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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 will of God has intrigued, mystified, and baffled people for thousands of years. It finds expression in some form of the following... there is this detailed map of God's plans for us. It is our job to figure this out.

The first misstep is to separate God's will from God. God's will is an expression and extension of God. The more basic issues are "Who is God and what is He like?" Out of God's character (who He is) flow all of His actions.

The most basic, foundational idea about God is that He is love. Everything He does is an expression of this love. God's will is not intended to be some detailed plan no one can really discover. God's will refers to what God wants. How do we learn what anyone wants? We get to know them.

How do we get to know God? We listen...as we read the Bible, as we study the Bible with others, as we worship, as we serve. God will reveal Himself. It is about getting on the same page with God.

Paul, in Acts 26:14 tells how He became a Christian. Previously, Paul persecuted and prosecuted Christians. When he was knocked to the ground, on the way to persecute Christians, God spoke to Him and said, "Why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads."

The goad was a sharp stick that farmers would use to jab oxen that were not moving quickly enough. When the ox would retaliate by kicking back, it would result in the goad being driven in more deeply.

Because of God's great love, He needed people to spread the word. His will was for Paul to be a missionary for this great cause. Paul was resisting, "kicking against the goads". What a difference when Paul stopped resisting and started cooperating with God!

How are we "kicking against the goads"? In what ways are we resisting the expression of God's love to and through us? Imagine the mighty things God could do, as we surrender to His love more and more!

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Brown Bag Ministry
July 29-Aug 2
Back to School event
Aug 2
Senior Trip
Aug 3
Deacon Nomination
Aug 4
Church Picnic
Aug 4
Youth/Parent event
Aug 11
S.S. Training
Aug 17
Beth Moore Simulcast
Sept 14

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Happy Birthday

Melissa Blackburn	7/30
Matt Meade	8/01
Angie Thacker	8/01
Greg Hutchinson	8/01
Becky Curtis	8/03
Bianka Wills	8/04

Happy Anniversary

Eddie and Ann Culbertson

August 1st

August

2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
B=Birthday A=Anniversary	If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office. (328.6247)			1 <u>B:</u> Matt Meade, Angie Thacker, Greg Hutchinson <u>A:</u> Eddie & Ann Culbertson	2 Back to School drive At the Glad es, 11-2	3 Adult Senior Trip Leaves at 9 am <u>B:</u> Becky Curtis
Deacon Meeting—8:30 am 4 Church picnic 5:30 @ Camp Bethel Holy Communion <u>B:</u> Bianka Wills	5 <u>B:</u> Morgan Meade <u>A:</u> Charles & Lulia Maine	6 <u>B:</u> Jewell Bradley	Mission Committee Meeting—5:00 pm 7 Wednesday night meal and bible study, 6 pm <u>B:</u> Abbie Crutchfield	Women on Mission—11-2 8 <u>B:</u> Clifford Bailey	9 <u>B:</u> Benjamin Mullins <u>A:</u> Alex & Deborah Knox	10 <u>B:</u> Lewey Lee, Macie Conway
11	Caring friends 9:30 12 <u>B:</u> Tim Cox	13 <u>A:</u> Lewey & Brenda Lee	14 <u>A:</u> Ron & Kathy Helton	15	16 <u>B:</u> Ann Culbertson <u>A:</u> John & Toni Thacker, Rick & Caryn Johnson	17 WBA SS Conference 10 a, <u>B:</u> John Ponish <u>A:</u> Sam & Debra Wharton
18 <u>B:</u> Kim Hall	Piecemakers 9:30 19 <u>B:</u> Rose Kennedy	20 <u>B:</u> Teresa Adkins, Cindy Elkins	21 <u>B:</u> Betty Roberts, Suzanne Baird, Sutton Polly <u>A:</u> Scott & Beth Snodgrass	22 <u>B:</u> Alex Hall	23 <u>B:</u> Gina Chisenhall, Jeff Sturgill, Tracy Wills	24 <u>B:</u> Jerry Baird
25 <u>B:</u> Brenda Lee, Rita Longworth, Linda Bailey	Caring friends 9:30 26	27	Annual Business Meeting 7:00 pm Sanctuary 28 <u>B:</u> Megan Cline, Vanessa Mullins	29	30	31 Gas buy down at Fred's



Matinee sign welcoming everyone into the foyer, at Wise Baptist Church, for Vacation Bible School.

