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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 friends,

This Sunday, I will complete the sermon series on "The Church in 2013". Several figures of speech in the Bible tell us about the nature of the church. The church is a loving bride to the groom, Jesus Christ.

The church is a serving body. The church is a nurturing family. The church is a marching spiritual army. The church is a spiritual building.

Often, when we talk about the church, we may say, "The church should...". It is as if we are talking about something of which we are not a part. The church is made up of all followers of Jesus Christ. Therefore, when we say the church, we need to take ownership and say "us" instead of "them." If we are talking about the local church, then it applies even more.

A couple of times a month, there is a feature in our worship service called, "Getting to Know Your Church". Several different groups and committees are being featured and described: The Leadership Team, Building and Facilities, Children's, Education, Missions, Youth, Worship, Personnel, and Finance. These are different parts of the working church...that means you. See this time as an invitation for you to pray, support, and take part.

Love in Christ, Pastor Mike

Important Dates:

Wed, January 30th

6:00 pm—Dinner

6:45 pm—Bible Study
for All Ages

7:50 pm—Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal

Sun, February 3rd
"Blessing" Sunday

8:30 am—Deacon
Fellowship

11:00 am—Holy
Communion

Mon, February 4th

11:00 am—Serving
Lunch to College
Students

Wed, February 6th

5:00 pm—Education
Committee Meeting

5:00 pm—Mission
Committee Meeting

Saturday & Sunday,
February 9th and 10th

Youth Retreat to
Winterplace!



Family Crisis Support Services Needs and "Blessing" Sunday

Please join our youth in their project "Blessing" Sunday on **February 3rd**. Your gift of items for the Family Crisis Support Services needs will be a blessing to a family in need.

Over the past six to eight months, the three homeless shelters have operated at 90 to 100% capacity. This has seriously diminished the supplies that are on hand. You can help by donating the following items:

**Dishwashing/Laundry Detergent ~ Toothpaste/Toothbrush ~ Feminine Hygiene Products ~ Shampoo/
Conditioner ~ Cleaning Supplies ~ Shaving Cream/Razors ~ Deodorant ~ Liquid Hand Soap**

Place your donation in the designated box by the elevator at the church. We will offer prayer over all items collected on our "Blessing" Sunday. There is additional information available about the services of FCCS and other items that are needed by the organization on the table by the elevator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 Emergency 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. The program is 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 and it assists over 900 elderly people 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 have a young person place the collection in the special container in the sanctuary during the offering time. All classes are encouraged to participate!



Lenten Devotionals Available

The Sanctuary for Lent 2013 devotional is available in the **Sanctuary Entrance, Middle Entrance, and the Church Office.** The devotionals, beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 13th), explore the life, teachings, and miracles of Jesus as described in the Gospels as well as their meaning for us today. Each devotional reading will help you participate more consciously and intentionally in the presence of God's Son on a daily basis.



"A Time to Dance"

Mike and Terry Winters will lead a 10-week marriage enrichment Bible study which will also include introductory ballroom dancing lessons. The study will be held on **Sunday nights from 6 – 8 pm beginning February 17th** in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to sign-up for the class, please contact the church office (328.6247 or wisebaptist@verizon.net). **VERY IMPORTANT: If you signed up for the class held in the fall but were unable to attend, please confirm with the church office that you would like to attend the upcoming class.**



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. The children are currently engaged in a study titled *Summit Seekers*. Adults meet with Pastor Mike to study "The Greatest Week in History: Luke's Account of the Passion Week". Books for this study are available.



Getting To Know Your Church: Children's Committee

The Children's Committee leads church programs and activities that pertain to young children (birth—6th grade). The committee promotes that 1) God has a concern for children, 2) children can have a relationship with God, and 3) children can have a responsibility to others by organizing programs and activities related to discipleship, missions, and outreach. The members of this committee are: Donna Hutchinson (chairperson), Mingkwan Collins, Cindy Elkins, Jennifer England, Rebekah Ison, Vanessa Mullins, Carla Sheppard, Tracy Wills, and Terry Winters.



Southwest Virginia Cancer Center Healing Garden

The Green Thumb Garden Club is currently seeking donations toward the creation of a healing garden at the Southwest Virginia Cancer Center. More information and donation forms are available at the church entrances or you may contact Pat Adkins (523.2627).

MEETING REMINDERS

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

The **Education Committee** will meet on Wednesday, February 6th at 5:00 pm in the Ladies' Sunday School classroom.

The **Worship Committee** will meet on Wednesday, February 20th at 5:00 pm in the Men's Sunday School classroom.



