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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,

Monty Roberts was a famous cowboy who could break the wildest of horses. His story factors into the book, "The Horse Whisperer", which later became a movie.

Monty would get into the corral with the untamed mustang and get as far away as he could without leaving the corral. He would also make a point to avoid eye contact. The horse would initially snort and stomp, but over time, the horse would become more and more comfortable. This process would end with someone being able to actually ride the horse. He says the secret is that **"The animals need to be with others so much, they would rather befriend the enemy than be left alone."**

This secret speaks directly to our own needs as people. The fundamental human dilemma is... "How can I be with others?" How can we be in right relationship with people and God? Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21 speak to this need.

God hears our cry and answers it profoundly in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, which we celebrate in the Christmas season. Galatians 4:4 puts it this way... "When the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son."

All praise, honor, and glory to God!

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

W.O.M.

Dec 12 @ noon

Children's Musical

Dec 15 @ 5 pm

Christmas Dinner

Dec 18 @ 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve

Communion

Dec 24 @ 11 pm

Marriage Retreat

Jan 24-26

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Congratulations!

We celebrate with Jack and Marsha Tolbert, proud grandparents to Landon Isaiah Tolbert, who is all of 20" long and weighed seven lbs. and two oz. He entered the world Monday at 7:37am. Baby, mother, father, and grandparents are all fine!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

Join us for a special Wise Baptist Church tradition! Bible reading, Christmas music, candle-lighting, and Communion will help us experience the wondrous Christmas story. Bring a guest.
Dec. 24 at 11pm. (Dress informally)



WHAT'S NEW IN BIBLE STUDIES

THE CURRENT WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, "10 SURPRISING THINGS ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS STORY", WILL CONTINUE DEC. 11 IN THE SANCTUARY.

I AM ASKING YOU TO BE **ONE OF 100 ADULTS** IN A SPECIAL 7 WEEK STUDY I WILL BEGIN TEACHING **JANUARY 8**. IT IS CALLED "THE GREATNESS PRINCIPLE: FINDING SIGNIFICANCE AND JOY IN SERVING OTHERS". SIGN UP ON THE COMMUNICATION CARD OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE. THIS WILL HELP US KNOW HOW MANY FOR WHICH TO PREPARE.

PASTOR MIKE



Christmas Dinner

Wise Baptist Church will be having our annual Christmas dinner here in the **Fellowship Hall** on **Dec 18th at 6 pm.** The Church will supply roast beef and ham and the rest will be potluck. Dress will be informal. In order to provide enough seating please fill out communication cards. Please include how many will be in your party.

A Big Thank You!

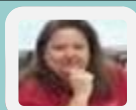
Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Cantata Reception. The food was appetizing and the tables beautiful with the red and white color scheme. Thank you to our volunteer service staff. They took good care of all that attended.

Awesome Christmas Cantata!



Lottie Moon (it's not too late)

Lottie Moon Offering is our emphasis During December 1-8. However, feel free to use the envelopes and donate to Lottie Moon at any time during the month. Thank you for supporting our International Missions!



From Leigh

SERVING TOGETHER

It was a perfect night for a parade—cold and wintry! It was a perfect opportunity to share some hot chocolate! The parade was wonderful and so were the dozens of volunteers from Wise Baptist Church who chose to be part of this Serving Together opportunity. Thank you to our Deacon Fellowship for organizing and leading this wonderful and meaningful project. Thank you also to everyone—from those who provided snacks for the candy cane preparation day, to those who mixed and delivered the hot chocolate, to those who served and greeted people, to those who stayed to clean up—every task was equally important! It was a great blessing.

A Night of Christmas Music

I don't really know where to begin...Sunday evening was incredible. All of the music was wonderful! It is always a special treat to have the orchestra accompany the choir. Most of our musicians have played for us for many, many years and they always comment at the reception how much they enjoy coming to Wise Baptist Church because they feel so loved and welcomed. That is a testament to all of you! Thank you for your generosity and kindness. The Christmas Cantata is the *highlight* of the year. But, it is only the tip of the iceberg for our music ministry. Our volunteers are faithful each and every week to rehearse and lead in worship. We are truly blessed!

Please make your plans to join us this Sunday at 5:00 pm for the Children's Annual Christmas program. The Joyful Noise choir will ring and sing, there will be piano solos, and the Singing Sunbeams will do their play. A lot of time and preparation has gone into this program; we hope that you will be able to be here to encourage and support our children in this important ministry.

Blessings, Leigh

As you pray, please remember...

Marty, Rose and Jon Kennedy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Jackie Mullins, All of the cancer patients in our area, Our men and women in the military



Our Shut Ins:

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.

