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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.



My dear church family,
Currently, we have a "Getting to Know Your Church" component in worship. Each time a member of the Leadership Team introduces themselves and the work of their committee. This includes the Chairman of the Leadership Team and chairperson of the following committees/groups:

Deacons, Building and Grounds, Children's, Education, Finance, Missions, Youth, Worship, Youth, and Personnel.

Goals from these committees are now being made public. Consider it a call to pray and participate. Consider the following poem as a challenge as we cross over into a new year. Love in Christ, Mike

The Fellowship of the Unashamed

*I am part of the "Fellowship of the Unashamed."
The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line.
The decision has been made. I am a disciple of
Jesus Christ. I won't look back, let up, slow down,
back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present
makes sense, and my future is secure.*

*I am finished and done with low living, sight walking,
small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams,
chintzy giving, and dwarfed goals.
I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position,
promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I now live by
presence, lean by faith, love by patience,
lift by prayer, and labor by power. My pace
is set, my gait is fast, my goal is Heaven, my
road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few,
my guide is reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought,
compromised, deterred, lured away, turned back,
diluted, or delayed.*

*I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the
presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy,
ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander
in the maze of mediocrity.*

*I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I must go until
Heaven returns, give until I drop, preach until all know,
and work until He comes. And when He comes to get
His own, He will have no problem recognizing me.
My colors will be clear.*

I am not ashamed of the gospel...Romans 1:16

Important Dates:

Sun, January 6th
8:30 am—Deacon
Fellowship

Wed, January 9th
6:00 pm—Dinner
6:45 pm—Bible Study
for Children and Youth
6:45 pm—Southwest
Virginia Partnership
Presentation
7:50 pm—Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal

Thu, January 10
Noon—Women on
Mission

Wed, January 16th
Dinner & Bible Study for
All Ages

Mon, January 21st
7:00 pm—Martin Luther
King, Jr Remembrance
(Sanctuary)

The next newsletter will
be published on
Tue, January 15th.
Look for announcements
in your e-mail, on the
church website and in
your Sunday bulletin.

Wednesday Evening Dinner and Bible Study



On **January 9th**, we will have dinner at 6 pm and then Tony and Jan Johnson with the Southwest Virginia Partnership will make a presentation for all adults in the Sanctuary about their work and their needs. A nursery and Bible Study for children will also be available.



On **January 16th**, we will return to our normal Wednesday evening dinner and Bible study schedule. There are Bible study classes for all ages! The children are currently engaged in discovering God's tremendous love and the amazing promises He has given them through Summit Seekers. Adults will meet with Pastor Mike to study "The Greatest Week in History: Luke's Account of the Passion Week". Books for this study will be available prior to the first session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lottie Moon Offering

Engaging people groups in the hard places comes with risk and sacrifice for all who obediently choose to be His heart, His hands, His voice. Thank you to all who gave to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year. This offering will go to support international missionaries as they share the Gospel around the world. Wise Baptist Church gave **\$3,088.15** this year.



Membership Class

The next Membership Class will be held on Sunday, January 20th beginning at 2:00 pm. If you are interested in exploring membership at Wise Baptist Church, contact the church office (328.6247 or wisebaptist@verizon.net) to reserve your place in the class.



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 (donna.hutchinson@usa.net or 393.5004).



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Remembrance

Monday, January 21st

5:00 pm—Free dinner at First Church of God in Wise

6:30 pm—Candlelight procession from First Church of God to Wise Baptist Church

7:00 pm—Commemorative service including speakers and music in the Sanctuary of Wise Baptist Church



Jim and Sherry Collie have their Christmas train display up again. They have 20+ lighted buildings, a working skating pond and ski slope, a Christmas train and the Polar Express trains, plus a lot more. Everyone is invited to come see it, especially the children and the young at heart. Their address is 310 Woodland Ct. in Wise. Just call them at 328-5133 to see if they'll be home. They'd love to share it with their church family!

GOOD NEWS



Wise Baptist Church presented blankets and Bibles to 3 young children and their families during



worship on Sunday, December 23rd. Pictured top left: Spencer Mullins (grandson of David and Sandy Mullins); bottom left: Anna Jessee (daughter of Dwight and Jill Jessee); top right: Lila Bender (granddaughter of Jeff and Eileen Cantrell).



Congratulations to Elisha Alexander on her graduation from Thomas Cooley Law School in Michigan. Elisha will take the bar exam in February.

Congratulations to Mike Strouth for being recognized in 2012 with the W.H. and Callie Anne Coughlin Clark Master Teacher Award at Mountain Empire Community College. His passion for excellence, his keen ability to bring history alive for students and his creation of learning opportunities contributed to his recognition. Mike created the International Education program, providing hundreds of students with a once-in-a-lifetime experience of traveling and viewing history abroad. He has also brought numerous notable veterans to the MECC campus with the Living Legends program.

