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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,

Personal testimony by a believer in Christ tells about how someone met God at a particular time and place. When someone shares a testimony, it is holy ground. We get to be there when someone tells about their encounter with God. At

that moment we are ushered into the presence of God. There are many testimonies recorded in the Bible. Six testimonies are registered by Paul, alone, between the end of his third missionary journey and his trip to Rome.

Therefore, I would like to share a testimony about how I saw God at work this past week-end. Terry and I had the privilege of leading (and participating with) 9 other couples in a marriage enrichment retreat in Asheville, NC, which began Friday evening and ended at noon on Sunday.

There was a blend of ages ranging from the 30's into the 60's. We shared funny honeymoon stories, studied the Bible about relationships, discussed ideas, prayed together, had couples devotions, and shared openly. The honest sharing was especially inspiring. None of us has it all together. There is always room to grow spiritually and in our marriage relationships. It seemed that we all came away from the retreat with a little deeper love for God and our spouse.

The group consensus was the desire to have a marriage retreat every year. It is important for the church to be an advocate for marriages. Marriage is one of the most challenging and also rewarding human relationships. *We need God's help to make marriages work and when they do not work, the church also needs to be an advocate to those suffering through divorce.*

Love, Pastor Mike

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Superbowl Party  
(youth)**

Feb 2

**Winter Retreat  
(youth)**

Feb 8 -9

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## SPECIAL NOTICE

### *Our Condolences*



*We offer*

*our*

*sincere*

*sympathy*

*to Beverly Viers  
and family for  
the loss of her  
mother, Billie  
Kiser, this past  
Thursday.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pictured above are 10 couples who attended the Marriage Enrichment Retreat Jan 24-26. Be on the lookout for the next one.

### **Donations for Randy Perry and family**

Special donations for Randy Perry (Beth Snodgrass' brother) can be made to a special account set up for him by Esserville Church at First Bank & Trust of Wise and Norton. He has been diagnosed with a brain tumor.

### ***We welcome a new arrival!***



**Proud Grandparents Marty and Rose Kennedy announce the birth of their new grandson, Zero Jon Kennedy. He was born Jan 22 at 8:52 a.m. His weight is 8 pounds 11 ounces. He is 19.5 inches long.**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

*A Thank you to all who helped with the meal for the Viers family after worship on Sunday during their time of loss.*

### **Southwest Virginia Partnership**

Thank you to all who made a contribution to the S.W.VA Partnership.

Through our contributions, the partnership is able to meet a number of needs in our area, including projects associated with Impact Virginia and projects for members of our church.

### **Mountain Empire Older Citizens Emergency Fuel Fund Mission Project Save Your Change!!**



The Mission Committee, in conjunction with Sunday School, will sponsor a project for the month of February to help support the Fuel Fund at MEOC. This service assists people 60 years of age and older who are trapped in winter emergency situations with no money to buy fuel or pay fuel bills. Designed to prevent needy persons from having to choose between paying for fuel, food, or medicine, this is one of MEOC's longest running programs which assists over 900 elderly each winter. **How can you help?** Please bring your change to Sunday School each Sunday in February. We will collect the change during Sunday School and then place the collection in the special container in the Sanctuary. All classes are encouraged to participate. If you write a check, please put "MEOC fuel fund" on the memo line.



*From Leigh*

Thank you, TRUTH, Sanctuary Choir and Eva for the beautiful worship music yesterday. I definitely left worship with a “song in my heart”.

I would encourage you to give some thought this week to the words of the call to worship yesterday—*God of the Ages* (words by Margaret Clarkson).

***God of the ages, history’s Maker, planning our pathway, holding us fast. Shaping in mercy all that concerns us; Father, we praise You, Lord of the past.***

***God of this morning, gladly Your children worship before You, trustingly bow; Teach us to know You always among us, quietly sovereign – Lord of our now.***

***God of tomorrow, Strong Overcomer, Princes of darkness own Your command; What then can harm us? We are Your people, now and forever kept by Your hand.***

***Lord of past ages, Lord of this morning, Lord of the future, help us, we pray; Teach us to trust You, love and obey You, crown You each moment Lord of today.***

Blessings, Leigh

•TRUTH will rehearse on Sunday, Feb. 2 at 9:15 am.

•Children’s Choirs rehearse on Mondays from 3:45-5pm at the rock—weather permitting.