Pull the Weeds. At the end of the evening, everyone gathered in the Sanctuary for fun songs. My kids were pulling the weeds all the way home. Rose



Special Music Sunday

Pictured left to right: Russell Cyphers, Chris Rose, and Leigh Clark. They sang J'll Fly Away and Will the Circle be Unbroken.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD NEWS

LIVING PROOF LIVE SIMULCAST WITH BETH MOORE

SEPTEMBER 14, 2013



All ladies are invited to attend the Beth Moore Simulcast on Saturday, September 14th at Wise Baptist Church from 8:45 am until 4:15 pm.

What is a simulcast? A simulcast is an event broadcast simultaneously to various locations. We will simulcast the Living Proof Live event with Beth Moore through HD internet technology. The simulcast will be broadcast worldwide, live from Charleston, WV. The schedule for the day includes time for worship and Bible study.

About Beth Moore: Beth founded Living Proof Ministries in 1994 with the purpose of teaching women how to love and live on God's Word. She has written numerous books and Bible studies, including Breaking Free, Believing God, The Patriarchs and most recently, James: Mercy Triumphs that have been read by women of all ages, races, and denominations. Ever the storyteller, Beth is known to pepper her teaching with stories and poems written from the perspective of pertinent characters. She communicates with great energy, passion, humor, warmth, and grace.

About Living Proof Ministries: Living Proof Ministries is dedicated to Biblical literacy and a commitment to guide believers to love and live on God's Word. Every tape, book or product offered through this ministry is developed to encourage people to know Christ through His Word.

"For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any two edged sword." Hebrews 4:12

Living Proof was founded upon this verse. It is their desire to see people discover and fully experience this truth for themselves. Living Proof Ministries exists because of the grace and mercy of Christ. It will always exist to glorify Him alone.

The cost for the event is \$20 / person (\$10 / person for college students) and includes a boxed lunch.

Information on how to register you and your friends is coming soon!

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

Questions? See Wendy, Jennifer, Sandy, Rebecca or Terry

Ride, Run, and Relax Benefit

Great success!

There was a big turn out for the Ian Boggs Benefit. There were about 100 participants and at least 50 others there as supporters. Everyone had a great time, including Pastor Mike, who participated in the run.

Just a reminder:

Our VBS Mission project is to collect backpacks for children in our community again this year. We will continue to collect new or slightly used backpacks through this Sunday.

Brown Bag Ministry is here!

We will meet in the fellowship hall at 7, Sunday through Thursday to pack lunches. If you want to help deliver, meet in the fellowship hall around 11:45, Monday through Friday. There are 4 routes for deliveries so I need at least 4 drivers daily. Your help is greatly appreciated. 10,000 lunches have already been given out!

Cancer Prevention Study

The American Cancer Society is asking for volunteers for a 20 year study to help better understand the cause of cancer. If you are between the ages of 30 and 65, have never had cancer and would like to participate, you can register online or by phone. (cps3swva.org or 1.888.604.5888) Enrollment will be at the Southwest Virginia Cancer Center, Friday, August 9, from 7- 11:30.

Senior Adult Trip

Senior Adults are invited to come with us on Aug 3rd, to have lunch at beautiful Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Afterwards, we will see the show, "Church Basement Ladies"; said to be a heartfelt, hilarious musical comedy. Cost is \$25. Call church office (6247) or Jerry (3106) for reservations.

