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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,

A survey by the Pew Research Center Forum indicates that there has been an increase in Americans who are unaffiliated with a particular religious denomination. In the last 5 years, this number has increased from 16 to 20%. A careful look at the study indicates that it is more a statement about the institutional church, not about spirituality.

Part of this is an image problem with the modern church and part of it is a problem of practicing our faith. People are suspicious of institutions of all kinds. How do we get past that?

Let me suggest something revolutionary. It literally will turn the world upside down (Acts 17:6). Jesus defined His mission as "to serve, not to be served" (Mark 10:45). Serving others with the love of Christ and asking nothing in return is truly revolutionary. Our world always expects an angle, a catch, if given a gift.

Servant evangelism is a "conspiracy of kindness" that finds practical ways to serve others and show Christ's love without receiving anything in return. What does this look like in practice?

It can look like a free car wash by members of Wise Baptist wearing t-shirts identifying who we are. We **do not accept donations (even if they insist)**, but do share a connection card that says who we are, and contact information for our church. When people ask why we are doing it, the door is wide open! We can say we just want to give something back or serve our community or show Jesus' love in a practical way. Other opportunities may come in those sound-byte conversations...opportunities to pray or talk more about God.

The only limit to the type of project is our prayerful imagination. Other ideas include: free stamps with coffee/donuts on tax day (April 15) in front of Post Office, umbrella escorts in shopping center parking lots on rainy days, free light-bulb giveaways door-to-door, free smoke alarm battery giveaways door-to-door, pay for person behind you in drive-thru line (leave connection card with cashier), free leaf-raking/mowing/edging, free gutter cleaning, etc.

Imagine if we blanketed our community month after month with small groups of all kinds! If we generously sow the seeds of the gospel, the harvest will come! Be ready to jump in participate when the next servant evangelism project comes along. Better yet...plan one and get started!

Love, Pastor Mike

Important Dates:

Wed, March 27th

6:00 pm—Dinner

7:00 pm—Holy

Wednesday Worship
Service

7:50 pm—Sanctuary

Choir Rehearsal

Sun, March 31st

Easter Sunday

Flowering the Cross

9:00 am—Easter

Breakfast

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

Sun, April 14th

5:00 pm—Singing

Sunbeams Program



**The Annie
Armstrong
Easter
Offering**

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

As of Sunday, March 24th,
WBC has collected
\$1,537.00 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.**



April Mission Project

During the month of April, the Mission Committee is sponsoring a peanut butter drive to assist the Wise County Food Bank. **Please help replenish their supply by bringing a jar (or two) of peanut butter to Wise Baptist Church throughout the month of April.** Collection boxes will be available at the Sanctuary and Middle entrances to the church beginning April 7th. **Our goal is 100 jars of peanut butter for this community organization!** For more information on this effort, please see Erra Sutherland or any member of the Mission Committee.

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 Night Dinner

Everyone is invited to our Wednesday evening dinner starting at 6:00 pm. This is a wonderful time of fellowship!



Wednesday Night Bible Study

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.

"Conspiracy of Kindness" - by Steve Sjogren - This study, by the same author as "Outflow", is a great lesson on powerful and practical ways to be the church. It puts a kind and loving face on the church and it will change you.

Everyone is encouraged to sign up for a Bible study 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

A **thank you** note was received from Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc.—Thank you all very much for your very generous donation and support of Hearthwarming Sunday! ~ Michael Wampler, Executive Director. The full note is posted on the bulletin board at the middle entrance of the church.

A **thank you** note from George and Shirlee Barnette is posted on the bulletin board at the middle entrance.



Thank you to our children who participated in worship this past Sunday by ringing, singing, and / or placing the palms at the foot of the cross. Thank you to parents and grandparents for encouraging them to be in church.

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Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Attend Holy Week Events

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

We will experience worship through drama, special music, and 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!



Don't forget to bring your stone to worship service on Easter Sunday!
There will be an opportunity during the service to lay it at the foot of the cross.



BAPTIST
COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

Lunch for College Students

Wise Baptist Church will provide lunch in support of the Collegiate Ministry at UVA-Wise on **Monday, April 1st**. The meal will be served between 11 am and 1 pm at the BCM building. If you can help by preparing food and/or serving on that day, please contact Donna Hutchinson (393.5004 or donnahutchinson@usa.net).



From Leigh

What a wonderful day of worship on Palm Sunday! The Joyful Noise Choir is one of the highlights of my work here at WBC. I would like to especially thank Susan Mullins for her faithfulness to help me with these young people each and every Monday. Please mark your calendar for Sunday afternoon, April 14 when the Singing Sunbeam Choir will present a special program for the church . You will be blessed!