### Bible Study

The Zombie Apocalypse Survival Guide for Teenagers has been a wonderful study for our youth! The sub-title to the book is: 27 principles of wisdom when you’re running for your life. Who doesn’t need that!

Last night our lesson was on Matthew 5:44 “love your enemy and pray for those that persecute you”. That is an important lesson for all ages.

Thanks, young people, for being willing to listen and learn and for demonstrating the presence of Christ in your life every single day!

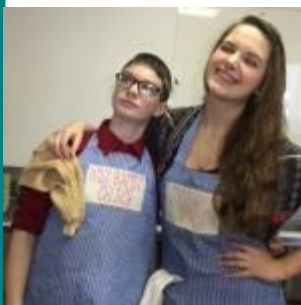
### UPCOMING EVENTS

•Feb. 2, 6:00pm Super Bowl Party (Adkins home)

•Feb. 8-9, Winter Retreat, Winter Place Resort, WV

### “SOUPER BOWL” SUNDAY

Thank you, Emma, Caroline, and Landon for the special announcement you made on Sunday regarding the “Souper” Bowl project. We will collect cans of soup for the next two Sundays. Our youth will donate all soup to the Wise County Food Bank.



### SERVING

Thank you, Noah Hall and Rachel Bailey, for your gift of service at the Viers family meal on Sunday following worship.

***As you pray, please remember...***



Marty, Rose and Jon Kennedy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Roger and Beverly Viers and family, all of the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military

### Our Shut Ins:

Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, and Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG)

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

## Happy Birthday!

Mike Strouth	Jan 29
Andrew Conway	Jan 30
Scott Pippin	Jan 31
Rachel Bailey	Feb 1
Zada Hardin	Feb 2
Caroline Mullins	Feb 3

## What does Church membership Mean?.....

### Protect the Unity of My Church

- ✎ Act in Love
- ✎ Refuse to Gossip
- ✎ Cooperate with leaders

### Share the Responsibility of My Church

- ✎ Pray for church health
- ✎ Invite Un-churched
- ✎ Welcome Guests

### Serve My Lord Through His Church

- ✎ Discover/use my gifts and talents
- ✎ Serve with Pastor, staff and leaders
- ✎ Develop a servant’s heart

### Honor What My Church Stands For

- ✎ Attend Faithfully
- ✎ Live a godly life
- ✎ Give regularly and proportionately

## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	1/26-2/1 2/2-8	John Ponish, Bill Sutherland Mark Clark, Dan Helton
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Eva, Susan S.
Worship Welcome Team:		Cindy E., Oscar R., Daniel R., Wendy A.
S.S Greeters:	02/02 02/09	Bob and Teresa Adkins Jim and Sherry Collie
Nursery:	02/02  02/09	Kathy Osborne, Daniel Ray, Tabitha Ray, Noah Hall Vanessa Cyphers, Russ cyphers, Landon Elkins, Daniel England
Children's Church:	02/02 02/09	Jennifer England Vanessa Mullins
PA:	02/02 02/09	Oscar Raile Mike Strouth
Tellers:	February	Martha Blackburn, Oscar Raile
Ushers:	02/02  02/09	Mark Clark*, Jerry Baird, Edgar Owens, Robert Viers, Stan Kunigelis, Jeff Dotson, Harold Witt, Butch Hutchinson Scott Snodgrass*, Dan Helton, Ron Helton, Jeff Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, John Ponish, Mark Clark *offertory prayer
Serving Team:	01/29  02/05	Linda Bailey, Ruby Salyers, Rebecca Osborne, Artie Bailey Vanessa Cyphers, Susan Smith, Jennifer England, Karen Ponish
Wed meal:	01/29 02/05	Podluck Soup Beans, Kraut, Wieners, Mac/cheese, Combread, Salad, (c-hot dogs)

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## Weekly Opportunities

Wed	Jan 29	Education Committee @ 5pm Meal @ 6pm Bible Study @ 6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal @ 7:50pm
Sunday	Feb 2	Deacon's meeting @ 8:30 am TRUTH @ 9:15 am Sunday School @ 10 am Worship @ 11 am Superbowl Party (youth) @ 6:00 pm (at Alex Adkins' house)
Monday	Feb 3	Piecemakers @ 9:30 am Children's Choir @ 3:45 pm

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~YOUTH WINTER RETREAT ~ FEBRUARY 8 & 9~



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## Thought For The Week :

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand." [Ephesians 6:12-13 NIV](#)

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