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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

January 22, 2013

Important Dates:

Wed, January 23rd

6:00 pm—Dinner

6:45 pm—Bible Study
for All Ages

7:50 pm—Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal

Sun, January 27th

4:30 pm—Jubilation
Ringers Rehearse

Mon, February 4th

11:00 am—Serving
Lunch to College
Students

Wed, February 6th

5:00 pm—Mission
Committee Meeting

**Saturday & Sunday,
February 9th and 10th**

Youth Retreat to
Winterplace!

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*Our heartfelt prayers
and deepest
sympathies are
extended to Crystal
Bolling and family
in the death of her
mother, Angela
Jackson, on January
21st.*



Dear friends,

As I reflect on the 17th Annual Remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr. held in our sanctuary, I am struck by the timelessness of the big ideas and themes. It leads me to think about a problem that shows up in the very beginning of creation. It's like a bad mother-in-law, who

shows up early and stays late.

In Genesis 1 and 2 we have a description of the creation of our world and man. Starting with Genesis chapter 4 there is the sudden introduction of lying, murder, and a host of other sins that continue to plague man today. What happened in Genesis chapter 3? What happened there that still haunts us today? It is sin. Sin is the desire to be god-like. It is all about my ideas, my will, and my ways being the center and goal of my life. This sets the stage to put me at odds with others.

One of the ways this shows up is our relentless drive to divide, label, and separate people. This kind of thinking leads to..."If you do not look like, think like, and act like my group, you are bad, wrong, evil, and must be managed, controlled, or destroyed."

It is this very sin that causes one race to own and enslave another. Racism goes beyond black and white. Like cancer, it can metastasize into many forms. At the base of it all, it denies the dignity that God has conferred upon us all, when we are "created in the image of God" (Gen. 1:27). It denies the dignity God has conferred upon us all with the soaring words of Paul in Gal. 3:28. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

We can all find things to differ and disagree about. Better still, let's find what unites and binds us together. As we kneel together to pray, walk together in service, grow together spiritually, share God's love together, may an unbreakable and unshakeable unity in Christ be formed. This truth will be crystal clear when we are in heaven. May it be a reality that we strive and pray for here on earth.

Love, Pastor Mike

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PARTNERSHIP



Thank you to all who made a donation to the Southwest Virginia Partnership on Sunday, January 20th. We collected **\$815.00** to be used for mission projects in our area.

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lunch for College Students

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



Conversations with the Pastor

Conversations with the Pastor will begin again soon! These gatherings are held at the home of Pastor Mike and Terry Winters. Groups of 10—12 are invited to attend each time. Everyone is invited to participate. If you have not yet had the opportunity join in one of these gatherings, please contact the church office (328.6247).



Family Crisis Support Services Needs and "Blessing" Sunday

Please join our youth in their project "Blessing" Sunday on **February 3rd**. Your gift of items for the Family Crisis Support Services needs will be a blessing to a family in need. Over the past six to eight months, the three homeless shelters have operated at 90 to 100% capacity. This has seriously diminished the supplies that are on hand. You can help by donating the following items:

- Dishwashing/Laundry Detergent
- Toothpaste/Toothbrush
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Cleaning Supplies
- Shaving Cream/Razors
- Deodorant, or
- Liquid Hand Soap.

Place your donation in the designated box by the elevator at the church. We will offer prayer over all items collected on our "Blessing" Sunday. There is additional information available about the services of FCCS and other items that are needed by the organization on the table by the elevator.

MEETING REMINDER

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



"A Time to Dance"

Mike and Terry Winters will lead a 10-week marriage enrichment Bible study which will also include introductory ballroom dancing lessons. The study will be held on **Sunday nights from 6 – 8 pm beginning February 17th** in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to sign-up for the class, please contact the church office (328.6247 or wisebaptist@verizon.net). ***If you signed up for the class held in the fall but were unable to attend, please confirm with the church office that you would like to attend the upcoming class.***



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.



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 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. 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!



From Leigh

What a blessing to be in worship at Wise Baptist Church on Sunday morning and again on Monday evening. The Lord was definitely present as voices and instruments were lifted to Him in praise and adoration.

It is my prayer that we seize every opportunity to be in fellowship with one another. Times are hard for many in our midst—financial situations, loss of loved ones, emotional distress, relationship problems, decisions about the present and future—we are all affected! The Bible is clear about what we should do: "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching" - Hebrews 10:25.

