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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 church family and friends,

America has a fiercely independent DNA. Much of the thirst for freedom was fueled by the lack of freedom in England: spiritual, political and economic. This independent spirit can be so strong that when anyone gets close to “infringing” on our freedom, we push back out of fear of losing our freedom.

Ironically, too much independence can threaten our freedom and prevent working together when necessary. Our nation struggled as 13 separate colonies formed one nation under our Constitution. States feared giving up independence to a national government. It became clear, however, that they could not stand against England unless they united. In signing the Constitution, each state acknowledged dependence on the federal government.

What we learned from that experience was that there was a need for balance between independence and dependence, freedom and cooperation. Genesis says we are created in the image of God and have free choice. We are individuals and communities. Each individual choice affects other people. Adam’s original sin affected Eve, especially when he blamed her for his sin. After that episode, Adam and Eve had to figure out how to work together and be together for the rest of their lives.

We wrestle with the balance between independence and dependence at all levels: families, friends, churches, communities, towns, counties, states, and countries. We need the individual ideas and energy of each person. But, necessary cooperation can only take place as we give up some freedom to a greater good. Some things can only be accomplished by working together.

As we face challenging times in our region, may all people seek constructive ways to work together to meet the economic, social, and spiritual needs of our county. As we all pray and work together, may our larger community one day not just survive, but thrive.

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

- Mission Committee**
Aug 14 5:14
- S.S. Training**
Aug 17
- Piecemakers**
Aug 19
- Little Stoney Falls (youth)**
Aug 25
- Caring Friends**
Aug 26
- Annual Business Meeting**
Aug 28
- Gas Buy down at Fred’s**
Aug 31
- Beth Moore Simulcast**
Sept 14

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In Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt prayers and deepest sympathy to Shirlee Barnette (and family) for the loss of her husband, George Barnette, on Tuesday, August 13.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVING PROOF LIVE SIMULCAST

WITH BETH MOORE

SEPTEMBER 14, 2013



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

You can register online at www.wisebaptist.com or fill out this registration form and drop it off along with your registration fee in the church office (please make checks payable to Wise Baptist)

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

Number registering _____

All ladies are invited to attend the Beth Moore Simulcast on Saturday, **September 14th** at Wise Baptist Church from 8:45 am until 4:15 pm.

The cost for the event is \$20 / person (\$10 / person for college students) and includes a boxed lunch.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!
Questions? See Wendy, Jennifer, Sandy, Rebecca or Terry

Marriage Enrichment Retreat—Jan. 24-26, 2014

Join us for relaxation, laughter, refreshment and learning Friday night of January 24—Sunday afternoon of January 26 at Bent Creek Lodge Bed and Breakfast. There is room for 10 couples. See the web-site at www.bentcreekncc.com. Total cost is \$318.00. **Deposit of \$144 is due by Sun. Sept. 1.** Make check payable to Wise Baptist Church and indicate it is for Marriage Enrichment Retreat. (Any couple can benefit from the retreat, but it is not recommended for couples in serious distress.)

Last Chance

Sunday school teacher training on Sat. Aug. 17, right here at Wise Baptist. A team organized and trained by the Virginia Baptist Mission Board will lead the conference.

Saturday, August 17th
10 A.M. – Noon

(Lunch will be served at noon)

Wise Baptist Church

Registration deadline— Aug. 14.

Session 1: How to Energize, Engage and Motivate Your Class

Session 2: Creative Ways to Reach Prospects **Registration Required:** Call (276) 328 - 6247 or email Rose@wisebaptist.com



From Leigh

What a wonderful day to be in The Lord's House! There is nothing quite like being surrounded by people who are gathered together to worship God! Our pews were filled yesterday with some new faces. I certainly hope that everyone took the opportunity to welcome those around them. Visitors will sometimes come back because they enjoyed the music or the sermon. But, they are most likely to come back if they genuinely felt welcome! That has been a strength of WBC for many years. Over the next few weeks, we will have lots of students and new teachers "checking us out". Let us extend our warmest welcome to everyone who chooses to worship with us.



