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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,

The “Lessons from Jacob” are many. Last week, I mentioned about Jacob walking with a limp. Our limp is whatever brings us to the end of our rope.

For Jacob to come to terms with his limp, he had to name it. While he wrestles with God, Jacob is asked “what is your name?”. To tell one’s name in the Bible meant to reveal one’s character. Jacob’s name meant “grabber” or manipulator. To say his name out loud is a confession. This is the first time in the Bible that Jacob says his name out loud.

Before God can transform him, Jacob must cooperate by confessing or agreeing with God about his condition. That confession did not come easily. Jacob was 97 years. Most of those years he was not just running away from his brother. Jacob was running from God and himself.

Jacob walked with a limp. Each of us walks with a limp. We need to find an appropriate place to “confess” our limp. That is when the transforming work of God can begin.

The church is a community of limpers. We not only say “I limp”, but “we limp”. We can limp forward, together, by the grace and power of God to heights we could never achieve otherwise. The Apostle Paul says in II Cor. 12:9 – “I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.”

May God’s power and provision rest upon the Wise Baptist Church to equip us for the mission God has for us!

Love in and because of Christ, Mike



Welcome New Member

At the conclusion of worship on Sunday, June 17th, Pastor Mike greeted Mingkwon Collins as our newest member. Mingkwon comes to Wise Baptist Church by statement of faith.

Pictured: Mingkwon Collins and her daughter, Gabriella

Important Dates:

- Tue, June 19th–
Thu, June 21st**
7:00 pm–Brown Bag Lunch
Ministry–Preparation
- Wed, June 20th–
Fri, June 22nd**
11:45 am–Brown Bag Lunch
Ministry–Delivery
- Tue, June 19th**
6:30 pm–Conversations
with the Pastor
- Wed, June 20th**
6:30 pm–Conversations
with the Pastor
- Thu, June 21st**
6:30 pm–Kindred Spirits
(Ladies Crafting Group)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Sat, June 30th**
9:00 am–Work day at
Youth Building and The
Rock
- Sun, July 1st–
Fri, July 6th**
Brown Bag Lunch Ministry–
Preparation and Delivery
- Sat, July 7th**
9:00 am–Work Day at
Youth Building and The
Rock

Phillip Timp, Guest Speaker

On Sunday, June 24th, Wise Baptist Church is blessed to have Phillip Timp as our guest speaker. Phil will share his inspiring testimony about how God has helped he and his family cope first with his daughter’s illness (Rett Syndrome) and now his own illness (ALS).

GOOD NEWS

Senior Adult Trip: Jerry Vance put together another wonderful Senior Adult trip! On Thursday, June 14th, the group traveled to Wytheville, VA to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre for lunch and a production of *Oklahoma!*



Pictured Far Left: Betty Roberts, Martha Blackburn, and Lois Stallard
Pictured Left: Billie Harris, Artie Bailey, and Clifford Bailey

Brown Bag Ministry: Thank you to everyone at Wise Baptist Church for your donations and help with the Brown Bag Ministry. On Monday of this week, we delivered 170 lunches to children in the Wise / Norton area.

Peanut Butter Drive Thank You Note from the Wise County Food Bank: Thank you for your ongoing support of the Food Bank. The peanut butter was a much needed contribution. We truly appreciate each of you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ministry Opportunities

All of us have gifts. Whatever your gift, we want to put it to good use in the ministries of Wise Baptist Church. Please prayerfully consider where you will serve. Then, fill out a Ministry Opportunities form (available in today's newsletter, Sanctuary and middle entrances, online at www.wisebaptist.com, or in the church office), and return it to the church by **July 15th**. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Personnel Committee (Gil Blackburn, Cindy Elkins, Margie Horton, Brenda Lee, Gary Smith, Debra Wharton, or Elizabeth Wills).



Work Day at the Youth Building and The Rock

On **Saturday, June 30th**, there will be a work day at the Youth Building and The Rock. We'll get started at **9 am**. Tasks to be accomplished include painting and carpet removal. There are plenty of things to get done. Bring your gloves! Wear your closed toe shoes! Bring a heart for service as we work together to transform our facilities to meet our ministry needs!



Vacation Bible School July 23rd—27th 6:00 pm—8:30 pm

We are going "Overboard" this year for VBS and your help is needed! **Helpers** are still needed in **various** areas.

If you are available to help, please contact **Cindy Elkins (679.1060 or rxjazzgirl@hotmail.com)**.

Registrations begin on July 1st! Look for registration forms throughout the church and online!



Summer Brown Bag Lunch Ministry

Wise Baptist Church is the host preparation and delivery team all this week **June 18—22**.

Everyone is invited to participate! Volunteers are needed to pack the lunches (7 pm the night before) and to deliver them (11:45 am each day) during the week. **Contact Kim Hall (393.0163 or 328.6546 or halls4uk@comcast.net) to sign up!**

Donations of fruit snacks and granola bars are also needed. Please bring all donated items to the Fellowship Hall.

