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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Important Dates:

Wed, March 13th

5:00 pm—Mission
Committee Meeting

6:00 pm—Dinner

6:45 pm—Bible Study
for all Ages

7:50 pm—Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal

Thu, March 14th

Noon—Women on
Mission

Sun, March 17th

Noon—Senior Adult
Luncheon

4:30 pm—Jubilation
Ringers Rehearse

4:30 pm—"A Time to
Dance" Marriage
Enrichment Bible Study /
Ballroom Dancing

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun, March 31st

Easter Breakfast



**Senior
Adult
Luncheon**

**Sunday, March 17th
Immediately
Following Worship
Fellowship Hall**

If you haven't yet signed up to attend or host, **please contact the church office by Thursday, March 14th.** It is always an entertaining event and the food is great, too!



Dear friends,

The story below is from "Outflow", a book by Steve Sjogren and Dave Ping. The book is about helping more church members get out of the building and into direct contact with our world. We often feel guilty about what we are not doing.

This book identifies practical ways small groups from our church can engage and show God's love in powerful ways. Listen to Theresa's story. She is a single mom with an 8-year-old son. She is broke and there are ten days before her next check arrives. She describes it in this way:

"After looking under the sofa cushions and all the car seats, we came up with a grand total of \$4.58. So we headed to Taco Bell. As we got to the drive-thru window, the guy at the window said, 'This is your lucky day—the people in the car in front of you paid for your entire meal. They said to give you this card.' The card read, 'We hope this small act of service shows you God's love in a practical way.' The card also included contact information from the sponsoring church. For me it was no small act of love. It was huge. We were in exactly the right place and time to receive a touch from God when we needed it most."

The next day, Theresa and her son went to church for the very first time. That small act of kindness made them hope that God really did care about them.

Can you imagine small groups of all kinds and ages saturating our community with practical acts of love and kindness done in the name of Jesus? Imagine the needs of each family we touch. For each person touched with the act of kindness, they will likely tell several others. Imagine over the course of a year how many touches of and for Christ that will mean! In these hard economic times, it will mean even more. Think of the hundreds of lives that could be impacted. Think of the hope that can be offered.

Be on the lookout for these kinds of projects—of showing God's love in a practical way. Anyone can take part. I look forward to your participation and seeing the mighty ways in which God can use Wise Baptist Church.

Love, Pastor Mike



Stones Available

Everyone is encouraged to take a stone from one of the tables (located in the Sanctuary foyer and in the hallway just outside of the Sanctuary). The stone represents the burdens you carry. Take it with you wherever you go. Reflect on Matthew 11:28—30 and daily allow Jesus to carry your burdens. Bring your stone on Easter Sunday morning to lay at the foot of the cross.

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Easter Morning Breakfast

Mark your calendars and plan to attend breakfast on Easter morning, March 31st, prepared and served by our Men's Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall. Watch your bulletin and future newsletters for more details! Everyone is invited! We hope you will come out and enjoy a wonderful meal!



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.

Beginning April 3rd, three new 8-week adult Bible studies will be offered:

"The Total Money Makeover" - The success stories speak for themselves! Instead of promising the normal dose of quick fixes, Author Dave Ramsey offers a bold, no-nonsense approach to money matters, providing not only the how-to but also a grounded and uplifting hope for getting out of debt and achieving total financial health. Ramsey debunks the many myths of money and attacks the illusions and downright deceptions of the American dream, which encourages nothing but overspending and massive amounts of debt.

"So, You Want to be like Christ? Eight Essentials to Get You There" - This user-friendly study guides readers toward a greater understanding of eight spiritual disciplines of the Christian faith—prayer, humility, self-control, sacrifice, submission, solitude, silence, and hope. So, You Want to be Like Christ? is just right for anyone desiring to delve deeper into the fundamental elements of Christian life, and essential for all who hunger for authentic faith experiences.

"Outflow" - This is a study to help us be the church seven days a week. It will prepare us to launch small groups to saturate our community with practical acts of kindness and love them into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Everyone is encouraged to sign up for a Bible study by March 24th to ensure that we have enough books ordered for each class. You can either contact the church office or check the box on the Communication Card found in your bulletin each Sunday with your choice of study.

Please see Robert England or Pastor Mike if you have any questions regarding the Bible studies being offered this spring.

GOOD NEWS



Thank you, Singing Sunbeams, for blessing us this past Sunday in worship by singing "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord, O My Soul)".

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The Fellowship of Christian Athletes Presents Local Event



On Saturday, March 16th, the second annual "March Madness" event will be held at the David J. Prior Convocation Center at UVA-Wise. Many events will be held throughout the day including a Middle School Mini Basketball Camp, a SWVA All-Star Volleyball match, girls and boys Senior and All-Star basketball games, 3 point challenge, and the Slam Dunk Challenge. **Events start at 8 am and go throughout the day.**

The FCA welcomes all schools and communities to attend our event. Student helpers are needed to assist in this event! For more information, please contact Gary Maggard at gmaggard@fca.org.



