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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

April 12, 2016

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

Recently, I watched a telecast of the US Olympic trials for the marathon in Los Angeles. Having run four marathons, I was particularly interested. One of our own from Wise Baptist Church, Anna Clark, got a taste of extra-long distance running as she recently finished a half-marathon in Texas. Rebecca Osborne, is currently training for a half-marathon.

Starting temperatures in Los Angeles were 66 degrees and rose to 80 degrees. Because of the body heat generated, anything over 55 degrees means suffering from heat and dehydration.

Two of the top runners were Amy Cragg and Shalane Flanagan, who were close friends and training partners. Amy did not make the team in 2012. Only the top three finishers qualify. Amy and Shalane led the way.

Both looked strong until mile 23. Shalane had hit “the wall”, when every bit of fuel in your body has been expended. You can feel good at one moment and with no warning, your legs turn to concrete.

Shalane slowed down significantly. Amy stayed right by her side. She turned to Shalane every few seconds to encourage her. (Let me add... after about half of a marathon, you do not have the energy or the wind to talk.) Yet, at mile 23 and beyond, in an Olympic-qualifying event, Amy continued to urge her friend on!

The pack gains quickly on Amy and Shalane. Finally, Amy pulls away to win. Shalane ends up third. Amy waits at the finish line. When Shalane crosses, she literally collapses into her friend’s arms. She said of Amy, “I could not have made it without her”.

It seems to me that God is like this. He is with us every step of the way in life, whispering encouragement. If we have trusted Him, when we cross the finish line, we will hear the words we have longed to hear, “Well done, good and faithful servant!”

I hope to see you on Sunday!

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

**Women on Mission
 April 14**

**“Armor of God”
 April 14**

**Children’s Ministry
 Team Meeting
 April 17**

**Mission Trip Meeting
 April 17**

**Ballroom Dancing
 April 17**

**Mothers’ Day Out
 May 7**

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DEACONS 2015-16

Lewey Lee	328-3845
Dan Helton	328-6086
Edgar Owens	328-6129
John Kennedy	328-5013
Matt Meade	393-9177
Daniel Ray	328-2483
Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Ron Helton	393-6145

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
- † **Watch Care** Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTHERS' DAY OUT

Saturday, May 7 10am—3pm



Moms, this day is for you! Bring your children (birth—Grade 6) to the church for a fun day of activities while you enjoy a day to yourself! Lunch will be provided. There is no cost involved, but we do need you to sign up your children on the Communication Card or contact Donna Hutchinson so we can plan accordingly.



SAVE THE DATE

May 12, 2016

Southwest Virginia 2016 Economic Forum

**David J. Prior Convocation Center
UVA-Wise**

- ◆ Discover SW Virginia's current economic status & future potential
- ◆ Connect with individuals & organizations to unify & collaborate similar initiatives & strategies
- ◆ Ignite action & passion for SW Virginia to move forward together with regional strength & momentum
- ◆ To register: www.uvawise.edu/economicforum
- ◆ Registration Cost: \$25.00



We rejoice with Jeff & Eileen Cantrell upon the arrival of their new grandson, Roan Oliver Cantrell on April 6, 2016!! The proud parents are Leah and Matthew Cantrell.

As you pray, please remember...

Irene Black, Papa Joe Smiddy, Jean Aker, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Kim Boggs, Pat Boggs, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, Lois Stallard, Hubert Breeding, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Jerry Reynolds, Ron Swindall, Bea Hill, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.



Hospitalized: Archie Kennedy

Our Shut Ins: Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG), and Florine Pennington (The Laurels).

If you know of other prayer concerns, please contact the church office (328-6247).

Children's Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, April 17

12:00 Noon



BIBLE STUDY



DON'T MISS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES

Each Wednesday begins with a fellowship meal at 6:00pm, followed by Small Group Bible studies for adults, Youth Bible Study and a Children's Mission Program at 6:45. The choir rehearses at 7:50.

It is a great time of FELLOWSHIP!



NEW ADDRESS
Bill & Erra Sutherland
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THANK YOU

to Sherlene Hall and all of those who helped prepare lunch & serve the volunteers and service personnel in our community at the church today!



After worship on Sunday, Donna Hutchinson and I left on a road trip to Gainesville, Florida. We are going to “scout” the location, work projects, housing options and whatever else is needed for our upcoming mission trip. We are going to meet Jeffrey Haglund, the Director of Missions for the North Central Florida Baptist Association and Pastor James Dixon of the Greater Faith Baptist Fellowship. Please be in prayer for our travels and for God’s direction and guidance for our mission team. We have 34 missionaries committed to our trip this summer! God is so good.


