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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

April 5, 2016

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

The world has come right to our front door. Over time, more and more international folks will come to live in Wise County, Virginia. There are many international students at UVA-Wise. There are a number of international medical professionals at work in Wise County. Some of this population is Muslim.

1.6 billion people, 23% of the world population, is Muslim. We have to decide how we are to relate to them. Recent events have shaped those ideas. Terrorist bombings in Brussels and Pakistan and what to do about the flood of Syrian refugees color opinions about Muslims, as a whole. Many assume most Muslims are either terrorists or terrorist sympathizers.

The best place to shape our ideas about how to relate to this huge population is to turn to the Bible. John 3:16 says that “God so loved the world that He sent His only Son”. Muslims are part of that “world”.

Further, the Greek word for “hospitality” in the New Testament means “love the stranger”. It was a cultural responsibility in Bible times to care for the stranger. The stranger depended upon the hospitality of others.

Another Greek word that shows up in the English language is “xenophobia”. It means “fear the stranger”. That seems to be much of the attitude toward Muslims. Christ died for Muslims, too. Hospitality opens the door to evangelism. Xenophobia (fearing the stranger) closes the door.

Brothers and sisters, God in His merciful grace extended His hospitality to us in the Person of His Son. May we “love the stranger” so that all may have opportunity to come to know our wonderful Savior. How can we extend this hospitality this week? Invite someone this week to Bible study and worship.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Missions Committee
April 6

“Armor of God”
April 7

Children’s Ministry Team Meeting
April 10

Ballroom Dancing
April 10

Volunteer / Service Appreciation Meal
April 12

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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



VOLUNTEER / SERVICE APPRECIATION DAY

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a luncheon at Wise Baptist on Tuesday, April 12 (11:30—2:00 pm) for our town & county employees & volunteers. Please contact Sherlene Hall or indicate on the Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin if you would like to help serve that day or are able to donate a side dish, dessert or buns for BBQ.



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

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).



**Missions Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 6
5:00 pm**

**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
P.O. Box 831
Harrogate, TN 37752**

MOTHERS' DAY OUT

**Saturday, May 7 10am—3pm
Stay tuned for more details!**





Wise Baptist Church is so very blessed to have a faithful and talented Sanctuary Choir! The anthem on Sunday, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, was absolutely stunning! The choir and Susan have worked so very hard to learn that anthem. The text was written in 1707 by a very young Isaac Watts. While preparing music for a communion service he was moved by the amazing love and sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. This hymn has stood the test of time!

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most—I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown!

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small: Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

What a moving and personal testimony! May it be so for all of us, Lord.

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

Blessings, Leigh




P.S. What an awesome time of fellowship with the Kindred Spirits group last week at the home of Tricia and Bruce Cahoon! It was amazing to see such a variety of women working on their various projects; to hear the conversations and the laughter; and to share in the creation of so many beautiful pieces of pottery.

happy birthday	April 6	Don Newlon
	April 7	Alex Maine
	April 10	Sandy Mullins
	April 11	Sue Kennedy
	April 12	Karen Ponish
		Sunny Kennedy

 April 10
David & Sandy Mullins

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.

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”!

 Children's Ministry
Team Meeting
Sunday, April 10

Thank you, Donna, for the wonderful meal on Sunday evening. We had a great time of fellowship playing SPUD—it was such a beautiful day. The Mullins' family will provide our meal next week.

Our Bible study time was focused on James, son of Alphaeus, one of the Twelve Apostles. Because there were two Disciples named James, he was also known as James the Lesser—because, scholars believe, he was smaller in stature and younger than James, son of Zebedee. James is only mentioned four times in scripture. All four times he is with the other Disciples including the time in Acts after Jesus had ascended and it was time to decide “what next”.

Our lesson focused on the cost of discipleship. James heard Jesus' call, considered the cost and said “yes” to following Him. Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, “Salvation is free...but discipleship will cost you your life.” The cost is not something we really like to consider. But, everything comes with a cost. Following Jesus may cost us some friends or family. It may cost us “earthly things”. Are you willing to *count the cost* and say “yes” to Jesus?

CONGRATULATIONS: To the Central Forensics team for winning the State Championship! Emma and Lily Snodgrass finished 2nd overall in Humorous Duo. WOW!

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



Kindred Spirits

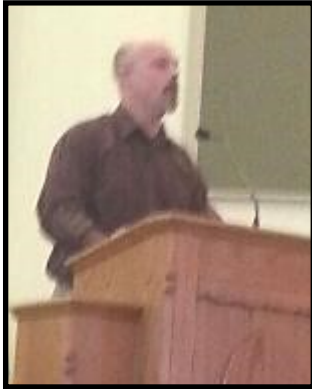
Tuesday, March 29, 2016



Join us each month as we meet in homes for crafts, food & fellowship! Watch the newsletter & bulletin for the time & place each month.



Wise Baptist through the week...



Sunday morning welcome...
Dave Belcher



Sunday morning announcements & praises...Leigh Clark, Lily Snodgrass, Emma Snodgrass



Sunday morning closing prayer...Ron Helton



Children in Action meet every Wednesday evening at 6:45 to learn about and do hands-on mission projects.



Congratulations to Mark Collins on becoming one of the Town of Wise's newest police officers!

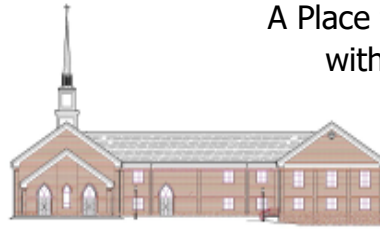
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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	4/03-4/09	Jerry Baird, Ron Helton
	4/10-4/16	Lewey Lee, Matt Meade
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:	04/10	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
	04/17	Bob & Teresa Adkins
Nursery:	04/10	Tammy Harding, Sara Johnson
	04/17	John Mark & Wendy Adrian
Children's Church:	04/10	Kathy Dotson, Elora Hutchinson
	04/17	John & Karen Ponish
PA:	04/10	Oscar Raile
	04/17	Marty Adkins
Tellers:	April	Teresa Adkins, Jeff Dotson
	May	Edgar Owens, Mike Strouth
Ushers:	04/10	Gil Blackburn*, Steve Horton^, Jack Tolbert^, Kenny Bowling, Jeff Dotson, Marty Kennedy, Jim Sturgill, Clyde Vance
	04/17	Youth (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	04/06	Potluck Team
	04/13	Jessica Crutchfield, Kathy Dotson, Angela Gervais, Gail Kiser
Wed. Meal:	04/06	Potluck
	04/13	Soup Beans, Corn Bread, Mac & Cheese, Weiners & Kraut, (Hotdogs for kids)
Wed. Nursery	04/06	Martha Blackburn
Children in Action	04/06	Kathy Dotson, Cyndi Newlon

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

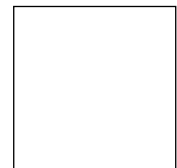
Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Ball Room Dancing	4:30-7 pm
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers & Caring Friends (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Singing Sunbeams	3:45 pm
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Children in Action	6:45 pm
	Sanctuary Choir	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission(2nd)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

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Thought for the week:
Practice hospitality:
“love the stranger”.