Happy Birthday

Jessica Crutchfield	Dec 11
Jim Sturgill	Dec 14
Irene Black	Dec 16
Alex Knox	Dec 17

One of our Own: Katla Figgatt

Katla has prayerfully decided to devote spring break 2014 to working for the glory of God. During the March trip to Oklahoma, students will have opportunities to share their faith as they work with local volunteers to repair and rebuild areas devastated by the May 2013 tornadoes. In addition to maintenance and construction projects, students will be able to establish relationships with victims of the tornadoes and to share hope in the midst of dire circumstances. Any and all prayers for Katla and those going on the trip will be greatly appreciated. And any help will be greatly appreciated. My hope is that Wise Baptist Church will be able to help offset these expenses. Checks can be made out to "Wesley Foundation" and mailed to 1 College rd. #4512, Wise VA. Deadline is March 1st. Thank you in advance.

Rev. Beth Tipton



I would like to thank our youth for their beautiful and creative rendition of *Mary, Did You Know?* using candles at the Cantata. It was breathtaking. I would especially like to thank Jasmine Vance for her leadership and choreography. They will perform their song again on Christmas Eve at the Communion service.

Members of *LIGHT*: Jasmine Vance, Lily Snodgrass, Reagan Elkins, Emma Snodgrass, Landon Elkins, Ali Stuedemann, Mary Stuedemann, Caroline Mullins, Rachel Bailey, Macey Sheppard, Noah Hall, and Cody Large.

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/08-14	Gil Blackburn, Dan Helton
	12/15-21	Robert England, Bill Sutherland
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Eva, Susan S.
Worship Welcome Team:		Cindy E., Oscar R., Daniel R., Wendy A.
S.S Greeters:	12/15	Jim and Sherry Collie
	12/22	Billie Harris
Nursery:	12/15	Nancy Stalnaker, Forrest Stalnaker, Caroline Mullins, Emma Snodgrass
	12/22	Marybeth Adkins, Alex Adkins, Travis Jessee, Lily Snodgrass
Children's Church:	12/15	Jill Jessee
	12/22	Jennifer England
PA:	12/15	Mike Osborne
	12/22	Bryan Crutchfield
Tellers:	December	Lee Ann Adkins, Kathy Helton
Ushers:	12/15	Bob Adkins*, Gary Smith, Bill Sutherland, Mike Strouth, David Mullins, Matt Meade, Ron Swindall, Lewey Lee
	12/22	Jeff Elkins*, Bryan Burton, Robert England, Dwight Jessee, Daniel Ray, John Mark Adrian, Travis Jessee, Jason Mullins *offertory prayer
Serving Team:	12/11	Teresa Adkins, Brenda Lee, Cyndi Newlon, Gina Chisenhall
	12/18	Christmas Dinner (no serving team)
Wed Meal:	12/11	Chicken Enchilada, Rice
	12/18	Christmas Dinner (potluck, meat provided)

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



Weekly Opportunities

Wednesday	Dec 11	Meal @ 6 pm Bible Study @ 6:45 pm Choir rehearsal @ 7:50 pm
Thursday	Dec 12	Women On Mission @ noon
Sunday	Dec 15	Sunday School @ 10:00 am Worship @ 11:00 am Children's Christmas Program @ 5 pm

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAM~DEC 15 @ 5 PM~CHRISTMAS DINNER~DEC 18 @ 6 PM



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Thought For The Week :

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." [John 15:5,8 NIV](#)



An Invitation!
You are invited to come see the toy trains at the Collie House. We live at 310 Woodland Court Street in Wise. Please call 328-5133 to see when we are available to play.

Special thanks to everyone who helped with the renovation project at Lawrence and Irene Black's home. The new kitchen is beautiful!

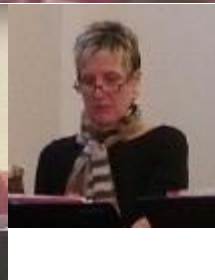
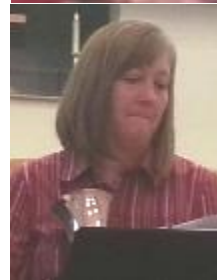


LIGHT

At the conclusion of Lights candle light opera, a glowing cross was formed.



Scenes from Worship



The Sheppard family lighting the Advent Wreath; Bud Ireland singing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"; The Jesse Tree with Ms. Terry; Rebecca Osborne, Mary Beth Adkins, Cindy Elkins, Terry Winters ringing our hand bells; Brad Morris and Eva Kling singing "Is There Room at the Manger for Me? Joanne Kennedy inviting everyone to join in the Lottie Moon Mission Emphasis during December.





Monday, December 9, 2013. 10 pm
 Our jobs included opening boxes & removing Items that cannot be sent, adding more items to some boxes, taping boxes & packing cartons. We processed / packed about 1080 boxes during Our shift! Our boxes are going to Chad...over 30,000 boxes have been processed at this center Today! We're on our way home now.
 Teresa Winters