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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,

A great way to worship is to meditate on the nature of God. That may sound stuffy, boring, impractical, and even irrelevant to our lives. Each characteristic of God is like a bottomless well.

Psalm 139:7 says “where can I go from your Spirit?” God is all-present. There is no place we can be or go where God abandons us. Psalm 139:8 says even when I “make my bed in the depths” God is there. There are no God-forsaken parts of our journey. God does not leave us when the times get hard. We are never alone. We have a faithful Companion always with us. What could be more practical or relevant than a God Who is always near?

Jer. 32:27 reminds us that nothing is too hard for God. He is all-powerful. We are reminded every day of our limits, what we cannot do, but wish we could. God has all the resources and power we need.

Psalm 139:1 says that God has searched us and known us. The word “search” means “dig” in Hebrew. God completely knows us (and all things). How often do we lack the information or wisdom to make decisions we face? God has all knowledge.

God also is all-loving (see 1 John 4:16b-18). God completely knows us (every thought, word, and deed) and He still loves us with a relentless love!

God is all-present, all-powerful, all-knowing, and all-loving. I cannot think of a better way to spend some time than to meditate on these aspects of God’s nature. Let them seep deeply into our spirits and change us from the inside out.

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Phil Temp
book signing
Sept 4
Alma Hunt
Sept 8-15
Lunch at UVA campus ministries building
Sept 9
Youth Tailgate
Sept 13
Beth Moore Simulcast
Sept 14
Youth Camping Trip
Oct 4-5
Leadership Team retreat
Nov 9
Marriage Retreat
Jan 24-26

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book Signing at UVA

Local Author Phil Timp will at a book signing at UVA-Wise campus in the Slep Building, Dogwood room on September 4th. Come and get your book signed by this inspirational man who has fought ferociously against a terminal illness that has taken his ability to talk, walk, and breathe effectively.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM)

Lunch will be served at the UVA-Wise BCM on campus September 9th, from 11 till 1. They will have chicken casserole and salad. If you would like to help serve call Donna Hutchinson or just show up.

New Deacons

We would like to welcome Dan Helton, Lewey Lee, and Robert England to our Deacon's List.

Wise Baptist Church is looking for someone with audio/visual experience to help out in the Church at events. Please contact the office at 328-6247.

WBC's Missions Committee's Emphasis for September: Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions Statewide Emphasis Week: Sept.8 -- 15

The annual offering for Virginia missions was named for Alma Hunt (1909-2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unswerving dedication to the cause of Christ.

The offering provides funding for all WMUV missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving (but uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists).

Since 1976, this offering has been a joint venture of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) and Virginia Baptist Mission Board (VBMB).

When you give to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions, you are equipping those who seek to share with others how God has set them free to live and serve. Wise Baptist Church's goal for this year is \$3,050.00.



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

You can register online at www.wisebaptist.com or fill out this registration form and drop it off along with your registration fee in the church office (please make checks payable to Wise Baptist)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Number registering _____

All ladies are invited to attend the Beth Moore Simulcast on Saturday, **September 14th** at Wise Baptist Church from 8:45 am until 4:15 pm.

The cost for the event is \$20 / person (\$10 / person for college students) and includes a boxed lunch.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

Questions? See Wendy, Jennifer, Sandy, Rebecca or Terry



From Leigh

Thank you, Donna, for leading the music in worship on Sunday while I was away with the youth for their fall retreat. Donna has been not only a great friend to me, she is also a great resource for times when I need to be away. She is talented, faithful and willing! I am grateful for all that Donna does in service to Our Lord through the ministries here at Wise Baptist Church.

The Sanctuary Choir will begin rehearsing for our annual Christmas Cantata next week. Many of you really enjoy singing and you love Christmas...so, consider joining us for the season! We will all be blessed!

I would like to thank Jeff and Cindy Elkins, and Mark Collins for their leadership with the youth on the retreat. We had such a wonderful time discovering God through nature and through His Holy Word. I really appreciate Wise Baptist Church for your continued support of the youth ministry; a vital component of a growing and active church. I am proud of the youth for their involvement and commitment to Sunday School, worship, Bible study and service projects throughout the year. Please be in prayer for all of our youth daily.

Our children's choirs will begin rehearsals on Monday, Sept. 9. All choirs will meet in The Rock from 3:45-5. Children ages 3-7th grade are encouraged to participate.

The Jubilation Ringers will have their first rehearsal on Sunday, September 15 at 4:15 pm. We would welcome new members! See me if you are interested.

Blessings, Leigh

TRUTH will rehearse on Sunday morning at 9:15 am in the sanctuary.



As you pray, please remember...

Jon Kennedy, Pat and Fred Adkins, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Lynell Wells, Wanda Baird, Glenn Hill, Lawrence Black, Bill Sutherland

Marty and Rose Kennedy

All of the cancer patients in our area

Our men and women in the military

Our Shut Ins:

Jack Tolbert, Sr., Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Jeanne and Debbie Stallard, Vernoy Bolling, Jewell Bradley, and Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG)

If there are other known prayer concerns and/or shut-ins, please let us know.



