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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,

I Corinthians 13 is called the "Love Chapter" in the Bible. It is the most commonly used passage in weddings. The occasion for Paul's penning those words was not a wedding. In fact he was right in the middle of writing about the importance of people using their spiritual gifts in chapter 12. He continues to address the practice of spiritual gifts in chapter 14. It is as if everything screeches to a halt (after chapter 12) because the Holy Spirit has something important that needs to be said before anything else is said about practice of spiritual gifts.

Paul goes to great pains to explore what love looks like. He uses 15 different words or phrases to describe what love looks like. The first two words are patience and kindness. Then Paul describes what love is not like. This refers to envying, boasting, being easily angered, keeping record of wrongs, and delighting in evil. He continues to say that love rejoices in the truth, always protects, always trusts, always hopes and perseveres.

Love regulates the practice of spiritual gifts. What we say and do must be done out of love...God's love. Jonathan Swift, the author of "Gulliver's Travels" said that we sometimes have enough religion to hate, but not enough to love. That phrase speaks to every time and place.

May God fill us with the Holy Spirit that His love will radiate through all of our words and deeds. As we look toward a new church year (beginning in September) of serving God, may His love inspire us and flow from us in still greater ways!

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed night kickoff
Aug 7
Mission Committee
Aug 7
Leadership Team
Aug 7
Women On Mission
Aug 8
Youth/Parent event
Aug 11
Caring Friends
Aug 12
S.S. Training
Aug 17
Piecemakers
Aug 19
Little Stoney Falls (youth)
Aug 25
Caring Friends
Aug 26
Annual Business Meeting
Aug 28
Gas Buy down at Fred's
Aug 31
Beth Moore Simulcast
Sept 14

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Our Prayers are with you.

We extend our heartfelt prayers and deepest sympathy to Debbie Caudill and family, for the loss of her brother, Kelly, in a car crash in Pikeville on Friday. We would like to include Susan Mullins and family in our prayers for the loss of her Aunt.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD NEWS

LIVING PROOF LIVE SIMULCAST WITH BETH MOORE

SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

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.

What is a simulcast? A simulcast is an event broadcast simultaneously to various locations. We will simulcast the Living Proof Live event with Beth Moore through HD internet technology. The simulcast will be broadcast worldwide, live from Charleston, WV. The schedule for the day includes time for worship and Bible study.

About Beth Moore: Beth founded Living Proof Ministries in 1994 with the purpose of teaching women how to love and live on God's Word. She has written numerous books and Bible studies, including Breaking Free, Believing God, The Patriarchs and most recently, James: Mercy Triumphs that have been read by women of all ages, races, and denominations. Ever the storyteller, Beth is known to pepper her teaching with stories and poems written from the perspective of pertinent characters. She communicates with great energy, passion, humor, warmth, and grace.

About Living Proof Ministries: Living Proof Ministries is dedicated to Biblical literacy and a commitment to guide believers to love and live on God's Word. Every tape, book or product offered through this ministry is developed to encourage people to know Christ through His Word.

"For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any two edged sword." Hebrews 4:12

Living Proof was founded upon this verse. It is their desire to see people discover and fully experience this truth for themselves. Living Proof Ministries exists because of the grace and mercy of Christ. It will always exist to glorify Him alone.

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

Information on how to register you and your friends is coming soon!

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

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

Brown Bag Ministry
Thanks Our volunteers were very busy handing out 1,433 lunches during the Brown Bag Ministry this last week. Many times they had to come back for more lunches. Many thanks to Kim Hall and all those who helped pack the lunches and deliver them.

Senior Trip
20 of us enjoyed the view atop the lookout over Pikeville. Then we had lunch overlooking Dewey Lake, before boarding the bus to the convention center for the show "Church Basement Ladies." The show was hilarious. It was a beautiful summer day filled with food, fun and good friends.

Church picnic

Dan Helton and Wayne Isaac cooked up some good food on the grill. We had great weather, great food and great fellowship. A good time was had by all.

Back to School Event

Wise Baptist Church handed out 152 backpacks along with lunches at the Glades on Friday, August 2. It was a big gathering with a lot of different organizations participating. There were 1000 plus children that registered. There may have been more that actually received supplies.