Thank You from Wise Primary School—Thank you for your generosity to the students at Wise Primary School for the Angel Tree Project. - Miracle Coffey, Jonah Kelley, and Selena Kiser.



Thank You to everyone who participated and attended our Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight service. It was a beautiful service as we had the opportunity to hear the Christmas story and create the nativity scene.

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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).



♪♪♪♪ *From Leigh*

It has been a wonderful Advent Season for the Clark family. We enjoyed lots of time with Aaron and Anna; we visited with our families in Georgia and North Carolina; and we worshipped the Christ Child with our church family here at WBC. I am grateful for the opportunity to minister in such a loving place. I pray that God will continue to bless our church and our ministries in 2013. I pray that you will find a place to serve and a place to spiritually grow this year. Seek to please God and He will provide opportunities for you to be a blessing and to be blessed. If your passion is music and/or youth, let's get together soon to talk about how you can be more involved with those ministries—there is a place for you!

Blessings, Leigh

TRUTH will rehearse on Sunday evening following youth.

The Jubilation Ringers will rehearse on Sunday, January 13 at 4:30 pm.

Children's Choirs will resume rehearsals on Monday, January 14.

The Sanctuary choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 9 at 7:50 pm.



SUNDAY NIGHT

Sunday night all youth are invited to join me for pizza and *The Dark Knight Rises!* Start the new year right with a renewed commitment to our youth activities! Everyone's presence is needed and important. As always, you are encouraged to invite your friends!

On January 12th at 11:00 am, Central High School's One Act team will be performing their state championship play "Stroke Static" one last time at Barter Theatre. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Alex Hall or Jasmine Vance.

As you pray, please remember...

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

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 3** Eileen Cantrell
Caleb Godsey
- January 4** Hazel Dixon
Mark Collins
- January 7** Brian Wills
- January 8** Reba Smiddy
Bret Chisenhall
- January 10** Ruby Salyers
- January 12** Eden Mullins
- January 13** Joyce Horne



- January 4**
Thomas & Natasha Kennedy
- January 5**
Mike & Terry Winters
- January 7**
Jack & Marsha Tolbert



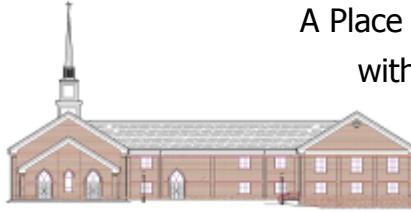
"Caring for Others" - Food for The SWVA Regional Cancer Center

Margie Horton is coordinating meal items for patients of the SWVA Regional Cancer Center and their families. Please consider donating homemade food items on Monday – Thursday of each week with enough food for a family of four. Some suggested items are casseroles, candies, cakes, soup and cornbread. They really do appreciate anything you take but advise staying away from spicy foods. Anyone interested in helping with this project, please e-mail Margie at margiehorton@comcast.net.

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	12/30-1/5	John Ponish; Gary Smith
	1/6-1/12	Bill Sutherland; Ron Helton
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Worship Welcome Team		Jason Mullins, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray, and Wendy Adrian
SS Greeters	1/6	John Kennedy
	1/13	John Ponish
Nursery	1/6	Johnny & Tracy Wills; Butch & Donna Hutchinson
	1/13	Susie Clasby; Holly Meade; Regina Carson; Melissa Blackburn
Children's Church	1/6	Jennifer England
	1/13	Vanessa Mullins
PA	1/6	Mike Osborne
	1/13	Ron Swindall
Tellers	Jan	Kim Coomer and Kathy Helton
Ushers	1/6	Dwight Jessee*, Daniel Ray, John Mark Adrian, Travis Jessee, Jason Mullins, Bryon Burton, Jeff Elkins, and Robert England
	1/13	Edgar Owens*, Roger Viers, Stan Kunigelis, John Hedden, Harold Witt, Mark Clark, and Jerry Baird *Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	1/9	Vanessa C., Susan S., Jennifer E., and Karen P.
	1/16	Beverly V., Sandy M., Erra S., Sherry C., and Brenda K.
Menu	1/9	Pizza and Salad
	1/16	Grilled Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Rolls, and Salad

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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)	In Recess
	Caring Friends (2nd, 4th, & 5th)	In Recess
	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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WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY RESUME JANUARY 9TH!

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Thought For The Week:

"The wise men listened to what the king said and then left. And the star they had seen in the east went on ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They were thrilled and excited to see the star. When the men went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they knelt down and worshiped him. They took out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh and gave them to him. Later they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, and they went back home by another road." ~ Matthew 2:9—12 (CEV)