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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,

The average person lives in a constant state of dehydration. The effects do not to be too serious or urgent. However, God made us to be about 80% water.

Therefore, lack of water affects EVERYTHING about us. Dehydration lowers energy level, dries skin, thickens blood and raises blood pressure, airways tighten to conserve moisture, which worsens allergies and asthma.

It is recommended that we drink 64 oz. water daily. (Soft drinks, coffee, and tea do not count...sorry about that.) I learned the hard way when I was in the hospital last year with intestinal issues complicated by lack of proper water intake. Did I know I should be drinking more water? Yes...but it took a crisis before I got serious about it.

I further suggest that there is a spiritual dehydration that all of us experience to some degree. We think we are doing okay spiritually until the crisis comes and reveals otherwise. Spiritual dehydration affects EVERYTHING.

As we enter 2014, of what opportunities do you need to take advantage to maintain proper spiritual hydration? Together, let's make 2014 a great year of serving and worshipping God!

Love, Pastor Mike

## IMPORTANT DATES

**New Bible Study**  
Jan 8 @ 6:45  
**MLK Service**  
Jan 20 @ 7pm  
**Marriage Retreat**  
Jan 24-26

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### How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

*Express one of the following to the Pastor during the closing hymn:*

**Transfer of letter—**transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church

**Baptism—**desire to express faith in Christ through baptism

**Statement of Faith—**baptized believer not on a membership roll

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *New Bible Study*

***“The Greatness Principle: Finding Significance and Joy by Serving Others” study on Jan. 8. Have you signed up yet? I personally challenge you be part of this important study. If you have signed up, pick up the book in the church office or church vestibule. If you can, read chapter 1 ahead of time. See you there!***

**Pastor Mike**

### Lottie Moon Offerings

Because of your generosity, Wise Baptist Church is able to send \$3, 633 to support Lottie Moon International Missions. Thank you!

### **Volunteer**

Would you be willing to prepare a few desserts once a month for our Wednesday night meal? Volunteers serve with a team and are on a rotation. If so, please contact the church office as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Women on Mission**

**Our Women on Mission group meets on the second Thursday each month. The group plans and supports many mission projects through our church and throughout the community. The meeting this month will be held at noon on January 9 at Bonanza. Everyone is welcome!**

### **Martin Luther King, Jr Day Community Service**

UVA-Wise will sponsor the annual MLK community worship service at Wise Baptist Church on January 20th. There will be a free dinner served 5:30 at the Church of God before the march to Wise Baptist at 6:30 and then the service in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Please join us.

### Mission Lunch

The Fifth Sunday Mission lunch made a total of \$590 to contribute to the medicine needed on the mission trip to Belize. Thank you to all who supported their efforts through service, food or by taking advantage of the meal provided.



Jan. 24-26 Pastor Mike and Terry will lead a Marriage Enrichment Retreat for 10 couples from Wise Baptist Church at Bent Creek Lodge in Asheville. What is marriage enrichment? It is simply trying to make marriages a little better. There is always room for that. We will learn, laugh, pray, study the Bible, and stretch our faith together in beautiful surroundings. Keep an eye out for future marriage enrichment events!



From Leigh

What a blessed Advent Season! All of our worship services were filled with people praising God through scriptures, prayers, music, and their presence. Yes, God is glorified when we are present in and present for worship. Our presence also serves as an encouragement to others.

The Christmas Eve service was especially meaningful this year to me because so many people were involved in the worship service. The candle nativity and all of the music was beautiful.

As I reflect on 2013, I am encouraged and excited about WBC's involvement in community outreach through servant evangelism (gas buy down, window washing, egg give away, Christmas parade, etc.). Our growth, not necessarily in tangible numbers, but our growth spiritually as individuals and as a church are dependent upon us *getting outside ourselves*. We must share what we know and what we have experienced—God's amazing love and grace—with others.