Cancer Prevention Study

The American Cancer Society is asking for volunteers for a 20 year study to help better understand the cause of cancer. If you are between the ages of 30 and 65, have never had cancer and would like to participate, you can register online or by phone. (cps3swva.org or 1.888.604.5888) Enrollment will be at the Southwest Virginia Cancer Center, Friday, August 9, from 7- 11:30.

Women on Mission

Woman on Mission will be having a luncheon on August 8th, from 11 till 2. It will be located at the Youth Building.

Marriage Enrichment Retreat

A marriage enrichment retreat sign-up is coming soon. It will be held in early 2014. **More details will be shared next week.** What is a marriage enrichment retreat? It is a time to enrich your marriage. It is a planned getaway where you and your spouse can laugh, learn, and grow together with other couples. The purpose is to deepen your marriage. Any couple can benefit. (However, it is not recommended for couples in serious distress). There will be space for 10 couples.

We Start Our New Wednesday Night Events On August 7th.

Good Food at 6:00. Fun with Bible study after. Children enjoy activities along with bible study as adults choose between 3 great topics. Choices will be, "Setting Boundaries With Kids", "Quiet Strength" for men, and "The Girl's Still Got It", for women.

Annual Church Business Meeting
Aug 28, at 7:00

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.

Associational Sunday School Training Event

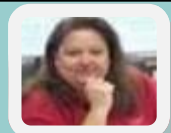
Sunday school teacher training on Sat. Aug. 17, right here at Wise Baptist. A team organized and trained by the Virginia Baptist Mission Board will lead the conference.

Saturday, August 17th
10 A.M. - Noon
(Lunch will be served at noon)

Wise Baptist Church
Registration deadline- Aug. 14.

Session 1: How to Energize, Engage and Motivate Your Class
Session 2: Creative Ways to Reach Prospects

Registration Required: Call (276) 328 - 6247 or email Rose@wisebaptist.com



From Leigh

A few days away was just what I needed! Thank you for your prayers. Last week I failed to thank Chris Rose for his wonderful guitar accompaniment to Russell's solo. I had written my article in advance and I did not know that Chris was going to be joining Russell. It is always a blessing when Chris shares his talents with us during worship!

Oh, what joy it was to hear TRUTH play and sing "How He Loves" by David Crowder yesterday. It was great having some of our former members playing and singing with us as well! The message of that song is truly overwhelming—GOD LOVES ME!! He doesn't condemn me or look down on me or want to crush me because of my sinful nature...He LOVES me in spite of my many flaws! WOW!!!

I would like to thank Rebecca and Mike Osborne and Bob Adkins for sharing their mission trip testimonies during worship the last two weeks. It has been wonderful to hear—from so many different perspectives—the impact of our trip to New Jersey. Last week Beth Snodgrass wrote a wonderful testimony and this week John Ponish is sharing his thoughts as well. I hope these are as meaningful for you as they are for me.

I have been thinking about our mission team devotional on our final night of the trip. Often a trip like this is a "mountain top" experience....then, you come home and return immediately to your routine. The devotional was about how we can keep our experience alive long after the trip. The object lesson was based on a piece of charcoal. Charcoal burns hot as long as it is with other pieces of charcoal. If you remove a coal from the fire, it will cool off very quickly.

This is how it is with Christians as well. When we surround ourselves with other Christians and when we immerse ourselves in Bible study, worship, service, and fellowship, we can burn a lot longer and a lot stronger. When we separate ourselves, we cool off quickly.

It is my prayer that all of us at Wise Baptist Church will stay connected. There are many opportunities—Wednesday Night Bible Study, Sunday School, and Worship—just to name a few. You can also choose to join a committee or the choir or get involved in a service project. Momentum has been building throughout the summer; let's keep the fire burning!

Blessings, Leigh



WEDNESDAY NIGHT

This Wednesday all of our youth are invited to dinner at 6pm. Following dinner, we are going to prayer walk at the schools. We are going to pray for God's presence and for His will to be done in every life and in every circumstance. Come, join us! Be a part of a this very special activity. All friends are always welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, August 11 at 5:30pm all youth (grades 7-12) and their parents/grandparents are invited to our back-to-school planning event. We'll have a light meal, some games, a short devotional and a time of planning for our fall activities. It is going to be a great year—I hope that you will make every effort to be there. I am so excited that Mark Collins, Andi Kilgore and Melissa Blackburn are going to help me lead this year.

