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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 friends,

The Great Commission is mentioned in the Bible 5 times. It is stated this way in Acts 1:8 (NIV) – “you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” God only needs to say it once for it to be true. When God says it 5 times, it reveals how vital it is.

Today our “Jerusalem” would be Wise County. Our “Judea” would be Virginia. Our “Samaria” would be the United States. The “ends of the earth” would be the rest of the world.

The disciples were in Jerusalem when they received this command in Acts 1. It is not until Acts 8 that the church begins to carry out this command. They were still in Jerusalem. In Acts 8:1 “a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and...were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.” It took a great persecution to catapult the church out of Jerusalem.

There is a great gravitational pull to keep us in our “Jerusalem”. “Charity begins at home”, we are told. Yes, but it does not end at home. **The continuing challenge is to be a witness to Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria and the ends of the earth.**

This command is not sequential. It is simultaneous. It does not say to meet all spiritual needs in one area before you move on to the next. If that was the case, we would never get past our own Jerusalem. We are called to do some of all four at the same time.

It is such a privilege to be your pastor. I am thankful for the many hands and hearts engaged in all kinds of ministries in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. Many things are happening in the first 3 areas, especially. Prayerfully consider how we could engage more fully “the ends of the earth.”

The gospel is for all. It is to be global. Wherever Christ has been taken, it is important to note that orphanages, schools, and hospitals have come also.

Let’s continue to seek to be global Christians.

Love, Pastor Mike

Important Dates:

Wed, April 10th

5:00 pm—Mission Committee Meeting

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

Noon—“A Time to Dance” Marriage

Enrichment Bible Study / Ballroom Dancing

5:00 pm—Singing Sunbeams Program

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun, May 12th

Graduate Recognition Sunday



Jeremy Camp in Concert!

Thursday, April 11th
7 pm

UVA-Wise Convocation Center

Ticket price: \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door

To purchase advance tickets, call the convocation center box office at 376.3431 or visit www.etix.com.

SERVANT EVANGELISM

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 the town of Wise. 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 (328.6247 or wisebaptist@verizon.net).

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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**. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the program. The Singing Sunbeams are under the direction of Debbie Collins and Carla Sheppard. Everyone is invited to attend!



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. **Beginning this Wednesday**, 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.

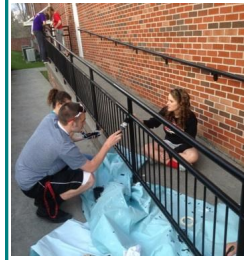
"So, You Want to be like Christ? Eight Essentials to Get You There" - This user-friendly study guides readers toward a greater understanding of eight spiritual disciplines of the Christian faith—prayer, humility, self-control, sacrifice, submission, solitude, silence, and hope. *So, You Want to be Like 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 attend Bible study!

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

GOOD NEWS



Thank you to our youth for painting the handrails on both the front and back of our building. Small projects like this help keep our building looking fresh and beautiful!

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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, 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.



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.

MEETING REMINDER

The **Mission Committee** will meet on Wednesday, April 10th at 5:00 pm in the Men's Sunday School Classroom.



♪♪♪♪ *From Leigh*

As I spend time reflecting on Easter worship, I am struck by the power of music. The sanctuary choir sang an anthem entitled "He Chose to Die" on Easter morning. The words and message of that anthem give me chills every time—*He chose to die His life He gave; the Father's will, the Son obeyed; He chose to die sin's ransom paid; He chose to die (and to forgive) that I might live*". Jesus' life, and ultimately his suffering and death, was not random. His life and death were on purpose. And, His purpose was me; it was you; it was all of us! WOW! How amazing is that?

So, what now? What do I, do we do, on "this side of Easter"? How will knowing about His love and sacrifice shape me? Change me? I don't have all of the answers but I do know that God is working in my life and all around me and He is not finished with me yet!

I encourage you to come and hear The Singing Sunbeam choir present *He Is Risen!* this Sunday afternoon at 5 pm. The children and the leaders have worked so very hard and the message is awesome! A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Blessings, Leigh

As you pray, please remember...

Pat and Fred Adkins, George Barnette, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Lynell Wells, Michelle Hunter, David Mullins, Ron Swindall 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 9** Jill Jessee
- April 10** Sandy Mullins
- April 11** Sue Kennedy
Karen Ponish
- April 12** Jessica Hood
Sunny Kennedy
- April 13** Sarah Lane
Hollyn Mullins
Stan Kunigelis
Jeff Cantrell
- April 14** Taylor Meade



- April 9**
Jeff & Lee Ann Adkins
- April 10**
David & Sandy Mullins
- April 13**
Steve & Debbie Collins



Life Coaching for Preaching and Teaching

On **Thursday, April 18th** from 6:30—8:30 pm at Highlands Fellowship (22417 Watauga Rd, Abingdon), Ken Kessler, Certified Life Coach and Team Leader for Empowering Leaders Team, VBMB, will lead a session designed to introduce those who preach, teach, and facilitate small groups to the ministry of life coaching. More than just TELLING persons what WE think they need to know, life coaching invites God's Spirit to come alongside in a fresh way and guide persons to take steps necessary to move forward in their spiritual journey. The cost is \$10 per person (covers materials and snacks). **Please register by contacting the Link: 877.977.2652.** All attendees are encouraged to meet at the Youth Building parking lot at 5 pm that evening to carpool.

THANK YOU!



We had an awesome group of youth on Sunday evening! Donna and Butch grilled hamburgers and hotdogs—very tasty! Then, we tackled the iron hand rails in front of the sanctuary and at the handicap ramp in the back. We sanded and painted the rails and they look terrific! Special thanks to Rachel B., Noah, Lily, Reagan, Jasmine, Alex A., and Cody for your help with this important project!

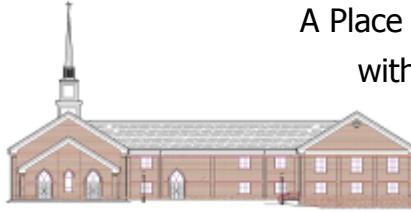
UPCOMING PLANS

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.

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	4/7-4/13	Jerry Baird; John Ponish 4/14-4/20 Gary Smith; Bill Sutherland
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	4/14	Bob & Teresa Adkins
	4/21	Jim & Sherry Collie
Nursery	4/14	Vance Family
	4/21	Travis & Kassie Jessee; Sharon Bradley; Sarah Lane
Children's Church	4/14	Cindy Elkins
	4/21	Megan Cline
PA	4/14	Wayne Isaac
	4/21	Mike Osborne
Tellers	Apr	Oscar Raile and Mike Strouth
Ushers	4/14	Ron Swindall*, Lewey Lee, Bob Adkins, Gary Smith, Bill Sutherland, Mike Strouth, David Mullins, and Matt Meade
	4/21	Travis Jessee*, Jason Mullins, Jeff Elkins, Bryon Burton, Robert England, Dwight Jessee, Daniel Ray, and John Mark Adrian *Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	4/10	Pat A., Cindy, Gail, and Mingkwan
	4/17	Beverly, Sandy, Erra, Sherry, and Brenda
Menu	4/10	Hamburgers and Fries
	4/17	Chicken Tenders, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, and Salad

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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	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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JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY!

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Thought For The Week:

"To the loved, a word of affection
is a morsel; but to the love-
starved, a word of affection can be
a feast." ~ Max Lucado