Monetary donations are also being accepted. Please make checks payable to **Brown Bag Ministry** and give to Kim or bring to the church office.

Can't help this week? WBC is also the host site from July 1—6th (lunches will not be delivered July 4th). Please plan to participate in this community-wide ministry!



Conversations with the Pastor

Conversations with the Pastor continue! Pastor Mike and Terry will host gatherings throughout the summer on various days of the week.

MEETING REMINDER



Kindred Spirits

Kindred Spirits (ladies crafting group) will meet at the home of Linda Bailey (6289 Alpine Ln., Wise) on Thursday, June 21st at 6:30 pm. This month we will make a small Carolina Snowflake from basket reed. **Please plan to bring a sweet or salty snack!** Drinks and craft supplies will be provided.



FROM LEIGH

Worship yesterday was marvelous!! I would especially like to thank TRUTH and the Sanctuary Choir for the inspiring rendition of Love Has Come. This Sunday, Russell Cyphers will share some special music and Misty Belcher will lead the congregation.

My children are blessed with an amazing father—it may take them a few more years to fully appreciate that statement! Mark has consistently demonstrated true love to Aaron and Anna through his presence, his interest, his expectations, his love of learning, his love for me, and in his Christian walk. He is not perfect; but he takes his role as father seriously because that was the example set for him by his father and more importantly by his Heavenly Father.

It's never too late or too early to begin setting good examples for others—something to think about.

Blessings, Leigh

As you pray, please remember...

Pat and Fred Adkins, George Barnette, Kim Boggs, Carolyn Jones, D L and Patsy Boggs, David Mullins, Michelle Hunter, Elizabeth Davidson, Debbie Collins, Clayton and Shirley Willis, Glenn and Bea Hill, Michelle Sisson, Sherry Collie, and Rita Isaac All of the cancer patients in our area Our men and women in the military

Hospitalized:

Hazel Dixon (Mountain View)

Our Shut Ins:

Jewell Bradley, 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.



All of our youth are encouraged to participate in this week's Brown Bag Lunch ministry—either help with making the sandwiches at 7 pm or with delivery at 11:45 am or both!! You will be blessed! Set aside July 1-6 to help out also.

The next newsletter will be published on Tuesday, July 3rd.



MEOC Farmers Market Fresh for Seniors

Mountain Empire Older Citizens (MEOC) is accepting applications for FREE Farmers Market Fresh for Seniors checks. These checks can be spent at local farmer's markets this summer. Please see the eligibility information posted on the bulletin board at the middle entrance. You may apply in person (1501 3rd Ave. East in Big Stone Gap) or by phone (276.523.4202).



- June 19 Elizabeth Wills June 27 Martha Blackburn Toni Thacker
June 20 Joe Smiddy
June 23 Nathan Swindall June 28 Holly Meade Abby Proffitt
June 24 Aaron Lee June 30 Steve Horton
June 26 Shirley Willis



- June 19 Dan & Debbie Helton June 20 James & Susie Clasby Robert & Jennifer England June 21 John & Phyllis Prince Peter & Sandy Yun David & Carla Sheppard June 22 Danny & Phyllis Wood
June 24 Gary & Susan Smith Mike & Rebecca Osborne June 27 Jerry & Wanda Baird June 29 Matt & Christina Meade June 30 Lloyd & Regina Cantrell John & Edna Hedden July 2 Ray & Jennifer Spenilla Forrest & Nancy Stalnaker

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

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| Deacons On Call | 6/17-6/23 | Lewey Lee; Gil Blackburn |
| | 6/24-6/30 | Robert England; Jeff Adkins |
| Building Stewards | | Ron, Dan, Scott S. |
| Instrumentalists | | Susan, Susan, Gigi |
| Worship Welcome Team | | Jason Mullins, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray, and Wendy Adrian |
| SS Greeters | 6/24 | David and Sandy Mullins |
| | 7/1 | John Kennedy |
| Nursery | 6/24 | Susie Clasby; Regina Carson; Regina Cantrell; Melissa Blackburn |
| | 7/1 | Vance Family; Kathy Osborne |
| Children's Church | 6/24 | Toni Thacker |
| | 7/1 | Beverly Viers |
| PA | 6/24 | Oscar Raile |
| | 7/1 | Mike Strouth |
| Tellers | June | Oscar Raile and David Mullins |
| | July | Debbie Helton and Martha Blackburn |
| Ushers | 6/24 | Nick England*, Christian Coomer, Jerard Vance, Beau Chisenhall, Anna Clark, Caitlin Adkins, and Kaitlin Ponish |
| | 7/1 | Stan Kunigelis*, John Hedden, Harold Witt, Mark Clark, Jerry Baird, Edgar Owens, Roger Viers, and Lewey Lee |
| | | * Offertory Prayer |

Our Wednesday night fellowship and Bible Study are in recess for the summer.



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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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

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WORK DAY AT THE YOUTH BUILDING AND THE ROCK ~ SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH ~ 9 AM

Wise Baptist Church

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Thought For The Week:

“The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.”

