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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

February 19, 2013

Important Dates:

Wed, February 20th

5:00 pm—Worship
Committee Meeting

6:00 pm—Dinner

6:45 pm—Bible Study
for all Ages

7:50 pm—Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal

Sun, February 24th

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

4:30 pm—Jubilation
Ringers Rehearsal

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 3rd—10th

Week of Prayer for North
American Missions and
the Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering

Mon, March 4th

11:00 am—Serve Lunch
to College Students

Wed, March 6th

5:00 pm—Mission
Committee Meeting

Sun, March 17th

Noon—Senior Adult
Luncheon

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear friends,

I would like to talk to you about something that can significantly add to your spiritual growth. It is our Sunday morning Bible study called Sunday School. We have classes for all ages. Consider the following

three thoughts:

Attending Bible study first will help prepare your heart for worship. Just as a gardener prepares the soil before planting, our worship will achieve a new depth if we engage in the preparation of Bible study.

Second, being active in a Sunday School class helps you to be more connected and involved. When we study the Bible together, share concerns, pray for each other, and fellowship with the same group of people every week, we will form relationships and friendships. This often leads to being involved in other areas.

Third, Sunday School classes are based on the original small group of Jesus and His disciples. Jesus had twelve disciples (not 100) for a reason. Out of that small group of twelve came the entire Christian movement over the past 2,000 years. There needs to be a minimum of 5 or 6 consistently to have a solid base from which to grow a class. When you have too many in a class, the group becomes so large that some will stop talking.

If you are not currently regularly attending a Sunday School class, do not delay. . . I urge you to get involved. There is a class for every age. There is a place for you. You will grow and our church will grow. I look forward to seeing you this Sunday at 10 am in Sunday School.

Love in Christ, Pastor Mike

Welcome New Member!



Wise Baptist Church welcomes Alex Adkins as our newest member. Alex made a profession of faith on the youth retreat and he came forward on Sunday, February 17th to share his decision with his church family. He will be baptized in the near future. Alex (middle) is pictured with his parents Marybeth and Marty Adkins.

We extend our heartfelt prayers and deepest sympathies to Jeff Sturgill, William Sturgill, Jennifer Sturgill Mullins, and Courtney Sturgill in the death of their brother and uncle, David Sturgill, on February 13th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Mountain Empire Older Citizens Emergency Fuel Fund Mission Project

Bring Your Change This Sunday!! The Mission Committee, in conjunction with Sunday School, encourages everyone 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. 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 this Sunday to your Sunday School class. All donations collected in Sunday School will be placed in the special container in the sanctuary during the offering time. All classes are encouraged to participate! **You may also bring your donation directly to worship and place it in the special container.**



Lunch for College Students

Wise Baptist Church will provide lunch in support of the Collegiate Ministry at UVA-Wise on **Monday, March 4th**. 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 (393.5004 or donnahutchinson@usa.net).



Mark Your Calendars for the Senior Adult Luncheon

Sunday, March 17th Immediately Following Worship in the Fellowship Hall

Senior Adults: Please contact the church office (328.6247) if you are available and would like to attend.

Please contact Leigh or Rebecca (328.6247) if you are interested in being a **SPONSOR** for one or more of our senior adults. It is always an entertaining event and the food is great, too! The cost is \$7.00 per person.



Lenten Devotionals Available

The Sanctuary for Lent 2013 devotional is available in the **Sanctuary Entrance, Middle Entrance, and the Church Office**. The devotions 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. It's not too late to get started!

GOOD NEWS

Thank You for supporting our student missionaries! It is such a blessing to belong to a church that supports missions, both locally, regionally and globally. Donations totaling \$801.00 have been received so far for **Autumn Chisenhall, Melissa Blackburn** and **Caitlin Adkins** for their upcoming mission trips. Keep each of them, the group they are traveling with, and those they are able to minister to in your prayers.



At our **Ash Wednesday** service on February 13th, we experienced the beginning of Lent in three ways—stones, nails, and ashes. Each station was used to meditate on a particular aspect of the Lenten season. Thank you

to everyone who had a part in this service.

Thank you note received: "On behalf of Family Crisis Support Services, Inc., I would like to thank you for your generous donation of hygiene items. Your commitment to helping the homelessness and domestic violence in our community is sincerely appreciated. . . Marybeth Adkins, MA; Executive Director". The note is posted on the bulletin board at the middle entrance for you to read in its entirety.

