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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 church family and friends,

Human behavior is sometimes a great mystery. Have you ever wondered why you did or said or thought something? We are sometimes like the iceberg, where most of the iceberg is below the surface. Even though you may not see the part beneath the surface, it is very much there and does have an influence.

Part of what is beneath the surface is our family tree. In the Bible, family trees (genealogies) were very important. In the very first book in the Bible, Genesis (which means beginning), there are 10 genealogies. They established identity, who could and should marry who, determined inheritances, etc. It helped tell who you were.

It is no accident that the two Gospels with birth stories of Jesus each have a genealogy of Jesus to establish His heritage and Who He was. Our genealogy helps to tell who we are. It helps identify part of the "iceberg underneath the water" in our lives. It is both interesting, instructive, and helps us spiritually to have a better understanding of our family heritage.

On these Wednesday nights: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, and Dec. 12, I will lead us to put together information on each of our own family trees into a form that will be both useful and meaningful. On each of the four Sundays of Advent, I will preach on a related theme: Jesus' family tree and His story's impact on our family tree and our story.

Here is what you will need to bring for our Wednesday night series: information (exact dates of births, deaths, marriages) of people in your family going at least back through your great-grandparents. Where do you start if you do not have a lot of that information? Find the historian in your family. Check family Bibles, census data, family cemeteries, etc. Bring old pictures, letters, etc., as well.

It will be interesting, informative, and spiritually beneficial. I look forward to seeing you.

Love and blessings,  
Pastor Mike

## Important Dates:

**Wed, November 21st**  
**—Fri, November 23rd**

Church Office Closed

**Sun, November 25th**

**12:30 pm**—Jubilation  
Ringers Rehearsal

**Wed, November 28th**

**5:00 pm**—Worship  
Committee Meeting

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
FOR DECEMBER EVENTS**

**Sun, December 2nd**

**7:00 pm**—*An Evening  
of Christmas Music* with  
Reception Following

**Sun, December 9th**

**6:00 pm**—Children's  
Christmas Program

**Mon, December 10th**

**11:00 am**—Serving  
Lunch to College  
Students

**Sun, December 16th**

**6:00 pm**—Christmas  
Dinner @ Camp Bethel

## Wise Baptist Church Communication Card

The "Communication Card" is for **everyone** every week. It is not just for guests. Instead of having many sign-up lists, it is a central place for people to sign up for all kinds of events: Wednesday night meals, Bible studies, trips of all kinds, any special events or activities for groups of all ages. The card is designed so it can be filled out as quickly as possible.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study

Our Wednesday night Dinner and Bible Study is in recess this week (11/21) for the Thanksgiving holiday!



Reminder: Beginning **November 28th**, Pastor Mike will lead all adults in a 3-week Advent Bible Study. You won't want to miss this time of fellowship and study as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior and Prince of Peace.

### Coat Collection



Henrietta Dotson is collecting new and used coats to help those in our area to stay warm this winter. All size coats are welcome. You may drop off coats at Impressions in Norton or they may be given directly to Henrietta Dotson or Danny Rowland.



### Advent Devotionals

This year's Advent devotionals will explore the hope that God gives us, especially as it is communicated through the events anticipating and surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ. God's solution to the world's problems is to share in our humanity through the birth of his Son and to infect us with God's contagious love and righteousness. **Devotionals are available at the Sanctuary and Middle Entrances to the church.**



### Church Christmas Dinner

The annual Church Christmas Dinner will be held on **Sunday, December 16th at 6:00 pm at the Mary Henry Dining Hall at Camp Bethel.** The cost is \$13 per person (ages 11 and up), \$8 per person (ages 5–10) and children under age 5 are free. The menu includes roast beef with gravy, oven fried chicken, twice baked potatoes, broccoli casserole, seven layer salad, fruit salad, hot fudge cake/ ice cream, peach-of-a-pie, rolls, and drinks. **Reservations and payments can be made to Teresa Adkins or Beverly Viers through Wednesday, December 12th.**

### An Evening of Christmas Music

Come and worship Jesus, the Light of the World.

Sunday, December 2nd ~ 7:00 pm  
Sanctuary



There will be a reception following the cantata in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to bring a food item, please see Teresa Adkins.

## GOOD NEWS



**Thank you** to everyone who either packed a shoe box or made a donation toward items for the boxes packed by the youth. Together, Wise Baptist Church packed **146** shoe boxes for children around the world.

**Congratulations** to Dwight and Jill Jessee on the birth of their daughter, Anna Noel, on November 13th. Anna weighed 8 lbs 3 oz. She joins her big sisters, Kate and Sarah and her big brother, Thomas.

**Thank you** to Sandy Yun and Margie Horton for coordinating the new directory and to Wanda Baird for helping with the reminder phone calls. The portrait sessions and sign-ups were assisted by Ruby Salyers, Linda Bailey, Sherlene Hall, Pat Adkins, John & Edna Hedden, Brenda Kunigelis, Brenda Lee, Sandy Mullins, Regina Cantrell, Kathy Kennedy, Jerry & Wanda Baird, Karen Ponish, and Buster & Liz Brown. *If you were unable to have your portrait taken this past week, pictures will be taken on Monday, December 10th. Please see Margie or Sandy to make a reservation.*



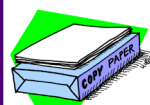
**Thank you** to everyone who volunteered at the Operation Christmas Child Relay Center at The Rock this past week. There were over 25 volunteers who took part in staffing the center to greet, accept shoe box donations and to prepare the boxes for their next stop—the distribution center. The Wise relay center collected over **1,200** shoe boxes from our community.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Angel Tree Project

Terry Winters will have Angel Tree names from Wise Primary available this year. The names will be available before Thanksgiving. Please contact Terry (tllwinters@gmail.com or 540.280.7151) for more information.