Correction, phone number is 328-3106

Deacon nomination

Sunday, August 4th, members of Wise Baptist Church will have the opportunity to submit nominations for three new active Deacons. Edgar Owens and Gary Smith are rotating off and will not be eligible to serve as an active Deacon this coming Church year. Phil Mullins, who would have been in this rotating group, left our Church earlier this year.

We Start Our New Wednesday Night Events On August 7th.

Good Food at 6:00. Fun with Bible study after. Children enjoy activities along with bible study as adults choose between 3 great topics. Choices will be, "Setting Boundaries With Kids", "Quiet Strength" for men, and "The Girl's Still Got It", for women. Come to Wise Baptist Church for a great meal and Christian fellowship!

Associational Sunday School Training Event

Sunday school teacher training on Sat. Aug 17, right here at Wise Baptist. A team organized and trained by the Virginia Baptist Mission Board will lead the conference.

Saturday, August 17th

10 A.M. - Noon

(Lunch will be served at noon)

Wise Baptist Church

Registration deadline- Aug. 14.

Session 1: How to Energize, Engage and Motivate Your Class
Session 2: Creative Ways to Reach Prospects

Registration Required: Call (276) 328 - 6247 or email Rose@wisebaptist.com



From Leigh

Wow! What an awesome week at the *Everywhere Fun Fair!* The VBS crew really out did themselves this year! It is inspiring to see so many people of all ages come out to teach, help, transport, collect paper work, give out t-shirts and welcoming smiles, decorate, cook, play, sing, create crafts, tell stories, hold hands, pour Kool-Aid, lock and unlock doors, clean up, turn off lights...the details are exhausting. But, somehow, every year, it all gets done because we have a wonderful VBS director in Cindy Elkins! VBS actually started months ago when Cindy began praying for God's guidance in the materials, teachers and date. I am thankful for her passion for this demanding task! Hundreds of lives have been impacted this week...*To God Be All Glory!*

Thank you to Russell for the wonderful music on Sunday. We are blessed with so many musicians in our congregation. Our sanctuary choir will resume rehearsals on August 7 at 7:50. It would be a joy and an honor to welcome new members. Pray about how God may want you to share your talents with our congregation through worship.

By the time you read this, I will be on vacation with my family in Charleston. I love my work, but getting away for a few days is always refreshing! I will see you all on the next Lord's Day.

Blessings, Leigh



*As you pray, please remember...
Lois Stallard and family,
Pat and Fred Adkins, George and Shirlee
Barnette, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Lynell
Wells, Wanda Baird, Glenn Hill, Lawrence
Black, Marty and Rose Kennedy
All of the cancer patients in our area
Our men and women in the military*

Hospitalized:

Jon Kennedy (UVA Hospital)

Our Shut Ins:

Jack Tolbert, Sr. 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, August 11 at 5:30pm all youth (grades 7-12) and their parents/grandparents are invited to our back-to-school planning event. We'll have a light meal, some games, a short devotional and a time of planning for our fall activities. It is going to be a great year—I hope that you will make every effort to be there. I am so excited that Mark Collins, Andi Kilgore and Melissa Blackburn are going to help me lead this year.

Little Stony Falls

On Sunday, August 25, weather permitting, we will visit Little Stony Falls. Friends are welcome! We will eat at Pizza Hut on the way home.

Fall Retreat

Would you be interested in a Fall Retreat to Gatlinburg August 31? Please let Leigh know ASAP.



Keep up with our youth activities at Wise Baptist Youth on Facebook.

Mission Trip Testimony

Beth Snodgrass

As a teacher, I often ask my students to process what they've learned and how it might apply in practical ways in their lives. For the last several days, I've been trying to process my New Jersey experience; I think I have physically recovered from the late nights and early mornings and I have finally gotten everything unpacked and put away. I suspect, however, that I will feel the impact of that trip and be processing my experience there for a long time to come.

What happened on the mission trip that made all of us who went readily say we'd pack up and go again in a heartbeat? I'm not exactly sure I can put my finger on it. One thing about our trip that I keep replaying in my mind is how the Lord used us in ways that we probably didn't think of ahead of time. I knew that we would work hard and physically provide help on jobs that needed to be done. I didn't realize how God would use us to help people in other ways too and how He would bless us in the process.