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Wednesday Dinner and Bible Study

Everyone is invited to our Wednesday evening dinner and Bible Study. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm. Bible Study starts at 6:45 pm. There are Bible study classes for all ages each Wednesday evening. The children are currently engaged in a study titled *Summit Seekers*. Adults meet with Pastor Mike to study "The Greatest Week in History: Luke's Account of the Passion Week". Books for this study are available.



Stones Available

Everyone is encouraged to take a stone from one of the tables (located in the Sanctuary foyer and in the hallway just outside of the Sanctuary). The stone represents the burdens you carry. Take it with you wherever you go. Reflect on Matthew 11:28—30 and daily allow Jesus to carry your burdens. Bring your stone on Easter Sunday morning to lay at the foot of the cross.



From Leigh

You are not a god created by human hands; You are not a god dependent on any mortal man.

You are not a god in need of anything I can give...You're Unchangeable, unshakeable, unstoppable...You are God alone.

It is amazing to think that God does not need me at all. Lots of other people and places need me—but God doesn't. The truth is He wants a relationship with me—He Chooses Me! No strings attached; no conditions. He accepts me and loves me exactly as I am. WOW! Thank you, TRUTH, for sharing that marvelous worship anthem yesterday.

MISSION TRIP INFO:

The trip is open to anyone who is interested and available to serve this summer in the NJ/NY area to help with Superstorm Sandy aftermath. There will be plenty of work on many different levels for all ages. We are working in conjunction with the VA Baptist and the NC Baptist.

We are looking at two dates: June 30-July 6 or July 6-13. Please check your calendar and let me know which date you prefer or if either date works for you. A refundable deposit of \$25/person is due to me by March 3.

Please begin praying now for God's guidance and care as the plans are beginning to be made.

Blessings, Leigh

The Joyful Noise Choir will meet at 9:15 on Sunday morning to prepare for worship.

The Jubilation Ringers will rehearse at 4:30 pm on Sunday afternoon.

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.



February 19

Nicolette Cox

February 20

Vanessa Cyphers

February 21

Robert England
Amy Yun

February 22

Juanita Wells

February 23

Lois Stallard

February 24

Mark Lardieri

February 25

Jared Owens

MEETING REMINDER

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

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.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

Please make plans now to be a part of the serving team for the Senior Adult Lunch following worship on Sunday, March 17. Everyone's help is needed!

CONGRATULATIONS!

To the JV Lady Warriors basketball team for winning the LPD Championship. **Reagan Elkins** and **Rachel Bailey** are members of the team.

To **Alex Hall** for his second place finish at the District Forensics Competition in Dramatic Interpretation. Alex will compete at Regions on Saturday in Honaker.



VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	2/17-2/23	Jerry Baird; Gary Smith
	2/24-3/2	Mark Clark; Edgar Owens
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	2/24	Billie Harris
	3/3	David & Sandy Mullins
Nursery	2/24	Russell & Vanessa Cyphers; Marybeth and Alex Adkins
	3/3	Bonnie Owens, Mingkwan Collins, Jason and Vanessa Mullins
Children's Church	2/24	Debbie Helton
	3/3	Beverly Viers
PA	2/24	Oscar Raile
	3/3	Mike Strouth
Tellers	Feb	David Mullins and Debbie Helton
	Mar	Sandy Mullins and Martha Blackburn
Ushers	2/24	Scott Snodgrass*, Dan Helton, Ron Helton, Jeff Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, John Ponish, and Mark Clark
	3/3	Youth
		*Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	2/20	Vanessa C., Susan S., Jennifer E., Karen P., and Jessica C.
	2/27	Beverly V., Sandy M., Erra S., Sherry C., and Brenda K.
Menu	2/20	Chicken Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Rolls, and Salad (Children's Menu: Chicken Nuggets)
	2/27	Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, and Salad

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



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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**BRING YOUR SPARE CHANGE ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH TO SUPPORT THE
MEOC EMERGENCY FUEL FUND!**

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Thought For The Week:

"Let every living, breathing creature praise God!
Hallelujah!" ~ Psalm 150:6 (The Message)