Kristen Osborne's oboe solo, *Sweet Hour Of Prayer*, was truly a blessing in worship. Not only is she a wonderful musician, she is a lovely and beautiful person inside and out! Appy State should count their blessings. We are going to miss you!

Blessings, Leigh



LITTLE STONY FALLS

On Sunday, August 25, weather permitting, we will visit Little Stony Falls. We will leave the church at 1:30 pm. Friends are welcome! We will eat at Pizza Hut on the way home.

FALL RETREAT

All youth are invited to participate in a fall retreat to Gatlinburg, Saturday, August 31-September 1. In addition to our devotional and worship time, we will enjoy hiking and visiting Clingman's Dome and maybe even some white water rafting. A \$10 deposit is due by Sunday, August 18. Friends are welcome. (Parents, if you would like to chaperone, please let me know.)

YOUTH/PARENT NIGHT

We had a great turnout for our annual planning meeting last night. We enjoyed some food and some fun games before we got down to planning specific events for our fall calendar. Our calendar includes activities for fun, growth and service. It is going to be a great year! Stay tuned to Facebook for Upcoming Events!

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Please send your college mailing address to Leigh or to the church office via email (wisebaptist@verizon.net) as soon as possible so that we can stay in touch!

Gas Buy down at Fred's

Our deacons will be sponsoring another gas buy-down at Fred's. Gas will be discounted for several hours in order to serve our community in a time of economic distress. It will be on Saturday, August 31. Pray that God will use us to be a blessing to many people in our community.

Mission Committee Meeting Aug 14 @ 5:14
Annual Church Business Meeting Aug 28 @7:00

Happy Birthday

Kim Hall	8/18
Rose Kennedy	8/19
Teresa Adkins	8/20
Cindy Elkins	8/20
Ann Culbertson	8/16
John Ponish	8/17

Happy Anniversary

Ron & Kathy Helton	8/14
John & Toni Thacker	8/16
Rick & Caryn Johnson	8/16
Sam & Debra Wharton	8/17



As you pray, please remember...

Jon Kennedy, Pat and Fred Adkins, Shirlee Barnette, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Lynell Wells, Wanda Baird, Glenn Hill, Lawrence Black, Marty and Rose Kennedy
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, Jewell Bradley, and Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG)

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

Volunteers This Week

Deacons On Call	8/11-8/17	Ron Helton, Mark Clark
	8/18-8/24	Bill Sutherland, Gary Smith
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Worship Welcome Team		Cindy E., Jason M., Oscar R., Daniel R., Wendy A.
S.S. Greeters	8/18	Bob and Teresa Adkins
	8/25	Jim and Sherry Collins
Nursery	8/18	Jeff and LeAnne Adkins, Anthony and Heather Wilson
	8/25	Pat Adkins, Pam Collie, Kathy Osborne, Kim Coomer
Children's Church	8/18	Tracy Wills
	8/25	Beth Snodgrass
PA	8/18	Oscar
	8/25	Mike S.
Tellers	August	Martha Blackburn, Mike Strouth
Ushers	8/18	*Scott Snodgrass, Dan Helton, Ron Helton, Jeff Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, John Ponish, Mark Clark
	8/25	*Youth
Serving Team	8/14	Teresa Adkins, Brenda Lee, Cyndi Newlon, Gina Chisenhall,
	8/21	Linda Bailey, Ruby Salyers, Rebecca Osborne, Artie Bailey
Wed Night Dinner	8/14	Chicken Tenders, texas potatoes, broccoli, rolls
	8/21	Breakfast for Supper

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This Week's Opportunities

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	06:00 pm
	Truth	07:45 pm
Wednesday	Mission Committee	05:14 am
	Meal	06:00 pm
	Bible Study	06:45 pm
Monday	Piecemakers	09:30 am
Saturday	WBA SS Conference	10:00 am

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WBA SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING CONFERENCE SAT, AUGUST 17

Wise Baptist Church

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Thought For The Week:

"Do you not know that [your](#) bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies." [1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV](#)