### Paper Copies of E-mails Available For Those Without Internet Access

Each week, John Kennedy prints out paper copies of all emails published during the week. If you do not have access to the internet and would like a copy, please see John.



♪♪♪ From Leigh

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday because it is not too hyped by the world and because it involves three of my most loved things: family, food, and football!

Being thankful is truly a time of worship for me. I cannot think of the blessings in my life without acknowledging "from Whom all things flow". My list of blessings begins and ends with being saved by Jesus Christ. It also includes my family, friends, Wise Baptist Church, music, health, etc. I am thankful for each of you and the impact you have on my life, my work, and my family. Happy Thanksgiving!

Blessings, Leigh

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming *Evening of Christmas Music* on Sunday, December 2 at 7 pm. We will be blessed with soloists, ensembles, the choir and orchestra, and others. You will not want to miss! Please let Teresa know as soon as possible if you can help with food for the reception. Thank you.

The Joyful Noise Choir will rehearse at 9 am on Sunday.

TRUTH will rehearse at 9:30 am on Sunday.

The Jubilation Ringers will rehearse on Sunday immediately following worship.

Please let me know by Wednesday if you would like to participate in the Raleigh Ringer trip on Dec. 8.

MINISTRY

Thank you, Hall family, for dinner last night for our youth. We will not have Sunday evening youth again until January because of the holidays and various church programs. We will meet on Wednesdays for dinner and Bible study. Also, we will have a Christmas gathering on Saturday, December 15—more details will be forthcoming.

Thank you to all of the youth for their help with the Operation Christmas Child project! With the generous gifts of our church family and youth contributions, we were able to pack and ship **74** boxes! To God be all glory!



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

Pat and Fred Adkins, George Barnette, Bobbie Farmer, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Michelle Hunter, Shirley Willis, Lynell Wells, Clifford Bailey, and Roger Williams

All of the cancer patients in our area  
Our men and women in the military

**Hospitalized:**

Vivian Brooks (Indian Path)

**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.***



**November 20** Caitlin Adkins

**November 21** Dwight Jones

**November 22** Rick Collie  
Jakeb Harden

**November 23** Dan Helton

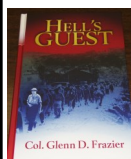
**November 25** Lawrence Black

**November 26** Tom Boyle



**"Caring for Others" - Food for The SWVA Regional Cancer Center**

Margie Horton is once again coordinating meal items for patients of the SWVA Regional Cancer Center and their families. Please consider donating homemade food items on Monday – Thursday of each week with enough food for a family of four. Some suggested items are casseroles, candies, cakes, soup and cornbread. They really do appreciate anything you take but advise staying away from spicy foods. Pat Adkins expressed the continued need especially during the holiday season. Margie knows how much it means first hand and feels blessed for her and WBC to be a part. Anyone interested in helping with this project, please e-mail Margie at [margiehorton@comcast.net](mailto:margiehorton@comcast.net).

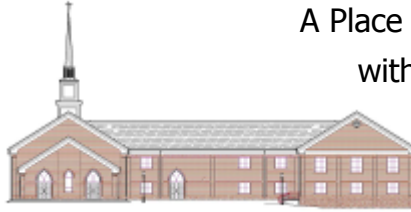


The church library (located in the stairwell closest to the Sanctuary) now contains an autographed copy of Col. Glenn Frazier's book donated by him. There are many other books available, too. Check them out!

## VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	11/18-11/24	Phil Mullins; Mark Clark
	11/25-12/1	Bill Sutherland; 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	11/25	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
	12/2	John & Edna Hedden
Nursery	11/25	Vance Family; Pat Mullins
	12/2	Travis & Kassie Jessee; Sharon Bradley; Sarah Lane
Children's Church	11/25	Beth Snodgrass
	12/2	Cindy Elkins
PA	11/25	Wayne Isaac
	12/2	Mike Osborne
Tellers	Nov	Martha Blackburn and Oscar Raile
	Dec	Mike Strouth and Lee Ann Adkins
Ushers	11/25	Gary Smith*, Bill Sutherland, Mike Strouth, Matt Meade, Ron Swindall, David Mullins, Lewey Lee, and Bob Adkins
	12/2	Robert England*, Dwight Jessee, Daniel Ray, John Mark Adrian, Travis Jessee, Jason Mullins, Bryon Burton, and Jeff Elkins
		*Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	11/21	No Dinner
	11/28	Eileen, Pat, Cindy, and Gail
Menu	11/21	No Dinner
	11/28	Soup Beans, Kraut/Weiners, Cornbread, and Salad (Children's Menu: Hotdogs and Macaroni and Cheese)

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## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
	TRUTH	7:45 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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# HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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### **Thought For The Week:**

"Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life." ~  
Philippians 4:6-7 (The Message)