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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

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*A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.*



Dear church family and friends,

There is great power in words that can be either constructive or destructive. Gossip would be a destructive expression of words. We all do a little or a lot of it, men and women, alike.

Gossip is usually negative information about another person who is not present. The purpose is to present them in an unflattering way. This sets several negative things in motion. The other person does not have a chance to respond. There is no opportunity for the two parties to work out their differences, because direct communication is avoided between two individuals who seem to have an issue.

It also is an occasion to avoid dealing with our own problems or stresses. If we focus on the misbehavior of another, we can avoid facing our own struggles. Gossip can create a negative, critical atmosphere. It injures trust, creates dissension, and is a poor witness for Christ.

What is the role of a follower of Christ when it comes to gossip? Recognize it. Say something like...“It sounds like you have some concerns with \_\_\_\_\_. Have you talked it over with him (or her)?” Do not participate in the gossip. Let it stop with you.

Technology provides us the opportunity to spread good news or bad news faster than ever before. Instead of spreading the “bad news” of gossip, let us spread the “good news” of Jesus Christ at every opportunity.

Love, Pastor Mike

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Leadership Team Retreat

Nov 9

### “Catching Fire” premiere

Nov 21

### Operation Christmas Child Collection Day

Nov 24

### Christmas Cantata

Dec 8

### Marriage Retreat

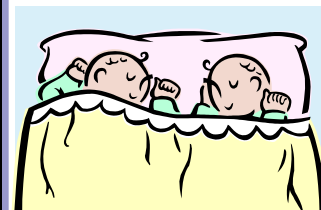
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### Congratulations!

We would like to offer our congratulations to Gary and Susan Smith on the safe and uneventful birth of their twin grandbabies. They were long awaited and in all our prayers for their safe delivery.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Daily Prayer Guide for Operation Christmas Child

**Sunday:** Thank God for blessing Operation Christmas Child with more than 100 million shoebox gifts over the past 20 years. Pray that millions more children will experience the love of Jesus Christ through these simple gifts.

**Monday:** Ask God to bless the labors of local volunteers who serve year-round to collect, process, transport, and deliver shoebox gifts around the world.

**Tuesday:** Pray that the Lord will use Operation Christmas Child to bring joy to boys and girls in developing countries who face difficult circumstances such as poverty, disease, famine, and war.

**Wednesday:** Pray that every girl and boy who receives a shoebox gift will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Thursday:** Pray that every girl and boy who receives a shoebox will experience God's unconditional love and provision through the gifts they receive.

**Friday:** Pray for the children who enroll in *The Greatest Journey* follow-up discipleship program, that they will come to faith in Jesus and share the Good News with their friends and family.

**Saturday:** Pray for the safety of Operation Christmas Child volunteers who are serving in areas of the world where people may be hostile toward Christians.

During national collection week, we ask that you follow this prayer guide and help out in our relay center at the Rock.

November 18-25 is the week that we will be accepting boxes from other churches and individuals in the area. We need people at the Rock to accept those boxes. Not hard to do. If you could spare some time we need people Mon—Fri, 2 till 6pm and on Sat, 9-3pm and Sunday, 2-6pm. Our own collection day will be on Sunday, however we will still be accepting area boxes at the Rock on Monday, 9 till noon. If you could work any of those time slots, please call Rebecca at 365-0969.

**Thank you for your prayers, shoeboxes and support.**

### Habitat Store Closes

We are sorry to announce the closing of the Habitat for Humanities Store. June and Jim Dotson were over that program and it was a very worthy cause. We had volunteers from our church that helped out at the store including John Kennedy, Jim Collie, Harold Witt, Linda Bailey, and Grace Allio. It was located on the 4-lane at the bottom of Wise Mountain. Thanks to all who gave their time and energy with special appreciation to June Dotson for the many hours she put in at the store.

### Leadership Team Retreat

Pray for our Leadership Team as they meet for their annual retreat on November 9<sup>th</sup>. This year the retreat will be a one day event at Natural Tunnel. They will fellowship, pray, and plan together for the upcoming year.

### Love Worth Fighting For

There will be a Marriage enrichment conference, Saturday, Nov 16, 2013. It will be 6 pm at the David J Prior convocation Center (UVA Wise). Kirk Cameron will be your guide and music will be from Warren Barfield. Tickets at the door will be \$25. Tickets are also available at [www.facebook.com/cgroupproductions.com](http://www.facebook.com/cgroupproductions.com) or by phone (276) 523-1866.

### Changes in Schedule

Due to Thanksgiving there will be some changes in our usual routine. There will be no Wednesday night activities on Nov 27<sup>th</sup> and no quilting groups for Nov 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.



*From Leigh*

I would like to express my deepest thanks and gratitude to the Sanctuary Choir for the marvelous music they offered during the service for Lawrence Black on Saturday. Lawrence loved the choir! He had an incredibly low bass voice that just resonated when he sang one of those low notes. He loved to sing but, he loved the fellowship even more. He will truly be missed.

Our choir is a welcoming, warm, caring group of friends who love the Lord and who love music. New members are always welcome—we have plenty of chairs and plenty of robes! Please prayerfully consider serving with us through music.

This Sunday, the Singing Sunbeams and the Joyful Noise Choir will lead us in worship. Looking forward to a tremendous blessing!