LITTLE STONY FALLS

On Sunday, August 25, weather permitting, we will visit Little Stony Falls. 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. We will leave early on Saturday, August 31 and return on Sunday. In addition to our devotional and worship time, we will enjoy hiking and shopping and lots more. A \$10 deposit is due by Sunday, August 18. Friends are welcome. (Parents, if you would like to chaperone, please let me know.)

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Blue Marlins won the BASA Summer League Championship on July 27! WBC members include: Rachel Bailey, Caroline Mullins, Mary Paige Stuedemann, and Ally Stuedemann. Our girls placed 1, 2, and 3 in many events. We are proud of you!

Happy Birthday Happy Anniversary

Jewell Bradley	8/6
Abbie Crutchfield	8/7
Clifford Bailey	8/8
Benjamin Mullins	8/9
Lewey Lee	8/10
Macie Conway	8/10
Tim Cox	8/12

Alex & Deborah Knox
8/9
Lewey & Brenda Lee
8/13



As you pray, please remember...

Susan Mullins, Debbie Caudill, Pat and Fred Adkins, Gebbie and 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
Hospitalized:
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	8/11-8/17	Ron Helton, Mark Clark
	8/18-8/24	Bill Sutherland, Gary Smith
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	8/11	
	8/18	Bob and Teresa Adkins
Nursery	8/11	Susie Clasby, Holly Meade, Regina Carson, Melissa Blackburn
	8/18	Jeff and LeAnne Adkins, Anthony and Heather Wilson
Children's Church	8/11	Vanessa Mullins
	8/18	Tracy Wills
PA	8/11	Ron
	8/18	Oscar
Tellers	August	Martha Blackburn, Mike Strouth
Ushers	8/11	*Mark Clark, Jerry Baird, Edgar Owens, Roger Viers, Stan Kunigelis, Jeff Dotson, Harold Witt, Butch Hutchinson
	8/18	*Scott Snodgrass, Dan Helton, Ron Helton, Jeff Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, John Ponish, Mark Clark
Serving Team	8/07	Kim Coomer, Kathy Helton, Martha Blackburn, Donna Hutchinson
	8/14	Teresa Adkins, Brenda Lee, Cyndi Newlon, Gina Chisenhall,
Wed Night Dinner	8/07	BBQ, baked beans, chips, slaw
	8/14	Chicken Tenders, texas potatoes, broccoli, rolls

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Summer Weekly Opportunities

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
Wed	Meal and Bible Study	06:00 pm
Monday	Caring Friends	09:30 am

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICKOFF FOR MEALS AND BIBLE STUDY, AUGUST 7

Wise Baptist Church

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Wise, VA 24293

Thought For The Week:

"The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple." ~ Psalm 119:130 (NIV)

MISSION TRIP THOUGHTS by John Ponish

A few thoughts relative to this mission trip – well there are many stories, thoughts, and good memories from which to choose. For myself, this mission trip once again reinforced for me Luke 12:22-34, in which Jesus tells us *“do not worry about your life, what you will eat,...Life is more than food, .. consider the birds.....”* And that is what I have found once again on this trip to New Jersey, as I have experienced from my very first mission trip back in 2006 to Gautier, Mississippi. Be ready to serve and all will be provided.

You see, I generally remind Leigh and those on the trip know how relaxing these trips are for me; as for eight days in a year, I have no worries other than eating, sleeping, studying God’s Word, serving others, and relaxing after a hard day’s effort. Now that sounds a lot like the lifestyle God had always planned for us back with Adam and Eve, and we know what happened there to mess that up. Now let’s look at each of these actions.

Eating – Now that’s my favorite part on these trips; good food and served when ready with great fellowship! Meals well deserved from an honest hard days effort. They may be smashed peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, soggy Oreos from sitting on ice in the cooler too long, or Butch’s leftover day old Jersey Mike’s Sub wrapped in his two-day old work pants, but then again Donna’s Frogmore Stew (Alex Hall and the shrimp competition), spaghetti, or chicken are well worth the heavenly smells and the wait. No dishes to do, no setting of table; only eat, fellowship, get up and leave! (*Editor’s Side Note 1 – Now we all have to pull KP Duty part of the time on the trip, but that is even fun!*).

