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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

November 27, 2012

*A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.*



To my dear church family and friends,  
Sometimes our faith becomes unnecessarily and confoundingly complicated. This is reflected in the gravitational pull that groups of people have toward bureaucracy...adding "red tape" and needless steps that confuse and slow things down. Jesus cuts through religious bureaucracy by simplifying 613 Old Testament Laws into the "Great Commandment".

A few weeks ago I was preaching a 3-part sermon series on "Living the Great Commandment". The first is to "Love God with all our heart, mind, and soul". The second is to "Love your neighbor". The third is to "Love your neighbor as yourself." Due to my illness, the third sermon was never preached. Therefore, I would like to share a few thoughts on the subject.

There are three parts to the Great Commandment, which is found in Matthew 22:34-40. We often read it as only really amounting to two commands: love God and neighbor. The command we often leave out is to love ourselves.

This is not based on some shallow pop psychology. It goes much deeper and is anchored in the Bible. What does it mean to biblically love ourselves?

It means to treat ourselves with respect. It means to acknowledge that we are made in Christ's image and that Christ died for us, personally. It means to pay attention to our self-talk. Self-talk is what we say out loud and under our breath about ourselves and of which we may not even be aware.

For example, when you make a mistake, what do you say to and about yourself? It may surprise you. Pay attention to some of these negative, unbiblical messages that show great disrespect to someone made in God's image and for whom Christ died. Would we say to our best friend some of the things we say to ourselves?

Do not mistake this for selfishness. Biblical self-love puts us in a place where we have more to give and can serve God with even greater effectiveness.

Love, Pastor Mike

## Important Dates:

**Wed, November 28th**

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

**6:00 pm**—Dinner

**6:45 pm**—Bible Study  
for All Ages

**7:50 pm**—Sanctuary  
Choir Rehearsal

**Sun, December 2nd**

**8:30 am**—Deacon  
Fellowship

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
FOR DECEMBER EVENTS**

**Sun, December 9th**

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

**Mon, December 10th**

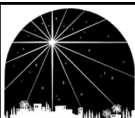
**11:00 am**—Serving  
Lunch to College  
Students

**Sun, December 16th**

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

**Wed, December 19th**

**6:45 pm**—Christmas  
Caroling



## An Evening of Christmas Music

Everyone is invited to come and worship Jesus, the Light of the World, through instrumental music, including harp and hand bells. A Christmas Cantata, *Behold the Star*, will also be presented.

**Sunday, December 2nd ~ 7:00 pm**  
**Sanctuary**

There will be a reception following the cantata in the Fellowship Hall.

*Our heartfelt  
prayers and  
deepest  
sympathies are  
extended to Edgar  
Owens and family  
in the death of his  
mother, Zella  
Owens, on  
Saturday,  
November 24th.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study

And we're back! Our Wednesday night Dinner begins at 6:00 pm and Bible Study for all ages begins at 6:45 pm. Beginning this Wednesday, 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.



### 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. **Advent begins on Sunday, December 2nd. 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.**



### Lottie Moon Offering 2012 Week of Prayer for International Missions December 2nd—9th

Engaging people groups in the hard places comes with risk and sacrifice for all who obediently choose to be His heart, His hands, His voice. Giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is also a call to obedience and sacrifice. The prayer guide will be available on Sunday, December 2nd in your bulletin. Begin praying now for all of the international missionaries and about how you can support the sharing of the Gospel around the world.

## GOOD NEWS



**Thank you** to everyone who attended the luncheon on November 18th. Through your generous gifts, **\$1,579.00** was donated to the SWVA Cancer Center's Patient Care Fund in memory of Rita Isaac.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Angel Tree Project

Debbie Collins still has Angel Tree names from Wise Primary available. Please contact Debbie (dhillcollins@verizon.net) for more information. For those who have already taken a name, gifts are due by December 7th.



### New Church Directory Make-Up Day For Photographs

If you were unable to have your portrait made for the new church directory, the photographer will be at Wise Baptist on Monday, December 10th. Appointments are available between 2:30 pm and 8:40 pm. Please contact Sandy Yun (328.5192) or Margie Horton (margiehorton@comcast.net) to make a reservation.



