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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

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A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

Recently I attended the movie, "Catching Fire" with youth from our church. It is based on a book from the "Hunger Games" series.

Most movies are based on a book. Books are stories. The best stories talk about important truths in life: love, work, spirituality, guilt, hope, disappointment, heartbreak, forgiveness, etc. Stories help us make sense of life.

The Bible contains the "Greatest Story Ever Told". It tells us who we are and can be. The truth is more than information. The truth is a Person. Jesus Christ is the Way, the TRUTH, and the Life!

Advent means "coming"...the coming of Jesus. It is a wondrous story. Join with us as we hear and re-hear the grand story of the ages. God wants to write us into the redemption story of the universe. Jesus came because of you.

Be sure to take part in the upcoming Advent events to prepare your heart and mind for Jesus coming!

- Dec. 7 at 5:30pm—Wise Christmas parade - we will serve hot chocolate and give out candy canes.
- Dec. 8—7pm—Christmas cantata and reception
- Dec. 15 at 5pm—Children's Christmas program
- Dec. 18—6pm—Christmas Dinner—Fellowship Hall
- Dec. 24—11pm—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Mission Committee
Dec 4 @ 5:00 pm
Christmas Parade
Dec 7 @ 5:30 pm
Deacons' Meeting
Dec. 8 @ 8:30am
Christmas Cantata (reception to follow)
Dec 8 @ 7 pm
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

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wise Christmas Parade Dec 7 @ 5:30

“Serving Together”

Wise Baptist Church is participating in the annual Wise Christmas Parade on Saturday December 7th by servicing hot chocolate and handing out candy canes with the Christmas message of the candy cane. Our church will have tables set up in the Big Glades Park. This is a way to serve our community and Lord. See our Deacon Chair Mark Clark or John Ponish to help you find a particular area of service. We have lots of opportunities for everyone to participate. We are excited about this opportunity for service!

Pastor Mike

What's new in Bible Studies

The current Wednesday night Bible study, “10 Surprising Things about the Christmas story”, will continue Dec. 4 & 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

“A Christmas of Hope” cancer patient fundraiser

Dr. Tom Renfro’s house, Dec 7 at 2 pm. Food, Entertainment, and Silent Auction. Tickets \$20 .

Purchase at the cancer center(679-5874)

or by Pat Adkins(393-9078) or

email Teresa (tah7@uvawise.edu)

Operation Christmas Child Wise Relay Center

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time at the Operation Christmas Child Relay Center! A total of **1,827** shoe boxes were delivered and we had **more than 20 volunteers** who staffed the center throughout the week.

Everyone played a part in getting the shoe boxes to their next destinations - the collection center in Big Stone Gap, the processing center in Charlotte, NC, and ultimately children around the world. It took a lot of hands to pack the shoe boxes in the cartons and sometimes it was like working a puzzle to get as many shoe box gifts in a carton as possible!

A special thank you to Jim Collie (who opened the relay center and volunteered each day) and Mike Osborne (who volunteered each day) for your help with the “heavy lifting” throughout the week. We were also blessed to have Rick Galyean bring the UVA-Wise Marching Band box truck out to transport all of the shoe boxes to the collection center.

Wise Baptist Church has a rich tradition of serving in our community and this event was no different. We are blessed to be able to participate with Operation Christmas Child and Samaritan’s Purse from Wise, VA to spread the Word of God throughout the world. We don’t have to go around the world to take part. We just have to choose to take part.



Christmas Cantata and Reception

Sunday, December 8, will be our Christmas Cantata.

Immediately following the cantata will be a reception and time of fellowship.

Please let me know if you can help with the following items: ham biscuits, sandwiches, deviled eggs, or cookies.

Please call (393-0977) or email (tah7@uvawise.edu).

Thanks, Teresa Adkins

Advent, A Calendar of Devotions, 2013

“Each devotion in our new advent devotional relates to a journey of some kind. Some are directly related to the journey toward the manger and its treasured Christ Child. Some are simple pilgrimages. These pilgrims have stories to tell us. Perhaps they struggled; perhaps they made wrong decisions; perhaps they tried their best and still failed. These are stories of our humanness and how God can speak through all of it - the good, the bad, the frustrating, the heart-breaking, and even the puzzling— in a personal way.”

Debra Westbrook

Advent devotionals are available in the sanctuary foyer or beside the elevator.

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 the meat and the rest will be potluck.

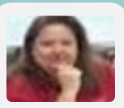
Lottie moon Christmas Offering

For the Gospel to be proclaimed to all peoples, it will take all of us giving our ALL.

Our National goal is \$175 million

TOTALLY HIS

Heart, Hands, Voice



From Leigh

SERVING TOGETHER

I am looking forward to the Parade on Saturday—not because I like parades! But, because I am excited about seeing all of our people come together to share the love of our Savior to members of our community by serving hot chocolate. It is such a simple thing. Yet, I believe it will have a huge impact on our community and more importantly, it will have an effect on us as a church that will hopefully grow into more serving and more loving and more sharing. If you haven't contacted a Deacon or the church office to express interest, do so this week—or just show up on Saturday at The Glades with a smile and an eagerness to serve. We will all be blessed!