Lamentations 3:22-23 (NLT)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES 2012-2013

All of us have gifts. Some are gifted teachers; some are gifted organizers or decorators; some are gifted to work with children; others, with adults. Some are gifted in music or drama or video/audio. Whatever your gift, we want to put it to good use in the ministries of Wise Baptist Church. Please prayerfully consider where you will serve. Then, fill out this sheet and **return it to the church office by July 15th**. A list will be compiled by the Personnel Committee and recommendations made at the Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday, August 29th. If you have any questions about what a particular task involves, please call **Gil Blackburn, Cindy Elkins, Margie Horton, Brenda Lee, Gary Smith, Debra Wharton, or Elizabeth Wills**. The chairpersons of each committee as well as the coordinators of our other ministries are requested to contact those currently serving to ask if they are willing to continue to serve.

COMMITTEES:

_____ **Building and Facilities Management Committee** (improvements, maintenance)

Ministry: The Building and Facilities Management Committee is responsible for the care and maintenance of all Church property, including the buildings, grounds, vehicles, equipment, and furnishings. This committee formulates policy governing the use of Church property and sets priorities and schedules for major repairs and upkeep. This committee shall have at least six members.

_____ **Children's Committee**

Ministry: The purpose of the Children's Committee is to ensure the needs of our youngest congregational members are met. This committee will be responsible for leading all programs that pertain to young children, ages birth through 6th grade. The team will recognize and promote the following three points at a minimum:

- God has a concern for children (learning and discipleship)
- Children can have a relationship with God (evangelism)
- Children have a responsibility to others (missions)

This group will include, but not be limited to representatives from VBS, Choirs, Sunday School, Nursery, and other children's programs in an attempt to ensure continuity of ministry to our children. The group will be responsible for the health and safety issues as they relate to young children, programming, activities, mission, and outreach. This committee shall have at least six members.

_____ **Education Committee**

Ministry: The Education Committee, with the participation and cooperation of the Church staff, will direct and oversee the program of activities and education directed to adult members of the Church, such as Sunday School, Wednesday evening programs, adult retreats or conferences, senior adult, college, singles ministry, or any other program deemed necessary. It will consult with members and teachers of adult Sunday School classes in selection of curriculum materials. It will evaluate the need and resources available for establishment of new Sunday School classes and other adult programs. This committee shall have at least six members, including the Sunday School Director.

_____ **Mission Committee** (i.e., Operation Christmas Child, Lottie Moon Offering, etc.)

Ministry: The Mission Committee shall be responsible for the coordination of mission activities. The committee shall initiate mission activity where needed and seek the aid and cooperation of other groups in supporting these endeavors. The committee shall serve as a clearing house for mission activity with the Church so as to prevent duplication and neglect. This committee shall have at least six members.

___ **Worship Committee** (help plan special worship services, events, and Wednesday programming)
Ministry: The Worship Committee shall be responsible for working with the pastor and other staff members in planning portions of the worship service to include Baptism, Lord's Supper, and other items as requested by the Church Ministerial staff. The Worship Committee shall be responsible for Church decorations. This committee shall have at least six members.

___ **Youth Committee**
Ministry: The Youth Committee shall develop and promote junior and senior youth programs at Wise Baptist Church. Junior Youth will include students in grades 7 and 8. Senior Youth will include students in grades 9 through 12. The Youth Committee shall address the spiritual and social needs of our young people. This committee shall have at least six members.

SPECIFIC TASKS:

- ___ Seasonal Sanctuary Decorations and Paraments
- ___ Baptism Preparation
- ___ Lord's Supper Preparation
- ___ Bereavement Ministry (arranges for food, flowers, etc. for death in family or serious illness)
- ___ Fellowship Ministry (plans for receptions, picnic, showers, etc.)
- ___ Greeters for Sunday School (greet everyone as they arrive for Sunday School, help visitors get to a class)
- ___ Sound System Operator (during worship and for special events/services)
- ___ Children's Church Teacher (during worship)
- ___ Nursery Volunteer (during worship)
- ___ Serving Team for Wednesday Meals (provide desserts and help serve the meal)
- ___ Cancer Center Ministry (ministers to patients stricken with cancer through providing baskets with essential comfort and care items, supplying snacks, sending cards of encouragement, volunteering at Cancer Center, etc.)
- ___ Church Historian (keeps accurate and comprehensive record of the Church and its activities; gathers history and preserves records, minutes, and other documents)

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

- ___ Nursery ___ K-2 ___ Grades 3 – 4 ___ Grades 5 – 6 ___ Junior Youth
- ___ Senior Youth ___ College ___ Adult
- ___ Substitute teacher as needed for children/youth classes

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TEACHERS:

- ___ Nursery ___ 2 Yr Olds ___ Ages 3 – K ___ Grades 1 – 6
- ___ Junior Youth ___ Senior Youth ___ Adult Small Group Leader

NAME: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

Feel free to let us know if there are other ways/areas in which you would like to serve that may not be listed.