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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

Dear church family and friends,



Since mankind showed up, stories were used to form relationships. The great stories of the Bible were passed by word of mouth before they were written down. Since they are now in the Bible, we can participate in these wonderful stories of God relating to His people.

We, at Wise Baptist Church, have a story to tell. It is the story of a local church in Wise, Virginia. It is the story of God working in and through this people.

One place which can tell our story is the annual church budget. Let's look at one budget item. The amount budgeted for electricity was \$18,500. Our first impulse is to see whether we have spent more or less. Let's look behind the numbers. Electricity provides for lights, air conditioning, and power. This allows a place to gather, pray, organize, and then minister inside and outside of our three buildings.

In July, ministries supported by the budgeted electricity item:

- Disaster relief mission trip to New Jersey
- Remote Area Medical (thousands touched)
- Vacation Bible School (over 100 children plus families). The Vacation Bible School mission project gathered 152 book bags for school children.
- The "Ride, Run, and Relax" event (and other events) helped raise thousands of dollars to assist Ian Boggs, a local 6 year-old boy with special needs.
- The Brown Bag Ministry - our church made and delivered 1,500 lunches.
- Regularly scheduled activities such as Sunday School and morning worship.

The next time you see a budget, think of the ministries the numbers support. Thank you for your giving! Your giving makes a difference in the lives of people. As we stand on the edge of a new church year, let's take part in God's grand invitation to walk with Him in ministry and missions about His wondrous love.

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Little Stoney Falls (youth)
Aug 25
Caring Friends
Aug 26
Annual Business Meeting
Aug 28
Fall Retreat
Aug 31-Sept 1
Gas Buy down at Fred's
Aug 31
Alma Hunt
Sept 8-15
Youth Tailgate
Sept 13
Beth Moore Simulcast
Sept 14

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Sunday School

September 1 will be our promotion Sunday as we start our new Sunday School year. We will have students that are going to the next class level, meet their new teachers at the end of the Sunday school session this coming Sunday, August 25, so the students will get their new literature and be ready to start on September 1. If you have not attended Sunday School, or have not attended for awhile, plan to start this new season on September 1.

We would like to make this "high attendance" day! Our attendance has been over 100 the past two Sundays-there are classes for all ages. Everyone is welcome-see you in church Sunday morning! Thank you to everyone that attended the Sunday School conference. We hope to make this an annual event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVING PROOF LIVE SIMULCAST

WITH BETH MOORE

SEPTEMBER 14, 2013



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

You can register online at www.wisebaptist.com or fill out this registration form and drop it off along with your registration fee in the church office (please make checks payable to **Wise Baptist**)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Number registering _____

All ladies are invited to attend the Beth Moore Simulcast on Saturday, **September 14th** at Wise Baptist Church from 8:45 am until 4:15 pm.

The cost for the event is \$20 / person (\$10 / person for college students) and includes a boxed lunch.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

Questions? See Wendy, Jennifer, Sandy, Rebecca or Terry

Marriage Enrichment Retreat—Jan. 24-26, 2014

Join us for relaxation, laughter, refreshment and learning Friday night of Jan. 24—Sun. afternoon of Jan. 26 at Bent Creek Lodge Bed and Breakfast in Ashville, NC (See the web-site at www.bentcreekncc.com). Total cost is \$318.00. **Deposit of \$144 is due by Sun.**

Sept. 1. Make check payable to Wise Baptist Church and indicate it is for Marriage Enrichment Retreat. (Any couple can benefit from the retreat, but it is not recommended for couples in serious distress.) Sign up while spaces last.

WBC's Missions Committee's Emphasis for September:

Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions

Statewide Emphasis Week: Sept. 8 -- 15

The annual offering for Virginia missions was named for Alma Hunt (1909-2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unswerving dedication to the cause of Christ.

The offering provides funding for all WMUV missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving (but uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists).

Since 1976, this offering has been a joint venture of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) and Virginia Baptist Mission Board (VBMB).

When you give to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions, you are equipping those who seek to share with others how God has set them free to live and serve.

Wise Baptist Church's goal for this year is \$3,050.00.

Annual Church Business Meeting Aug
28 @7:00

Congratulations!

Wise Baptist Church would like to Congratulate **Holly Cline** for Making the Tennessee Law Revue!

Gas Buy down at Fred's

Our deacons will be sponsoring another gas buy-down at Fred's. Gas will be discounted for several hours in order to serve our community in a time of economic distress. It will be on Saturday, August 31. Pray that God will use us to be a blessing to many people in our community.



From Leigh

How Great Is Our God! What a wonderful way to begin worship. The sanctuary was filled with voices and instruments exclaiming that God alone is worthy; that He is *Name Above All Names!* It sent chills through me. Hallelujah that Marty was able to be in worship today to play with TRUTH. Jon still continues to amaze his family and the doctors with his recovery. There are still difficult days ahead. But, thank God, so far, Jon has responded to all of his treatments positively. Please continue to keep the Kennedy family in your prayers.