Blessings, Leigh

**The Joyful Noise Choir will meet at 9:15 am Sunday in the Sanctuary for rehearsal.**

Thank you, Sherlene Hall, for your marvelous testimony in worship. You spoke of many women who have been an inspiration to you; you are a tremendous inspiration to all of us. I am grateful for your faithfulness and willingness and for your passion for missions and outreach. *To God Be All Glory!*



#### CONGRATULATIONS!

Lily Snodgrass and Noah Hall are members of the Central One Act Play team that won 1st place last week in the conference. They will give a public performance of *A Thousand Cranes* on Thursday evening at 7:30 pm at the Central auditorium.



#### ROAD TRIP

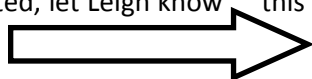
We had a great time on Friday night! 15 of us went to Gate City to cheer on the band and the football team. Unfortunately, the team did not win. But, Daniel played an excellent game. Rachel Porchie and Abi Maine sounded great in the stands. Following the game, we went to eat a late night dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings. Special thanks to Mark Collins for driving the bus!

#### YOUTH ON SUNDAY

Thank you to the Elkins and Large families for providing our meal last night—it was awesome! Mark led a lesson on adversity and we played a very exciting game of "train wreck"! This week our meal is provided by Donna. Hope to see you there and remember: Invite a friend!!

#### CATCHING FIRE

On Thursday, November 21, the youth are invited to watch the premiere of *Catching Fire*. We will attend the 11 pm show. If you are interested, let Leigh know this week.



#### As you pray, please remember...

Jon Kennedy, Pat and Fred Adkins, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Wanda Baird, Marty and Rose Kennedy, Irene Black and family

All of the cancer patients in our area

Our men and women in the military

#### Our Shut Ins:

Jack Tolbert, Sr., 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.



#### Edgar & Bonnie Owens Nov 11



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|-------------------|--------|
| Loretta Williams  | Nov 6  |
| Donna Hutchinson  | Nov 6  |
| John Kennedy      | Nov 6  |
| Forrest Stalnaker | Nov 7  |
| Reagan Elkins     | Nov 8  |
| Judy Combs        | Nov 10 |
| Peter J. Yun      | Nov 12 |

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**Birthday**



**A group of adults from the WBC Sunday School classes travelled on Saturday to view the frescoes at St. Mary's Episcopal Church and then to eat at Shatley Springs. It was a wonderful day! Thank you, J & J Travel (Jerry Vance and John Ponish), for putting together a wonderful adventure!**

#### LOCK-IN

We are tentatively making plans to have a youth lock-in on Tuesday, November 26. Let Leigh know as soon as possible if that date would work for you.



## Volunteers this Week

|                       |                    |                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Deacons On Call:      | 11/3-9<br>11/10-16 | John Ponish, Ron Helton<br>Lewey Lee, Dan Helton<br>Ron, Dan, Scott S.<br>Susan M., Eva, Susan S., Gigi,<br>Cindy E., Oscar R.,<br>Daniel R., Wendy A. |
| Building Stewards:    |                    | John Kennedy                                                                                                                                           |
| Instrumentalists:     |                    | John Ponish                                                                                                                                            |
| Worship Welcome Team: |                    | Donna and Butch Hutchinson,<br>Rachel Bailey, Rachel Porchie<br>Regina Carson, Susie Clasby,<br>Brooklyn Kennedy, Mary<br>Steudemann                   |
| S.S Greeters:         | 11/10<br>11/17     | Beverly Viers, Megan Cline<br>Holly Meade                                                                                                              |
| Nursery:              | 11/10<br>11/17     | Wayne Issac<br>Mike Osborne                                                                                                                            |
| Children's Church:    | 11/10<br>11/17     | Oscar Raile, Mike Strouth<br>Lewey Lee*, Bob Adkins, Gary<br>Smith, Bill Sutherland, Mike<br>Strouth, David Mullins, Matt<br>Meade, Ron Swindall       |
| PA:                   | 11/10<br>11/17     | Jason Mullins*, Jeff Elkins, Bryan<br>Burton, Robert England, Dwight<br>Jessee, Daniel Ray, John Mark<br>Adrian, Travis Jessee                         |
| Tellers:              | November           | *offertory prayer                                                                                                                                      |
| Ushers:               | 11/10<br>11/17     | Linda Bailey, Ruby Salyers,<br>Rebecca Osborne, Artie Bailey<br>Vanessa Cyphers, Susan Smith,<br>Jennifer England, Karen Ponish                        |
| Serving Team:         | 11/06<br>11/13     | Chicken Casserole (chix nug),<br>Mashed Potatoes, Corn<br>Spaghetti and Garlic Bread                                                                   |
| Wed Meal:             | 11/06<br>11/13     |                                                                                                                                                        |

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## Weekly Opportunities

|           |        |                         |          |
|-----------|--------|-------------------------|----------|
| Wednesday | Nov 6  | Meal                    | 6:00 pm  |
|           |        | Bible Study             | 6:45 pm  |
|           |        | Choir Rehearsal         | 7:50 pm  |
| Saturday  | Nov 9  | Leadership Team Retreat | 8:00 am  |
| Sunday    | Nov 10 | Sunday School           | 10:00 am |
|           |        | Worship                 | 11:00 am |
|           |        | Youth                   | 6:00 pm  |
| Monday    | Nov 11 | Caring Friends          | 9:30 am  |
|           |        | Children's choir        | 3:45 pm  |

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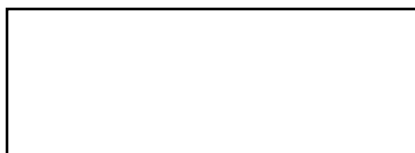
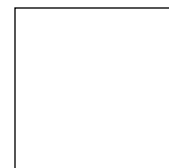
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## Thought For The Week :

"He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life." [2 Corinthians 3:6 NIV](#)