The most memorable part of trip for me is definitely the people that we met. Just like us, they all had a story to tell and I think we found that many of them just wanted someone to listen.

As you already know, the ladies in our group helped with VBS at Union Church every morning till noon. On the first day of VBS, I met a lady named Joanie who had brought her young daughter to VBS; they weren't attenders at Union Church but lived not far down the road. She said that they "happened" to be driving by and saw the VBS sign and came in. She sat down next to me in the sanctuary and as we talked, she shared a little of her storm story – her husband works out of town most of the time and she and her children are living in their house that had been damaged in the storm. She said that no repair work had been done on the house. It was immediately obvious that she struggled emotionally just to survive each day. While she needed help with repairs, she more immediately needed friends, people to just listen and be with her as she tried to repair her life. She told us later in the week that she loved to talk with us and be around the folks at the church because it made her feel better and gave her hope. As God would work it out, Joanie was put in touch with the North Carolina Baptist Men who were providing work there on the island and hopefully, she will get some help repairing her damaged home. Although we didn't get to work on her house while we were there, we were able to serve just by listening and loving on her and her daughter.

One night, while on a Wal-Mart run with Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Terry, I met a lady named Pat in line at the checkout. As soon as I opened my mouth, she knew that I wasn't a native and she asked me about my visit. When I told her about our mission for the week, she began to share her salvation experience with me and we talked for a long time. Like Joanie from VBS, Pat seemed to just need someone to listen.

Another day, while we worked to clean up debris from a sand and pebble yard, we listened as a man told us his story of losing everything he had in the storm, including his job. He said that he had been homeless for many months and that he was just getting back to work.

And all of us on the trip had similar encounters – in the evenings as we shared with each other the day's experiences, I think we began to realize that it was more than just the physical labor that God wanted us to provide. Sometimes it was a listening ear, a smile, or a hug. Going on this mission trip reminded me that wherever you go, people are basically the same; although our life experiences are different, we all need the Lord and we all need each other. I was very blessed to be part of the New Jersey mission and especially blessed to share it with my family.

Volunteers This Week

Deacons On Call	8/04-8/10	Edgar Owens, Gary Smith,
	8/11-8/17	Ron Helton, Mark Clark
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Worship Welcome Team		Cindy E., Jason M., Oscar R., Daniel R., Wendy R.
S.S. Greeters	8/04	Mike and Rebecca Osborne
	8/11	
Nursery	8/04	Johnny and Traci Wills, Donna and Butch Hutchinson
	8/11	Susie Clasby, Holly Meade, Regina Carson, Melissa Blackburn
Children's Church	8/04	Jennifer England
	8/11	Vanessa Mullins
PA	8/04	Mike O.
	8/11	Ron
Tellers	August	Martha Blackburn, Mike Strouth
Ushers	8/04	*Daniel Ray, John Mark Adrian, Travis Jessee, Jason Mullins, Jeff Elkins, Bryan Burton, Robert England, Dwight Jessee *Offertory Prayer
	8/11	*Mark Clark, Jerry Baird, Edgar Owens, Roger Viers, Stan Kunigelis, Jeff Dotson, Harold Witt, Butch Hutchinson
Serving Team	8/07	Kim Coomer, Kathy Helton, Martha Blackburn, Donna Hutchinson
	8/14	Teresa Adkins, Brenda Lee, Cyndi Newlon, Gina Chisenhall,
Wed Night Dinner	8/07	BBQ, baked beans, chips, slaw
	8/14	Chicken Tenders, texas potatoes, broccoli, rolls

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Summer Weekly Opportunities

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
Mon-Fri	BBM (pack lunches)	7:00 pm
	(deliver lunches)	11:45 am

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 22– AUG 2 PICNIC AUG 4

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Thought For The Week:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” – Matthew 11:28-30