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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

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*A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.*



Dear friends,

What's in a name? Words do mean something. The right word matters. Mark Twain once said that there is a big difference between the right word and the almost-right word. It is like the difference between "lightning" and "lightning bug".

There are 3 important words that are commonly used, but are not always clearly defined. These words are: **ministry**, **missions**, and **evangelism**.

**Ministry** is something one believer in Christ does for another. Ephesians 4:11-12 talks about spiritual gifting "to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." Ministry is from one believer to another to build up God's people, the church. There is an important place for ministry that grows, encourages, and equips.

**Missions** is showing and sharing Christ's love with people that will not or cannot come to our local church. Our church has done mission trips to South Dakota, South Carolina, among other places. Obviously, the people on the receiving end of this mission work, will not be able to attend our church because of the distance. Is missions still important? Should we be involved? Absolutely.

Finally, we have the word **evangelism**. I will use it interchangeably with outreach. This is sharing and showing the love of Christ to people who could become a part of our church. Clearly, the Bible says we are to do evangelism.

We need to do all three. If we are clear about the definitions, then we can better be sure we are doing all three. As we practice these 3 important ideas, we will be obedient to God, we will positively impact others spiritually, and we will be spiritually healthier.

Love in Christ, Pastor Mike

## Important Dates:

**Wed, February 13th**

**6:00 pm**—Dinner

**6:45 pm**—Bible Study  
for Children

**7:00 pm**—Ash

Wednesday Worship  
Service

**7:50 pm**—Sanctuary  
Choir Rehearsal

**Thu, February 14th**

**Noon**—Women on  
Mission

**Sun, February 17th**

**8:30 am**—Sunday  
School Teacher/  
Substitute Breakfast

**4:30 pm**—"A Time to  
Dance" Marriage  
Enrichment Bible Study /  
Ballroom Dancing

**Wed, February 20th**

**5:00 pm**—Worship  
Committee Meeting

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## Ash Wednesday Worship Service

On Wednesday, February 13th at 7 pm in the Sanctuary, we will begin our observation of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Worship Service. Plan to join us during this time as we discover God's special message of Lent.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Financial Support Needed for Student Missionaries

It is such a blessing to belong to a church that supports missions, both locally, regionally and globally. Three of our college students and one adult are involved in international missions this spring – **Autumn Chisenhall, Melissa Blackburn and Erra Sutherland** will be going to Belize on a medical mission trip with Dr. Joe Frank Smiddy and **Caitlin Adkins** will be going to Limerick, Ireland with the Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship from the University of Virginia. All participants are required to pay their own way or to raise the money. The Mission Committee will sponsor a special offering on **Sunday, February 17th** following worship with all donations being divided between our college student participants. **Please give as you are able.**



## Sunday School Teacher Breakfast

All Sunday School Teachers, Substitutes and their families are invited to attend a breakfast on **Sunday, February 17th at 8:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a time to receive an update on our SS program and participate in planning for the future. Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 13th to Teresa Adkins (393.0977 or tah7a@uvawise.edu) or the church office.



## Mountain Empire Older Citizens Emergency Fuel Fund Mission Project

**Save Your Change!!** The Mission Committee, in conjunction with Sunday School, will sponsor a project for the month of February to help support the Emergency Fuel Fund at MEOC. This service assists people 60 years of age and older who are trapped in winter emergency situations with no money to buy fuel or pay fuel bills. The program is designed to prevent needy persons from having to choose between paying for fuel, food or medicine. This is one of MEOC's longest running programs and it assists over 900 elderly people each winter. **How can you help?** Please bring your change to Sunday School **each Sunday in February.** We will collect the change during Sunday School and have a young person place the collection in the special container in the sanctuary during the offering time. All classes are encouraged to participate!



## Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Anyone who is interested in participating in a summer mission trip, please meet with Leigh on **Sunday, February 17th** immediately following worship in the Ladies' Sunday School Classroom.



## Lenten Devotionals Available

*The Sanctuary for Lent 2013* devotional is available in the **Sanctuary Entrance, Middle Entrance, and the Church Office.** The devotions, beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 13th), explore the life, teachings, and miracles of Jesus as described in the Gospels as well as their meaning for us today. Each devotional reading will help you participate more consciously and intentionally in the presence of God's Son on a daily basis.



## Getting to Know Your Church: Education Committee

The Education Committee is responsible for the overall leadership of the discipleship programs directed to adult members of Wise Baptist Church. This encompasses internal studies through Sunday School and mid-week gatherings as well as adult retreats or conferences, senior adult ministries, and college ministries. The members of this committee are: Teresa Adkins, Martha Blackburn, Mark Clark, Robert England (chairperson), and Cyndi Newlon.



## Church Work Projects

The Building and Facilities Management Committee has identified a number of work projects throughout the church's buildings that need to be completed. These projects include: **The Rock**—installing window blinds/curtains, replacing shingles, installing wi-fi, painting the front porch, sealing the back porch, painting an upstairs room, and constructing a basement door; **Youth Building**—resolve water issue around entrance door; **Church Building**—painting the outside railing (Birchfield side) and wall repair and painting of large upstairs room.