### Children's Christmas Program

Wise Baptist Church's Children's Choirs will present their Christmas Program on **Sunday, December 9th beginning at 6 pm** in the Sanctuary. The Singing Sunbeams, under the direction of Debbie Collins and Carla Sheppard, will present a musical entitled "Away in a Manger". The Joyful Noise Choir, under the direction of Leigh Clark and Susan Mullins, will ring and sing songs of the Advent and Christmas seasons. Everyone is invited to attend!



### Kindred Spirits

Kindred Spirits is in need of a host for the December meeting. If you would like to host the meeting (or during another month in the future), please contact Wendy Adrian (328.5564 or wma2n@uvawise.edu).

## MEETING REMINDERS

The **Worship Committee** will meet on Wednesday, November 28th at 5:00 pm in the Men's Sunday School classroom.

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



From Leigh

Advent will begin on Sunday. I love the season of Advent! Each week we will light the Advent Candle and read scriptures in anticipation of the *Coming of the Christ Child*. It is amazing that God in His infinite wisdom and love, knew that what the world needed was a baby! The leaders were begging God for a leader; someone to set things right. God sent a precious, innocent, baby boy! A child to "live among us", to "grow in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man". He still knows our needs today—better than we do! He is more than able to supply exactly what we all need.

I look forward to sharing this time with all of you in worship each week. We have some wonderful opportunities to worship and fellowship together throughout the season. I hope you will participate in as many as possible.

This Sunday evening, our Sanctuary Choir and orchestra will present "*Behold The Star*" at 7 pm. We will also have special music by The Joyful Noise Choir, The Jubilation Ringers, TRUTH and others. It will truly be *An Evening of Christmas Music*.

Blessings, Leigh

**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 (Norton Community)  
Anna Jessee (Johnson City Medical Center)

**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 28** T. Ray Maine

**November 29** Josh Chisenhall

**December 1** Brenda Kunigelis  
Jeff Dotson

**December 3** Mark Clark

**Lunch for College Students**



BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

Wise Baptist Church will provide lunch in support of the Collegiate Ministry at UVA-Wise on Monday, December 10th. The meal will be served between 11 am and 1 pm at the BCM building. If you can help by preparing food and/or serving on that day, please contact Donna Hutchinson (donna@hutchinson@usa.net or 393.5004).



We will continue to have dinner and Bible Study on Wednesdays throughout December. However, because of other scheduled events, we will not meet on Sundays.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Thursday, Dec. 13—Midnight Premiere of *The Hobbit*. Please let Leigh know by December 9 if you would like a ticket!

Saturday, Dec. 15—Christmas Progressive Dinner—more details soon.

Wednesday, Dec. 19—Christmas Caroling



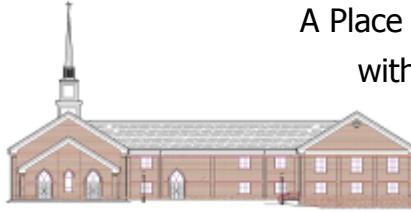
**"Caring for Others" - Food for The SWVA Regional Cancer Center**

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.

## VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	11/25-12/1	Bill Sutherland; John Ponish
	12/2-12/8	Jerry Baird; Ron Helton
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Worship Welcome Team		Jason Mullins, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray, and Wendy Adrian
SS Greeters	12/2	John & Edna Hedden
	12/9	Bob & Teresa Adkins
Nursery	12/2	Travis & Kassi Jessee; Sharon Bradley; Sarah Lane
	12/9	Daniel & Tabitha Ray
Children's Church	12/2	Cindy Elkins
	12/9	Megan Cline
PA	12/2	Mike Osborne
	12/9	Ron Swindall
Tellers	Dec	Mike Strouth and Lee Ann Adkins
Ushers	12/2	Robert England*, Dwight Jessee, Daniel Ray, John Mark Adrian, Travis Jessee, Jason Mullins, Bryon Burton, and Jeff Elkins
	12/9	Jerry Baird*, Edgar Owens, Roger Viers, Stan Kunigelis, John Hedden, Harold Witt, and Mark Clark *Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	11/28	Eileen C., Pat A., Cindy E., and Gail K.
	12/5	Kim C., Kathy H., Martha B., and Donna H.
Menu	11/28	Soup Beans, Kraut/Weiners, Cornbread, and Salad (Children's Menu: Hotdogs and Macaroni and Cheese)
	12/5	Pizza and Salad

