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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

November 6, 2012

Important Dates:

Wed, November 7th

5:00 pm—Mission
Committee Meeting

6:00 pm—Dinner

6:45 pm—Bible Study
for All Ages

7:50 pm—Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal

Thu, November 8th

Noon—Women on
Mission

Sun, November 11th

11:00 am—Special
Guest Col. Glenn Frazier

12:30 pm—Cantata
Choir Rehearsal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, November 18th

Noon—Luncheon to
Support the Patient Care
Fund at the SWVA
Cancer Center

Wise Baptist Church Communication Card

The "Communication Card" is for **everyone** every week. It is not just for guests. Instead of having many sign-up lists, it is a central place for people to sign up for all 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.



Dear church family,

In recent weeks there has been an avalanche of political campaigning. Today, even the word "politics" often has a negative meaning. It has become a way of saying something is corrupt, dishonest, manipulative, etc.

The word comes from the Greek word "polis" which meant a city-state. That referred to the group of people organized and agreed upon to be governed in a certain way. Politics, then, just refers to affairs of the city-state. Politicians are chosen or elected officials to help govern the people.

By the time you read this, a pitched election battle, locally and nationally, will be over. This involved politics of an earthly kingdom for Wise County, the state of Virginia, and the United States.

The Apostle John, when he writes the Book of Revelation, is dealing with the earthly political kingdom of Rome. Surprisingly, the gospel of Jesus Christ is more "political" than we might have imagined. The "Kingdom of God" is a political figure of speech. A kingdom is always about the ruler and those who are ruled. The Kingdom of God includes everything and everyone under the rule of God.

The politics of Rome are brute force. It seems powerful and may get faster "results". The politics of Rome are backed up by the mighty Roman armies. The politics of grace seem much less powerful. God's grand announcement is the birth of a tiny helpless baby in Bethlehem. How can the Kingdom of God survive? Look around you...do you see any sign of the Roman armies today? On the other hand, do you see any sign of the spiritual armies of the people of God spread across nearly every corner of this world?

We overestimate the politics of Rome and underestimate the politics of grace. When we wake up Wednesday (depending upon when the new president is declared), remember that there is a greater kingdom upon which all lesser, earthly kingdoms depend.

Love in Christ, Who is the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
Pastor Mike

Welcome New Member!



On Sunday, November 4th, Linda Bailey came forward to make a Statement of Faith and to request membership in the Wise Baptist Church. We look forward to Linda's Baptism in the near future.

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



New Church Directory

DON'T FORGET! Sign-ups for portrait sittings are underway! Portraits will be taken **November 14th—17th.**

EVERYONE is encouraged to be photographed. **Please contact Sandy Yun (328.5192) or Margie Horton (margiehorton@comcast.net) as soon as possible to reserve your time slot.**



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

It's time to start filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! Boxes are available at the Sanctuary and middle entrances to the church. Please donate \$1 per box. There is a brochure in each box with information on how to pack the box, postage details, and a tag to be taped to each box. If you would like to make a monetary donation toward the boxes, the youth will do the shopping and packing. Please designate OCC on your check and drop in the offering plate during worship or give it directly to Leigh.

Shoeboxes will be dedicated on Sunday, November 18th.



Lunch to Support Patient Care Fund at 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, peas, potatoes, 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.)**

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!



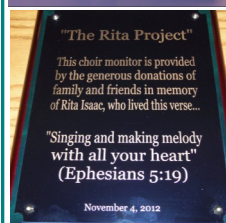
All adults are invited to attend a Bible Study. It's never too late to join in! The following 6-week studies are offered:

Becoming a Contagious Christian

Habitudes: Images That Form Leadership Habits and Attitudes

"The Andy Griffith Show" Bible Study Series

GOOD NEWS



Rita Project Dedication: Thank you to family and friends of Rita Isaac who contributed to the "Rita Project." The new monitor allows the choir to see the visuals shown during worship allowing the choir members to participate more fully in worship. The plaque will be displayed in the Sanctuary as a reminder to us all of Rita's love of making music.

