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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 friends,

Hearts all over America are breaking over the tragedy at Newtown, CT. Nothing seems more fundamentally wrong than the intentional hurting of innocent children. As different as people are in so many ways all around the world, one thing we would assume we could agree on is not intentionally or injuring children.

This seems to turn everything upside down. A boundary has been crossed that makes us shudder. The world suddenly seems a more dangerous place. We fear for the future. What will this mean for every child, parent, and grandparent?

In our shock, anger, and grief, we are looking for answers, some explanation that will help us understand. Deep down, we hope that understanding may help us "fix" this. Our hearts are broken. We want an easy answer and a quick fix. It is our way of wanting to take control of what seems spinning out of control.

First, pray for the families touched by this tragedy in Newtown, CT that God will touch their hearts. Pray and discern ways to address a complex problem with many causes. There is no quick and easy fix.

It is a time to grieve, to pray, to reflect, and then to move one step at a time to take appropriate precautions to create a safer world for our children.

It is ironic, that the Creator of all things came in the most helpless of forms...a child...a tiny baby. That child grew up to become our Savior and lay down His life for us.

This Christmas, when we do not have the answers, we are compelled to go to the One Who is the Answer. John 14:6 says that Jesus is the "Way, Truth, and Life".

Love, Pastor Mike



*Wishing Everyone a Merry
Christmas and a Blessed New
Year!*

*Pastor Mike, Leigh,
Randy, and Rebecca*

Important Dates:

Wed, December 19th

6:00 pm—Dinner

6:45 pm—Christmas
Caroling

Mon, December 24th

11:00 pm—Christmas
Eve Candlelight and
Communion Service

Wed, January 2nd

5:00 pm—Mission
Committee Meeting

Sun, January 6th

8:30 am—Deacon
Fellowship

Wed, January 9th

6:00 pm—Dinner

6:45 pm—Bible Study
for Children and Youth

6:45 pm—Southwest
Virginia Partnership
Presentation

7:50 pm—Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal

Wed, January 16th

Dinner & Bible Study for
All Ages

Holiday Schedule

The church office will be
closed on Mon,
December 24th and Tue,
December 25th as well as
Mon, December 31st and
Tue, January 1st.

The **next newsletter** will
be published on Thu,
January 3rd.

Check your e-mail,
bulletin, or the church
website for updated
announcements
throughout the holidays!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Christmas Caroling

Joy to the World! Everyone is invited to go Christmas Caroling on **Wednesday, December 19th** following dinner. We will visit the Laurels and other friends of Wise Baptist who are currently unable to join us for services.



Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service

Everyone is invited to attend the Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight service on **Monday, December 24th** at 11 pm in the Sanctuary.



Lottie Moon Offering

Engaging people groups in the hard places comes with risk and sacrifice for all who obediently choose to be His heart, His hands, His voice. Giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is also a call to obedience and sacrifice. Pray now for all of the international missionaries and about how you can support the sharing of the Gospel around the world. Offerings for the Lottie Moon Offering will be received throughout the month of December. As of December 16th, **\$1,274.11** has been given to the offering. Wise Baptist Church's goal is **\$4,700.00**.



Wednesday Evening Dinner and Bible Study

We will have Wednesday evening dinner this week, **December 19th**, beginning at 6 pm. In lieu of Bible Study, we will be Christmas Caroling.

On **January 9th**, we will have dinner at 6 and then Tony and Jan Johnson with the Southwest Virginia Partnership will make a presentation for all adults in the Sanctuary about their work and their needs.

On **January 16th**, we will return to our normal Wednesday evening dinner and Bible study schedule. There are Bible study classes for all ages! The children are currently engaged in discovering God's tremendous love and the amazing promises He has given us through Summit Seekers. Adults will meet with Pastor Mike to study "The Greatest Week in History: Luke's Account of the Passion Week". Books for this study will be available prior to the first session.

