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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

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WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear friends,

This past Sunday was Saint Patrick's Day. It has come to mean leprechauns, shamrocks, wearing green, and is identified with the Irish people. Let's look at some deeper meanings that are often overlooked.

St. Patrick was born around 387 AD and died about 460 AD. He was captured from his home in Britain at age 16 and made a slave for 6 years in Ireland. He worked as a herdsman and grew spiritually during his enslavement. He escaped his master and took a ship back home.

A few years later, St. Patrick received a vision. He saw a man coming from Ireland carrying many letters. The man gave him a letter entitled "The Voice of the Irish". As St. Patrick read the letter, he imagined all the people of Ireland in one voice saying to him, "We appeal to you, holy servant [of God], come walk among us."

St. Patrick returned to minister for years and became known as the "Apostle to Ireland". He was credited with evangelizing and baptizing thousands. There is an interesting story about the shamrock connected to St. Patrick. It is told that he used the 3 petals of the shamrock to teach about the Trinity: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Another tradition involves wearing green. This is based on the idea that green represents eternal life.

St. Patrick's death on March 17 was the reason for the St. Patrick's Day holiday and celebration. Let's not lose the spiritual roots behind it all.

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.

Important Dates:

Wed, March 20th
6:00 pm—Dinner
6:45 pm—Bible Study
for all Ages
7:50 pm—Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal

Sun, March 24th
Palm Sunday
4:30 pm—"A Time to
Dance" Marriage
Enrichment Bible Study /
Ballroom Dancing

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wed, March 27th
7:00 pm—Holy
Wednesday Worship
Service

Sun, March 31st
Easter Sunday
Flowering the Cross
9:00 am—Easter
Breakfast



**The Annie
Armstrong
Easter
Offering**

**WBC Offering Goal:
\$3,500**

As of Sunday, March 17th,
WBC has collected
\$1,240.00 for this year's
offering.

**You may give to the
offering throughout the
month of March!
Use the special offering
envelopes in your pew
or designate "Annie
Armstrong" on your
check.**

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. The men will begin serving at 9 am. 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 10th, 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.

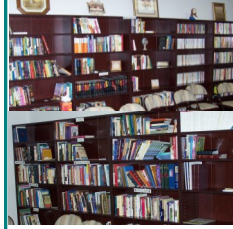
"So, You Want to be like Christ? Eight Essentials to Get You There" - This user-friendly study guides readers toward a greater understanding of eight spiritual disciplines of the Christian faith—prayer, humility, self-control, sacrifice, submission, solitude, silence, and hope. So, You Want to be Like 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



The church library has been relocated to the Ladies Sunday School classroom (Room 2 on the first floor of the education building). The library is accessible except during Sunday School.

Thank you to Grace Allio, Martha Blackburn, Sherlene Hall, and John and Edna Hedden for getting the new library space organized! Questions? Contact Grace Allio.

Congratulations to Shawn and Sarah Lane on the birth of a son, Jace Alexander, on March 13th. He weighed 7 lbs 13 oz and was 21 inches long. Jace joins his big sister, Claire, and is also the grandson of Donnie and Sharon Bradley.

Thank you to everyone who helped and attended the Senior Adult Luncheon on Sunday, March 17th. This is always a wonderful opportunity to show our senior adults how much they are appreciated and to thank them for all they have done (and do) for Wise Baptist Church! Pictures from the event are coming soon!

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Mark Your Calendars for the Following Holy Week Events

Sunday, March 24th Palm Sunday

Palm Processional by the children during morning worship (all children should meet at 10:50 am in the hallway to line up)

Wednesday, March 27th 7:00 pm Holy Wednesday Service *Holy Communion*

Sunday, March 31st Easter Sunday *Flowering the Cross*

Easter Sunday morning, we will join together to "Flower the Cross" for our Worship Celebration. The cross will be located outside the sanctuary (weather permitting) and everyone is invited to bring one or more flowers—any color, any variety—to place on the cross. The cross will then lead the processional to begin worship! This will be a glorious symbol of Christ's Resurrection!



From Leigh

God is so amazing! He, through the Holy Spirit, is constantly present in my life—urging, encouraging, comforting, guiding, loving, and forgiving me. Often I am so consumed with *me* and what *I have to do*, I forget about God’s role in every aspect of my life.

