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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 church family,

Music is a wonderful gift. In the Bible we are commanded to sing 85 times. Versions of the word "sing" and "song" are used 184 times.

Music allows us to deeply express and experience spirituality. It seems to provide

a more immediate experience of God. Music is an important vehicle for worship.

It is said that Martin Luther's spiritual ideas during the Protestant Reformation were spread as powerfully by the hymns he wrote as much by his writings. George Friederich Handel (1685 – 1759), author of "The Messiah" [which includes the "Hallelujah Chorus"] references 53 Bible passages. He composed it in a burst of inspiration in 24 days as he "saw all heaven open before him".

A wonderful expression of music blessed our church on Sunday night with the special "Evening of Christmas Music". It was not a performance. It was worship and ministry.

We are so blessed at Wise Baptist Church. Special thanks to our Minister of Music and Youth, Leigh Clark, for organizing and leading the program Sunday night. Thanks also to our accompanist, Susan Mullins, to Rachel Rose, who played the flute, the Joyful Noise choir, TRUTH, the Jubilation Ringers, the choir, narrators, Lily Snodgrass and Reagan Elkins, sound technicians, Ron Swindall and Mike Osborne, and folks who helped set up and take things down. Thanks also to the support by our congregation. It could not be done without you.

May the music of Christmas and God's great love fill your heart! I look forward to seeing you on this Lord's Day.

Love and blessings, Pastor Mike

Important Dates:

- Wed, December 5th**
5:00 pm—Mission Committee Meeting
- 6:00 pm**—Dinner
- 6:45 pm**—Bible Study for All Ages
- 7:50 pm**—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sun, December 9th**
6:00 pm—Children's Christmas Program
- Mon, December 10th**
11:00 am—Serving Lunch to College Students
- Thu, December 13th**
Noon—Women on Mission
- Sun, December 16th**
6:00 pm—Christmas Dinner @ Camp Bethel
- Wed, December 19th**
6:45 pm—Christmas Caroling
- Mon, December 24th**
11:00 pm—Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service



Children's Christmas Program

Wise Baptist Church's Children's Choirs will present their Christmas Program on **Sunday, December 9th beginning at 6 pm** in the Sanctuary. The Singing Sunbeams, under the direction of Debbie Collins and Carla Sheppard, will present a musical entitled "Away in a Manger". The Joyful Noise Choir, under the direction of Leigh Clark and Susan Mullins, will ring and sing songs of the Advent and Christmas seasons. Everyone is invited to attend! Light refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the program.

Our heartfelt prayers and deepest sympathies are extended to Florine Pennington, Holly Meade, and family in the death of their sister and aunt, Vivian Brooks, on Monday, December 3rd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study

Our Wednesday night Dinner begins at 6:00 pm and Bible Study for all ages begins at 6:45 pm. Pastor Mike will continue his Advent Bible Study for all adults. You won't want to miss this time of fellowship and study as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior and Prince of Peace.



Lunch for College Students

Wise Baptist Church will provide lunch in support of the Collegiate Ministry at UVA-Wise on Monday, December 10th. The meal will be served between 11 am and 1 pm at the BCM building. If you can help by preparing food and/or serving on that day, please contact Donna Hutchinson (donna.hutchinson@usa.net or 393.5004).



Church Christmas Dinner

The annual Church Christmas Dinner will be held on **Sunday, December 16th at 6:00 pm at the Mary Henry Dining Hall at Camp Bethel**. The cost is \$13 per person (ages 11 and up), \$8 per person (ages 5—10) and children under age 5 are free. The menu includes roast beef with gravy, oven fried chicken, twice baked potatoes, broccoli casserole, seven layer salad, fruit salad, hot fudge cake/ ice cream, peach-of-a-pie, rolls, and drinks. **Reservations and payments can be made to Teresa Adkins or Beverly Viers through Wednesday, December 12th.**

Lottie Moon Offering

2012 Week of Prayer for International Missions December 2nd—9th

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. The Week of Prayer for International Missions continues through Sunday, December 9th.

Specific prayer requests for each day are as follows:

Tuesday: Nepal

Wednesday: Beijing, China

Thursday: Believers in Persecution

Friday: Songhai of West Africa

Saturday: Central Asia

Sunday: Lottie Moon 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 2nd, **\$150.00** has been given to the offering. Wise Baptist Church's goal is **\$4,700.00**.

GOOD NEWS



The first Sunday in Advent was celebrated in worship on December 2nd. The **Jesse Tree** (shown at left) is again a part of our advent worship. The apple, rainbow, star, and basket ornaments were added to the tree this past Sunday by our very enthusiastic children. Come, worship with us, during Advent as we remember why we celebrate Christmas.