GOOD NEWS

A message from Pastor Emeritus Ray Jones:

Dear Ones, I believe Sunday (December 2nd) evening's worship through music was a gift to the entire Wise community. It was the first time Ms. Carolyn and I have been able to attend a service in many weeks, and the Lord allowed us to be there at a very special time. We sat surrounded by our Wise Baptist family as well as friends from many other worshipping communities. It was sweet to be one in Christ as we celebrated God's perfect gift of Jesus. To Leigh and all who worked so hard to make that service possible, thank you. And, thank you for the love you continue to express for us and the many ways you help us. Carolyn and I are mending; please keep us in your prayers.

Merry Christmas! Love you more. Rj

Church Christmas Dinner



Those attending the church Christmas dinner on Sunday evening reported having a wonderful time! There were carols, a reading of The Christmas Story, and much fellowship over a wonderful dinner. Jim Collie, pictured above, made sure the dessert pan was empty at the end of the meal! Thank you to Teresa Adkins and Beverly Viers for coordinating the meal and to Jim Collie for coordinating the entertainment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jim and Sherry Collie have their Christmas train display up again. They have 20+ lighted buildings, a working skating pond and ski slope, a Christmas train and the Polar Express trains, plus a lot more. Everyone is invited to come see it, especially the children and the young at heart. Their address is 310 Woodland Ct. in Wise. Just call them at 328-5133 to see if they'll be home. They'd love to share it with their church family!

MEETING REMINDER

The **Mission Committee** will meet on Wednesday, January 2nd at 5:00 pm in the Men's Sunday School classroom.



♪♪♪♪ *From Leigh*

Please plan to join us on Wednesday, December 19 for our annual Christmas Caroling to The Laurels and to shut-ins from our congregation.

I wanted to share an excerpt from a book I have been enjoying this Advent Season. The book is *God is in the Manger - Reflections on Advent and Christmas* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Who among us will celebrate Christmas correctly? Whoever finally lays down all power, all honor, all reputation, all vanity, all arrogance, all individualism beside the manger; whoever remains lowly and lets God alone be high; whoever looks at the child in the manger and sees the glory of God precisely in his lowliness.

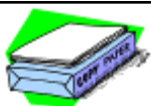
Merry Christmas!
Blessings, Leigh



We will have dinner this Wednesday evening and then we will give the gift of presence and singing to members of our church and community through the act of Caroling! It will be a wonderful gift! Looking forward to seeing all of our youth participating.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, Dec. 19—Christmas Caroling



Paper Copies of E-mails Available For Those Without Internet Access

Each week, John Kennedy prints out paper copies of all emails published during the week. If you do not have access to the internet and would like a copy, please see John.



Unclaimed Dishes

Thank you to everyone who provides dishes for our meals at the church. There are a number of unclaimed dishes located in the Fellowship Hall and kitchen. Please stop by to see if one may belong to you!

As you pray, please remember...

Pat and Fred Adkins, George Barnette, Bobbie Farmer, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Lynell Wells, Michelle Hunter, Jeff Adkins, and Roger Williams
All of the cancer patients in our area
Our men and women in the military

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.



- December 20** Marsha Tolbert
Bryan Crutchfield
- December 21** Samuel Wills
- December 22** Rick Mullins
Dallas Kennedy
Jon Kennedy
- December 23** Lee Ann Adkins
Sherlene Hall
- December 24** Carolyn Strouth
Jim Collie
- December 25** Lilyanna Hardin
- December 26** Linsay Allio
- December 27** Randy Longworth
Bea Hill
John Steven Wills
- December 29** Patsy Boggs
Vernoy Bolling
- December 30** Paul Maine
- December 31** Alicia Longworth
Cameron Driver
- January 2** Scott Snodgrass

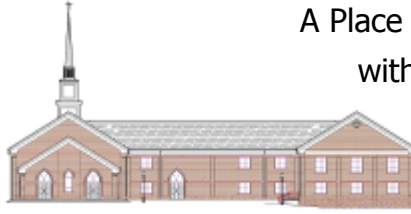


- December 18**
Dan & Kristin Trick
- December 19**
Shane & Susan Mullins
- December 22**
Jim & Lois Lawson
- December 24**
Jack & Peggy Tolbert
Lawrence & Irene Black
- December 28**
Don & Gigi Pippin
- December 31**
Jeff & Cindy Elkins

