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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 and friends,

Our new church year is here (starts September 1)! As we begin a new year, it is good to think about how we might serve. In Mark 10:45 Jesus says that He did not come to be served but to serve. Our mission, as followers of Jesus Christ, is to take up His mission...of serving.

Everyone wants to make a difference. Everyone wants to leave a positive impact on our world. **Followers of Jesus Christ can make an impact for eternity.**

It is said that we receive blessings by serving others. That sounds like a cliché, a saying that is sometimes mindlessly repeated that may not have any real meaning. Sometimes, however, clichés are true. We do receive blessings by serving others. In what way does serving bless us?

When we serve God, we are aware that we need His help. It is not long before we run up against a need or circumstance that is bigger than we can manage. We need a regular flow of God's love, patience, energy, and grace to equip us. Before we know it, God has used us to make a difference. We have taught, loved, encouraged, walked with, and equipped the other person (s) in some way. Take a moment to realize how God has used you in the past. This is not about inflating our ego, but recognizing what God has done. It encourages us to continue to serve Him.

The Personnel Committee has compiled an extensive list. Special thanks to our Personnel Committee for the huge task of putting this list together and thanks for serving in this way! You will notice Sunday School teachers, church officers, committee members, and numerous other tasks involving many people. Thanks to each for being available to serve. This list will give you an idea of the many ways in which God is working through His people here at Wise Baptist. There is a place for you here at Wise Baptist to make a difference for God in the lives of others.

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

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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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

**WBC's Missions Committee's Emphasis for September:
Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions
Statewide Emphasis Week: Sept.8 -- 15**



Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, works year-round to offer the opportunity for children across the world to come to know Christ as their personal Savior. Wise Baptist Church participates in Operation Christmas Child by packing shoe box gifts and by serving as the Wise Relay Center for collection of shoe box gifts packed by others in our community.

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 (VMBM).

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.

Have you ever wanted to be more involved? There are opportunities available in our area to be a year-round volunteer. What does a year-round volunteer do, you ask? Well, there is a lot that goes on in the "off season" to prepare for the National Collection Week held each November. There are local teams in the areas of church relations, community relations, media relations, prayer, and shoebox collection. Everyone is invited to become a part of our local area team in one of these capacities!

If you are interested in being involved on a year-round basis, please contact **Rebecca Osborne** (276.365.0969 or Osbornes4Go@aol.com) for more information.

About Operation Christmas Child: For 20 years, Operation Christmas Child has answered the call to share the love of Jesus Christ with hurting children around the world. In 2012, more than **9 million** shoe box gifts were collected internationally from the United States and 10 other countries. The Mid-Atlantic region packed **798,280** shoe box gifts and **over 8,000 shoe box gifts came from our area (Dickenson, Wise, Scott, and Lee counties)**. Since 1993, more than 103 million gift-filled shoe boxes have been distributed to children in more than 150 countries worldwide. Dedicated volunteers work year-round to promote and pray for Operation Christmas Child.



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



From Leigh



Thank you, Andi, for sharing your talent with all of us during worship. The words of *By Your Side* directly relate to Pastor Mike's sermon on God's power. He has the power, but He chooses to be *By Our Side* every day and through every situation in life. What an amazing God we serve!

The Sanctuary Choir will begin preparing in September for our annual Christmas Cantata, please let me know if you are interested in participating this year!

Our children's choirs will begin rehearsals on Monday, Sept. 9. All choirs will meet in The Rock from 3:45-5. Children ages 3-7th grade are encouraged to participate.

The Jubilation Ringers will have their first rehearsal on Sunday, September 15 at 4:15 pm. We would welcome new members! See me if you are interested. Blessings, Leigh

On a personal note, words are inadequate to describe/explain what Gigi Pippin has meant to the Music Ministry of Wise Baptist Church over the past 25+ years. Her story has been one of outreach because her Sunbeam Choir program reached beyond the walls of this church into our community. All children were welcome and that meant that entire families were incorporated into all of the ministries of WBC. Your music was a blessing and your impact on the families of Wise Baptist is immeasurable. *To God Be the Glory Great Things He Hath Done!*



We will leave from the church at 9 am on Saturday morning for our fall retreat to Gatlinburg. We have 17 signed up for this event. Everyone is encouraged to pray for our safety and for God's leadership during the retreat.

TAILGATE AND BONFIRE

Friday, September 13, we will set up tents and tables at the Central vs Burton 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.

CAMPING TRIP

Please remember to mark your calendar for October 4-5 for a camping trip to Natural Tunnel. More information soon!

BIBLE STUDY

Attendance for Bible study on Wednesdays and Sundays has been amazing! Thank you for your faithfulness! Looking forward to a great year of growth and fellowship. Friends are always welcome!

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GOOD NEWS

**New Wednesday Night Bible Study Series
(Sept. 18 – Oct. 23)**

* "Changing Places: A Christian's Guide to Caring for Aging Parents" – by Betty Roberson

* "Setting Boundaries with Kids" – by Cloud and Townsend

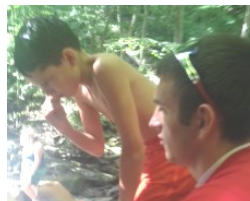
* "Ephesians: Building a Community in Christ" – by John Stott

(Sign up on Church Communication Card or notify church office)



The good news is that we were lucky enough to have had Gigi for 25 years as our organist. As they say, all good things must come to an end and this last Sunday we said goodbye to her playing every week here at Wise Baptist. Again we thank you Gigi for all your years of service. However, that means that we are now looking for a talented person who would like to

play the piano or organ for us. If you would be interested please contact Leigh or Rose at the Church office. We also need someone with Audio/visual experience to help out at Church events. Please call 328-6247 Thank you.



Megan Cline 8/28
Vanessa Mullins 8/28

Happy Birthday



As you pray, please remember...

Jon Kennedy, Pat and Fred Adkins, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Lynell Wells, Wanda Baird, Glenn Hill, Lawrence Black, Bill Sutherland
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	8/25-8/31 9/01-9/07	Edgar Owens and Jerry Baird Mark Clark, Gil Blackburn Ron, Dan Scott S.
Building Stewards		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Instrumentalists		Cindy E., Jason M., Oscar R., Daniel R., Wendy A.
Worship Welcome Team		
S.S Greeters	9/01 9/08	Billie Harris David and Sandy Mullins
Nursery	9/01 9/08	Vance Family Travis Jessee, Sharon Bradley and Sarah Lane
Children's Church	9/01 9/08	Cindy Elkins Megan Cline
PA	9/01 9/08	Wayne Mike O.
Tellers	August September	Martha Blackburn, Mike Strouth Oscar Raile, Lee Ann Adkins
Ushers	9/08 9/08	Matt Meade, Ron Swindall, Lewey Lee, Bob Adkins, Gary Smith, Bill Sutherland, Mike Strouth, David Mullins John Mark Adrian*, Travis Jessee, Jason Mullins, Jeff Elkins, Bryan Burton, Robert England, Dwight Jessee, Daniel Ray *offertory pray
Serving Team	8/28 9/04	Vanessa Cyphers, Susan smith, Jennifer England, Karen Ponish Beverly Viers, Sandy Mullins, Sherrie Collie, Brenda Kunigelis
Wed Night Dinner	8/28 9/04	Lasagna and garlic bread Potluck

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



Weekly Opportunities

Sunday	Deacon Meeting	8:30 am
	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
Wednesday	Meal	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm

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BETH MOORE SIMULCAST SEPTEMBER 14, 2013



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Thought For The Week :

“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” [Romans 12:4-5 NIV](#)