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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,

Thanksgiving is upon us and the Christmas holidays are close behind. The Christmas season is one of the most stressful times of the year. As much as it is supposed to be a time of peace on earth, good will towards men, and the Prince of Peace, we often experience anything but peace.

In Luke 10:38-42 Martha is hosting the Lord and, likely, all 12 disciples. She graciously extends her hospitality by inviting them into her home to rest and for a meal. Imagine having thirteen guests at your house for lunch with no warning! Is there enough food? What does she have time to prepare? Are there enough plates, etc? To add extra pressure, Jesus is also present.

Martha begins to crack under the pressure. As her frustration builds, she notices her sister, Mary, relaxed and calmly seated. The Bible says Martha is “distracted” by all the preparations. She stops, goes directly to the Lord and scolds Him for not caring that all of the burden falls upon her. Martha then commands the Lord to “tell her to help” her!

What began as an act of service to the Lord turned into a distraction and even an obstacle in her relationship with Him. Jesus points Martha toward Mary’s example. Mary is calmly seated at Jesus’ feet. It is a simple, yet beautiful picture of worship.

The acts of service are important. It is also important to remember Who and why we serve. Worship is important, too. We need both.

As the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons unfold; when the distractions build, remember there is a time to stop and sit calmly at Jesus’ feet and worship.

Love, Pastor Mike

## IMPORTANT DATES

**BCM luncheon**  
Dec 2 @ 11 am  
**Mission Committee**  
Dec 4 @ 5:00 pm  
**Christmas Parade**  
Dec 7 @ 5:30 pm  
**Deacons’ Meeting**  
Dec. 8 @ 8:30am  
**Christmas Cantata**  
Dec 8 @ 7 pm  
**W.O.M.**  
Dec 12 @ noon  
**Children’s Musical**  
Dec 15 @ 5 pm  
**Christmas Dinner**  
Dec 18 @ 6:00 pm  
**Christmas Eve Communion**  
Dec 24 @ 11 pm  
**Marriage Retreat**  
Jan 24-26

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## SPECIAL NOTICE

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

Join us for a special Wise Baptist Church tradition! Bible reading, Christmas music, candle-lighting, and Communion will help us experience the wondrous Christmas story. Bring a guest. **Dec. 24 at 11pm.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Food Baskets

The men's and women's Sunday school class led by Bill Sutherland, has placed two white baskets, one opposite the elevator and one in the church foyer for the ongoing collection of nonperishable food items. These will help people in our community who struggle to feed themselves and/or their families. "Eternal God, we are grateful for the love You show us in Jesus Christ. May we reflect that love in our concern and compassion for others. Amen"

### What's new in Bible Studies

*The current Wednesday night Bible study, "10 Surprising Things about the Christmas story", will continue Dec. 4 & 11 in the sanctuary.*

*I am asking you to be **one of 100 adults** in a special 7 week study I will begin teaching **January 8**. It is called "**The Greatness Principle: Finding Significance and Joy in Serving Others**". Sign up on the Communication Card or contact the church office. This will help us know how many for which to prepare.*

*Pastor Mike*

### Wise Christmas Parade Dec 7 @ 5:30

*"Serving Together"*

Wise Baptist Church is participating in the annual Wise Christmas Parade on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> by servicing hot chocolate and handing out candy canes with the Christmas message of the candy cane. Our church will have tables set up in the Big Glades Park. This is a way to serve our community and Lord. See our Deacon Chair Mark Clark or Pastor Mike Winters to help you find a particular area of service. We have lots of opportunities for everyone to participate. We are excited about this opportunity for service!

Sign up on the communication card or call the church office.

### Advent Devotionals

Advent devotionals are available in the sanctuary foyer or beside the elevator.

### Cantata Reception

Sunday, December 8, will be our Christmas Cantata. Immediately following the cantata will be a reception and time of fellowship. We will need your help again this year. If you can bring something, or help set up or clean up (especially), please see Regina Cantrell and sign up! There will also be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for your convenience. Thank you in advance! Teresa

### Operation Christmas Child

Our total for Wise Baptist Church for our shoeboxes is 157, an increase over the 146 last year. Thank you to all who packed boxes and who helped at the Relay center. 15 volunteers will go to Boone, NC Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> to help sort and process shoeboxes from all over this area. Please keep them in our prayers for a productive and safe trip.

### Christmas Dinner

Wise Baptist Church will be having our annual Christmas dinner here in the **Fellowship Hall** on **Dec 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**. The Church will supply the meat and the rest will be potluck.