The *Evening of Christmas Music* was enjoyed by all who attended! Thank you to the Joyful Noise Choir (members pictured at left) for sharing the song "Where's the Line to See Jesus?". The song reminded us all of the real reason we celebrate Christmas.

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New Church Directory Make-Up Day For Photographs

If you were unable to have your portrait made for the new church directory, the photographer will be at Wise Baptist on Monday, December 10th. Appointments are available between 2:30 pm and 8:40 pm. Please contact Sandy Yun (328.5192) or Margie Horton (margiehorton@comcast.net) to make a reservation.



Kindred Spirits

Kindred Spirits is in need of a host for the December meeting. If you would like to host the meeting (or during another month in the future), please contact Wendy Adrian (wma2n@uvawise.edu or 328.5564).



Advent Devotionals

This year's Advent devotionals will explore the hope that God gives us, especially as it is communicated through the events anticipating and surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ. God's solution to the world's problems is to share in our humanity through the birth of his Son and to infect us with God's contagious love and righteousness. **Advent began on Sunday, December 2nd. It's not too late to get started! Devotionals are available at the Sanctuary and Middle Entrances to the church.**

MEETING REMINDER

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



From Leigh

It is always difficult to put into words my feelings following an event at the church. I was overwhelmed by the turn out of folks—well over 350 people from our church and community chose to begin their Advent Season by worshipping at *the Little Red Brick Church in the County Seat Town*. I'm not sure how it is possible, but I think the program gets better each year!

Preparing for the Cantata was difficult this year—not because the music was any harder—but because my heart and the heart of all in the choir hurts from missing Rita. But because He Lives, I know she is singing with the Angels in Heaven.

For fear of leaving someone out, I will not name everyone who helped make the night a wonderful experience. But, I must say a heartfelt thank you to Susan Mullins. She puts in more hours than anyone will ever know in preparation—not just for the Cantata—but for every week in worship. Her gifts and her willingness to share those gifts for God's glory are a blessing beyond measure.

This Sunday evening promises to bring blessings to everyone as well. Our children have prepared and will present the story of Christ's birth through music. You will not want to miss out on this special night. The program begins at 6—invite your family and friends.

Blessings, Leigh

Jubilation Ringers will rehearse at 9:30 on Sunday morning. Joyful Noise Choir members please be here by 5:30 on Sunday evening.



We will continue to have dinner and Bible Study on Wednesdays throughout December. However, because of other scheduled events, we will not meet on Sundays.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, Dec. 19—Christmas Caroling

Saturday, Dec. 15 (TBA) Dinner and *The Hobbit Movie* and then dessert at the Winters' home.

As you pray, please remember...

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

Hospitalized:

Anna Jessee (Johnson City Medical Center)

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



December 7
John & Karen Ponish



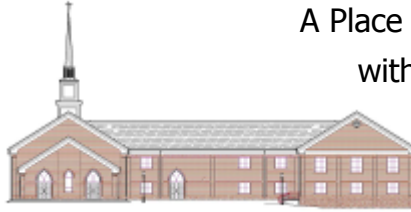
"Caring for Others" - Food for The SWVA Regional Cancer Center

Margie Horton is coordinating meal items for patients of the SWVA Regional Cancer Center and their families. Please consider donating homemade food items on Monday – Thursday of each week with enough food for a family of four. Some suggested items are casseroles, candies, cakes, soup and cornbread. They really do appreciate anything you take but advise staying away from spicy foods. Anyone interested in helping with this project, please e-mail Margie at margiehorton@comcast.net.

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	12/2-12/8	Jerry Baird; Ron Helton
	12/9-12/15	Gil Blackburn; Gary Smith
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Worship Welcome Team		Jason Mullins, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray, and Wendy Adrian
SS Greeters	12/9	Bob & Teresa Adkins
	12/16	Jim & Sherry Collie
Nursery	12/9	Daniel & Tabitha Ray
	12/16	Russell & Vanessa Cyphers; Marybeth and Alex Adkins
Children's Church	12/9	Megan Cline
	12/16	Debbie Helton
PA	12/9	Ron Swindall
	12/16	Oscar Raile
Tellers	Dec	Mike Strouth and Lee Ann Adkins
Ushers	12/9	Jerry Baird*, Edgar Owens, Roger Viers, Stan Kunigelis, John Hedden, Harold Witt, and Mark Clark
	12/16	Dan Helton*, Ron Helton, Mark Clark, Jeff Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, John Ponish, and Scott Snodgrass *Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	12/5	Kim C., Kathy H., Martha B., and Donna H.
	12/12	Teresa A., Brenda L., Cyndi N., Gina C., and Edna H.
Menu	12/5	Pizza and Salad
	12/12	Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, 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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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH ~ 6 PM ~ SANCTUARY

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Thought For The Week:

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
 ~ Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)