Sleeping – Boy, do we need it after a long day. Lights go out quick because the days start early at 6 am each day. Cots, sleeping bag, double-decker blow up mattresses (Bob Adkins), old sofa in the hall, outside on a bench – I never said we were comfortable; let’s just call it ... tolerable. And to top it off, there is always a “snoring” section or room designated for such light sleepers (*Editor’s Side Note 2 - Pick your sleeping space carefully lest you think you are on a whaling expedition with the nightly sounds!*). Doesn’t sound relaxing? – Don’t fret, you never worry about it as each day’s daily serving mission and purpose of the trip and its experiences always makes even your sleeping experience a fond memory!

Studying God’s Word – For me, this is the most focused and consistent week of the year for me to sneak away and relax and soak up His Word now, isn’t this EXACTLY what He wants us to do! Leigh has always been prepared to lead and somehow she manages to extract from each one of us something to share and give back nightly to each other and our group as a whole. Sometimes it may appear uncomfortable; but through Him we gain our confidence to speak out. You are surrounded by those that love you – couldn’t ask for more!

Serving others – That is why we went to New Jersey, Charleston, Manteo, Roanoke, Gautier; and years ago why Wise Baptist went to South Dakota and kept going back. Where will we / YOU be next year? Where will we / YOU need to be and to serve next month or next week? The opportunities are endless if we open ourselves up to God’s calling: Brown Bag, Quilting, Building and Grounds, VBS, RAM, Relay for Life. Through the mission trips or mission-based activities, Church is much more than the building on Spring Street; it is an action by God’s people in His name in the service of others in need. Make yourself available, volunteer, tell someone that you’d like to try to help, let yourself be led and trust in Him; you will be uncomfortable, at first, but *YOU will leave rewarded ten times over!*

Relaxing after a hard day’s effort – Now isn’t that what Genesis 2:2 says to “... rest from all the work.” We all need that down time; how many of us seem to really do it at home daily. What a better way than to be with family and friends reminiscing about the day’s efforts (you’ve heard the ice cream and fig newtons stories; do you know who Cornelius is? Believe me, there are more many more untold stories which for us on the trip we all will cherish as fond memories J - You have to be there to know). Relaxing has included playing kickball (remember that non-electronic outdoor activity?), reading, ping pong, and sitting around and talking with one another. No television, no play station, no X-Box; simple times and simple pleasures that require us all to interact and converse with one another like.....family.

In closing, the one final thing that has really touched my heart in all this has been the opportunity to be on these trips *with my family*. It all started in 2006 with Karen, Haden, Kristin, and Kaitlin and the whole Clark family. Each child had their group to hang with, be it one or several others, and Karen and I had our longtime friends, Mark and Leigh. Though we all haven’t made it back each year as a whole family group like in 2007, we keep coming back in some capacity and I have seen other families come together on these trips and it is special! The kids make these trips; they are willing, talented, respectful, active and full of life, full of God’s spirit, and loving: older children caring for Jada and Elora, Aaron and Haden stepping up and setting examples for the younger youth, Mark Collins so willing to learn and soak up experiences of those teaching him, Kaitlin and Anna in goggles, tool belts, dirty and grimy, with heavy-duty power tools and saws building a deck in Manteo, and Kristin and Lora Wharton, sneaking away from the bus after midnight in downtown Atlanta to deliver food to homeless people in a dark, city park (*Adults seemed to know better than to perform this act of kindness?*).

The elder participants jump right in, and always seem to overdo it in the heat; but throughout the days can be found telling stories of how it used to be when they were growing upfamily time! Did we ever tell the story of Sarah Means learning to operate an 8,000 pound backhoe in Manteo; well that was a treat and she loved it.

Faith and Fellowship with Family and Friends not in the Little Red Brick Church, **but FROM IT!**



**Mission Team,
ready and willing**



Senior Trip



**Jerry Baird, John
Ponish, Ron Helton**



**BBM – Elora, Butch,
and Jayda Hutchinson**



**Brown Bag Ministry – Shirley
Willis, Grace Allio, Rebecca
Osborne, Liz Brown**



**BBM – Rachel
Bailey, Noah
Hall**



**Andi Kilgore and Caitlin
Adkins at The Glades**



**Many hands,
one heart**



**TRUTH performing in Worship,
August 4, 2013**



**Community support for our children
Back to School event, 8/02/13**