

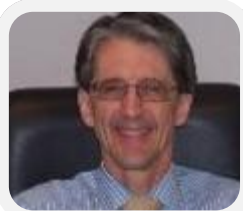
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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

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 friends,

The amazing testimony of Scripture is how current something written thousands of years can be for us today in the year 2012! For example, we have the story or "Lessons from Jacob". We find, as we read his story in the book of Genesis, that we are all Jacob in some way.

Jacob was in the biggest struggle of his life. What seemed to work for him his whole life, manipulating and maneuvering, was not working. It was not only not working, it was failing at magnificent proportions. The Bible says he was alone to face the wrath of his brother who had not only vowed to kill him, but was bringing along 400 troops to do it. Even Jacob could not run away from or manipulate his way out of 401 to 1 odds.

While he waits and worries, someone grabs him in the dark. We learn that it is God Himself. As Jacob hangs on for dear life, God puts his hip out of joint. For the rest of his life he walked with a limp. His hip and also his pride were out of joint. He learned he could not bend the universe to his will. He also needed a moment-by-moment reminder of that fact with each painful step and limp.

We all walk with a limp. Our limp is anything that brings us to the end of our rope. What is your limp? Our limp reminds us of our limitations and also of our deep need for God. Instead of being a stumbling block, our limp can be a moment-by-moment declaration of our dependence on God.

Love in Christ, Mike (a fellow-limper)



Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study in Recess

Wednesday, June 6th was our last dinner and Bible study as we break for summer. We hope to see everyone out on Wednesday evenings in the fall.

Dear Church Family,

For the past several months, Casey Mullins has served as a part-time ministry intern. Events of recent weeks have affected his status and I wanted to bring you up to date. Since Casey's wife, Michelle, graduated from college, she has been looking for a school-teaching position. The uncertainty of when and where has kept Casey's future as our ministry intern uncertain this spring.

School-teacher hiring was very tight. Nothing was available locally. Michelle did get a teaching position in Lynchburg for the summer, which made it necessary for them to move to Lynchburg. It appears that they will remain there and Casey will enroll in Liberty University.

Our best wishes and prayers go with them as they discern God's will and future for them.
Love in Christ, Mike

Important Dates:

Wed, June 13th

7:00 pm—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thu, June 14th

10:30 am—Senior Adult Trip

Noon—Women on Mission

Sun, June 17th—

Fri, June 22nd

Brown Bag Lunch Ministry

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sat, June 30th

9:00 am—Work day at Youth Building and The Rock

Sun, July 8th—

Fri, July 13th

Summer Mission Trip

Mon, July 23rd—

Fri, July 27th

6:00 pm nightly—Operation Overboard Vacation Bible School



Senior Adult Trip

Plan to join Jerry on **Thursday, June 14th** for a trip to Wytheville, VA to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre for lunch and a production of *Oklahoma!* **The bus will leave the church at 10:30 am**, lunch at 12:30 pm and the show at 2:00 pm. The cost is **\$25 / per person** (includes transportation, lunch, show, and gratuity). Please contact Jerry (328.3106) or the church office (328.6247) to reserve your seat! **Hurry! Only 4 seats remain!**

GOOD NEWS

Herbert Tuck Associational Missions Offering—As of June 10th, **\$275.00** has been donated to this effort. All monies received by the WBA will go to the Southwest Virginia Partnership.

Summer Mission Trip Fundraising Efforts—What a blessing! An additional **\$711.15** was raised from the yard sale!

Men's Cake Auction—Award winners include:



From Left: Biggest: Butch Hutchinson; Most Delicious—Harold Witt; Best Looking—John Ponish; Tastiest Looking—Jeff and Landon Elkins; Holiest—Roger Viers (Not pictured: Chocolatiest: John Kennedy's Mounds Cake)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ministry Opportunities

All of us have gifts. Whatever your gift, we want to put it to good use in the ministries of Wise Baptist Church. Please prayerfully consider where you will serve. Then, fill out a Ministry Opportunities form (available in the church bulletin on June 17th, online at www.wisebaptist.com, or in the church office), and return it to the church by **July 15th**. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Personnel Committee (Gil Blackburn, Cindy Elkins, Margie Horton, Brenda Lee, Gary Smith, Debra Wharton, or Elizabeth Wills).



Summer Brown Bag Lunch Ministry

Wise Baptist Church will be the host preparation and delivery team **June 18—22 and July 2—6**.

Volunteers are needed to pack the lunches (7 pm the night before) and to deliver them (11:45 am each day) during these weeks. **Contact Kim Hall (393.0163 or 328.6546 or halls4uk@comcast.net) to sign up!**

Donations of fruit snacks and granola bars are also needed. Please bring all donated items to the Fellowship Hall.

