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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,

Something that puzzles me is the power of negativity. It exerts a powerful pull on all of us. Why does bad news, which fills the media, command our attention more than good news? Why does one negative comment seem to get more traction than nine positive comments?

Someone once said that “bad news has already traveled around the world while good news is still getting its boots on”. Does it indicate a deep belief inside of us that is confirmed every time something bad happens? It is as if we are saying to ourselves and the world...“this is what life is really about”.

The end result can be that it discourages and defeats us. When we look more deeply, it is a point of view that is lacking in hope. I believe it is also unbiblical. We may not even realize we are thinking this way.

The gospel means “good news”. It is the good news that Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer”, has come. The Bible is a book of hope. It tells the story of God seeking a personal relationship with each of us in order to redeem and reclaim our broken world. We have the grand privilege and purpose to participate in that mission.

Even the book of Revelation is fundamentally about hope. Too often, it is pictured to be about doom and destruction. That is a message of defeat. That misses the larger idea of God’s final victory.

Dear ones, whenever the bad news of the world overwhelms and defeats us, let us challenge that bad news with the good news of Jesus Christ and His saving, redeeming power! I leave you with the final verse in the Bible. Rev. 22:21 says “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen”

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Youth Serving Day
Oct 27
Trunk or Treat
Oct 30
Road Trip (youth)
Nov 1
Junior Youth Project
Nov 3
Leadership Team Retreat
Nov 9
OCC Collection Day
Nov 24
Christmas Cantata
Dec 8
Marriage Retreat
Jan 24-26

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IN SYMPATHY

We have three families we would like to offer our deepest sympathy for their loss. We lost Lynelle Wells this week as well as David Sheppard lost his Grandmother, Eleanor Mae Cook and Clyde Vance lost his brother, Johnny Vance. You all are in our prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Operation Christmas Child Relay Center

Wise Baptist Church will again serve as a Relay Center for Operation Christmas Child this year. **What does that mean?** We will receive shoe box gifts from other churches, community groups, individuals, and families during National Collection Week (11/18 - 11/25). We will then relay those boxes to a collection center in Big Stone Gap. **How can you help?** WBC needs to staff our relay center (The Rock) during collection week according to the following schedule:

Monday, 11/18 - Friday, 11/22: 2 pm—6 pm

Saturday, 11/23: 9 am—3 pm

Sunday, 11/24: 2 pm—6 pm

Monday, 11/25: 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) to sign up. Please note: Information for Wise Baptist Church's shoe box collection is coming soon!

Boxes Available

Please pick up a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. We have them located in the foyer and at the elevator. They are simple to put together. There is a \$1 donation for the box.

Make a difference in a child's life.

Thank you from the children in our community

Our bulletin board in the side entrance is overflowing with thank you notes from the children we helped by giving coats and shoes to with our Fifth Sunday Mission Meal. Drop by and see the children's creative efforts to express their gratitude to the members of Wise Baptist church.

Junior Youth Project
Nov 3rd 12:15 till 3:00
More information soon!

Wednesday Night Bible Study
The studies are the same but the ending date has changed
(Sept. 18 – Nov. 13)



Trunk or Treat

Following dinner on Wednesday, Oct 30th, everyone is invited to decorate your "trunk" and bring treat bags for the kids. If you are planning to participate, please try to park in the parking lot next to the Sanctuary. Contact Carla Sheppard at 219-3799. Thanks for participating!





From Leigh

Last Wednesday at youth, our devotion was on facing adversity. When we hear the word “problem”, our first reaction is not positive. However, dealing with and learning from problems is a very real part of all of our lives; this is actually how we grow and how we gain experience. Our discussion was based around the scripture passage found in Romans 8:28-39—*In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

The eagle can teach us a lot about dealing with adversity. Turbulent winds make it difficult for birds to fly, yet an eagle will use the winds to fly higher and gain a larger view of the land. Being higher also helps him avoid the harassment of his enemies. He can also fly longer and faster with less effort. Isaiah 40:31 tells us: *but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

Adversity/problems are the way of life. I pray that we will not only overcome, but learn and grow from all adversity because of our knowledge of Christ and his love for us. Below are some famous quotes on adversity.