Last Thursday, we began “The Armor of God” Bible study. The enemy is invisible, but he is real. We need to arm ourselves with all of the spiritual blessings given to us through Jesus Christ and that begins with prayer. Can’t wait to see what God has in store for my life and in the lives of everyone involved in this study. Thank you for your prayers.

On Saturday, Mark and I attended the Celebration of Life for Mrs. Barbara Gipe. The Gipe’s and the Clark’s have been friends for 19 years. Our children are best friends. Our lives have been intertwined in so many ways. Nana was a big part of that. It was such a joy to see so many people at the service—sharing their stories, their memories, their laughter. What a testament to a life well lived! It is a great reminder to me, to all of us, to live each day in such a way that brings joy to others and that honors our God in heaven.

I am praying for you this week; pray for each other, too.

Blessings, Leigh


PS: There will be a brief mission trip meeting immediately following worship on April 17 in the men’s SS classroom. Please make every effort to attend.



Thank you, Mullins’ family for the meal on Sunday. Special thanks also to Mark Collins for leading the Bible study.

For all the FLOCK members going on the mission trip: we will have a brief meeting on Sunday, April 17 right after church. Please make every effort to be present.

I look forward to seeing everyone this week for Bible study on Wednesday and Sunday!




April 12	Sunny Kennedy
April 13	Jeff Cantrell
	Stan Kunigelis
	Sarah Lane
	Hollyn Mullins
April 14	Taylor Meade
April 18	Kate Kunigelis



April 13
Steve & Debbie Collins

GRADUATES



It does not seem possible that it is time to recognize our graduates! If you have a high school graduate, please provide 12-15 through the years pictures to Leigh by April 20. If you are a college graduate, please provide a current photo.

Everyone please give Leigh a list of your accomplishments, honors, etc. and your future plans.

We will recognize all of our graduates during worship on Sunday, May 8.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Mission Trip Yard Sale is scheduled for May 4, 5 & 6 at the Rock. Clean out your garage and storage building, your attic and your closet! Sherlene Hall needs your stuff! Remember: your “trash” is someone else’s “treasure”!



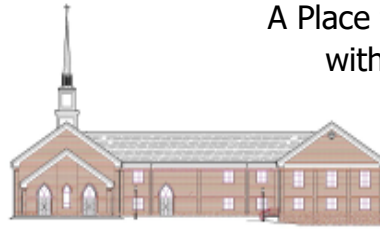
April 27— PREVIEW of new Wednesday Night Bible Studies

May 4—June 8— Join us for NEW small group Bible Studies on Wednesday evenings!

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	4/10-4/16	Matt Meade, Lewey Lee
	4/17-4/23	John Kennedy, Dan Helton
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome Team:		Dave Belcher, Misty Belcher, Jeff Kiser, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray
S.S. Greeters:	04/17	Bob & Teresa Adkins
	04/24	John Ponish
Nursery:	04/17	John Mark & Wendy Adrian
	04/24	Regina Carson, Landon Ellkins
Children's Church:	04/17	John & Karen Ponish
	04/24	Daniel & Tabitha Ray
PA:	04/17	Marty Adkins
	04/24	Mike Osborne
Tellers:	April	Teresa Adkins, Jeff Dotson
	May	Edgar Owens, Mike Strouth
Ushers:	04/17	Youth
	04/24	Mike Strouth*, Matt Meade^, Scott Snodgrass^, Bob Adkins, Lewey Lee, Gary Smith, Ron Swindall, Harold Witt (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	04/13	Jessica Crutchfield, Kathy Dotson, Angela Gervais, Gail Kiser
	04/20	Martha Blackburn, Kathy Helton, Susie Powers
Wed. Meal:	04/13	Soup Beans, Corn Bread, Mac & Cheese, Weiners & Kraut, (Hotdogs for kids)
	04/20	Chicken Tenders, Potato Wedges, Broccoli, Salad
Wed. Nursery	04/13	Kathy Dotson, Martha Blackburn
Children in Action	04/13	Kathy Dotson, Cyndi Newlon

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

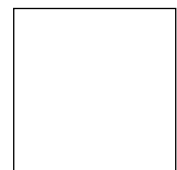
Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Ball Room Dancing	4:30-7 pm
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers & Caring Friends (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Singing Sunbeams	3:45 pm
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Children in Action	6:45 pm
	Sanctuary Choir	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission(2nd)	2--4 pm
	Armor of God	7:00 pm

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Thought for the week:
God is with you every
step of the way.