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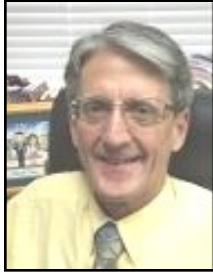
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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 10, 2019

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

Christmas. Bethlehem. The place where our Savior was born...

Annie Dillard, in *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*, tells a fascinating story about special markings that American Indians put on their arrows. They were called "lightning marks". They were grooves cut down the length of the shaft for a purpose.

When the Indians hunted, sometimes they would strike their target with an arrow. Then, their prey would run so far away that they could not find it. The lightning marks allowed the blood to flow down the shaft to leave a blood trail. This would allow the Indians to track and find their prey.

Now...back to Bethlehem. There is a blood trail, hinted at in Bethlehem. This trail became a reality when Jesus shed His blood and died on the Cross for all. The lightning marks of the sin and brokenness of all humanity make a trail that leads us from Bethlehem to the Cross.

Thanks be to God for
His great Gift to us all!

Love, Pastor Mike



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

IMPORTANT DATES

Christmas Cantata
December 15, 7pm

Men's Bible Study
December 17, 6:30am

Christmas Dinner
December 18, 6pm

Laurels Ministry
December 19, 1:30pm

Children's Christmas Party
December 21, 2 - 4pm

Youth Lock-In
December 21

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
December 24, 11pm

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DEACONS 2019-20

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|------------------|----------|
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| Jerry Baird | 393-0923 |
| Leton Harding | 346-6039 |
| Ron Helton | 393-6145 |
| Lewey Lee | 393-5370 |
| David Mullins | 870-0005 |
| John Ponish | 870-1593 |
| Oscar Raile | 870-0131 |
| Gary Smith | 870-1579 |

Deacons Emeritus:
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill,
Harold Witt

ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Sunday, December 15,
7:00 pm*

*Make plans to join us for our
Christmas Cantata: "Hope!"*

Presented by our Sanctuary Choir

*Followed by a Reception in the
Fellowship Hall*



Cantata Reception

*Please contact Teresa Adkins about what you
can bring for the Reception following our
Cantata, Dec. 15.
276-393-0977*

As you pray, please remember...



Family & friends of May Straughan, Polly Brown, Brenda Hill, Lois Tveit, Misty Belcher & family, Ray Spenilla, Holly Meade & family, Phyllis Hatcher, Steve Collins, Bessie Vance, Fred & Pat Adkins, Clifford & Artie Bailey, Gerry O'Bryan, Glenn Hill, Kathy & John Kennedy, John & Kay Wright, Wanda Takahashi (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, Ray & Carolyn Jones, law enforcement & emergency personnel, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.

Our Shut Ins: Eddie Culbertson, Geraldine Dickenson, Jeanne Stallard

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



Children's Christmas Party

(ages Birth - Grade 6)

Sunday, Dec. 21

2 - 4 pm



*Home of Josh & Britney Edmiston
Please RSVP to Britney or to
Terry Winters by Dec. 14*



Scripture for the Week

Micah 5:2

*"Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are small among
the clans of Judah; One will come from you to
be ruler over Israel for Me. His origin is from
antiquity, from eternity."*



**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 17
6:30AM**

Men, join us for awesome fellowship and Bible study twice a month (1st & 3rd Tuesdays) from 6:30-7:30am in the church fellowship hall. Bring your breakfast & your Bible!

Happy Birthday!!

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| December 10 | Penny Greenwood |
| December 11 | Jessica Crutchfield |
| December 13 | Damel Calvert |
| December 14 | Jim Sturgill |
| December 15 | Wesley Kennedy |
| December 20 | Bryan Crutchfield Marsha Tolbert |
| December 22 | Phyllis Hatcher Dallas Kennedy Jon Kennedy |



WBC Youth Ministry



Youth Lock-In:
Saturday, Dec. 21
Gingerbread
Houses &
Christmas PJ's!



** Flock * the Flock * the Flock **

Happy Anniversary!

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| December 11 | John Mark & Wendy Adrian |
| December 19 | Shane & Susan Mullins |
| December 31 | Jeff & Cindy Elkins |

WBC Children's Ministry



Jesse Tree

Dec. 15, 22 (11am)

Christmas Party

Dec. 21 (2-4pm)

What is the Jesse Tree?



Each Sunday during Advent (Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22), the children are invited to come to the front of the church during worship & place ornaments on a special Christmas tree called the Jesse Tree. The tree is named for Jesse, the father of King David. Each ornament is a symbol of a person or event that helped point the way to the coming of the Messiah. On the third Sunday, 4 more ornaments will be placed on the Jesse Tree: a lamb (King David), a fish (Jonah), a scroll (Isaiah) & a lion (Daniel).

Save Your Bags!