♪♪♪♪ *From Leigh*

This week I would like to mention two very special people—Rebecca Osborne and Susan Mullins. I'm not sure that we, Wise Baptist Church, always recognize and appreciate what these two ladies contribute to the life of our dear church.

Rebecca is more than a church secretary! She is involved and invested in the life of the church. She is more than a person who prepares the newsletter and bulletin. She prays for those who are hurting; she supports and encourages the staff; she is conscientious about representing Christ in all that she does.

Susan Mullins is more than the church pianist. Her hours of preparation for worship and choir rehearsal happen away from this building. She initiates, coordinates and invites other musicians to help her in worship. She is an amazing musician and she has the best sense of humor! She keeps me laughing!

I encourage you to take a moment to thank these ladies for their faithfulness and service to our Lord here at Wise Baptist Church.

Blessings, Leigh

TRUTH will rehearse at 9 am on Sunday.

As you pray, please remember...

Pat and Fred Adkins, George Barnette, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Lynell Wells, Michelle Hunter, 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.



January 29	Mike Strouth Rebecca Osborne
January 30	Andrew Conway
January 31	Scott Pippin
February 1	Rachel Bailey
February 2	Zada Hardin
February 3	Caroline Mullins



WINTER RETREAT

We are going to Winterplace in WV, Feb. 9-10, for a winter retreat and winter recreation (skiing/tubing!). If you are tubing, your total cost is \$30 plus money for food. If you are skiing, your total cost is \$50 plus money for food. Please settle up with Leigh this week.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

The Adkins' will host our youth and their friends again this year at their home on Sunday, Feb. 3. We will have food, games, and giveaways...and we will watch some football, too! Great opportunity to invite your friends! If you want a ride, meet me at 5:45 at the church. Otherwise, see you there at 6!

"BLESSING" SUNDAY

Sunday, February 3rd is designated as "Blessing" Sunday. Our youth will collect and deliver hygiene items for the Family Crisis Center, i.e. shampoo, detergent, deodorant, toothpaste, etc. Please purchase an item or two and drop them in the boxes located near the elevator. Your gift will be a "blessing" to a family in need.

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

The youth have "adopted" three enlisted military persons who are connected with our congregation. A list of appropriate materials is available. Please bring your "stuff" as soon as possible.



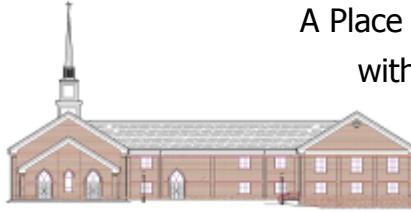
Wednesday Night Activities

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.

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	1/27-2/2 2/3-2/9	Gary Smith; Bill Sutherland Mark Clark; John Ponish
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Worship Welcome Team		Jason Mullins, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray, and Wendy Adrian
SS Greeters	2/3 2/10	John & Edna Hedden Bob & Teresa Adkins
Nursery	2/3 2/10	Vance Family Travis & Kassie Jessee; Sharon Bradley; Sarah Lane
Children's Church	2/3 2/10	Cindy Elkins Megan Cline
PA	2/3 2/10	Wayne Isaac Mike Osborne
Tellers	Feb	David Mullins and Debbie Helton
Ushers	2/3 2/10	Mike Strouth*, Matt Meade, Ron Swindall, David Mullins, Lewey Lee, Bob Adkins, Gary Smith, and Bill Sutherland Daniel Ray*, John Mark Adrian, Travis Jessee, Jason Mullins, Jeff Elkins, Bryon Burton, Robert England, Dwight Jessee *Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	1/30 2/6	Eileen C., Pat A., Cindy E., Gail K., and Mingkwan C. Teresa A., Brenda L., Cyndi N., Gina C., and Edna H.
Menu	1/30 2/6	Potluck Soup Beans, Kraut/Weiners, Mac & Cheese, Cornbread, and Salad (Children's Menu: Hotdogs)

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	TRUTH	7:45 pm
	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd, 4th, & 5th)	9:00 am
Wednesday	Children's Choirs	3:45 pm
	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bible Study (All Ages)	6:45 pm
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
	Women On Mission (2nd)	Noon

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"BLESSING" SUNDAY ~ FEBRUARY 3RD ~ BRING YOUR DONATIONS FOR FAMILY CRISIS SUPPORT SERVICES

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Thought For The Week:

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us." ~ 1 John 4:7—12 (ESV)