Monetary donations are also being accepted. Please make checks payable to Brown Bag Ministry and give to Kim or bring to the church office.

Thank you in advance for your support of this community-wide ministry.



MEOC Farmers Market Fresh for Seniors

Mountain Empire Older Citizens (MEOC) is accepting applications for **FREE Farmers Market Fresh for Seniors** checks. These checks can be spent at local farmer's markets this summer.

Please see the eligibility information posted on the bulletin board at the middle entrance. You may apply in person (1501 3rd Ave. East in Big Stone Gap) or by phone (276.523.4202).



Jeremy Camp and Building 429 In Concert

Jeremy Camp and Building 429 will be in concert during the annual Funfest in Kingsport on **Thursday, July 19th** beginning at 6:30 pm. **Tickets are \$15 each.** If you would like to order tickets, please contact Beth Snodgrass (870.9585) by **June 17th**.



Vacation Bible School Helpers Needed

We are going "Overboard" this year for VBS and your help is needed! The dates for this year's VBS are **July 23—July 27th** beginning at 6:00 pm each night. **Helpers** are needed in the **Nursery** area and **leading children from activity to activity**.

Watch for sign-up information coming soon!!

If you are interested in filling any of these positions (or helping in another area), please contact Cindy Elkins (679.1060 or rxjazzgirl@hotmail.com).

MEETING REMINDER



Kindred Spirits

Kindred Spirits (ladies crafting group) will meet at the home of Linda Bailey (6289 Alpine Ln., Wise) on **Thursday, June 21st** at 6:30 pm. This month we will make a small Carolina Snowflake from basket reed. Please plan to bring a sweet or salty snack! Drinks and craft supplies will be provided. **Please RSVP to Wendy Adrian (wma2n@uvawise.edu or 328.5564) by June 15th!**



FROM LEIGH

"What will people say about you when you are gone?" That was a question I posed to our youth and some adults last Sunday evening. The answers were very good. Most people want to be remembered for being kind and helping others. Bob Adkins' answer was "alive". At first everyone laughed and then I asked him to explain. He said he wanted people to remember him as someone who *lived life*. Wow! The Bible teaches us that God cares about how we live our life; it is full of stories of people who are remembered for their faith - just read Hebrews 11. We have the opportunity to "write our story" by choosing to live a life that is pleasing to God. What will people say about you when you're gone? *What are they saying about you now?*

Blessings, Leigh

You are invited to join the choir for the summer months. We will have rehearsal on Wednesday from 7-8:30 to prepare anthems for summer worship. Please contact me if you have any questions.

TRUTH will rehearse at 9:15 on Sunday morning.



Our regular meetings for youth are in recess for the summer. We will, however, have some special movie events, road trips, and a trip to Splash Country during the summer. Make sure you check the WBC Youth Facebook page often for announcements and updates. Also, please make sure that I have your cell number so that I can call or text.



Work Day at the Youth Building and The Rock

On **Saturday, June 30th**, there will be a work day at the Youth Building and The Rock. We'll get started at **9 am**. Tasks to be accomplished include painting and carpet removal. There are plenty of things to get done. Bring your gloves! Wear your closed toe shoes! Bring a heart for service as we work together to transform our facilities to meet our ministry needs!

As you pray, please remember...

Pat and Fred Adkins, George Barnette, Kim Boggs, Carolyn Jones, D L and Patsy Boggs, David Mullins, Michelle Hunter, Elizabeth Davidson, Clayton and Shirley Willis, Glenn and Bea Hill, Michelle Sisson, Sherry Collie, and Rita Isaac
All of the cancer patients in our area
Our men and women in the military

Hospitalized:

Hazel Dixon (Mountain View)

Our Shut Ins:

Jewell Bradley, Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Jeanne and Debbie Stallard, Vernoy Bolling
Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG)

If there are other known prayer concerns and/or shut-ins, please let us know.



June 12

Suzanna Bailey

June 13

Pam Collie
Shonna Holbrook
Andrew Adkins

June 14

Michael Holbrook

June 15

Gigi Pippin

June 18

Adam Wharton
Haden Ponish
Phyllis Wood



June 18

Mike & Carolyn Strouth

Thank You Note Received

Wise Baptist Family,

We would like to thank everyone for your prayers. During a time of loss this means more than anyone can realize and we appreciate all that you have done. Dad will be missed but we know he is in heaven now and that is reason to celebrate.

