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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 church family and friends,

We live in a world of sound-bites. Communication is compressed into a few sentences, a few words or abbreviations of words.

The problem with sound bites is how they fail to communicate clearly. The sound bites only have meaning if they are connected to a larger context. Otherwise, we will misunderstand and misapply the words.

Christian faith can be loaded with separate sound bites. They danger is that important ideas will lose their meaning unless connected to the larger narrative and themes of the Bible.

I am preaching a sermon series called "Sound Bites from Jesus" from now through Easter. These are some important events and ideas that are central to the life and message of Jesus.

What connects these messages and the special times of worship leading up to Easter is the idea of journey. We are a people on a great spiritual journey with Jesus. He invites us to the great adventure to redeem and reclaim our broken world for and to Him.

Strap on your sandals and come along with us!

Love, Pastor Mike



## WELCOME!

On Sunday morning, Tyler Hopkins (3rd from the left), came forward to make his Public Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ. We look forward to his time of Baptism in the near future. Also pictured: Dalton, Jamie, and mom, Stacy.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Youth Lock-In**  
Friday, March 21

**Fifth Sunday Lunch**  
March 30, Noon

**Great Day of Service**  
April 26

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## How to Join

### Wise Baptist Church:

*Express one of the following  
to the Pastor during  
the closing hymn:*

† **Transfer of Letter**  
transfer membership to  
Wise Baptist Church

† **Baptism**  
desire to express faith in  
Christ through baptism

† **Statement of Faith**  
baptized believer not on a  
membership roll

## MISSION FRIENDS

Calling all young people, Grades 3-6, to participate in a monthly program led by Erra Sutherland. Erra will teach our young people about missions and about our missionaries at home and abroad. Mission Friends will meet on the 4th Sunday of each month during worship.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



You can participate in OCC throughout the year by collecting items now for your box. **For the month of March, check out the sale and clearance shelves at your favorite department store and pick up toboggans, gloves, fuzzy socks, scarves and other cold weather related items.** These soft gifts pack nicely into a shoebox!

For all of you who travel, pick up the hotel bar soaps, pens and notepads! These are great items for any age.

Questions? Contact Rebecca Osborne.

### ***Deepen your faith on Wednesday nights!***

These new studies will begin on **April 23 at 7pm.**

**Recovering from the Losses of Life** - H. Norman Wright gives encouragement and practical guidance for any having losses through death, broken relationship, job, leaving home, etc. Taught by Mike Winters

**What Are You Afraid Of?** - David Jeremiah explores ten fears holding us back from the life God has called us to live and shares the supernatural secrets for facing down these fears with faith. Taught by Teresa Adkins

**Kingdom Agenda** - Dr. Tony Evans teaches that the Bible provides clear authority...to all of life. Following our own agendas—instead of God's—leads to chaos. This study helps align heart and life with the priorities of God's kingdom agenda. Taught by Robert England

To help us in ordering materials, please indicate on the Communication Card which study in which you are participating in by April 13.

### **SUMMER MISSION TRIP**

We're heading back to the Jersey Shore this summer (July 4-12) for our mission trip. If you are interested in participating, please give Leigh a call. A \$50/person deposit is due on Sunday, April 6.

Not everyone can go but, everyone can be a part of this trip. Ways that you can be involved include prayer, encouragement, travel "goodies", Fifth Sunday Lunch in March, Church-wide Yard Sale in May, Men's Cake Bake, and the Youth Car Wash. Please stay tuned for dates and details regarding all of these activities.

Blessings, Leigh



### **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

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. To find out more, visit [www.anniearmstrong.com](http://www.anniearmstrong.com).



### **Join our "Journey of Grace".. .**

Take note and take part in worship experiences listed below:

Pick up a piece of leather in the church foyer or hallway outside the sanctuary and attach to your wrist or ankle to represent that you are following Jesus. Below are more stops on our journey:

- \*April 13—Palm Sunday
- \*April 16—Holy Wednesday—Special Communion Service
- \*April 18—Good Friday self-guided worship experience.
- \*April 20—Easter! Jesus is alive!
- \*April 26—Live out Jesus' resurrection on our "Great Day of Service!"

### **GREAT DAY OF SERVICE**

#### **The Journey Continues...**

#### **Reserve the date—April 26**

Our church, led by our Deacon Fellowship, will participate in several servant evangelism projects in our community that will be appropriate for all ages! Some activities will be in the morning and some in the afternoon. Some of the projects are listed below. Stay tuned for more information.

**free car wash**

**food delivery to emergency-rescue squads,**

**school playground clean-up**

**retirement home ministry**

**window washing on Main Street**

**free water giveaway at Farmer's Market**

**ministry at Lonesome Pine Airport.**

Please indicate your interest on the communication card or by contacting one of our Deacons.