A Night of Christmas Music

Sunday evening, everyone is invited to our annual Christmas Program. We will have special music from the Joyful Noise Choir, Rachel Rose and Susan Mullins, The Jubilation Ringers, and The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra. We will also have a special presentation by "The Light". It is an evening you won't want to miss! The program will begin at 7 pm. If you need a ride, please let us know!! There are plenty of people more than willing to provide transportation.

Maybe you know someone who does not have a church home? Or someone who is not interested in "traditional" church? This is a great opportunity to reach out and to invite someone—not to church—but to a wonderful night of music!

Please pray for all of our musicians as we make final preparations for this special night. It is not about being perfect or about the performance. This night is about glorifying God and drawing us all closer to Him through music and worship during the Season of Advent.

Blessings, Leigh

- The Jubilation Ringers will rehearse at 9:00 am on Sunday.
- "The Light" will rehearse at 9:45 am on Sunday.
- The JOYFUL NOISE Choir will rehearse at 6:15 pm on Sunday.
- December 15 at 5 pm, our Children's Choirs will present their annual Christmas Program. Please make plans to be present!

Elf Night! A great time of food and fellowship!



Pictured:
Rachel Bailey,
Caroline Mullins,
Emma Snodgrass,
Landon Elkins,
Tyler Hopkins,
Macey Sheppard,
Jasmine Vance,
Gracie Hall,
Reagan Elkins, Cody Large, Mark Collins.



- Congratulations to the Central One Act Team for finishing 2nd in the State Competition! We are proud of you!
- Many of our youth are playing basketball for the Warriors. Hope you will get out to see a game this season.



As you pray, please remember...



Marty, Rose and Jon Kennedy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Wanda Baird, 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.

John and Karen Ponish

December 7



Happy Birthday

Nathan Lee	Dec 4
Kevin Dotson	Dec 5
Elizabeth Davidson	Dec 5
Heath Chisenhall	Dec 5
David Sheppard	Dec 5
Brittany Osborne	Dec 7
Jean Moore	Dec 7
Robert Baird	Dec 9
Sydney Johnson	Dec 10

" Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

Just in time for the holidays comes a wonderful story about the beauty of the season and the true meaning of Christmas...Wrong! When two well-intentioned parents find themselves having to direct the church play at the last minute, they make the terrible mistake of casting the Herdmans; probably the most inventively awful family in history! Chaos and hilarity results as the cast and crew collide head-on with the Christmas story!

Come see the show at the Gilliam Center for the Arts on the campus of UVA-Wise. Performances are Dec. 4 , 6 and 7. It starts at 7 p.m. with a special matinee performance on Saturday the 7th at 2 pm. General Admission is \$10, children, students and senior citizens \$5.

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/01-07	Jerry Baird, Ron Helton
	12/08-14	Gil Blackburn, Dan Helton
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:	12/08	Bob and Teresa Adkins
	12/15	Jim and Sherry Collie
Nursery:	12/08	Jessica Crutchfield, Bryan Crutchfield, Vanessa Mullins, Jason Mullins
	12/15	Nancy Stalnaker, Forrest Stalnaker, Caroline Mullins, Emma Snodgrass
Children's Church:	12/08	Vanessa Mullins
	12/15	Jill Jessee
PA:	12/08	Wayne Isaac
	12/15	Mike Osborne
Tellers:	December	Lee Ann Adkins, Kathy Helton
Ushers:	12/08	Youth*
	12/15	Bob Adkins*, Gary Smith, Bill Sutherland, Mike Strouth, David Mullins, Matt Meade, Ron Swindall, Lewey Lee *offertory prayer
Serving Team:	12/04	Pat Adkins, Gail Kiser, Mingkwan Collins
	12/11	Teresa Adkins, Brenda Lee, Cyndi Newlon, Gina Chisenhall
Wed Meal:	12/04	Meat Loaf, Mashed Pot, Green Beans, Roll
	12/11	Chicken Enchilada, Rice

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



Weekly Opportunities

Wednesday	Dec 4	Mission Committee @ 5pm Meal @ 6 pm Bible Study @ 6:45 pm Choir rehearsal @ 7:50 pm
Saturday	Dec 7	Christmas parade @ 5:30 pm
Sunday	Dec 8	Deacon's meeting @ 8:30 am Sunday School @ 10:00 am Worship @ 11:00 am Christmas Cantata @ 7 pm Reception to follow
Monday	Dec 9	Children's choir @ 3:45 pm

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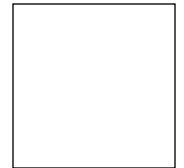
CHRISTMAS CANTATA~DEC 8 @ 7 PM~CHILDREN'S PROGRAM~DEC 15 @ 5 PM~



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Thought For The Week :

“In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.” [Hebrews 1:1-2 NIV](#)