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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,

A continuing issue for the church is our relationship with the state (all levels of government). Jesus tells us to render both to Caesar (the state) and to God. The question is where that line is located.

The Jamestown Colony was established in 1607. The Church of England was established as the official church in Virginia in 1619 by order of the

House of Burgesses. The historic Christ Church of Saluda, Virginia (pictured here), was built in 1670. The current brick structure was built in 1730.



In 1730, Robert Carter, the most prominent planter in Virginia funded the building of this church. He was a leader in the church and he was also a member and Speaker of the House of Burgesses.

Every able-bodied man in Virginia was taxed a tithe (10%) of their income to support the state church. Baptist ministers were jailed and fined because they did not support the practices and beliefs of the Church of England.

Whenever state and religion are too closely tied, both are corrupted. Too often what appears to be an exercise of freedom of religion, becomes an excuse for one group to impose their beliefs. This means one group does to a new group what had just happened to them. . . all in the name of religious freedom.

Too much state support weakens the church, leading the church to depend on the state more than God. State money to the church means state control and interference. Inappropriate involvement by the church can corrupt the state. The Taliban is an example of the corrupting effect religion can have on government.

As our country continues to absorb more and different cultures, this issue will become more and more important. It gives even greater opportunities for the church to continue to be "salt" and "light" to our world.

Love, Pastor Mike

Important Dates:

March 3rd—10th
Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Wed, March 6th
5:00 pm—Mission Committee Meeting
6:00 pm—Dinner
6:45 pm—Bible Study for all Ages
7:50 pm—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sun, March 10th
"Spring Forward"
4:30 pm—"A Time to Dance" Marriage Enrichment Bible Study / Ballroom Dancing

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thu, March 14th
Noon—Women on Mission

Sun, March 17th
Noon—Senior Adult Luncheon

Sun, March 31st
Easter Breakfast



Week of Prayer for North American Missions and The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
March 3rd—10th
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?

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



Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night before you go to bed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Mark Your Calendars for the Senior Adult Luncheon Sunday, March 17th Immediately Following Worship Fellowship Hall

Senior Adults: Please contact the church office (328.6247) if you are available and would like to attend.

Please contact Leigh or Rebecca (328.6247) if you are interested in being a **HOST** for one or more of our senior adults. It is always an entertaining event and the food is great, too! The cost is \$7.00 per person.



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.



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!

MEETING REMINDER

The **Mission Committee** will meet on Wednesday, March 6th at 5:00 pm in the Men's Sunday School classroom.

GOOD NEWS



Sunday School News: A BIG thank you to all the Sunday School teachers and helpers who attended the breakfast meeting on Sunday, February 17th. Thank you, also, to all those who helped prepare the breakfast. If you are not currently attending Sunday School, please join us this Sunday and invite your friends!



Summer Mission Trip: The mission team from Wise Baptist Church will travel to Allenwood, NJ on July 6th—13th to help with construction projects in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. Please be in prayer for the team members, for those who will be helped, and for all of the preparations yet to be made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.



Wednesday Night Activities

Just a reminder to everyone about our policy for cancellation of Wednesday night activities. Wednesday evening activities will be **cancelled** when Wise County schools are closed or dismissed early that day or when the weather conditions are worsening into the evening. Every effort will be made to communicate schedule changes in a timely manner. Our congregation's safety is of utmost importance.



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.



From Leigh

I read an article by Liz Curtis Higgs recently about how to live life based on seven "one another" statements found in the New Testament. Here is a summary:

"Honor one another above yourselves"
(Romans 12:10)

"Live in harmony with one another"
(Romans 12:16)

"Accept one another"
(Romans 15:7)

"Be kind and compassionate to one another"
(Ephesians 4:32)

"Encourage one another and build each other up"
(1 Thessalonians 5:11)

"Spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24)

"Love one another deeply, from the heart"
(1 Peter 1:22)

When we accept God's gift of grace, there is no other way to live! We *must* share His love with one another.

Blessings, Leigh

The Singing Sunbeams will sing in worship this Sunday. The Joyful Noise choir will ring and sing on Palm Sunday, March 24.

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 5** Susan Smith
Katherine Winters Driver
- March 6** Pat Mullins
- March 8** Heather Kunigelis
Asheton Campbell
- March 10** Florine Pennington

Wise Baptist Church is on Facebook

You can now find Wise Baptist Church on Facebook. Be sure and "Like" our page! We'll post events, announcements, uplifting scripture, words of wisdom from Pastor Mike, and much more! Check out the pictures, invite your friends to like our page, and remember to check in to Wise Baptist Church from your mobile device!



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

This Sunday, the England family will provide our meal and Robert will lead Bible study. Fellowship begins at 6. Please join us and invite a friend.

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.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

Please make plans now to be a part of the serving team for the Senior Adult Lunch following worship on Sunday, March 17. Everyone's help is needed!

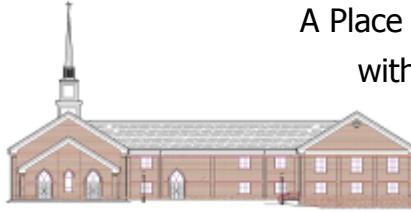
CONGRATULATIONS!

The Lady Warriors and our **Reagan Elkins** will head to Richmond this week to compete in the State Quarter Finals on Friday and Saturday! Also, the Central Forensics team and our **Alex Hall** won the Region D championship. They will compete at the State competition as well.

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	3/3-3/9	Gil Blackburn; Ron Helton
	3/10-3/16	Bill Sutherland; John Ponish
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	3/10	John Kennedy
	3/17	John Ponish
Nursery	3/10	Rose & Brooklyn Kennedy; Cyndi Newlon; Chelsea Polly
	3/17	Johnny & Tracy Wills; Butch and Donna Hutchinson
Children's Church	3/10	Holly Meade
	3/17	Jennifer England
PA	3/10	Wayne Isaac
	3/17	Mike Osborne
Tellers	Mar	Sandy Mullins and Martha Blackburn
Ushers	3/10	Matt Meade*, Ron Swindall, Lewey Lee, Bob Adkins, Gary Smith, Bill Sutherland, Mike Strouth, and David Mullins
	3/17	John Mark Adrian*, Travis Jessee, Jason Mullins, Jeff Elkins, Bryon Burton, Robert England, Dwight Jessee, and Daniel Ray *Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	3/6	Pat A., Cindy E., Gail K., and Mingkwan C.
	3/13	Kim C., Kathy H., Martha B., and Donna H.
Menu	3/6	Chicken Enchiladas, Tacos, Rice and Beans, and Salad
	3/13	Pot Roast, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Biscuits, 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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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS THIS WEEKEND
"SPRING FORWARD" ONE HOUR!

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Thought For The Week:

"This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." ~ Joshua 1:9 (NLT)