Blessings, Leigh

“And once the storm is over, you won’t remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won’t even be sure, whether the storm is really over. But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm, you won’t be the same person who walked in. That’s what this storm’s all about.”
Haruki Murakami

“The brick walls are there for a reason. The brick walls are not there to keep us out. The brick walls are there to give us a chance to show how badly we want something. Because the brick walls are there to stop the people who don’t want it badly enough. They’re there to stop the other people.”
Randy Pausch

“I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.”
Thomas A. Edison

“You must make a decision that you are going to move on. It won't happen automatically. You will have to rise up and say, 'I don't care how hard this is, I don't care how disappointed I am, I'm not going to let this get the best of me. I'm moving on with my life.’”
Joel Osteen



As you pray, please remember...

Jon Kennedy, Pat and Fred Adkins, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Wanda Baird, Lawrence Black, Marty and Rose Kennedy, David Sheppard and family, Bessie and Clyde Vance, Lynelle Wells’ Family
All of the cancer patients in our area
Our men and women in the military
In Hospital: Gloria Raile (Norton Community)

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.

Curtis and Miia Hall Oct 29



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| Debra Wharton | Oct 22 |
| Don Farmer | Oct 22 |
| Sherry Collie | Oct 23 |
| Katie Carson | Oct 24 |
| Beau Chisenhall | Oct 24 |
| Emma Snodgrass | Oct 26 |
| Jean Aker | Oct 26 |
| Kim Lyons | Oct 27 |
| Canaan Godsey | Oct 27 |
| Judy Sturgill | Oct 29 |

Happy Birthday

YOUTH ON SUNDAY

Unfortunately, we were unable to ride the Creeper Trail on Sunday—just too many schedule conflicts—so we met at our regular time in the youth building. We went on a short road trip to visit Hazel Dixon at Mountain View. She was very surprised and pleased to see us! She sends her love to everyone. After visiting Hazel, we ate at the new Taco Bell and then we *might* have created a little “mischief” using forks...It was a very fun night!!

SERVICE

On Sunday, October 27, all youth and parents and friends of youth are invited to participate in our annual “Day of Service”. We will rake leaves, clean up yards, etc. for several members of our congregation. Lunch will be provided in the youth building immediately following worship. Please let Robert or Leigh know if you plan to participate. Thank you!

ROAD TRIP

Friday, November 1, we will take the bus to the Central vs Gate City football game. Meet at the church at 5—pizza will be provided. Bring \$ for the game and for a late night dinner.



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	10/20-26 10/27-11/2	Bill Sutherland, Jerry Baird Gil Blackburn, Robert England
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Eva, Susan S., Gigi,
Worship Welcome Team:		Cindy E., Oscar R., Daniel R., Wendy A.
S.S. Greeters:	10/27 11/03	Billie Harris David and Sandy Mullins
Nursery:	10/27 11/03	Pat Adkins, Pam Collie, Cyndi Newlon, Chelsea Polly Ginger, Jerry and Jasmine Vance, Melissa Blackburn
Children's Church:	10/27 11/03	Crutchfield Family Cindy Elkins
PA:	10/27 11/03	Oscar Raile Mike Strouth
Tellers:	October November	David Mullins, Martha Blackburn Oscar Raile, Mike Strouth
Ushers:	10/27 11/03	Youth* Ron Helton*, Jeff Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, John Ponish, Mark Clark, Jerry Baird *offertory prayer
Habitat Store:	10/30 Wed 11/02 Sat	Jim Collie, Harold Witt June Dotson
Serving Team:	10/23 10/30	Pat Adkins, Gail Kiser, Mingkwan Collins Teresa Adkins, Brenda Lee, Cyndi Newlon, Gina Chisenhall
Wed Night Dinner:	10/23 10/30	Potluck Pizza

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Weekly Opportunities

Wednesday	Worship Committee	5:00 pm
	Meal	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth Serving day	Noon
Monday	Caring Friends	9:30 am
	Children's Choir	3:45 pm

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TRUNK OR TREAT OCT 30, 2013 STARTING AT 7 PM



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Thought For The Week :

"A person finds joy in giving an apt reply— and how good is a timely word!" [Proverbs 15:23 NIV](#)