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with Family and Friends



## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
	TRUTH	7:45 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	In Recess
	Caring Friends (2nd, 4th, & 5th)	In Recess
	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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AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND ~ 7 PM ~ SANCTUARY

**Wise Baptist Church**

**P.O. Box 777**

**Wise, VA 24293**

### Thought For The Week:

"Sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to Yahweh, praise His name; proclaim His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonderful works among all peoples."

~ Psalm 96: 1—3 (HCSB)



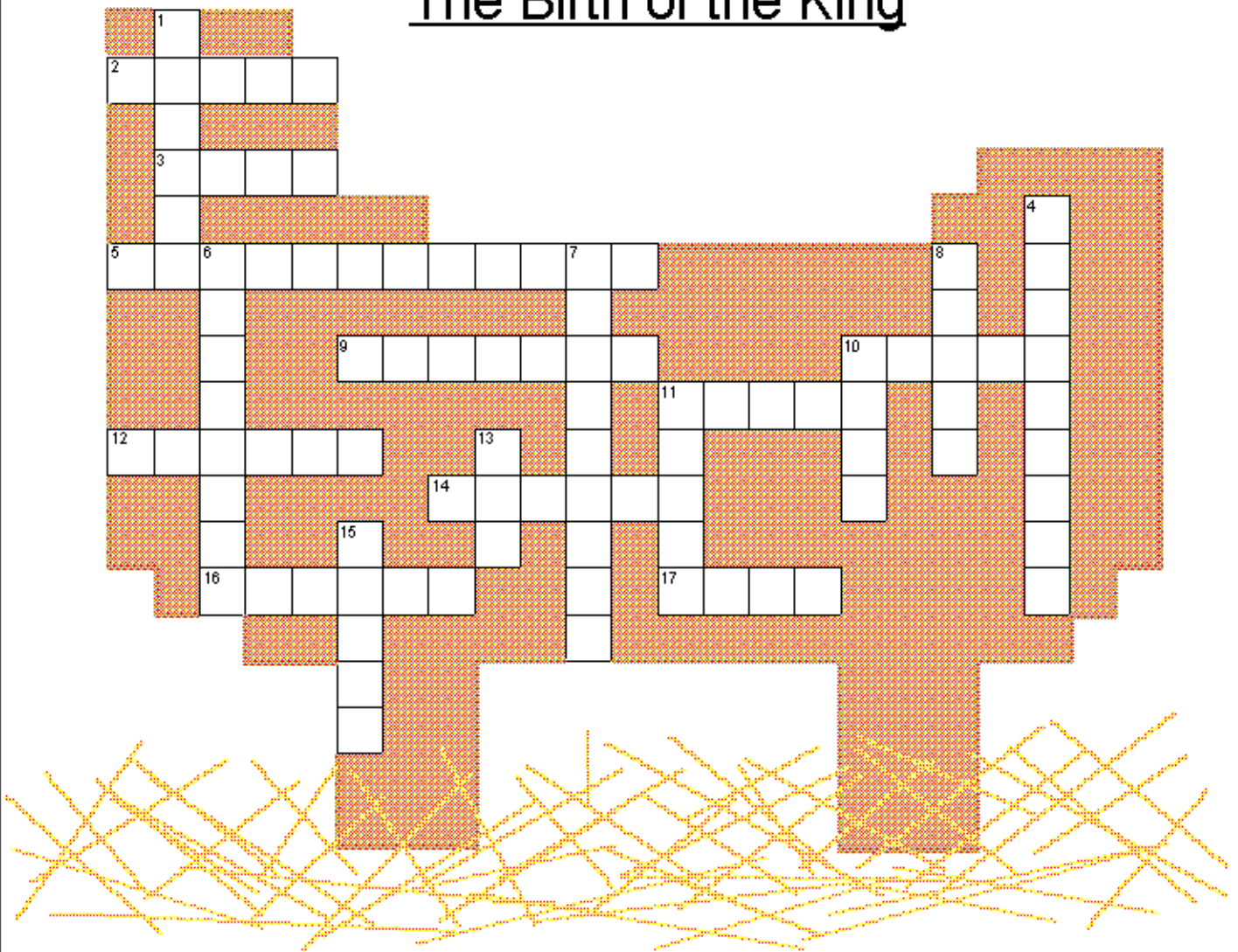
# December 2012



December Flower — Poinsettia

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)					1  <u>B:</u> Brenda Kunigelis, Jeff Dotson
<i>Deacon Meeting—2 8:30 am</i>	3	4	<i>Mission Committee Meeting—5:00 pm</i> 5	6	7	8
<i>Week of Prayer for International Missions</i>						
<i>An Evening of Christmas Music— 7:00 pm Reception to Follow</i>	<u>B:</u> Mark Clark	<u>B:</u> Nathan Lee	<u>B:</u> Kevin Dotson, Elizabeth Davidson, Heath Chisenhall David Sheppard		<u>B:</u> Brittany Osborne, Jean Moore <u>A:</u> John & Karen Ponish	
9  <i>Children's Christmas Program—6:00 pm</i>  <u>B:</u> Robert Baird	<i>College Student Lunch @ BCM— 11:00 am Make-up Pictures for New Church Directory—2:30— 8:40 pm</i> <u>B:</u> Sydney Johnson	11  <u>B:</u> Jessica Crutchfield	12	<i>Women on Mission—Noon</i> 13	14  <u>B:</u> Jim Sturgill	15
16  <i>Church Christmas Dinner @ Camp Bethel—6:00 pm</i>  <u>B:</u> Irene Black	17  <u>B:</u> Alex Knox	18	19  <i>Christmas Caroling—6:45 pm</i>  <u>A:</u> Shane & Susan Mullins	20  <u>B:</u> Mars ha Tolbert, Bryan Crutchfield	21  <u>B:</u> Samuel Wills	22  <u>B:</u> Rick Mullins, Dallas Kennedy, Jon Kennedy <u>A:</u> Jim & Lois Lawson
