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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

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WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear friends,

Reflect with me for a few moments on the importance of the statement in Genesis 1 that human beings are made in the "image of God". What does that mean? It means that we are like God in some way. In what ways are we like God?

We are not physically like God, because God is Spirit (John 4:24). It means that we have a mind. We have a sense of right and wrong...a conscience. We have an ability for a relationship with God.

Of 8 separate acts of creation, there is only one of those to whom He speaks. God speaks to human beings. It means that we have the ability to receive communication from God and to deliver communication to God. The cross of Jesus Christ is the supreme act of communication of love.

The whole purpose of God's creation is that it is an opportunity for God to know and love you. Everything from Genesis 1 through Revelation 22 reinforces and re-states that idea. That is how much, how deep, and how wide God's love is for you!

Believe it, receive it, and share it as you go. Earthly kings, since they could not be everywhere in their kingdoms, would place statues of themselves as reminders of their rule. May we be living reminders of the Living God Who loves all people!

Love, Pastor Mike



Week of Prayer for North American Missions and The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering March 3rd—10th

Missionaries faithfully and obediently respond to God's call to go wherever they are needed to share the gospel. They are eager to share and explain God's message of salvation. In this Sunday's bulletin, there will be a guide for the Week of Prayer for North American Missions. Please lift up the six people representing thousands of missionaries serving throughout the United States, Canada and their territories spotlighted in the prayer guide. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will be received throughout the month of March. Please place your offering in the special envelopes found in your pew or designate "Annie Armstrong" on your check.



Important Dates:

Wed, February 27th

6:00 pm—Dinner

6:45 pm—Bible Study
for all Ages

7:50 pm—Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal

Sun, March 3rd

8:30 am—Deacon
Fellowship

11:00 am—Holy
Communion

4:30 pm—"A Time to
Dance" Marriage
Enrichment Bible Study /
Ballroom Dancing

March 3rd—10th

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American Missions and
the Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering

Mon, March 4th

11:00 am—Serve Lunch
to College Students

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wed, March 6th

5:00 pm—Mission
Committee Meeting

Sun, March 17th

Noon—Senior Adult
Luncheon

We extend our heartfelt prayers and deepest sympathies to Bessie Vance and family in the death of her brother, Jimmy Cox, on February 23rd.

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Lunch for College Students

Wise Baptist Church will provide lunch in support of the Collegiate Ministry at UVA-Wise on **Monday, March 4th**. The meal will be served between 11 am and 1 pm at the BCM building. If you can help by preparing food and/or serving on that day, please contact Donna Hutchinson (393.5004 or donnahutchinson@usa.net).



Mark Your Calendars for the Senior Adult Luncheon

Sunday, March 17th Immediately Following Worship in the Fellowship Hall

Senior Adults: Please contact the church office (328.6247) if you are available and would like to attend.

Please contact Leigh or Rebecca (328.6247) if you are interested in being a **SPONSOR** for one or more of our senior adults. It is always an entertaining event and the food is great, too! The cost is \$7.00 per person.



Summer Mission Trip

The trip is open to anyone who is interested and available to serve this summer in the NJ/NY area to help with Superstorm Sandy aftermath. There will be plenty of work on many different levels for all ages. We are working in conjunction with the VA Baptist and the NC Baptist.

We are looking at two dates: June 30— July 6 or July 6—13. Please check your calendar and let Leigh know which date you prefer or if either date works for you.

A refundable deposit of \$25/person is due to Leigh by March 3.



Stones Available

Everyone is encouraged to take a stone from one of the tables (located in the Sanctuary foyer and in the hallway just outside of the Sanctuary). The stone represents the burdens you carry. Take it with you wherever you go. Reflect on Matthew 11:28—30 and daily allow Jesus to carry your burdens. Bring your stone on Easter Sunday morning to lay at the foot of the cross.

MEETING REMINDER

The **Mission Committee** will meet on Wednesday, March 6th at 5:00 pm in the Men's Sunday School classroom.

GOOD NEWS



Thank you to the Joyful Noise Choir for ringing and singing in worship on Sunday, February 24th. This group of children (in grades 4 through 7) is such a blessing to our music ministry! They are under the direction of Leigh Clark and Susan Mullins and meet each Monday after school to rehearse.

Thank you to everyone who donated spare change in support of the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Emergency Fuel Fund Mission Project. All of those nickels, dimes, and quarters are still being counted. Stay tuned for the final total!

A **thank you** note was received from the family of David Sturgill. It is posted on the bulletin board at the middle entrance.

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Wednesday Dinner and Bible Study

Everyone is invited to our Wednesday evening dinner and Bible Study. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm. Bible Study starts at 6:45 pm. There are Bible study classes for all ages each Wednesday evening.



Getting to Know Your Church: Worship Committee

The Worship Committee at Wise Baptist assists the ministerial staff with planning special worship experiences such as Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion, Christmas Eve, etc. Members of this committee are Gil Blackburn, Jim Collie (chairperson), Jeff Elkins, Kim Hall, Donna Hutchinson, Debra Wharton, and Elizabeth Willis.

Wednesday Night Activities

Just a reminder to 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.



From Leigh

One of the greatest joys of my work at WBC is with the Joyful Noise Choir. I absolutely LOVE this age group—I have been told on more than one occasion how crazy I am! But, middle school kids are fun! They like to laugh and they don't mind being silly. They are eager to learn and they love for people to take time to teach them and encourage them. Our group this year is small, but they are so talented. Their voices are sweet and the way they treat each other is even sweeter. They were a blessing in worship yesterday.

Many of you already know that the Hand Chimes were a gift to the church by Pastor Ray's father after the passing of Mrs. Opal Jones. What a wonderful gift that keeps on giving year after year through the Joyful Noise Choir.