I encourage you to dive in, get involved, and invite others to join you! Sunday school, Wednesday evenings, and Sunday worship are great places to start!

Blessings, Leigh

Jubilation Ringers on Sunday at 9am and 4:30pm.

TRUTH on Sunday at 9:30 am.



WINTER RETREAT

We are going to Winterplace in WV, Feb. 9-10, for a winter retreat and winter recreation (skiing/tubing!). A \$25 deposit is due by Wednesday, Jan. 23. Final costs will be determined by the total number of participants.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

The Adkins' will host our youth and their friends again this year at their home on Sunday, Feb. 3. We will have food, games, and giveaways...and we will watch some football, too! Great opportunity to invite your friends!

"BLESSING" SUNDAY

Sunday, February 3rd is designated as "Blessing" Sunday. Our youth will collect and deliver hygiene items for the Family Crisis Center, i.e. shampoo, detergent, deodorant, toothpaste, etc. Please purchase an item or two and drop them in the boxes located near the elevator. Your gift will be a "blessing" to a family in need.

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

The youth have "adopted" three enlisted military persons who are connected with our congregation. A list of appropriate materials is available. Please bring your "stuff" as soon as possible.

As you pray, please remember...

Pat and Fred Adkins, George Barnette, Bill Horne, Jr, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Lynell Wells, Linda Bailey, Michelle Hunter, Jeff Adkins, and Roger Williams

All of the cancer patients in our area

Our men and women in the military

Hospitalized:

Jack Tolbert, Sr (Norton Community 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.



January 23

Scott Harris

January 24

Carolyn Jones

Edgar Owens

Gary Smith

Jim Dotson

January 25

Billie Harris

Wanda Baird

Shirlee Barnette

January 26

Ray Jones

Lulia Maine

Garrison Sheppard

January 27

Macey Sheppard

January 28

Lance Collie

Regina Carson

Toni Thacker



January 26

Tim & Angel Cox



Wednesday Night Activities

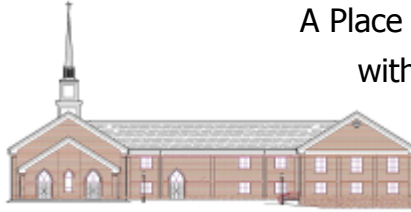
It's never too early to remind everyone about our policy for cancellation of Wednesday night activities. Wednesday evening activities will be **cancelled** when Wise County schools are closed or dismissed early that day or when the weather conditions are worsening into the evening. Every effort will be made to communicate schedule changes in a timely manner.

Our congregation's safety is of utmost importance.

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	1/20-1/26	Edgar Owens; Gil Blackburn
	1/27-2/2	Gary Smith; Bill Sutherland
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Worship Welcome Team		Jason Mullins, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray, and Wendy Adrian
SS Greeters	1/27	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
	2/3	John & Edna Hedden
Nursery	1/27	Pat Adkins; Pam Collie; Kathy Osborne; Kim Coomer
	2/3	Vance Family
Children's Church	1/27	Beth Snodgrass
	2/3	Cindy Elkins
PA	1/27	Mike Strouth
	2/3	Wayne Isaac
Tellers	Jan	Kim Coomer and Kathy Helton
	Feb	David Mullins and Debbie Helton
Ushers	1/27	Beau Chisenhall* and Senior Youth
	2/3	Mike Strouth*, Matt Meade, Ron Swindall, David Mullins, Lewey Lee, Bob Adkins, Gary Smith, and Bill Sutherland
		*Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	1/23	Kim C., Kathy H., Martha B., and Donna H.
	1/30	Eileen C., Pat A., Cindy E., Gail K., and Mingkwan C.
Menu	1/23	Ribs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Rolls, and Salad (Children's Menu: PB & J Sandwiches)
	1/30	Potluck

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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SIGN UP NOW FOR "A TIME TO DANCE" MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT BIBLE STUDY!

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Thought For The Week:

"Lord, you have examined me and you know me. You know everything I do; from far away you understand all my thoughts. You see me, whether I am working or resting; you know all my actions. Even before I speak, you already know what I will say. You are all around me on every side; you protect me with your power. Your knowledge of me is too deep; it is beyond my understanding." ~ Psalm 139:1—6 (Good News)