Thank you from Ray and Carolyn Jones: Sunday afternoon a group of young people came to our home and got our lawn in shape for the season. They did a great job removing leaves, limbs, emptying the flower pots, blowing leaves off the roof, etc. There was not a slacker among them! They brought apple butter, and most important they came in and spent some time with Ms. Carolyn. Mimi was also overjoyed to have such good company. Thank you Scott, Beth, and John K. for helping make that project a reality. Our hope is that next year Carolyn, Mimi and I can be part of a work crew. Thanks for helping out when we needed you. Remember, I Love You More. Pastor Ray

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Operation Christmas Child Relay Center

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far to staff the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Relay Center! We will receive shoe box gifts from other churches, community groups, individuals, and families during National Collection Week (11/12 - 11/19). We will then relay those boxes to a collection center in Big Stone Gap. **You can still volunteer!** WBC needs to staff our relay center (The Rock) during collection week according to the following schedule:

Monday, 11/12 - Friday, 11/16: 2 pm—6 pm

Saturday, 11/17: 9 am—3 pm

Sunday, 11/18: 2 pm—6 pm

Monday, 11/19: 9 am—noon

If you are available to staff our relay center at any of these times, please contact **Rebecca Osborne (Osbornes4God@aol.com or 276.365.0969).**

MEETING REMINDER

The **Mission Committee** will meet on Wednesday, November 7th at 5:00 pm in the Men's Sunday School classroom.



From Leigh

Oh, wow! The new choir monitor is a true blessing. Thank you to everyone who has helped make that project possible.

How Beautiful is one of my favorite Communion Anthems. I love the imagery of the "hands and feet" of Christ serving the wine and bread and bringing the *Good News!* On Sunday afternoon, a group of young people and adults shared the blessings and love of Christ with some in our church who had a need. That is church; that is the *Body of Christ*; that is servant evangelism. You don't have to look very hard or very far to find those in need. Take a chance—reach out. You will be glad that you did!

Blessings, Leigh

TRUTH will rehearse at 9:15 am on Sunday morning.

The Sanctuary Cantata Choir will rehearse from 12:30 pm -1:45 pm on Sunday.

THANK YOU!

To all of the youth who served on Sunday—Rachel P., Rachel B., Lily, Emma, Noah, Alex H., Alex A. Nick, Daniel, and Christian—You are a blessing!

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Christian Coomer and Alex Hall for making it to the State Cross Country Meet—good luck on Saturday!

To Alex Hall and the Central One Act Team for winning the District Competition last week.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

On Sunday evening, we will go shopping for Operation Christmas Child during youth. Everyone is asked to bring \$10. We will pack the boxes next Wednesday evening. Your help is also needed on Sunday, Nov. 18 from 2 pm—6pm to help at the OCC Relay Center at the Rock.

As you pray, please remember...

Pat and Fred Adkins, George Barnette, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Michelle Hunter, Shirley Willis, Glenn and Bea Hill, Lynell Wells, Clifford Bailey, Billie Harris, Michelle Sisson, and Roger Williams

All of the cancer patients in our area

Our men and women in the military

Our Shut Ins:

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

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



November 6 Loretta Wood
Donna Hutchinson
John Kennedy

November 7 Forrest Stalnaker

November 8 Reagan Elkins

November 10 Judy Combs

November 12 Peter J. Yun



November 11
Edgar & Bonnie Owens

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.



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 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.

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	11/4-11/10	Bill Sutherland; Ron Helton
	11/11-11/17	Edgar Owens; Gil Blackburn
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Worship Welcome Team		Jason Mullins, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray, and Wendy Adrian
SS Greeters	11/11	John Ponish
	11/18	Lewey & Brenda Lee
Nursery	11/11	Jeff & Lee Ann Adkins; Anthony & Heather Wilson
	11/18	Pat Adkins; Pam Collie; Kathy Osborne; Kim Coomer
Children's Church	11/11	Vanessa Mullins
	11/18	Tracy Wills
PA	11/11	Oscar Raile
	11/18	Mike Strouth
Tellers	Nov	Martha Blackburn and Oscar Raile
Ushers	11/11	Scott Snodgrass*, Dan Helton, Ron Helton, Mark Clark, Jeff Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, and John Ponish
	11/18	Christian Coomer* and Senior Youth *Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	11/7	Vanessa C., Susan S., Jennifer E., and Karen P.
	11/14	Beverly V., Sandy M., Erra S., and Brenda K.
Menu	11/7	Breakfast for Dinner
	11/14	Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, and Salad

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



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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DON'T FORGET: WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY ~ 6:00 PM

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Thought For The Week:

"But to keep me from being puffed up with pride because of the many wonderful things I saw, I was given a painful physical ailment, which acts as Satan's messenger to beat me and keep me from being proud. Three times I prayed to the Lord about this and asked him to take it away. But his answer was: 'My grace is all you need, for my power is greatest when you are weak.' I am most happy, then, to be proud of my weaknesses, in order to feel the protection of Christ's power over me. I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and difficulties for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong." ~ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (Good News)