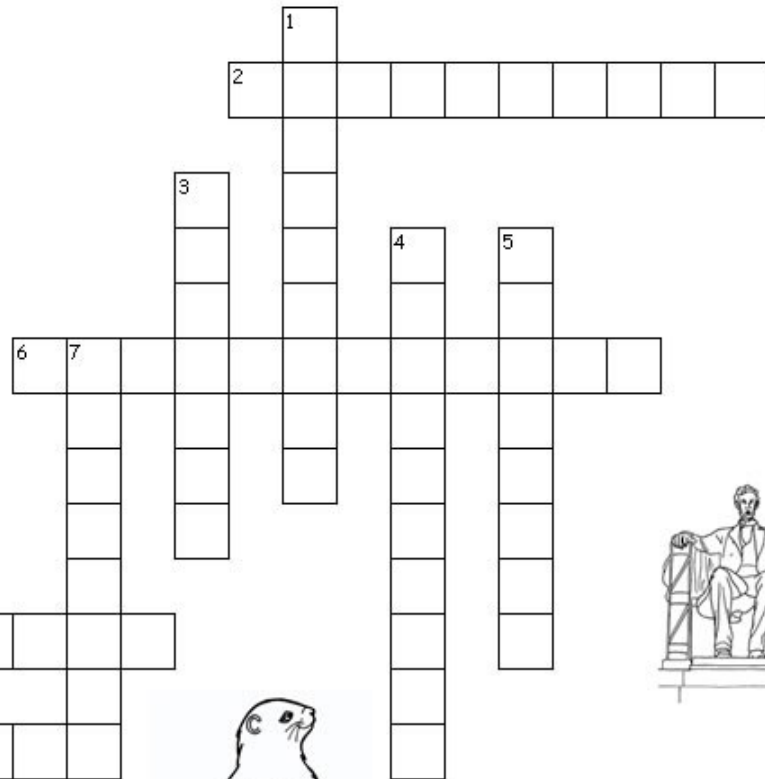
FEBRUARY

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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)		SAVE YOUR CHANGE! WBC is collecting change throughout the month of February for the MEOC Emergency Fuel Fund! Place all donations in the container in the Sanctuary!		1	<i>Groundhog Day</i> 2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>Deacon Meeting—8:30 am</i> <i>“Blessing” Sunday</i> <i>Holy Communion</i> <u>B:</u> Caroline Mullins	<i>Silver Bells and Joyful Noise Choirs 3:45—5 pm</i> <i>Serve Lunch to College Students—11 am (BCM Building)</i>	<u>B:</u> Sagan Holbrook, Nick England	<i>Mission Committee Meeting—5:00 pm</i> <i>Education Committee Meeting—5:00 pm</i> <u>B:</u> Kara Kennedy	<u>B:</u> Phillip Prince, Kaitlin Ponish, Randy Chisenhall, Kathy Kennedy	<u>B:</u> David Whitaker	Youth Retreat—Winterplace, WV
10	11	12	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> 13	<i>Valentine’s Day</i> 14	15	16
Youth Retreat—Winterplace, WV <u>B:</u> Adam Sexton, Johnny Wills, David Mullins, Jennifer England	<i>Silver Bells and Joyful Noise Choirs 3:45—5 pm</i>	<u>B:</u> Kristin (Ponish) Trick	<u>B:</u> Brandon Osborne <u>A:</u> Jim & June Do tson	<i>Women on Mission—Noon</i> <u>B:</u> Thomas Jessee	<u>B:</u> June Do tson, Corrie Cox White, Logan Stewart	
17	<i>President’s Day</i> 18	19	20	21	22	23
<u>B:</u> Lily Snodgrass, Madeline Austin	<i>Silver Bells and Joyful Noise Choirs 3:45—5 pm</i> <u>B:</u> Josh Helton	<u>B:</u> Nicolette Cox	<i>Worship Committee Meeting—5:00 pm</i> <u>B:</u> Vanessa Cyphers	<u>B:</u> Robert England, Amy Yun	<u>B:</u> Juanita Wells	<u>B:</u> Lois Stallard
24	25	26	27	28		
<u>B:</u> Mark Lardieri	<i>Silver Bells and Joyful Noise Choirs 3:45—5 pm</i> <u>B:</u> Jared Owens	<u>B:</u> Joanne Kennedy, James Clasby, Lora Wharton, Amy Beth Bridges	<u>B:</u> Eric Smith, Meisha Osborne			



FEBRUARY



Across

2. _____ Day - A Holiday Celebrating Our Leaders
6. February is _____ Month (2 words)
8. The Sweetest Day
9. February's Season

Down

1. February 2 is _____ Day
3. President Abraham _____
4. Our first President (last name)
5. February is the _____ month
7. Happens every 4 years (2 words)