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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,

Our definition of “greatness” is a standard which measures and guides our lives.

Greatness in much of our world is about propping up our image in the eyes of others.

To be great is how many people serve and cater to us. It is about power, popularity, and position over others.

It perfectly describes the human tendency (the Bible calls it our sin nature) to inflate our own importance in a way that deflates the importance of others. That is contrary to Jesus’ entire message.

Jesus’ own disciples struggled with this idea. In Matthew 20:27-28, Jesus said that to be great, one must be a servant and that Jesus came to serve, not to be served. This is a lesson Jesus had to teach over and over to His disciples.

*Greatness in the Kingdom of God is not measured by how many people serve us, but by how many people we serve.* This is a revolutionary idea. How can we be “great” for God and His Kingdom? ***How can Wise Baptist Church fully mobilize to serve Jesus Christ in our community and world?***

See elsewhere in this newsletter for a wonderful opportunity to serve hundreds of people in Wise after the Christmas parade. Be on the lookout for a special Wednesday night 7-week Bible study I will lead on the subject of serving, called “The Greatness Principle”. I challenge you to be part of 100 adults present for that study. In April, there will be a “Great Day of Service” which will be an opportunity for 100 people to serve throughout the town of Wise.

I look forward to our serving together!

His servant and yours, Pastor Mike

## IMPORTANT DATES

**OCC Collection Week**

Nov 18-25

**“Catching Fire” premier**

Nov 21

**Operation Christmas  
Child Collection Day**

Nov 24

**Christmas Parade**

Dec 7

**Christmas Cantata**

Dec 8

**Children’s Musical**

Dec 15

**Marriage Retreat**

Jan 24-26

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## SPECIAL NOTICE

### In Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Jack Tolbert and Family for the loss of Jack’s father, Jack Tolbert, Sr. He died Sunday morning at Heritage Hall. His service will be at Sturgill Funeral Home in Wise

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Follow your Box around the World

Did you know you can follow your shoebox for your child around the world if you donate online? Scan the QR code to donate online at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org). You will receive an email informing you of the destination country of your box. "Every shoebox offers an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a hurting child"  
*Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse.*



**Reminder:** Operation Christmas Child Collection Day is **This Sunday!**

### Food Baskets

The men's and women's Sunday school class led by Bill Sutherland, has placed two white baskets, one opposite the elevator and one in the church foyer for the ongoing collection of nonperishable food items. These will help people in our community who struggle to feed themselves and/or their families. "Eternal God, we are grateful for the love You show us in Jesus Christ. May we reflect that love in our concern and compassion for others. Amen"

Pastor Mike and Jim Collie were messengers to the Baptist General Association of Virginia annual meeting. The theme was "Living the Resurrection." Ask Mike and Jim about the good work you do as a part of the larger Virginia Baptist family. The gracious news is that despite the economic down turn God's Kingdom is advancing mightily!

### Daily Prayer Guide for Operation Christmas Child

**Sunday:** Thank God for blessing Operation Christmas Child with more than 100 million shoebox gifts over the past 20 years. Pray that millions more children will experience the love of Jesus Christ through these simple gifts.

**Monday:** Ask God to bless the labors of local volunteers who serve year-round to collect, process, transport, and deliver shoebox gifts around the world.

**Tuesday:** Pray that the Lord will use Operation Christmas Child to bring joy to boys and girls in developing countries who face difficult circumstances such as poverty, disease, famine, and war.

**Wednesday:** Pray that every girl and boy who receives a shoebox gift will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Thursday:** Pray that every girl and boy who receives a shoebox will experience God's unconditional love and provision through the gifts they receive.

**Friday:** Pray for the children who enroll in *The Greatest Journey* follow-up discipleship program, that they will come to faith in Jesus and share the Good News with their friends and family.

**Saturday:** Pray for the safety of Operation Christmas Child volunteers who are serving in areas of the world where people may be hostile toward Christians.

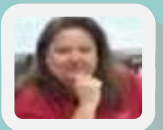
### *What's new in Bible Studies*

***Our next three Wednesday night Bible studies (Nov. 19, Dec. 4 & 11) will be taught by Pastor Mike in the sanctuary. The topic will be "10 Surprising Things about the Christmas Story".***

### **Wise Christmas Parade Dec 7 @ 5:30**

*"Serving Together"*

Wise Baptist Church is participating in the annual Wise Christmas Parade on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> by serving hot chocolate and handing out candy canes with the Christmas message of the candy cane to all in attendance. We will have tables set up in the Big Glades Park to help make this happen. This is another way of serving our greater church community in service and fellowship – Mark Clark and Mike Winters can help you find a particular area of service. We have lots of opportunities for everyone to participate: We are excited about this opportunity for service! Pre-parade preparations have already started – This Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 5pm we will be packaging the 1,000 candy canes packages ready for handing out. Come by the Fellowship Hall for fellowship on Sunday with family and friends – we will have everything needed to help and have some snacks and drinks to make for an enjoyable afternoon.