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	12/16-12/22	Phil Mullins; Edgar Owens
	12/23-12/29	Mark Clark; Jerry Baird
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Worship Welcome Team		Jason Mullins, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray, and Wendy Adrian
SS Greeters	12/23	Billie Sue Harris
	12/30	David & Sandy Mullins
Nursery	12/23	Bonnie Owens; Mingkwan Collins; Jason & Vanessa Mullins
	12/30	Rose & Brooklyn Kennedy; Cyndi Newlon; Chelsea Polly
Children's Church	12/23	Beverly Viers
	12/30	Holly Meade
PA	12/23	Mike Strouth
	12/30	Wayne Isaac
Tellers	Dec	Mike Strouth and Lee Ann Adkins
Ushers	12/23	Senior Youth
	12/30	Bill Sutherland*, Mike Strouth, Matt Meade, Ron Swindall, David Mullins, Lewey Lee, Bob Adkins, and Gary Smith *Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	12/19	Sherry C., Ruby S., Rebecca O., and Artie B.
Menu	12/19	Soups, Cornbread, 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)	In Recess
	Caring Friends (2nd, 4th, & 5th)	In Recess
	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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CHRISTMAS CAROLING ~ DECEMBER 19TH ~ 6:45 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE ~ DECEMBER 24TH ~ 11:00 PM

Wise Baptist Church

P.O. Box 777

Wise, VA 24293

Thought For The Week:

"The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger.""

~ Luke 2:10-12 (The Message)

JANUARY

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
B=Birthday A=Anniversary	If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office. (328.6247)	1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 <i>Mission Committee Meeting—5:00 pm</i> <u>B:</u> Scott Snodgrass	3 <u>B:</u> Eileen Cantrell, Caleb Godsey	4 <u>B:</u> Mark Collins, Hazel Dixon <u>A:</u> Thomas & Natasha Kennedy	5 <u>A:</u> Mike & Terry Winters
6 <i>Deacon Meeting—8:30 am</i>	7 <u>B:</u> Brian Wills <u>A:</u> Jack, Jr. & Marsha Tolbert	8 <u>B:</u> Reba Smiddy, Bret Chisenhall	9 <i>Dinner (6 pm)</i> <i>Tony & Jan Johnson (6:45 pm)</i>	10 <i>Women on Mission—Noon</i> <u>B:</u> Ruby Salyers	11 (Empty)	12 <u>B:</u> Eden Mullins
13 <u>B:</u> Joyce Horne	14 (Empty)	15 (Empty)	16 <i>Dinner (6 pm)</i> <i>Bible Study (6:45 pm)</i> <u>B:</u> Beth Snodgrass, Susan Mullins	17 <u>B:</u> Steve Collins <u>A:</u> Ray & Carolyn Jones	18 <u>A:</u> Jeff & Eileen Cantrell	19 (Empty)
20 <u>B:</u> Samuel Wharton	<i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i> 21 <i>MLK Service 7:00 pm Sanctuary</i>	22 (Empty)	23 <i>Dinner (6 pm)</i> <i>Bible Study (6:45 pm)</i> <u>B:</u> Scott Harris	24 <u>B:</u> Carolyn Jones, Edgar Owens, Gary Smith, Jim Dotson	25 <u>B:</u> Billie Harris, Wanda Baird, Shirlee Barette	26 <u>B:</u> Ray Jones, Lulia Maine, Garrison Sheppard <u>A:</u> Tim & Angel Cox
27 <u>B:</u> Macey Sheppard	28 <u>B:</u> Lance Collie, Regina Carson, Toni Thacker	29 <u>B:</u> Mike Strouth, Rebecca Osborne	30 <i>Dinner (6 pm)</i> <i>Bible Study (6:45 pm)</i> <u>B:</u> Andrew Conway	31 <u>B:</u> Scott Pippin	(Empty)	(Empty)

Winter Word Search

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polar bear
snowflake
snowman
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