My prayer and hope for 2014 is that we will continue to look for opportunities to be involved in and through the church. We offer many opportunities for spiritual growth through Sunday School and Wednesday night Bible study. We will also offer some other small group options. There will be mission opportunities—here and away—for everyone to be involved in. There are also many ways to serve within our church through committees, music, special events, activities and teaching. Pray for God's leadership in your life—where is He calling you to get involved? I pray that you will not only hear Him but that you will also respond. Blessings, Leigh



**TRUTH will rehearse on Sunday evening at 7:45 pm.**

**Jubilation Ringers will rehearse on Sunday, Jan. 12 at 4:15 pm.**

**Children's Choirs will resume on Monday, January 27.**

(Pictured: Russell and Vanessa Cyphers. Children enjoying the Jesse Tree lesson by Ms. Terry.)



### As you pray, please remember...



Marty, Rose and Jon Kennedy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, All of the cancer patients in our area, Our men and women in the military

### Our Shut Ins:

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.

### Happy Birthday!

Jan 2	Scott Snodgrass	Jan 3	Eileen Cantrell
Jan 3	Caleb Godsey	Jan 4	Mark Collins
Jan 4	Hazel Dixon	Jan 7	Brian Wills
Jan 8	Reba Smiddy	Jan 8	Bret Chisenhall
Jan 10	Ruby Salyers	Jan 12	Eden Mullins
Jan 13	Joyce Horne		



### Happy Anniversary

Thomas & Natasha Kennedy..... Jan 4

Mike & Terry Winters..... Jan 5

Marsha & Jack Tolbert, Jr..... Jan 7



### Thank You!

Thank you to all the youth who were able to stay on Sunday following church to help with the Lunch for Missions! Your participation is always a great inspiration.

I would also like to thank the members of The LIGHT for their encore performance of *Mary, Did You Know* at the Christmas Eve Service.



### SUNDAY NIGHT

We will resume our Sunday night youth Dinner and Bible Study this Sunday. Meet Mark C. and I at 6:00 pm in the youth building. We are going to introduce our new study: *The Zombie Apocalypse Survival Guide for Teenagers*. We will also begin planning our annual Super Bowl Party and our winter ski retreat. Your presence is important! Friends are always welcome! Invite someone to join you!

Leigh

## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/29-1/4 1/5-11	John Ponish, Lewey Lee Bill Sutherland
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:	01/05 01/12	John Kennedy John Ponish
Nursery:	01/05  01/12	Pam Collie, Cyndi Newlon, Chelsea Polly Ginger, Jerry and Jasmine Vance, Melissa Blackburn
Children's Church:	01/05 01/12	Cindy Elkins Beverly Viers, Meagan Cline
PA:	01/05 01/12	Mike Strouth Wayne Isaac
Tellers:	January	Mike Strouth, David Mullins
Ushers:	01/05  01/12	Jeff Cantrell*, John Ponish, Mark Clark, Scott Snodgrass, Dan Helton, Ron Helton, Jeff Adkins Youth*
Serving Team:	01/08	*offertory prayer Kathy Helton, Martha Blackburn, Donna Hutchinson, Jessica Crutchfield
Wed meal:	01/08	Soups-potato, Vegetable, Chicken Noodle, Italian Wedding

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## Weekly Opportunities

Sunday	Jan 5	Sunday School Worship Youth	10 am 11 am 6 pm
Monday	Jan 6	Truth Rehearsal Piecemakers NO BCM Lunch	7:45 pm 9:30 am
Wednesday	Jan 8	Mission Committee Meal Bible Study	5 pm 6 pm 6:45 pm
Thursday	Jan 9	W.O.M. (Bonanza's)	noon
Sunday	Jan 12	Jubilation Ringers	4:45 pm
Monday	Jan 13	Caring friends	9:30 am

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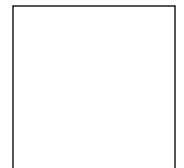
~The Greatness Principle: Finding Significance and Joy by Serving Others~ Starts Jan 8th~



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### Thought For The Week :

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.  
In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have  
overcome the world." [John 16:33 NIV](#)