*From Leigh*

Words cannot adequately express the love and appreciation that I felt on Sunday morning during worship. Thank you, Pastor Mike, for putting everything in motion. Thank you, Rebecca, for the pictures and the thoughtfulness and the music. Thank you, Susan M., for the kind and thoughtful words and for your wonderful sense of humor! Thank you, church family, for the generous gift—when Mark is healed up, we will definitely enjoy an “escape” to Asheville!

More than all of that, though, was the affirmation from the entire congregation that my ministry here is important and fruitful and appreciated. The personal words and hugs will be remembered, too. I love what I do—serving the Lord and using all of the gifts and talents He has given me at Wise Baptist Church. I am blessed beyond measure. Thank you.

Blessings, Leigh

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 8 and Sunday, December 15. Our music ministry will present their annual Advent Music programs on those dates. Stay tuned!

#### THANK YOU

Thank you, England family, for the wonderful meal on Sunday. Thank you also to everyone who contributed to our “shopping spree” for OCC. We were able to spend nearly \$1100 for children around the world. We will spend Wednesday night packing everything up. Please plan to come out and help.

#### CATCHING FIRE

On Thursday, November 21, the youth are invited to watch the premiere of *Catching Fire*. We will meet at 9:15 at the youth building for the 10 pm show.

#### LOCK-IN

We will have a youth lock-in on Tuesday, November 26. Stay tuned to Facebook and Twitter for more details. Let Leigh know if you plan to participate.

Last Sunday following worship, a group of youth and adults went back to Lois’ house to rake her leaves. Scott and Beth Snodgrass organized the service project. Together we were able to rake and blow the leaves away from Ms. Stallard’s house in record time and even through a little bit of rain! It was a fun and fulfilling day! “*Serving Together*”

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



Jon Kennedy, Pat and Fred Adkins, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Wanda Baird, Marty and Rose Kennedy, Irene Black and family, Jack Tolbert and family, All of the cancer patients in our area, Our men and women in the military

#### **Our Shut Ins:**

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.

#### **You Still have Time**

Please pick up a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. We have them located in the foyer and at the elevator. They are simple to put together. There is a \$1 donation for the box.

Make a difference in a child’s life!

#### **Schedule for Operation Christmas Child Relay Center**

**Monday– Friday 2-6pm,  
Saturday 9am-3pm,  
Sunday 2-6pm Monday 9am-noon**

#### **Changes in Schedule**

Due to Thanksgiving there will be some changes in our usual routine. There will be no Wednesday night activities on Nov 27<sup>th</sup> and no quilting groups for Nov 25<sup>th</sup>.

Caitlin Adkins	Nov 20
Dwight Jones	Nov 21
Rick Collie	Nov 22
Jakeb Harden	Nov 22
Dan Helton	Nov 23
Tom Boyle	Nov 26

**Happy  
Birthday**

## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	11/17-23	Robert England, Mark Clark
	11/24-30	Bill Sutherland, John Ponish
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:	11/24	Lewey and Brenda Lee
	12/01	Mike and Rebecca Osborne
Nursery:	11/24	Kathy Osborne, Daniel Ray, Tabitha Ray, Noah Hall
	12/01	Vanessa Cyphers, Russ Cyphers, Landon Elkins, Daniel England
Children's Church:	11/24	Beth Snodgrass
	12/01	Jennifer England
PA:	11/24	Bryan Crutchfield
	12/01	Oscar Raile
Tellers:	November	Oscar Raile, Mike Strouth
	December	Lee Ann Adkins, Kathy Helton
Ushers:	11/24	Roger Viers*, Stan Kunigelis, Jeff Dotson, Harold Witt, Butch Hutchinson, Mark Clark, Jerry Baird, Edgar Owens
	12/01	Jeff Adkins*, Jeff Cantrell, John Ponish, Mark Clark, Scott Snodgrass, Dan Helton, Ron Helton *offertory prayer
Serving Team:	11/20	Beverly Viers, Sandy Mullins, Sherrie Collie, Brenda Kunigelis
	11/27	No activities
Wed Meal:	11/13	Spaghetti and Garlic Bread
	11/20	Breakfast for Supper

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## Weekly Opportunities

Wednesday	Nov 20	OCC Relay Center	2-6pm
		Meal	6:00 pm
		Bible Study	6:45 pm
		Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Nov 21	OCC Relay Center	2-6pm
Friday	Nov 22	OCC Relay Center	2-6pm
Saturday	Nov 23	OCC Relay Center	9am-3pm
Sunday	Nov 24	Sunday School	10:00 am
		Worship (Box dedication)	11:00 am
		OCC Relay Center	2-6pm
Monday	Nov 25	OCC Relay Center	9am-noon
		Children's Choir	3:45 pm
		Cantata Rehearsal	7 pm

Church Office closed Nov 26, 27, and 28

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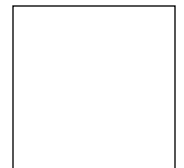
**CHRISTMAS CANTATA~DEC 8~CHILDREN'S PROGRAM~DEC 15~**



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## Thought For The Week :

“ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked  
 or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of  
 mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who  
 meditates on his law day and night.” [Psalm 1:1-2 NIV](#)