Getting to Know Your Church: Missions Committee

The WBC Missions Committee coordinates the mission activities of the church. Committee members are always looking for ways to initiate mission activity where needed and engaging our church family in carrying out these endeavors. Missions activities include support of local, regional, national and international projects to communicate Jesus' love. Members of the committee are: Bob Adkins, Pat Adkins, Jim Collie, Butch and Donna Hutchinson, Kathy Kennedy, Sandy Mullins, Mike and Rebecca Osborne, Ruby Salyers, and Erra Sutherland.

MEETING REMINDER

The **Mission Committee** will meet on Wednesday, March 13th at 5:00 pm in the Men's Sunday School classroom.



From Leigh

Thank you, Bob Adkins and The Singing Sunbeam Choir for leading in worship on Sunday. This Sunday we will be blessed with a hand bell solo by Susan Mullins, a Casting Crowns song "Does Anybody Hear Her?" by TRUTH, and a new anthem "The Prayer" by our sanctuary choir. I pray that you will come prepared to worship with and through all of these special music offerings.

Sunday, March 17 will also be the day that we honor our Senior Adults by providing a meal and entertainment for them. We will gather in the fellowship hall immediately following worship. If you haven't signed up to participate—either as an honored guest or as a host—please call the church office as soon as possible.

Blessings, Leigh

The Jubilation Ringers will rehearse on March 17 at 4:30.

The Joyful Noise Choir will ring and sing in worship on March 24.



The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

WBC Offering Goal: \$3,500

"Whatever It Takes" means a willingness to engage the lost by starting conversations that lead them to Jesus. Once they decide to follow Christ, we connect them to a church for discipleship and growth—a church with people intent on doing whatever it takes to start more conversations, leading to new converts and more new churches. Are you willing to do whatever it takes to reach North America with the gospel? Will you pray for the missionaries working in North America to share the gospel? As of Sunday, March 10th, WBC has collected **\$403.00** for this year's offering.

You may give to the offering throughout the month of March!

As you pray, please remember...

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

Hospitalized:

Jack Tolbert, Sr (Heritage Hall—BSG 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.



March 14 Jack Tolbert, Sr

March 18 Aaron Clark



March 13

Oscar & Gloria Raile



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Thank you to the England family for providing our meal and Bible study on Sunday evening. This Sunday, all youth are asked to participate in the Senior Adult lunch immediately following worship. We need everyone to help serve the food. Your lunch will be provided.

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

The youth have "adopted" three enlisted military persons who are connected with our congregation. Some items that you are encouraged to bring: books, magazines, dvds, beef jerky, crackers, nuts, gummies, pretzels, hard candy, granola bars, lip balm, sunscreen, socks, stationary, lotion, flashlight, puzzle books, amazon or itunes cards, and bug spray. (No pork products are allowed.) Please bring your items as soon as possible. We will include personal cards and a devotional book with each care package that we send.

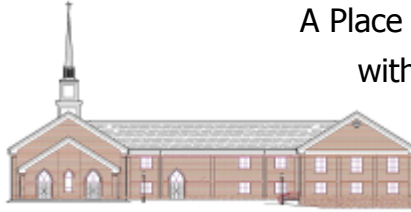
CONGRATULATIONS!

The Lady Warriors and our **Reagan Elkins** competed in the VHSL Group A D2 Championship basketball game this past weekend. While they came up short of the championship win, it was a great season as the team finished 28-2 overall!

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	3/10-3/16	Bill Sutherland; John Ponish
	3/17-3/23	Jerry Baird; Gary Smith
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Worship Welcome Team		Cindy E., Jason M., Oscar R., Daniel R., and Wendy A.
SS Greeters	3/17	John Ponish
	3/24	Lewey & Brenda Lee
Nursery	3/17	Johnny & Tracy Wills; Butch and Donna Hutchinson
	3/24	Susie Clasby; Holly Meade; Regina Carson; Melissa Blackburn
Children's Church	3/17	Jennifer England
	3/24	Vanessa Mullins
PA	3/17	Mike Osborne
	3/24	Ron Swindall
Tellers	Mar	Sandy Mullins and Martha Blackburn
Ushers	3/17	John Mark Adrian*, Travis Jessee, Jason Mullins, Jeff Elkins, Bryon Burton, Robert England, Dwight Jessee, and Daniel Ray
	3/24	Jerry Baird*, Edgar Owens, Roger Viers, Stan Kunigelis, John Hedden, Harold Witt, Butch Hutchinson, and Mark Clark
		*Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	3/13	Kim, Kathy H., Martha, and Donna
	3/20	Teresa, Brenda L., Cyndi N., Gina, and Edna
Menu	3/13	Pot Roast, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Biscuits, and Salad
	3/20	Chicken Enchiladas, Tacos, Rice and Beans, and Salad

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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DON'T FORGET—WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY!

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Thought For The Week:

"Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act." ~ Psalm 37:4—5 (ESV)