### Lottie moon Christmas Offering

For the **Gospel** to be **proclaimed to all peoples**, it will take all of us giving our **ALL**. Our National goal is

**\$175 million**

**TOTALLY HIS  
Heart, Hands, Voice**

### " Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

Just in time for the holidays comes a wonderful story about the beauty of the season and the true meaning of Christmas...Wrong! When two well-intentioned parents find themselves having to direct the church play at the last minute, they make the terrible mistake of casting the Herdmans; probably the most inventively awful family in history! Chaos and hilarity results as the cast and crew collide head-on with the Christmas story! Come see the show at the Gilliam Center for the Arts on the campus of UVA-Wise. Performances are Dec. 4, 6 and 7. It starts at 7pm with a special matinee performance on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. General Admission is \$10, children, students and senior citizens \$5



*From Leigh*

**SERVING TOGETHER**



Christmas Parade preparations are under way! Thanks, John Ponish, for organizing a fun time of fellowship and service!



Pictured: Karen Ponish, John Kennedy, Mingkwan Collins, Ron Helton, Dan Helton, Regina Cantrell, Bryon Burton, Mark Clark, Kathy Kennedy, Gabriella Collins, Susan Mullins, Sherlene Hall, Linda Bailey, Ruby Salyers, and Shirley Willis.

**The Jubilation Ringers will rehearse at 9 am on Sunday.**

The Christmas Cantata is December 8 at 7:00 pm.  
The Children's Program is December 15 at 5:00 pm  
Blessings, Leigh

**LOCK-IN**

Unfortunately, we are postponing the lock-in because of the weather predictions! We will reschedule soon!

We had an awesome time shopping for and packing the OCC Boxes!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this important and meaningful ministry.

•Good luck to the Central One Act Team at the VHSL State Competition!

•Sunday, December 1, we will have dinner and watch Elf! Stay tuned for time and location.



**As you pray, please remember...**



Marty, Rose and Jon Kennedy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Wanda Baird, All of the cancer patients in our area, Our men and women in the military

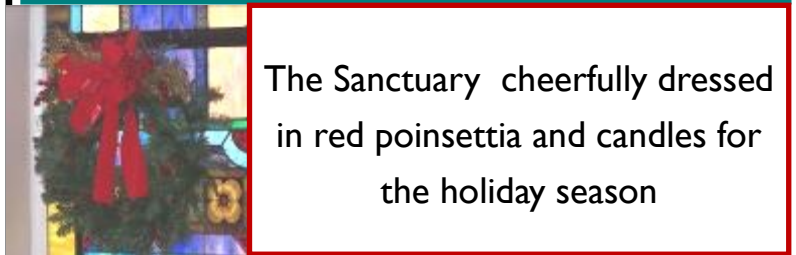
**Our Shut Ins:**

Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Jeanne and Debbie Stallard, Vernoy Bolling, and Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG)

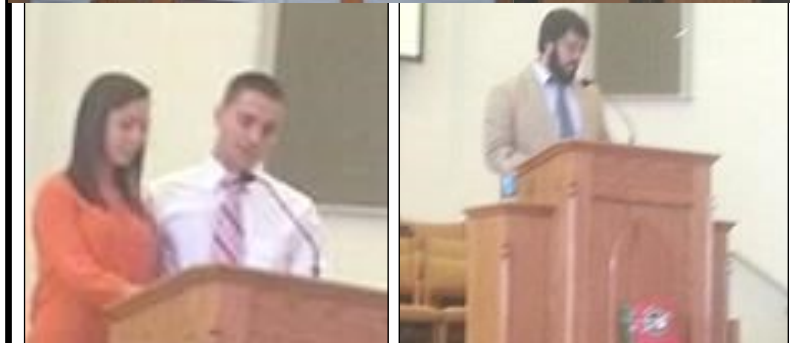
If there are other known prayer concerns and/or shut-ins, please let us know.

T. Ray Maine	Nov 28
Josh Chisenhall	Nov 29
Brenda Kunigelis	Dec 01
Jeff Dotson	Dec 01
Mark Clark	Dec 03

**Happy Birthday**



The Sanctuary cheerfully dressed in red poinsettia and candles for the holiday season



Thank you, Morgan Mays and Cullen LaVoi, two of our college students, for reading our morning scripture and leading the prayer. Thank you, Conan Sherlin, for our message on Sunday morning from Colossians.

## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	11/24-30	Bill Sutherland, John Ponish
	12/01-07	Jerry Baird, Ron Helton
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Eva, Susan S.
Worship Welcome Team:		Cindy E., Oscar R., Daniel R., Wendy A.
S.S Greeters:	12/01	Mike and Rebecca Osborne
	12/08	Bob and Teresa Adkins
Nursery:	12/01	Vanessa Cyphers, Russell Cyphers, Landon Elkins, Daniel England
	12/08	Jessica Crutchfield, Bryan Crutchfield, Vanessa Mullins, Jason Mullins
Children's Church:	12/01	Jennifer England
	12/08	Vanessa Mullins
PA:	12/01	Oscar Raile
	12/08	Wayne Isaac
Tellers:	December	Lee Ann Adkins, Kathy Helton
Ushers:	12/01	Jeff Adkins*, Jeff Cantrell, John Ponish, Mark Clark, Scott Snodgrass, Dan Helton, Ron Helton
	12/08	Youth* *offertory prayer
Serving Team:	11/27	No activities
	12/04	Pat Adkins, Gail Kiser, Mingkwan Collins
Wed Meal:	11/27	No Meal
	12/04	Meat Loaf, Mashed Pot, Green Beans, Roll

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## Weekly Opportunities

Wednesday	Nov 27 Church office closed
Thursday	Nov 28 Happy Thanksgiving Church office closed
Friday	Nov 29 Church office closed
Sunday	Dec 01 Sunday School @ 10:00 a Worship @ 11:00 am
Monday	Dec 02 Children's choir @ 3:45 p

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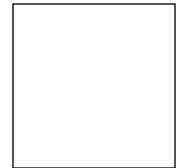
**CHRISTMAS CANTATA~DEC 8 @ 7 PM~CHILDREN'S PROGRAM~DEC 15 @ 5 PM~**



**Wise Baptist Church**

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### Thought For The Week :

“ And whatever you do whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the father through him.” Colossians 3:17 NIV

# December

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Sunday School worship</i> 1</p> <p><b>B:</b> Brenda Kunigelis, Jeff Dotson</p>	<p><b>NO quilting groups till new year</b> 2</p> <p><i>Children's choir 3:45pm</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>B:</b> Mark Clark</p>	<p><i>Mission Committee Meeting—5:00 pm Meal 6pm Bible Study 6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:50pm</i> 4</p> <p><b>B:</b> Nathan Lee</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>B:</b> Kevin Dotson, Elizabeth Davidson, Heath Chisenhall David Sheppard</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p><i>Christmas Parade 5:30</i></p> <p><b>B:</b> Brittany Osborne, Jean Moore <b>A:</b> John &amp; Karen Ponish</p>
<p>8</p> <p><i>Deacon's meeting 8:30am Sunday School 10am Worship 11 am An Evening of Christmas Music—7:00 pm Reception to Follow</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>Children's Choir 3:45</i></p> <p><b>B:</b> Robert Baird</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>B:</b> Sydney Johnson</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Meal 6pm Bible Study 6:45 Choir Rehearsal 7:50</p> <p><b>B:</b> Jessica Crutchfield</p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>Women on Mission—Noon</i></p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>B:</b> Jim Sturgill</p>
<p>15</p> <p><i>Children's Christmas Program—5:00 pm</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>B:</b> Irene Black</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>B:</b> Alex Knox</p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>Church Christmas dinner in the fellowship hall 6pm</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>A:</b> Shane &amp; Susan Mullins</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>B:</b> Mars ha Tolbert, Bryan Crutchfield</p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>B:</b> Samuel Wills</p>
<p>22</p> <p><i>Sunday School 10am Worship 11am</i></p> <p><b>B:</b> Rick Mullins, Dallas Kennedy, Jon Kennedy</p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>B:</b> Lee Ann Adkins, Sherlene Hall <b>B:</b> Buster Brown</p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>Christmas Eve Communion Service—11:00 pm</i></p> <p><b>B:</b> Carolyn Strouth, Jim Collie</p>	<p>25</p> <p><i>Christmas Day</i></p> <p><b>B:</b> Lilyanna Hardin</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>B:</b> Lindsay Allio</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>B:</b> Randy Longworth, Bea Hill, John Steven Wills</p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>A:</b> Don &amp; GiGi</p>
<p>29</p> <p><i>Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Mission meal -noon</i></p> <p><b>B:</b> Patsy Boggs, Vernoy Bolling</p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>B:</b> Paul Maine</p>	<p>31</p> <p><i>New Year's Eve</i></p> <p><b>B:</b> Alicia Longworth, Cameron Driver <b>A:</b> Jeff &amp; Cindy Elkins</p>			<p>B=Birthday A=Anniversary</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office. (328.6247)</p>