I shared a devotional with our youth recently that I read in Group magazine. It was entitled "What kind of light are you?" The writer used various types of bulbs to describe different ways that we share or sometimes limit our "light" for Christ. For instance, a flashlight bulb—very small and shines in small places; mostly used for emergencies. A night-light bulb shines only in our times of insecurity or fear. Christmas light bulbs shine brightly during various "holiday" seasons but not the rest of the year. A Party light bulb shines for fun events or fellowships. The regular light bulb, though, shines all day, every day. It is a light that is connected to the "power source". It shines in every area of our lives and it is embedded in who we are.

What kind of bulb are you? Something to think about...

Blessings, Leigh

Sunday, March 31 the Jubilation Ringers will meet at 9:00 am to rehearse. TRUTH will meet at 9:30 am.



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!

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 26	Chloe Cantrell
March 27	Nancy Stalnaker
March 28	Deborah Knox Christy Lardieri Isabella Lardieri Ashley Farmer
March 29	Matthew Collins Matthew Mullins



THANK YOU

Thank you, Osborne family, for providing our meal on Sunday evening. We enjoyed a good time of study and fellowship as we worked on the care packages for our military men and women. We have postponed Gary's "bug-out" Christian Survival Kit until April 14, so, please make plans to be present for that special occasion. We will join in the Holy Wednesday worship service following dinner on March 27 for Holy Communion.

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.

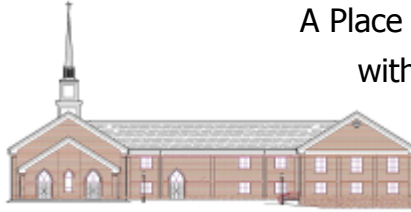
SPRING EVENTS

Many of our youth are involved in spring sports, concerts, and the 9 o'clock club. I encourage you to attend events when you can to support our youth.

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	3/24-3/30	Mark Clark; Gil Blackburn
	3/31-4/6	Edgar Owens; Ron Helton
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	3/31	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
	4/7	John & Edna Hedden
Nursery	3/31	Jeff & Lee Ann Adkins; Anthony & Heather Wilson
	4/7	Pat Adkins; Pam Collie; Kathy Osborne; Kim Coomer
Children's Church	3/31	Tracy Wills
	4/7	Beth Snodgrass
PA	3/31	Oscar Raile
	4/7	Mike Strouth
Tellers	Mar	Sandy Mullins and Martha Blackburn
	Apr	Oscar Raile and Mike Strouth
Ushers	3/31	Dan Helton*, Ron Helton, Jeff Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, John Ponish, Mark Clark, and Scott Snodgrass
	4/7	Youth *Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	3/27	Linda , Ruby, Artie, and Rebecca
	4/3	No Dinner
Menu	3/27	Pizza and Salad
	4/3	No Dinner

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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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HOLY WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ MARCH 27TH ~ 7 PM ~ SANCTUARY

Wise Baptist Church

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Wise, VA 24293

Thought For The Week:

"Once again Jesus shouted, and then he died. At once the curtain in the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, and rocks split apart. . . The officer and the soldiers guarding Jesus felt the earthquake and saw everything else that happened. They were frightened and said, 'This man really was God's Son!'" ~ Matthew 27:50-51, 54 (CEV)

April

2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>April Fool's Day</i> 1	2	<i>Mission Committee Meeting—5:00 pm</i> 3	4	5	<i>Senior Adult Trip—10:30 am</i> 6 <u>B:</u> Don Newlon
7 <i>Deacon Meeting—8:30 am</i> <u>B:</u> Alex Maine	8	9 <u>B:</u> Jill Jessee <u>A:</u> Jeff & LeeAnn Adkins	10 <u>B:</u> Sandy Mullins <u>A:</u> David & Sandy Mullins	<i>Women on Mission—Noon</i> 11 <u>B:</u> Sue Kennedy, Karen Ponish	12 <u>B:</u> Jessica Hood, Sunny Kennedy	13 <u>B:</u> Sarah Lane, Hollyn Mullins, Stan Kunigelis, Jeff Cantrell <u>A:</u> Steve & Debbie Collins
14 <i>Children's Spring Program—5:00 pm</i> <u>B:</u> Taylor Meade	15	16	17	18 <u>B:</u> Kate Kunigelis	19	20 <u>B:</u> Eddie Culbertson
21	<i>Earth Day</i> 22 <u>B:</u> Noah Hall	23	<i>Administrative Professional's Day</i> 24 <u>A:</u> Don & Cyndi Newlon	25	26	27 <u>B:</u> Reuben Swindell <u>A:</u> Stan and Brenda Kunigelis
28	29 <u>B:</u> Pat Cline	30 <u>A:</u> Archie & Joanne Kennedy			B=Birthday A=Anniversary	If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office. (328.6247)

