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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 and friends,

A good question to sort out is...“What is the role of Christians and the church toward the surrounding culture?” A good place to start is to aim to demonstrate the same attitude God has toward us.

God’s attitude is clearly revealed in John 3:16. “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.” The attitude and actions are about love.

Sometimes Christians think “taking a stand” means to make a forceful, often angry statement about what they believe. We Christians can feel threatened by our culture in a way that leads us to respond with a self-righteous anger.

Paul says in Phil. 4:1 to “stand firm in the Lord”. That means to keep our eyes on Jesus and be firm in our love and obedience to Him. It is more about standing “in the Lord” than it is standing in anger against the world around us.

It is also important for us to “stand firm” in the words of Jesus as recorded in Matt. 16:18 – “upon this rock, I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it”. It may feel like “the gates of hell” are winning. Let us go back to Jesus’ words and find confidence and hope for today and tomorrow.

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Leadership team

Feb 19 @ 5pm

The Daniel Plan

Feb 27@ 7pm

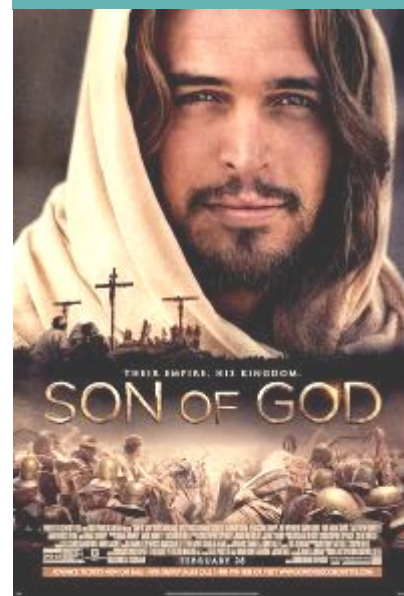
Mission Trip Interest

March 2 @noon

Son of God

March 2 @ 4:30pm

SPECIAL NOTICE



Wise Baptist is reserving an entire theater at Norton Cinema on **Sunday, March 2 at 4:30pm.** Only 20 seats are left. Tickets are \$6.

Reservations end on Feb. 23. Notify church office for reservations.

Welcome Cody!



Sunday in worship, Cody Large came forward to make public his decision to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior of his life. The church unanimously affirmed his decision. We look forward to his Baptism in the near future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leadership Team Meeting on Wed. February 19 at 5.

Rev Winters,

Thank you & Wise Baptist for your southern hospitality by extending your church to the Martin Luther King, Jr. service. We had a wonderful time and look forward each year to coming to Wise Baptist. Please let me know when I or one of the committee members may be of service.

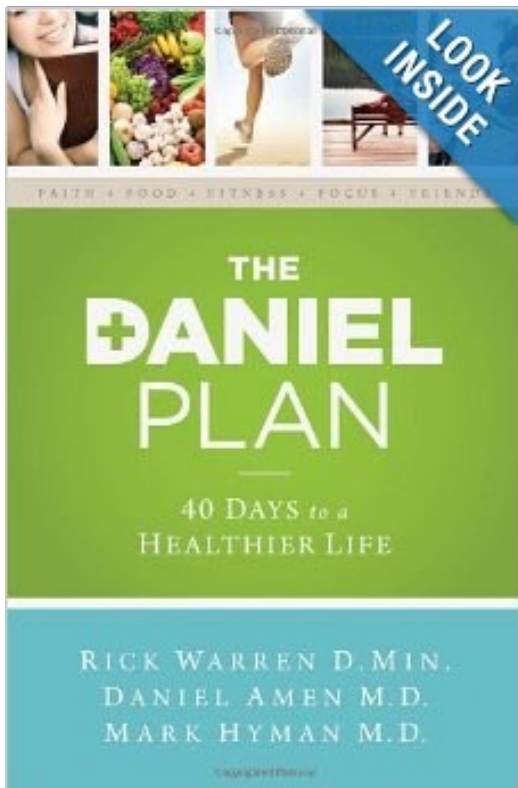
Sandra Jones

MEOC Emergency Fuel for the Elderly

February has been the month for mission projects devoted to helping provide emergency funds to the elderly for their fuel bill. On Sunday we had a meal after worship donated by Two Sisters Catering; we would like to thank them for their generosity. There was a big turn out from area churches. Thank you to all who participated.

The end of February is drawing near. If you haven't filled a heart with change and contributed it to the MEOC jars, please do so soon. Every cent makes a difference.

Along with our mission meal, all of our projects have greatly increased the assistance that MEOC can give to the elderly. Thanks to all who have participated in this worthy cause.



The Daniel Plan

Starts Feb 27th

Youth building @ 7pm

Preparing for Easter and beyond...

Join us for a spiritual journey with a special service on Ash Wednesday (Mar. 5) as we prepare for Easter and beyond. Lent devotionals to aid your journey are available in the foyer and near the elevator.