Jamie and Stacy Hopkins

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	6/10-6/16	Phil Mullins; Ron Helton
	6/17-6/23	Lewey Lee; Gil Blackburn
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Worship Welcome Team		Jason Mullins, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray, and Wendy Adrian
SS Greeters	6/17	Billie Harris
	6/24	David and Sandy Mullins
Nursery	6/17	Donna & Butch; Tabitha & Daniel
	6/24	Susie Clasby; Regina Carson; Regina Cantrell; Melissa Blackburn
Children's Church	6/17	Gina Chisenhall
	6/24	Toni Thacker
PA	6/17	Ron Swindall
	6/24	Oscar Raile
Tellers	June	Oscar Raile and David Mullins
Ushers	6/17	Daniel Ray*, John Mark Adrian, Travis Jessee, Jason Mullins, Jeff Elkins, Robert England, and Dwight Jessee
	6/24	Nick England*, Christian Coomer, Jerard Vance, Beau Chisenhall, Anna Clark, Caitlin Adkins, and Kaitlin Ponish
		* Offertory Prayer
Serving Team:		No Dinner
Menu:		No Dinner



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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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

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BROWN BAG MINISTRY PREPARATION AND DELIVERY ~ JUNE 17TH—JUNE 22ND

Wise Baptist Church

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Thought For The Week:

"To whom can the holy God be compared? Is there anyone else like him? Look up at the sky! Who created the stars you see? The one who leads them out like an army, he knows how many there are and calls each one by name! His power is so great—not one of them is ever missing!"

Isaiah 40: 25—26 (Good News Translation)

One Page Summary

Facility Use Group Recommendation to the Church:

I. RECOMMEND A MASTER PLAN BE USED TO GUIDE WBC IN EFFECTIVE AND FOCUSED SPACE USE

Main Building (Sanctuary-Fellowship Hall-Classroom Wing)

- ◇ **Focus**
 - ◇ Worship – Evangelism - Discipleship
- ◇ **Generalized guide of space use**
 - ◇ Sanctuary - Fellowship Hall - Classrooms
 - ◇ Church offices – Library - Meeting areas - larger working areas (quilting, etc.)

Youth Building

- ◇ **Focus**
 - ◇ Fellowship – Evangelism - Mission
- ◇ **Generalized guide of space use**
 - ◇ Bathroom - shower facilities - Storage (Old Nursery Room) – Large meeting room
 - ◇ Youth

The Rock

- ◇ **Focus**
 - ◇ Fellowship - Ministry
- ◇ **Generalized guide of space use**
 - ◇ Junior Youth - Future Youth Minister Office
 - ◇ Quiet space or Prayer Room type area - Storage (Attic)
 - ◇ College (upstairs with rear entrance access) - Senior Groups (1st floor rooms usage)
 - ◇ Front two rooms – Classrooms, vacation Bible School, Meeting rooms
 - ◇ Pantry Area Room – Operation Christmas Child long term
 - ◇ 1st Floor Room in rear – Cancer Baskets long term
 - ◇ Exterior - Basketball goals, paved parking. Fenced play ground

2. REGARDING CAPITAL PLANNING, RECOMMEND IMMEDIATE AND SHORT-TERM PROJECTS:

- a. Construction of improved bathroom and shower facilities in the youth Building.
- b. Initiation of necessary improvements to maximize use of The Rock. Such improvements would include:
 - i. Cosmetic paint and cleaning throughout the interior and maintenance/cleanup of the immediate grounds
 - ii. Electrical cleanup, safety review and updating as may be necessary,
 - iii. Outfitting the old kitchen area to again be able to serve as basic operating kitchen area
 - iv. Cleaning out of the 3rd floor attic area to receive current storage relocated out of the Main Buildings,
 - v. Removal of existing floor coverings, re-finishing wood floors and install new floor coverings,
 - vi. Exterior - re-defined paved parking, green space for play, and fencing as applicable to intended uses.

3. RATHER THAN “RE-INVENTING THE WHEEL” IN NEW OUTREACH, RECOMMEND WBC SUPPORT OF:

- a. Food Bank,
- b. Clothing collection,
- c. Serving of meals in the community,
- d. Tutoring programs

4. REGARDING SEVERAL ISSUES RAISED, THE FOLLOWING IS RECOMMENDED:

- a. Address expanding maintenance plans for care of the Rock and the Youth Building,
- b. Address security measures and implement plans to address the Rock and the Youth Building,
- c. Remain open to future gymnasium opportunities for the Church.

CONCLUSION: This is our recommendation to the Church Fellowship at this time in March 2012 based on our current facilities, current projected needs, membership, and Church activity. Changes to any or all of these parameters will dictate an on-going assessment of this Master Plan throughout the Church years; it is His direction and needs that we must remember need to guide us in the use of these facilities.