I encourage you to pray for our children and our youth everyday. Be thankful for them and encourage them to continue to participate in worship and in the life of the church.

Blessings, Leigh

TRUTH will rehearse at 9 am and 7:45 pm on Sunday.

As you pray, please remember...

Pat and Fred Adkins, George Barnette, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Lynell Wells, Michelle Hunter, Bobbie Farmer, Kathy Dotson and Roger Williams
All of the cancer patients in our area
Our men and women in the military

Hospitalized:

Jack Tolbert, Sr (Heritage Hall—BSG Rehab)

Our Shut Ins:

Jewell Bradley, 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.



February 26

Joanne Kennedy
James Clasby
Lora Wharton
Amy Beth Bridges

February 27

Eric Smith
Meisha Osborne

March 1

John Hedden

March 2

John Prince
Nate Stalnaker

March 3

Michael Allio
Regina Cantrell

March 4

Rebekah Ison



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

We had a great group of youth last night to watch *To Save A Life*. The movie reminds us that we don't have to be perfect for God—He loves us in spite of ourselves. It also reminds us that each one of us can make a difference—we just have to choose to do so. We will meet on Wednesday and Sunday this week for a meal and Bible study—everyone is welcome!

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

The youth have "adopted" three enlisted military persons who are connected with our congregation. Some items that you are encouraged to bring: books, magazines, dvds, beef jerky, crackers, nuts, gummies, pretzels, hard candy, granola bars, lip balm, sunscreen, socks, stationary, lotion, flashlight, puzzle books, amazon or itunes cards, and bug spray. (No pork products are allowed.) Please bring your items as soon as possible. We will include personal cards and a devotional book with each care package that we send.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

Please make plans now to be a part of the serving team for the Senior Adult Lunch following worship on Sunday, March 17. Everyone's help is needed!

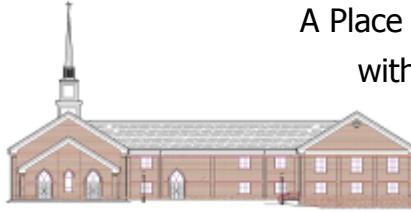
CONGRATULATIONS!

To the Lady Warrior Basketball team for winning the Region D Championship! They will compete at 5:30 pm on Saturday at the DJP Convocation Center at UVAW. **Reagan Elkins** is a member of the team!

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	2/24-3/2 3/3-3/9	Mark Clark; Edgar Owens Gil Blackburn; Ron Helton
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Worship Welcome Team		Cindy E., Jason M., Oscar R., Daniel R., and Wendy A.
SS Greeters	3/3 3/10	David & Sandy Mullins John Kennedy
Nursery	3/3 3/10	Bonnie Owens, Mingkwan Collins, Jason and Vanessa Mullins Rose & Brooklyn Kennedy; Cyndi Newlon; Chelsea Polly
Children's Church	3/3 3/10	Beverly Viers Holly Meade
PA	3/3 3/10	Mike Strouth Wayne Isaac
Tellers	Mar	Sandy Mullins and Martha Blackburn
Ushers	3/3 3/10	Youth Matt Meade*, Ron Swindall, Lewey Lee, Bob Adkins, Gary Smith, Bill Sutherland, Mike Strouth, and David Mullins *Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	2/27 3/6	Beverly V., Sandy M., Erra S., Sherry C., and Brenda K. Pat A., Cindy E., Gail K., and Mingkwan C.
Menu	2/27 3/6	Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, and Salad Chicken Enchiladas, Tacos, Rice and Beans, and Salad

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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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HOLY COMMUNION ~ 11:00 AM WORSHIP ~ SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD

Wise Baptist Church

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Thought For The Week:

"Create pure thoughts in me and make me faithful again.
 Don't chase me away from you or take your Holy Spirit away
 from me. Make me as happy as you did when you saved me;
 make me want to obey!" ~ Psalm 51:10—12 (CEV)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
B=Birthday A=Anniversary	If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office. (328.6247)				1	2
					<u>B:</u> John Hedden	<u>B:</u> Nate Stalnaker
<i>Deacon Meeting—8:30 am</i> 3	4	5	<i>Mission Committee Meeting—5:00 pm</i> 6	7	8	9
Week of Prayer for North American Missions						
<u>Holy Communion</u>						
<u>B:</u> Michael Allio, Regina Cantrell	<u>B:</u> Rebekah Ison	<u>B:</u> Susan Smith, Katherine (Winters) Driver	<u>B:</u> Pat Mullins		<u>B:</u> Heather Kunigelis, Asheton Campbell	
<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> 10	11	12	13	<i>Women on Mission—Noon</i> 14	15	16
<u>B:</u> Florine Pennington			<u>A:</u> Oscar & Gloria Raile	<u>B:</u> Jack Tolbert, Sr.		
<i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 17	18	19	<i>First Day of Spring</i> 20	21	22	23
<i>Senior Adult Luncheon—Noon</i>						
	<u>B:</u> Aaron Clark	<u>B:</u> Betty Easterling <u>A:</u> Tom Boyle & Celeste Smith		<u>B:</u> Cameron Curtis	<u>B:</u> Sarah Jessee	<u>B:</u> Rick Johnson
<i>Palm Sunday</i> 24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<u>B:</u> Kate Jessee			<i>Holy Wednesday Worship Service—7pm</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>			
<i>Easter Sunday</i> 31			<u>B:</u> Nancy Stalnaker	<u>B:</u> Deborah Knox, Christy Landieri, Isabella Landieri, Ashley Farmer		
<i>Flowering the Cross</i>		<u>B:</u> Chloe Cantrell			<u>B:</u> Matthew Collins, Matthew Mullins	

Easter Sunrise Surprise

He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:6a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 24:1-12 (NIV).



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