23  <u>B:</u> Lee Ann Adkins, Sherlene Hall	<i>Christmas Eve Communion Service—11:00 pm</i> 24  <u>B:</u> Carolyn Strouth, Jim Collie <u>A:</u> Jack & Peggy Tolbert, Lawrence & Irene Black	<i>Christmas Day</i> 25  <u>B:</u> Lilyanna Hardin	26  <u>B:</u> Linsay Allio	27  <u>B:</u> Randy Longworth, Bea Hill, John Steven Wills	28  <u>A:</u> Don & GiGi Pippin	29  <u>B:</u> Patsy Boggs, Vernoy Bolling
30  <u>B:</u> Paul Maine	<i>New Year's Eve</i> 31  <u>B:</u> Alicia Longworth, Cameron Driver <u>A:</u> Jeff & Cindy Elkins					

# The Birth of the King



## Across

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| 2. Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem to pay these                         | 12. Mary's husband   |
| 3. A precious metal: one of the gifts from the 3 kings                    | 14. These appeared to shepherds and told them about the birth of Christ                  |
| 5. A fragrant gum used to make incense: one of the gifts from the wisemen | 16. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a _____, which is Christ the Lord |
| 9. The 3 kings from the east  | 17. This led the wisemen to Jesus  |
| 10. A pungent tasting herb: A gift from the wisemen                       |  |
| 11. Bethlehem is here   |  |

## Down

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| 1. An open box to hold food for livestock: Mary laid Jesus in one               | 11. And she shall bring forth a son, and you shall call His name _____ |
| 4. The city of His birth  | 13. He was born in a stable because there was no room here             |
| 6. The Roman emperor who taxed everyone   | 15. We celebrate His _____ at Christmas                                |
| 7. Angels told these guys about His birth while they were watching their flocks |  |
| 8. The king of Judea when Jesus was born  |  |
| 10. His mother  |  |