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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

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**WISE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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



Dear friends,  
 Sometimes Communion can become routine. Once something becomes routine, we do it and stop thinking about it. Communion can become that kind of routine since we have it every month. Over the months ahead there will be an effort to help us think about and reflect upon its profound meaning.

Pictures do speak a thousand words. Images, figures of speech, and symbols are signposts of greater realities. Images in the Bible speak of great and eternal realities. There are images that speak powerfully about Who Jesus is. One image is of Jesus as the Door.

Last Sunday, the table upon which the Communion elements sat, was an actual door sitting on two sawhorses. Another door was sitting upright so it could be better seen. Part of the idea is about Jesus being the door for us. He is the Doorway from us to God. He is the Doorway to life eternal. The Lord's Supper reminds us of the sacrifice of His body and blood to forgive our sins and purchase our salvation. The Lord's Supper in the early church was part of a common meal.



Jesus is the also the Gracious Host, Who invites us to the table. Henri Nouwen says that around the table an "enemy can become a guest" and we can experience a renewed sense of family in Christ.

I invite you to anticipate and pray that we will meet Jesus in each Communion and find refreshment of Spirit, renewed love for God, and service for Him.

Love, Pastor Mike

## Important Dates:

- Wed, February 6th**
- 5:00 pm**—Education Committee Meeting
- 5:00 pm**—Mission Committee Meeting
- 6:00 pm**—Dinner
- 6:45 pm**—Bible Study for All Ages
- 7:50 pm**—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday & Sunday, February 9th and 10th**
- Youth Retreat to Winterplace!
- Mon, February 11th**
- 7:00 pm**—Safety Sub-Committee Meeting
- Thu, February 14th**
- Noon**—Women on Mission

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### 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!

## 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 two adults are involved in international missions this spring – **Autumn Chisenhall, Melissa Blackburn and Bill 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.**



### 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.



### 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 [jerrybair009@comcast.net](mailto:jerrybair009@comcast.net)). Working together, we can keep our facilities looking great and inviting to our congregation and community.

## GOOD NEWS



**Thank you** to everyone who participated in "Blessing" Sunday. Your donation of items for the Family Crisis Support Services will be a blessing to a family in need. There is additional information available about the services of FCCS and other items that are needed by the organization on the table at the middle entrance.

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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.



### 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](mailto:tah7a@uvawise.edu)) or the church office.



### 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.



### "A Time to Dance"

**There are 3 spots available** in the 10-week marriage enrichment Bible study which will also include introductory ballroom dancing lessons led by Pastor Mike and Terry! The study will be held on Sunday nights from 6 – 8 pm beginning February 17th in the Fellowship Hall.

Please contact the church office (328.6247 or [wisepbaptist@verizon.net](mailto:wisepbaptist@verizon.net)) if you would like to attend.



## From Leigh

I received a picture message from a friend that said "Happiness is singing in the choir"! I totally agree with that statement! The members of our choir are so faithful—even on snowy days. I appreciate their willingness to rehearse, sing and serve for the Glory of the Lord. YOU are invited to be a part of the sanctuary choir—no audition required—just a willingness to serve. See me if you have questions.

Thank you, TRUTH, for the new worship song yesterday. *How He Loves* is a great reminder of God's mighty and powerful love for each of us. His love is fierce. He takes loving us very seriously; so seriously that He traded His Son's life for you and for me. That is a great message to savor. I would also like to thank Susan and Kristen for the beautiful offertory music—*Bring the Rain* by Mercy Me. It was a great day of worship! *To God Be All Glory!*

Blessings, Leigh

### WINTER RETREAT

We have 15 youth and adults going to Winterplace in WV, this weekend for our winter retreat. I ask you to pray for our safety as we travel. Also pray for our spiritual time together. Pray that God will allow us an opportunity, through His Word, to examine our lives and strengthen our desire to follow Him. Please see Leigh this week to fill out some forms and to make your final payments.

### 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.

### 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 5**

Sagan Holbrook  
Nick England

**February 6**

Kara Kennedy

**February 7**

Phillip Prince  
Kaitlin Ponish  
Randy Chisenhall  
Kathy Kennedy

**February 8**

David Whitaker

**February 10**

Adam Sexton  
Johnny Wills  
David Mullins  
Jennifer England

## MEETING REMINDERS

The **Mission Committee** will meet on Wednesday, February 6th at 5:00 pm in the Men's Sunday School classroom.

The **Education Committee** will meet on Wednesday, February 6th at 5:00 pm in the Ladies' Sunday School classroom.

The **Safety Sub-Committee** will meet on Monday, February 11th at 7:00 pm in the Spiritual Blessings Sunday School classroom.

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



### Wednesday Night Activities

Just a reminder to everyone about our policy for cancellation of Wednesday night activities. Wednesday evening activities will be **cancelled** when Wise County schools are closed or dismissed early that day or when the weather conditions are worsening into the evening. Every effort will be made to communicate schedule changes in a timely manner. Our congregation's safety is of utmost importance.

## VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	2/3-2/9	Mark Clark; John Ponish
	2/10-2/16	Gil Blackburn; Ron Helton
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	2/10	Bob & Teresa Adkins
	2/17	Jim & Sherry Collie
Nursery	2/10	Travis & Kassi Jessee; Sharon Bradley; Sarah Lane
	2/17	Daniel & Tabitha Ray
Children's Church	2/10	Megan Cline
	2/17	Jill Jessee
PA	2/10	Mike Osborne
	2/17	Ron Swindall
Tellers	Feb	David Mullins and Debbie Helton
Ushers	2/10	Daniel Ray*, John Mark Adrian, Travis Jessee, Jason Mullins, Jeff Elkins, Bryon Burton, Robert England, Dwight Jessee
	2/17	Mark Clark*, Jerry Baird, Edgar Owens, Roger Viers, Stan Kunigelis, John Hedden, Harold Witt, and Butch Hutchinson
		*Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	2/6	Teresa, Brenda, Cyndi, Gina, and Edna
	2/13	Linda, Ruby, Rebecca, and Artie
Menu	2/6	Soup Beans, Kraut/Weiners, Mac & Cheese, Cornbread, and Salad (Children's Menu: Hotdogs)
	2/13	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuits, and Salad (Children's Menu: TBA)

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## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	TRUTH	7:45 pm
	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd, 4th, & 5th)	9:00 am
Wednesday	Children's Choirs	3:45 pm
	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bible Study (All Ages)	6:45 pm
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
	Women On Mission (2nd)	Noon

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER @ 6PM AND BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL AGES @ 6:45PM! YOU'RE INVITED!**

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### Thought For The Week:

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else. ~ C. S. Lewis