In **The Sanctuary for Lent 2014**, Sue Mink looks in on the encounters that others had with Jesus throughout his ministry. "Some people were angered by him, some people were puzzled by him, and some people just dismissed him. But others saw him for who he truly was, and their entire perspective changed. They were transformed by their encounter with the Living Lord."





From Leigh

I am excited about our small group study, *The Daniel Plan*, which will begin on Thursday, February 27. We will meet in the youth building each week at 7pm. The purpose of the study is to make life-long changes—not just temporary changes—that will affect our health, our attitude and our spirituality. It is not too late to join us! Please give me a call if you are interested.

Thank you, TRUTH and sanctuary choir for the wonderful music is worship on Sunday. *Be Still and Know* set a wonderful tone for the entire service. The testimony by our youth regarding the recent retreat reminds us that our investment as a church in ministry to our youth is immeasurable. Then, our praise band reminded us that God loves us for who we are and not for what we have done! AMEN!!

This Sunday, the Joyful Noise Choir and the Jubilation Ringers will lead us in worship. Thank you in advance for your prayers.

On Sunday, March 2, there will be a brief meeting following worship regarding the upcoming summer mission trip to the Jersey Shore.

Blessings, Leigh

Jubilation Ringers rehearse at 9 am and Joyful Noise will rehearse at 9:30 on Sunday.



As you pray, please remember...



Marty, Rose and Jon Kennedy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Virginia Owens (Gail Kiser's mother), all of the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military

Our Shut Ins:

Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, 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!

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| Nicolette Cox | Feb 19 |
| Vanessa Cyphers | Feb 20 |
| Robert England | Feb 21 |
| Amy Yun | Feb 21 |
| Juanita Wells | Feb 22 |
| Lois Stallard | Feb 23 |
| Mark Lardieri | Feb 24 |
| Jared Owens | Feb 25 |

Bible Study



The Zombie Apocalypse Survival Guide for Teenagers continues on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. The sub-title to the book is: 27 principles of wisdom when you're running for your life. Who doesn't need that! On Sunday, we looked at Psalm 15 and Exodus 34—the faithfulness of God through His promises and our need for REST. For your consideration: What does "**rest**" look like for you? Where do you find "**rest**"? Most of us think we are too busy to rest. But, the truth is, we are too busy **not to rest!** God himself rested! I encourage you this week to carve out time in your week to **rest!** Wednesday we will discuss entry #13—While They Sleep. Invite a friend!

What a joy to see Cody Large come forward on Sunday at the conclusion of worship to share his salvation decision with our church family. We look forward to his upcoming time of Baptism.



Volunteers this Week

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| On Call: | 2/16-22 | Jerry Baird, Lewey Lee |
| | 2/23-3/1 | Mark Clark, 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: | 02/23 | David and Sandy Mullins |
| | 03/02 | John Kennedy |
| Nursery: | 02/23 | Nancy and Forrest Stalkner, Caroline Mullins, Emma Snodgrass |
| | 03/02 | Marybeth Adkins, Alex Adkins, Travis Jessee, Lily Snodgrass |
| Children's Church: | 02/23 | Crutchfield family |
| | 03/02 | Cindy Elkins |
| PA: | 02/23 | Mike Osborne |
| | 03/02 | Bryan Crutchfield |
| Tellers: | February | Martha Blackburn, Oscar Raile |
| | March | Kathy Helton, Mike Strouth |
| Ushers: | 02/23 | Matt Meade*, Ron Swindall, Lewey Lee, Bob Adkins, Gary Smith, Bill Sutherland, Mike Strouth, David Mullins |
| | 03/02 | John Mark Adrian*, Travis Jessee, Jason Mullins, Jeff Elkins, Bryon Burton, Robert England, Dwight Jessee, Daniel Ray *Offertory Prayer |
| Serving Team: | 02/19 | Kathy Helton, Martha Blackburn, Donna Hutchinson, Jessica Crutchfield |
| | 02/26 | Gail Kiser, Mingkwan Collins |
| Wed meal: | 02/19 | Grilled Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Veg Medley, Rolls, Salad |
| | 02/26 | Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad |

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Weekly Opportunities

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| Wed | Feb 19 | Leadership Team @ 5pm Meal @ 6pm Bible Study @ 6:45 Choir Rehearsal @ 7:50pm |
| Sunday | Feb 23 | Jubilation Ringers @ 9am Joyful Noise @ 9:30am Sunday School @ 10 am Worship @ 11 am Youth @ 6pm |
| Monday | Feb 24 | Caring Friends @ 9:30am Children's Choir @ 3:45pm |

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~SON OF GOD~NORTON CINEMA~MARCH 2 @ 4:30~

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Thought For The Week :

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.” Romans 8:35,37 NIV