I would like to thank Pat Adkins for reading the scripture and leading the prayer in worship. When I asked her last week her first response was "no". She said she was too nervous to pray in public. I said it would be okay if she just read the scripture. She still hesitated. Finally she asked if I thought she could do it? I affirmed her wholeheartedly and encouraged her to read the passage over and over and let God speak to her about praying. Following worship, Pat thanked me for asking her! I don't always get that response when I ask people to do things, especially things out of their comfort zone!

So, I encourage you to be ready and willing to say "yes" to opportunities that are before you to serve the Lord. Every volunteer in every program of our church is important. Pray that God will help you overcome your fears and your uncertainty.

Blessings, Leigh

We will resume our children's choirs and the Jubilation Ringers in September. If you are interested in being a part of either of these groups, please let me know.



On Sunday, August 25, we will visit Little Stony Falls. We will leave the church at 1:30 pm. Friends are welcome! We will eat at Pizza Hut on the way home.

FALL RETREAT

All youth are invited to participate in a fall retreat to Gatlinburg, Saturday, August 31-September 1. In addition to our devotional and worship time, we will enjoy hiking and visiting Clingman's Dome and maybe even some white water rafting. Friends are welcome. (Parents, if you would like to chaperone, please let me know.) We have 15 signed up to go so far; see me this week if you are interested!

TAILGATE AND BONFIRE

Friday, September 13, we will set up tents and tables at the Central football game for tailgating! Parents, please let us know how you can help—with set up or with food or both! Following the game, we will have a bonfire at the Snodgrass home.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats to Tyler Hopkins for his third place finish in the Christian 5k last week. Also, congrats to Cody Large for his 2nd place finish in the first Mountain District golf match

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Please send your college mailing address to Leigh or to the church office via email (wisebaptist@verizon.net) as soon as possible so that we can stay in touch!

GOOD NEWS

Thanks to all who brought food for the meal given here at Wise Baptist for the family and friends of George Barnette. There was so much that we took the leftovers to Hope House in Norton and fed all the people there. What a blessing, so again thanks so much.

The Sunday School Training event was a big success. Several local churches attended, including Nash's Chapel, First Baptist and Friendship Baptist. Around 60 people attended. There was plenty of food and good fellowship.

Happy Birthday

Betty Roberts	8/21
Suzanne Baird	8/21
Sutton Polly	8/21
Alex Hall	8/22
Gina Chisenhall	8/23
Jeff Sturgill	8/23
Tracy Wills	8/23
Jerry Baird	8/24
Brenda Lee	8/25
Rita Longworth	8/25
Linda Bailey	8/25

Happy Anniversary

Scott & Beth Snodgrass 8/21



As you pray, please remember...

Jon Kennedy, Pat and Fred Adkins, Shirlee Barnette, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Lynell Wells, Wanda Baird, Glenn Hill, Lawrence Black, Marty and Rose Kennedy
All of the cancer patients in our area
Our men and women in the military
Our Shut Ins:
Jack Tolbert, Sr, Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Jeanne and Debbie Stallard, Vernoy Bolling, Jewell Bradley, and Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG)

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

Volunteers This Week

Deacons On Call	8/18-8/24	Bill Sutherland, Gary Smith
	8/25-8/31	Edgar Owens and Jerry Baird
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan Scott S.
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Worship Welcome Team		Cindy E., Jason M., Oscar R., Daniel R., Wendy A.
S.S Greeters	8/25	Jim and Sherry Collie
	9/01	Billie Harris
Nursery	8/25	Pat Adkins, Pam Collie, Kathy Osborne, Kim Coomer
	9/01	Vance Family
Children's Church	8/25	Beth Snodgrass
	9/01	Cindy Elkins
PA	8/25	Mike S.
	9/01	Wayne
Tellers	August	Martha Blackburn, Mike Strouth
Ushers	8/25	*Youth
	9/01	*Matt Meade, Ron Swindall, Lewey Lee, Bob Adkins, Gary Smith, Bill Sutherland, Mike Strouth, David Mullins *offertory pray
Serving Team	8/21	Linda Bailey, Ruby Salyers, Rebecca Osborne, Artie Bailey
	8/28	Vanessa Cyphers, Susan smith, Jennifer England, Karen Ponish
Wed Night Dinner	8/21	Breakfast for Supper
	8/28	Lasagna and garlic bread

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



Weekly Opportunities

Sunday

Sunday School	10:00 am
Worship	11:00 am
Youth	6:00 pm
Truth	7:45 pm

Wednesday

Meal	6:00 pm
Bible Study	6:45 pm
Choir	7:50 pm

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Thought For The Week:

“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” [1 John 5:12 NIV](#)