We have a great use for all of those Walmart & grocery store plastic bags! You can help Damel Calvert, one of our 4th graders, save bags for a recycling competition at Wise Primary School! Damel will be collecting gray or white bags until the end of March. Please place your bags in the box in the hall.

Bethlehem Times

Volume 1, Issue 12

December 25, 4B.C.

*Welcome to Bethlehem! Are you here for the census?
We hope you have arranged for lodging, as all of our inns are full!*



You will first need to register at the City Gates, by order of Caesar Augustus.



For identification purposes, you will need to have your photo taken at the Village Photographers.





Wonderful smells are coming from the Bethlehem Bakery where you can stop & make your own bread.



Learn from our most educated scribes how to write the name above all names in Hebrew: JESUS.



The Bethlehem Carpentry Shop is a busy place. Many folks travel here to learn how to construct their own wooden nativity scene.





Apparently, angels told several Bethlehem shepherds that they would find a baby wrapped in cloth & lying in a manger, & that this baby was the Savior, the Messiah!



Be sure to stop by the stable - the baby's parents won't mind. They would love to tell you their story!



The Painters' Hut is open if you wish to paint the nativity scene you craft in the Carpentry Shop.





Bethlehem boasts of some of the finest leather crafters in Judea.

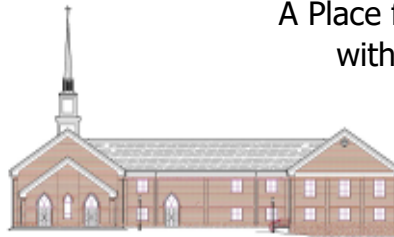


You will find many fine pottery items on display at the Pottery Shed, as well as opportunities to fashion your own pottery.



We trust that you have found your visit to our town to be pleasant. Hopefully you will return another time when the city is not so crowded with travelers here for the census.

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



Volunteers this Week

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| Deacons On Call: | 12/15 - 12/21 | Gary Smith, David Mullins |
| | 12/22- 12/28 | David Mullins, Ron Helton |
| Building Stewards: | | Ron, Dan, Scott S. |
| Instrumentalists: | | Susan M., Susan S. |
| Worship Welcome | 12/15 | Hannah Grace Mullins |
| | 12/22 | Hannah Grace Mullins |
| S.S. Greeters: | 12/15 | Sherlene Hall, Ruby Salyers |
| | 12/22 | Grace Allio, Shirlee Barnette |
| Nursery: | 12/15 | Abbie Crutchfield, Jessica Crutchfield |
| | 12/22 | Kim Hodges, Elora Hutchinson |
| Children's Church: | 12/15 | Chloe Cantrell, Regina Cantrell |
| | 12/22 | Debbie Collins, Ben Hersel |
| Sound System: | 12/15 | Mike Osborne |
| | 12/22 | Mike Strouth |
| Ushers: | 12/15 | Dave Belcher, Bryon Burton, Jeff Dotson, Marty Kennedy, Stephen Large, Jack Tolbert |
| | 12/22 | Bob Adkins, Kenny Bowling, Jeff Cantrell, Dan Helton, Matt Meade, Johnny Robinson, Jim Sturgill |
| Tellers: | December | Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson |
| | January | Martha Blackburn, Stephen Large |
| Youth Meal | 12/15 | Christmas Cantata; Youth will not meet |
| Wed. Serving Team | 12/11 | Wanda Baird, Donna Hutchinson, Cyndi Newlon, Rebecca Osborne |
| | 12/18 | Martha Blackburn, Linda Burgess, Kathy Helton, Susie Powers |
| Wed. Meal | 12/11 | Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread |
| | 12/18 | Christmas Dinner |
| Children's Choir | 12/11 | Donna Hutchinson, Renee Robinson |
| Children in Action | 12/11 | Kathy Dotson, Julie Large |
| Youth Hand Chimes | 12/11 | Donna Hutchinson |

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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| Sunday | Sunday School | 10:00 am |
| | Worship | 11:00 am |
| | Truth Rehearsal | 4:45 pm |
| | Youth (Grades 7-12) | 6:00 pm |
| | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 6:00 pm |
| Monday | Piecemakers (1st & 3rd) | 9:30 am |
| | Caring Friends (2nd & 4th) | |
| Tuesday | Men's Bible Study (1st & 3rd) | 6:30 am |
| Wednesday | Children's Choir (Ages 3 - Grade 6) | 4:45 pm |
| | Fellowship Meal | 6:00 pm |
| | Adult Bible Studies | 7:00 pm |
| | Youth Hand Chimes | |
| | Children in Action (Ages 5 - Grade 6) | |
| | Nursery (Birth - Age 4) | |

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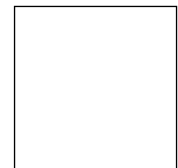
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Thought for the Week:
Follow the trail from
Bethlehem to the Cross.