If you would like to volunteer to complete any of the listed projects, please contact Jerry Baird (328.8624 or jerrybaird009@comcast.net). Working together, we can keep our facilities looking great and inviting to our congregation and community.



*From Leigh*

On our retreat this weekend one of our devotionals was remembering who God is and what He has done for us. We, like the Israelites, often have short memories regarding God's provision, healing, presence, etc. I would like to share that lesson with you; we used coins as a way to remember God and all that He has done.

**Penny=Past** (Rom 4:7-8; Psalm 103:12; Col 1:13-14) Our past is forgiven. "In Christ, we are a new creation..."

**Nickel=Now** (Rom 8:11; 1 Cor 6:19-20; Rom 15:13) God's spirit is in us NOW. We have the opportunity today to serve Him, love Him, and to live for Him.

**Dime=Destiny** (John 14:1-4; John 5:24) If we belong to Christ, our destiny is Eternal Life; it does not depend on good works or fate. There is nothing we can do to make God love us less and there is nothing we can do to make God love us more!

**Quarter=Quality Growth** (Matt 13:4-8) The quality of every relationship is dependent on growth. If you don't spend the time and energy on a relationship, it will dwindle. The same is true with our relationship with God. It takes work. Our hearts must be "fertile soil".

Remember: our relationship with Christ is a work in progress; it requires effort and attention to grow. We will fail; but God is able and He is faithful. Trust Him. Never forget His great love for you. Amen.

Blessings, Leigh

TRUTH will rehearse at 9 am and 7:45 pm on Sun.  
Jubilation Ringers will rehearse on Sun., Feb 24.

### As you pray, please remember...

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

#### Hospitalized:

Jack Tolbert, Sr (Heritage Hall—BSG Rehab)

#### 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.*



<b>February 12</b>	Kristin Trick
<b>February 13</b>	Brandon Osborne
<b>February 14</b>	Thomas Jessee
<b>February 15</b>	June Dotson Corrie Cox White Logan Stewart
<b>February 17</b>	Lily Snodgrass Madeline Austin
<b>February 18</b>	Josh Helton



**February 13**

*Jim & June Dotson*

The **Worship Committee** will meet on Wednesday, February 20th at 5:00 pm in the Men's Sunday School classroom.



### WINTER RETREAT

We had an awesome time at Winterplace Resort over the weekend. Thank you for all of the prayers! One of our young people made a profession of faith and many rededicated themselves to seeking God's will and living in His Joy. It was a great retreat!

### BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, the youth will participate in the Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary. Sunday evening we will have dinner and Bible study beginning at 6 in the youth building.

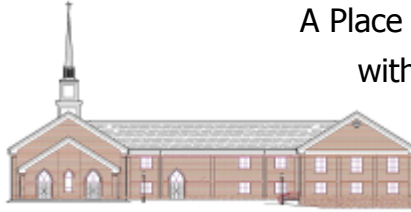
### MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

The youth have "adopted" three enlisted military persons who are connected with our congregation. Some items that you are encouraged to bring: books, magazines, dvds, beef jerky, crackers, nuts, gummies, pretzels, hard candy, granola bars, lip balm, sunscreen, socks, stationary, lotion, flashlight, puzzle books, amazon or itunes cards, and bug spray. (No pork products are allowed) Please bring your items as soon as possible. We will include personal cards and a devotional book with each care package that we send.

## VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	2/10-2/16	Gil Blackburn; Ron Helton
	2/17-2/23	Jerry Baird; Gary Smith
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Worship Welcome Team		Cindy E., Jason M., Oscar R., Daniel R., and Wendy A.
SS Greeters	2/17	Jim & Sherry Collie
	2/24	Billie Harris
Nursery	2/17	Daniel & Tabitha Ray
	2/24	Russell & Vanessa Cyphers; Marybeth and Alex Adkins
Children's Church	2/17	Jill Jessee
	2/24	Debbie Helton
PA	2/17	Ron Swindall
	2/24	Oscar Raile
Tellers	Feb	David Mullins and Debbie Helton
Ushers	2/17	Mark Clark*, Jerry Baird, Edgar Owens, Roger Viers, Stan Kunigelis, John Hedden, Harold Witt, and Butch Hutchinson
	2/24	Scott Snodgrass*, Dan Helton, Ron Helton, Jeff Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, John Ponish, and Mark Clark *Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	2/13	Linda, Ruby, Rebecca, and Artie
	2/20	Vanessa C., Susan S., Jennifer E., Karen P., and Jessica C.
Menu	2/13	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuits, and Salad (Children's Menu: TBA)
	2/20	Chicken Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Rolls, and Salad (Children's Menu: Chicken Nuggets)

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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)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd, 4th, & 5th)	9:00 am
	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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ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ FEBRUARY 13TH ~ 7 PM ~ SANCTUARY

**Wise Baptist Church**

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## Thought For The Week:

"Mortals make elaborate plans, but God has the last word. Humans are satisfied with whatever looks good; God probes for what *is* good. Put God in charge of your work, then what you've planned will take place."

~ Proverbs 16:1—3 (The Message)