Recently, I received a phone call from Aaron. He was down because some things were not working out as he had planned. We talked through the different situations and before you know it, we had discovered many positive things from the broken plans. He concluded the conversation by thanking me for being there to listen and to help him work through the situation. I was, of course, thrilled to be of help!

I hung up the phone and immediately began thanking God that I had the chance to help Aaron and that he had actually turned to me in his time of need. I stopped mid-sentence and began to cry because it dawned on me that God knows my feelings exactly! He feels the same way when I choose to come to Him with my burdens, my broken plans, my joys and my pain; He is flooded with joy every time I include Him in my life. I was ashamed because I failed to grasp the simple truth: God desires a relationship with ME!

That’s the purpose of creation, Christmas, Easter—everything we celebrate as Christians. God desires a relationship with each of us! I encourage you to reflect on that truth this week.

Blessings, Leigh

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

As you pray, please remember...

Pat and Fred Adkins, George Barnette, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Lynell Wells, Michelle Hunter, Toni Thacker, and Florine Pennington
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 19** Betty Easterling
- March 21** Cameron Curtis
- March 22** Sarah Jessee
- March 23** Rick Johnson
- March 24** Kate Jessee



March 20

Tom Boyle & Celeste Smith

THANK YOU



Thank you to all of the youth for your help serving the Senior Adults on Sunday. Our time is precious. The gift of your time does not go unnoticed!

On Sunday night, we packed care packages for our military. Thank you to everyone who brought items.

BIBLE STUDY

On Sunday evening, Gary Smith will lead the youth Bible study. He is going to help our youth create a Christian Survival Kit.—you don’t want to miss this special time! The Osborne family will provide the meal.

UPCOMING PLANS

We will not have youth on March 31 or April 3. On April 7, weather permitting, we are going to work on a small project outside. So, wear some clothes that you don’t mind getting dirty.



Senior Adult Trip

“No Ordinary Man”
Lamplight Theatre
Fall Branch, TN

Saturday, April 6th

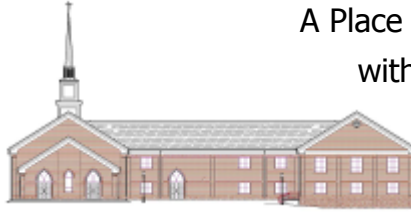
This original Easter musical tells the story of the Passion through the eyes of saints 20 years after Christ’s resurrection. The bus will leave WBC at 10:30 am (show begins at 2:00 pm). The cost is **\$20.00** (includes lunch, transportation, and show).

Contact: Church Office @ 328.6247 or Jerry @ 328.3106 to reserve your seat!

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	3/17-3/23	Jerry Baird; Gary Smith
	3/24-3/30	Mark Clark; Gil Blackburn
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	3/24	Lewey & Brenda Lee
	3/31	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
Nursery	3/24	Susie Clasby; Holly Meade; Regina Carson; Melissa Blackburn
	3/31	Jeff & LeeAnn Adkins; Anthony & Heather Wilson
Children's Church	3/24	Vanessa Mullins
	3/31	Tracy Wills
PA	3/24	Ron Swindall
	3/31	Oscar Raile
Tellers	Mar	Sandy Mullins and Martha Blackburn
Ushers	3/24	Jerry Baird*, Edgar Owens, Roger Viers, Stan Kunigelis, John Hedden, Harold Witt, Butch Hutchinson, and Mark Clark
	3/31	Dan Helton*, Ron Helton, Jeff Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, John Ponish, Mark Clark, and Scott Snodgrass *Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	3/20	Teresa, Brenda L., Cyndi N., Gina, and Edna
	3/27	Linda, Ruby, Artie, and Rebecca
Menu	3/20	Chicken Enchiladas, Tacos, Rice and Beans, and Salad
	3/27	Hamburgers, Fries, 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)	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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PLAN TO ATTEND PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEDNESDAY, AND EASTER MORNING
WORSHIP! SEE DATES AND TIMES IN THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER!

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Thought For The Week:

"But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me." ~ Psalm 13:5—6