A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends

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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

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Honor and Peace

"And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace." – Jeremiah 29:7

The year was 1918. The place was Compiègne, France. The occasion was a meeting between the Germans and the "Allies" of World War I. There, on the 11th hour, of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice was signed that brought "The War to End All Wars" to a close — except, it did not end all wars and thus, the armistice remained true to its definition as "a temporary cessation of fighting by mutual consent," namely, "a truce."

Why is it temporary? Perhaps it is because the hearts of people remain dark and await the return of the Prince of Peace to reign in righteousness. Jesus said that we should not be disturbed by wars and rumors of wars, but should remain steady in our commitment to Him.

From the end of World War I till after World War II, many nations celebrated 11-11 as Armistice Day. After the second war, Americans began to observe Veterans Day. The motivation to commemorate the coming of peace as a time to honor the veterans of war might best be understood by discerning the words of General Douglas MacArthur:

"The soldier, above all other people, prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war."

And so, we observe Veterans Day on this day that one war ended. We observe it because in every war there are those who dutifully and sacrificially serve at the behest of their leaders, for love of country, for love of family, and for loyalty to their friends.

They serve and we observe and we say, "Thank you."

And with our thanks, we make a commitment to make their sacrifices less and less necessary in our own generation by seeking and praying for the peace of the cities where God has scattered us on this earth. This sort of peace, from the Hebrew word, "Shalom," is indicative of total well being, embracing justice, charity, a spirit of wholeness, and the overall health of the city and its people.

Shalom is not just the absence of war, but war is certainly the enemy of shalom.

General MacArthur was right. Our veterans have laid down their destinies and fought for peace. The least we can do is pray and work for it.

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Lunch to Support Patient Care Fund at the SWVA Cancer Center

Wise Baptist Church will host a luncheon in memory of Rita Isaac on **Sunday**, **November 18th** immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Special thanks to Becky Curtis and Two Sister's Catering for donating all of the food. All contributions will go to support the Patient Care Fund. The menu includes turkey, dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, and assorted cakes. (While reservations are not necessary, it would be helpful for you to let us know via the Communication Card or a phone call to the church office if you plan to attend.)

Important Dates:

Wed, November 14th 6:00 pm—Dinner 6:45 pm—Bible Study for All Ages 7:50 pm—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sun, November 18th
Noon—Luncheon to
Support the Patient Care
Fund at the SWVA
Cancer Center

Wed, November 21st

—Fri, November 23rd

Church Office Closed

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DECEMBER EVENTS

Sun, December 2nd 7:00 pm—Christmas
Cantata with Reception
Following

Sun, December 9th 6:00 pm—Children's Christmas Program

Wise Baptist Church Communication Card

"Communication The Card" is for **everyone** every week. It is not just Instead of for quests. having many sign-up lists, it is a central place for people to sign up for kinds of events: Wednesday night meals, Bible studies, trips of all kinds, any special events or activities for groups of all ages. The card is designed so it can be filled out as quickly as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Directory

New Church Directory

DON'T FORGET! Portraits will be taken this week—Wednesday, **November 14th— Saturday, November 17th.**

EVERYONE is encouraged to be photographed. If you have any questions, please contact Margie Horton (margiehorton@comcast.net) or Sandy Yun (328.5192).

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

It's almost time to turn in your shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child! Shoeboxes will be dedicated THIS SUNDAY, November 18th. Please bring your shoe boxes to the Sanctuary and place on the stairs in front of the pulpit.

Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study

Our Wednesday night Dinner and Bible Study continue this week! Dinner begins at 6:00 pm. **Suggested donations for dinner are: Adult: \$5; Child: \$3; Family Max: \$15.** Bible Study for all ages begins at 6:45 pm. There is a nursery available for children under the age of 3 and Bible Study classes for all ages!



Beginning **November 28th**, Pastor Mike will lead all adults in a 3-week Advent Bible Study. You won't want to miss this time of fellowship and study as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior and Prince of Peace.

Coat Collection

Henrietta Dotson is collecting new and used coats to help those in our area to stay warm this winter. All size coats are welcome. You may drop off coats at Impressions in Norton or they may be given directly to Henrietta Dotson or Danny Rowland.

Advent Devotionals

This year's Advent devotionals will explore the hope that God gives us, especially as it is communicated through the events

anticipating and surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ. God's solution to the world's problems is to share in our humanity through the birth of his Son and to infect us with God's contagious love and righteousness. **Devotionals are available at the Sanctuary and Middle Entrances to the church.**

GOOD NEWS



It was an honor and blessing to hear Col. Frazier speak on Sunday morning during worship. He shared an amazing story of his captivity. His message was one of not living with hate in your heart, but of forgiveness for those who have persecuted you.

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Community Thanksgiving Service

Everyone is invited to attend a Community Thanksgiving Service on **Sunday**, **November 18th at 6 pm at First Baptist Church in Norton**. This will be a Service of Psalms celebrating God's unfailing love. An offering will be received that will go to the local "Transient Fund". Those who attend are also asked to bring peanut butter for the Wise County Food Bank. This service is sponsored by the Pastor's Roundtable of Hospice and Palliative Care of Virginia.