Joe and Reba Smiddy 9/6

Roger and Beverly Viers 9/7

Sam Wharton 9/5
Kathy Helton 9/7
Gwen Chisenhall 9/7
Scott Hall 9/8
Nicole Sexton 9/8
Marty Kennedy 9/8
Butch Hutchinson 9/8
Stephanie Lawson 9/9

Happy Birthday

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If your address is not listed, please get that information to Leigh via email.



YOUTH ON SUNDAY

The youth will meet on Sunday from 6-7:30 in the youth building. The Snodgrass family will provide our meal.

TAILGATE AND BONFIRE

Friday, September 13, we will set up tents and tables at the Central vs Burton football game for tailgating! Parents, please let us know how you can help—with set up or with food or both! Following the game, we will have a bonfire at the Snodgrass home.

CAMPING TRIP

Please remember to mark your calendar for October 4-5 for a camping trip to Natural Tunnel. More information soon!

BIBLE STUDY

Attendance for Bible study on Wednesdays and Sundays has been amazing! Thank you for your faithfulness! Looking forward to a great year of growth and fellowship. Friends are always welcome!

YOUTH RETREAT



Worship on Sunday morning at Clingman's Dome.



FALL YOUTH RETREAT

GATLINBURG, TN



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	9/01-9/07 9/8-9/14	Mark Clark, Gil Blackburn Bill Sutherland, John Ponish Ron, Dan Scott S.
Building Stewards		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Instrumentalists		Cindy E., Jason M., Oscar R., Daniel R., Wendy A.
Worship Welcome Team		David and Sandy Mullins
S.S Greeters	9/08 9/15	John Kennedy
Nursery	9/08	Travis Jessee, Sharon Bradley and Sarah Lane
	9/15	Daniel and Tabitha Ray
Children's Church	9/08 9/15	Megan Cline Jill Jessee
PA	9/08 9/15	Mike O. Ron
Tellers	September	Oscar Raile, Lee Ann Adkins
Ushers	9/08	John Mark Adrian*, Travis Jessee, Jason Mullins, Jeff Elkins, Bryan Burton, Robert England, Dwight Jessee, Daniel Ray
	9/15	Jerry Baird*, Edgar Owens, Roger Viers, Stan Kunigelis, Harold Witt, Butch Hutchinson, Mark Clark *offertory prayer
Habitat Store schedule	9/11	John, Jim
Serving Team	9/04	Beverly Viers, Sandy Mullins, Sherrie Collie, Brenda Kunigelis
	9/11	Pat Adkins, Cindy Elkins, Gail Kiser, Kathy Helton
Wed Night Dinner	9/04 9/11	Potluck Soup Beans, Cornbread, Roasted Potatoes

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



Weekly Opportunities

Sunday	Deacon's meeting	8:30 am
	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
Wednesday	Youth	6:00 pm
	Meal	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm

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BETH MOORE SIMULCAST SEPTEMBER 14, 2013



Wise Baptist Church

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Thought For The Week :

"This is what the Lord says— your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go." Isaiah 48:17 (NIV)



Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, works year-round to offer the opportunity for children across the world to come to know Christ as their personal Savior. Wise Baptist Church participates in Operation Christmas Child by packing shoe box gifts and by serving as the Wise Relay Center for collection of shoe box gifts packed by others in our community.

Have you ever wanted to be more involved? There are opportunities available in our area to be a year-round volunteer. What does a year-round volunteer do, you ask? Well, there is a lot that goes on in the "off season" to prepare for the National Collection Week held each November. There are local teams in the areas of church relations, community relations, media relations, prayer, and shoebox collection. Everyone is invited to become a part of our local area team in one of these capacities!

If you are interested in being involved on a year-round basis, please contact **Rebecca Osborne** (276.365.0969 or Osbornes4Go@aol.com) for more information.

About Operation Christmas Child: For 20 years, Operation Christmas Child has answered the call to share the love of Jesus Christ with hurting children around the world. In 2012, more than **9 million** shoe box gifts were collected internationally from the United States and 10 other countries. The Mid-Atlantic region packed **798,280** shoe box gifts and **over 8,000 shoe box gifts came from our area (Dickenson, Wise, Scott, and Lee counties)**. Since 1993, more than 103 million gift-filled shoe boxes have been distributed to children in more than 150 countries worldwide. Dedicated volunteers work year-round to promote and pray for Operation Christmas Child.

New Wednesday Night Bible Study Series (Sept. 18 – Oct. 23)

- * "Changing Places: A Christian's Guide to Caring for Aging Parents" – by Betty Roberson
- * "Setting Boundaries with Kids" – by Cloud and Townsend
- * "Ephesians: Building a Community in Christ" – by John Stott

(Sign up on Church Communication Card or notify church office)

Gasoline Buy-Down



On Saturday, September 1 from 10am to noon, our Deacons led a "Gasoline Buy-Down" at Uncle Fred's Gas and Grub. 90 cars of folks got \$5 of free gas, got a warm greeting, windshields washed, and were given a card with contact information about our church. Who knows the kind of week had by each person as they pulled in? It was the opportunity to offer

encouragement and hope. Assuming two people were in each car, it means 180 people were directly touched. If each of those people tells 2 others, it adds 360 people. Therefore, possibly 540 or more were touched with God's love. Seeds of God's love were spread. Pray that, together, we can blanket the Wise community with God's amazing love! Be on the look-out for similar servant evangelism events in which you can participate!