LOST: Two pair of sewing scissors have been lost. They were last seen in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Shirley Willis if you find them. Thank you!



*From Leigh*

Thank you, Debbie, Carla, and the Singing Sunbeams for the wonderful music Sunday morning in worship. L-O-V-E U, God! was exactly the message we need to hear everyday. I will be humming that melody in my head from now on! All of our children's choirs will participate in worship on Palm Sunday, April 13. We will have our annual Palm Processional and each choir will present special music.

Allow me to update you on the Daniel Plan Bible study group that is meeting on Thursday evenings. We have 21 participants—male and female, ranging in age from 20's to 60's. Each week we come together to share victories from the previous week, highlights from our reading homework, and prayer. Then, we watch a video from Rick Warren and a special guest. We divide into small groups for in-depth discussion and to decide on our "next steps" for the week. We also connect with a prayer partner for the week. After small group, we finish by watching brief "move of the week" and "recipe of the week" videos.

So, far our group has lost more than 20 pounds. But, more importantly, we have "connected" in ways that are not always possible in worship on Sunday morning. This first session will end in a few weeks, but I am hopeful that we will begin a new group. Please pray about how you might choose to be involved.

Blessings, Leigh

- Mission Trip Deposit (\$50) is due April 6.
- Jubilation Ringers will rehearse at 9 am on Sunday, Mar 23.
- TRUTH will rehearse at 9:45 am on Sunday, Mar 23.

### THANK YOU

Thank you, Hopkins family, for the wonderful meal last night at Bible study! This week our meal will be provided by Lori Crisp.

### LOCK-IN

We will have a lock-in on Friday, March 21. Stay tuned via Facebook and text message for specific plans and times. Our activities will include seeing the movie "God's Not Dead". You can watch a trailer for the movie on You Tube. Friends are always welcome!!

### CONGRATULATIONS

The Central Lady Warriors are the 2A State Basketball Champs! We are proud of you, Reagan Elkins(#10)!



### As you pray, please remember...



Marty, Rose and Jon Kennedy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Virginia Owens (Gail Kiser's mother), Allen Cantrell, Kim Boggs, Patsy Jennings, 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.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 18	Aaron Clark	March 22	Sarah Jessee
March 19	Betty Easterling	March 23	Rick Johnson
March 21	Cameron Curtis	March 24	Kate Jessee
March 19	Tom Boyle and Celeste Smith		

### SCENES FROM WISE BAPTIST



Pictured: Sanctuary Choir, Singing Sunbeams, Stacy and Tyler Hopkins with Pastor Mike.

### Singing Sunbeams Choir



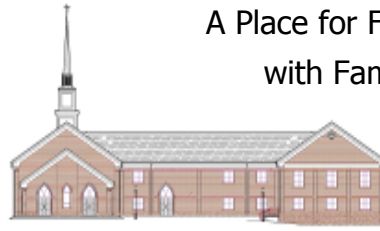
Church family gathered to cheer on the Lady Warriors!



## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	03/16-22	Jerry Baird, Lewey Lee
	03/23-29	Mark Clark, Gil Blackburn
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:	03/23	Mike and Rebecca Osborne
	03/30	Bob and Teresa Adkins
Nursery:	03/23	Vance family, Melissa Blackburn
	03/30	Donna and Butch Hutchinson, Rachel Bailey, Rachel Porchie
Children's Church:	03/23	Beth Snodgrass
	03/30	Jennifer England
PA:	03/23	Wayne Isaac
	03/30	Mike Osborne
Tellers:	March	Kathy Helton, Ron Swindall
Ushers:	03/23	Youth
	03/30	Ron Swindall*, Lewey Lee, Bob Adkins, Gary Smith, Bill Sutherland, Mike Strouth, David Mullins, Matt Meade
		*Offertory Prayer
Serving Team:	03/19	Vanessa Cyphers, Susan Smith, Jennifer England, Karen Ponish
	03/26	Beverly Viers, Sandy Mullins, Sherrie Collie, Brenda Kunigelis
Wed meal:	03/19	Chicken Enchiladas. Rice, Beans, Salad
	03/26	Breakfast for Dinner

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## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 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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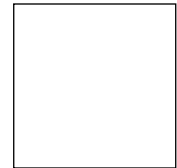
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## FIFTH SUNDAY LUNCH, MARCH 30, NOON

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at Wise Baptist Youth

### Thought For The Week :

"If you planted hope today in any hopeless heart,  
If someone's burden was lighter because you did your part,  
If you caused a laugh that chased a tear away,  
If tonight your name is mentioned when someone kneels to  
pray, then your day was well spent."

—Unknown