Stop Hunger Now

On **Thursday, November 15th at 6:00 PM** in Cantrell Hall at the UVA-Wise campus, there will be a STOP HUNGER NOW EVENT. It will be a fun, action packed evening packaging 10,000 meals that can be transported anywhere in the world to feed hungry people. Everyone's invited! Please contact Jim Collie for more information.

Kindred Spirits

Kindred Spirits is in need of a host for the November meeting. If you would like to host the meeting this month (or some time in the future), please contact Wendy Adrian (328.5564 or wma2n@uvawise.edu).

Angel Tree Project

Terry Winters will have Angel Tree names from Wise Primary available this year. The names will be available before Thanksgiving. Please contact Terry (tllwinters@gmail.com or 540.280.7151) for more information.

Christmas Cantata

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this year's Christmas Cantata on **Sunday,**

December 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. There will be a reception following the cantata in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to bring a food item, please see the sign up list on the bulletin board or contact Teresa Adkins.

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Sunday was a wonderful day of worship. We were blessed with great

attendance—some here for the first time. Please take time each Sunday to greet everyone around you and especially seek out any guests to welcome them.

I would like to thank Susan Mullins for her presentation of the Armed Forces Salute. It is meaningful for our Veterans and for the entire congregation to recognize the service of our men in women on behalf of our country.

The holiday season is upon us! Thanksgiving next week; then Advent, Christmas and New Years. It will be a busy time. I pray that you will sit down with your family and mark your calendars with the very important and special events planned for the WBC family over these next weeks. Your presence brings a blessing!

Blessings, Leigh

TRUTH will rehearse at 7:45 pm on Sunday. The Jubilation Ringers will rehearse on Nov. 25 following worship.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We had a wonderful time on our shopping spree on Sunday evening! Thank you for the generous gifts that were given for this special mission project. The youth will pack the boxes on Wednesday evening following dinner—all hands are needed! Volunteers are also needed to help with the OCC Collection Center located at The Rock—especially on Sunday afternoon.

I would like to especially thank Cindy, Beth, and Bryon for helping the youth with the Operation Christmas Child Project. Cindy and Beth also provided a very tasty meal for the youth.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

The Hall family will provide our meal for this Sunday. All youth are encouraged to attend every week and always feel welcome to invite your friends.

As you pray, please remember...

Pat and Fred Adkins, George Barnette, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Michelle Hunter, Shirley Willis, Lynell Wells, Clifford Bailey, and Roger Williams All of the cancer patients in our area Our men and women in the military

Hospitalized:

Vivian Brooks (Indian Path)
Mike Winters (Johnson City Medical Center)

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.



November 13 Olivia Collins

Harold Witt

November 15 Leigh Clark

Donnie Bradley

November 16 Luke Collie

November 18 Thomas Kennedy

November 19 Dwight Jessee

Raleigh Ringers in Concert

The Raleigh Ringers will be in concert on **Saturday, December 8th at 3:00 pm** in **Raleigh, NC.** They are absolutely amazing!! You may have seen them PRS during the holidays. We would like

perform on PBS during the holidays. We would like to take the bus and make it a one day (yes, a long day) "road trip." The cost is \$12 (group of 10) or \$19 (less than 10). Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors! If you would like to go, please contact Leigh as soon as possible.

Wednesday Night Activities

The weather has already become unpredictable! It seems a little early for us to have already had snow, but it's never too early to remind 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.

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK				
Deacons On Call	11/11-11/17 Edgar Owens; Gil Blackburn 11/18-11/24 Phil Mullins; Mark Clark			
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan, Scott S.		
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi		
Worship Welcome Team		Jason Mullins, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray, and Wendy Adrian		
SS Greeters	11/18 11/25	Lewey & Brenda Lee Mike & Rebecca Osborne		
Nursery	11/18 11/25	Pat Adkins; Pam Collie; Kathy Osborne; Kim Coomer Vance Family; Pat Mullins		
Children's Church	11/18 11/25	Tracy Wills Beth Snodgrass		
PA	11/18 11/25	Mike Strouth Wayne Isaac		
Tellers	Nov	Martha Blackburn and Oscar Raile		
Ushers	11/18 11/25	Christian Coomer* and Senior Youth Gary Smith*, Bill Sutherland, Mike Strouth, Matt Meade, Ron Swindall, David Mullins, Lewey Lee, and Bob Adkins *Offertory Prayer		
Serving Team	11/14 11/21	Beverly V., Sandy M., Erra S., and Brenda K. No Dinner		
Menu	11/14	Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green		
	11/21	Beans, Rolls, and Salad No Dinner		



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES	WEEKLY
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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 (2	Caring Friends (2nd, 4th, & 5th) 9:00 am			
	Children's Choirs	3:45 pm			
Wedneso	ay Dinner Bible Study (All A Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm ges) 6:45 pm 7:50 pm			
Thursday	Women On Missi	on (2nd) Noon			

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LUNCHEON TO SUPPORT THE PATIENT CARE FUND AT SWVA CANCER CENTER ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH ~ IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Wise Baptist Church P.O. Box 777 Wise, VA 24293

Thought For The Week:

"Just as rain and snow descend from the skies and don't go back until they've watered the earth, Doing their work of making things grow and blossom, producing seed for farmers and food for the hungry, So will the words that come out of my mouth not come back empty-handed. They'll do the work I sent them to do, they'll complete the assignment I gave them." ~ Isaiah 55:10-11 (The Message)