
Mike Winters

May 2

Roger Viers

May 6

Sharon Bradley



April 30

Archie & Joanne Kennedy



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 as soon as possible.

All graduates should send a list of your accomplishments, honors, degree, and future plans as soon as possible 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, Morgan Meade, 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

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| Deacons On Call | 4/28-5/4 | John Ponish; Gil Blackburn |
| | 5/5-5/11 | Mark Clark; Edgar Owens |
| 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 | 5/5 | David & Sandy Mullins |
| | 5/12 | John Kennedy |
| Nursery | 5/5 | Russell & Vanessa Cyphers; Marybeth and Alex Adkins |
| | 5/12 | Bonnie Owens; Mingkwan Collins; Jason and Vanessa Mullins |
| Children's Church | 5/5 | Debbie Helton |
| | 5/12 | Beverly Viers |
| PA | 5/5 | Oscar Raile |
| | 5/12 | Mike Strouth |
| Tellers | May | Lee Ann Adkins and Kim Coomer |
| Ushers | 5/5 | Youth |
| | 5/12 | Ron Helton*, Jeff Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, John Ponish, Mark Clark, Scott Snodgrass, and Dan Helton |
| | | *Offertory Prayer |
| Serving Team | 5/1 | Teresa, Brenda L., Cyndi, and Gina |
| | 5/8 | Linda, Ruby, Rebecca, and Artie |
| Menu | 5/1 | BBQ, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, Cole Slaw, and Salad (Children's Menu: Hotdogs) |
| | 5/8 | Breakfast for Supper |

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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| 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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HOLY COMMUNION ~ SUNDAY, MAY 5TH ~ 11 AM

Wise Baptist Church

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Thought For The Week:

"We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment." ~ Colossians 1:15—17 (The Message)



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| B=Birthday A=Anniversary | If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office. (328.6247) | | 1 <i>Mission Committee Meeting—5:00 pm</i> <u>B:</u> Daniel England, Mike Wi nters | 2 <u>B:</u> Roger Viers | 3 | 4 |
| <i>Deacon Meeting—8:30 am</i> 5 <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Mission Trip Meeting—Noon</i> | 6 <i>Serve Lunch to College Students—11 am (BCM Building)</i> <u>B:</u> Sharon Bradley | 7 <u>B:</u> Lin Allio | 8 <u>B:</u> Susie Clasby, Rachel Helton, Sarah Helton | <i>Women on Mission—Noon</i> 9 <u>B:</u> Rosemarie Boyle | 10 <u>B:</u> Kim Coomer, Caryn Johnson | 11 <u>B:</u> Ron Swindall |
| <i>Mother's Day</i> 12 <i>Graduate Recognition</i> <u>B:</u> Jack Tolbert, Jr. | 13 | 14 | 15 <u>A:</u> Dan & Shan Rose | 16 | 17 <u>B:</u> Celeste Smith, Henrietta Dotson | <i>Armed Forces Day</i> 18 <u>B:</u> John Bridges <u>A:</u> Glen & Bea Hill |
| 19 <u>A:</u> Johnny & Tracy Wills | 20 <u>B:</u> Lynell Wells | 21 | 22 <u>B:</u> Courtney Sturgill, Christina Meade, Jordan Owens, Archie Kennedy | 23 <u>B:</u> John Thacker, Devan Johnson | 24 <u>B:</u> Grace Allio, Sarah Means | 25 |
| 26 <u>B:</u> Dr. Charles Maine | <i>Memorial Day</i> 27 | 28 | 29 <u>B:</u> Angel Cox, Christian Coomer <u>A:</u> Randy & Rita Longworth | 30 <u>B:</u> Joshua Owens, Jason Mullins <u>A:</u> Bob & Teresa Adkins | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Yard Sale to Support Mission Trip @ The Rock </div> 31 <u>A:</u> Jim and Sherry Collie | |

