

# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Donna Hutchinson, Music Director  
Dr. Ray Jones, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

December 10, 2024

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



*Dear Church Family & Friends,*

The Christmas story. How many times have you heard it? Is there anything new to say about it? Do we need to keep telling it over and over again?

Yes!!! And here's why.

The front driver's side tire on my car loses enough pressure that I have to pump more air into it about every two weeks. The problem is with the rim. Several attempts to fix it have not worked. So, I have to pump it up. Over and over again.

Life takes the air out of us spiritually. We have to keep putting something back in.

The Christmas story is a miracle of God. Sent to us in the most surprising package. Declaring to us all His love, power and purpose. We need to keep hearing and soaking up that story. Because the world constantly tries to undercut that message.

Take another look at Luke 2:1-20. Take your time. Read it slowly. Soak up every word, idea and picture. And be filled with Go's Holy Spirit!

*Love, Pastor Mike*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Fellowship Meal**  
Wed, Dec. 11, 6pm

**Christmas Cantata**  
Sun, Dec. 15, 7pm

**Annual Christmas Dinner**  
Wed, Dec. 18, 6pm

**Christmas Breakfast & Film "The Shepherd"**  
Sun, Dec. 22, 9:30am

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service**  
Tues, Dec. 24, 11pm

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## DEACONS 2024 - 2025

Debbie Collins	393-3875
Jeff Elkins	393-5700
Ron Helton	393-6145
Stan Kunigelis	870-2227
Lewey Lee	393-5370
Matt Meade	393-9177
David Mullins	870-0005
Ruby Salyers	870-0590

Deacon Emeritus:  
Bob Adkins

### 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



## Lots of Great Fellowship & Food in December...



### Christmas Cantata RECEPTION

Following the Christmas Cantata on December 15, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a reception honoring our choir, as well as Donna Hutchinson (director) & Susan Mullins (pianist)!

### Christmas Dinner Wed, Dec. 18, 6pm



**WHERE:** Fellowship Hall

**COST:** \$10 / person

**SIGN-UP:** by Sun, Dec. 15! (Contact Terry Winters at 276-870-2712 or use Communication Card in bulletin)

**MENU:** Turkey, Ham, Broccoli Salad, Sweet Potato Casserole, Pineapple Casserole, Potato Casserole, Green Bean Casserole, Cranberry Salad, Rolls, Desserts, Drinks (YUM!)

### As you pray, please remember...



Billie Harris, David Mullins, Susie Clasby, Travis Dutton, Jamie Hopkins, Frank Sexton, Family & Friends of Ray Jones, Brenda Lee, Jamie Hopkins, Donna Raines, John & Kathy Kennedy, Jordan Joseph (grandson of Virginia Ebert), Jim Sturgill, Natalie Luther, Billie Harris, Paula Dobis & Family, Vicki Stephens, Lala Baylor & Family, Robert Price & Family, Brandon Winters, Rachel Weller & Family, Rick Meade, those affected by Hurricane Helene & Hurricane Milton, Jim & June Dotson, Cyrus Jones, Karen Ponish & Family, Wanda Baird, Donna Hutchinson & Family, Jane Hughes & Family, Matt Meade, Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Lorna Wherry & Brian Plester (siblings of Brenda Kunigelis), Mike Smith's sister Lynn, Beth Snodgrass, doctors, nurses & all medical/pharmaceutical personnel, law enforcement & emergency personnel, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men & women in the military.

**Our Shut Ins:** Andrew Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's dad) - Appalachia, VA

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

### Christmas Breakfast!

Sun, Dec. 22, 9:30am



Instead of Sunday School on December 22, please join us on for a Christmas Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a showing of the film, "The Shepherd", produced by Dallas Jenkins (of "The Chosen"). You can sign up for food to bring by contacting Terry Winters (276-870-2712).



**December 14 \* 7 - 8am \* Fellowship Hall**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Christmas

**Dec. 15, 22, 11:00 am**

*Jesse Tree, Advent Candles*

**Dec. 15, 7:00 pm**

*Christmas Cantata & Reception*

**Dec. 18, 6:00 pm**

*Annual Christmas Dinner*

**Dec. 22, 9:30 am**

*Christmas Breakfast & film, "The Shepherd" (No Sunday School)*

**Dec. 24, 11:00 pm**

*Candlelight Communion Service*

*Thank you to everyone who is helping to light our Advent wreath each week! On December 8, five of our college students led the Advent devotional time.*



**Norton Cinema**

**Directed by Dallas Jenkins  
of "The Chosen"**



**Scripture for the Week:**

***Galatians 4:4***

*"But when the completion of the time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman..."*

## WBC TIMELINE

1899 → 2024

**Is your name on the  
Wise Baptist TIMELINE?**

Be sure to check out the church timeline posted on the hall wall near the kitchen door! There are watercolor markers available, so you can add your name & when you first started coming to Wise Baptist.

# BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

## Happy Birthday!



December 10 Penny Greenwood  
Jane Hughes  
December 11 Jessica Crutchfield  
December 13 Danel Calvert  
December 14 Jim Sturgill  
December 20 Marsha Tolbert  
December 22 Dallas Kennedy  
Jon Kennedy

## WBC Music Ministry



Our Christmas Cantata is finally ready to be offered to three different churches at three different times this coming Sunday, December 15, 2024. We will be at Norton FBC at the 11 o'clock worship hour, then Coeburn FBC at 2:30 pm in the afternoon and finally at WBC at 7:00 pm. If anyone is needing a ride to the church, please call the church office.

It is amazing worshipful experience and I receive such a blessing by singing and hearing it each week when we practice. I am sure you will, also.

Our choir has put so much work into this year's cantata, and I hope you can make it to see and hear.

*Joy, peace & love, Donna*

## Happy Anniversary!

December 11 John Mark & Wendy Adrian  
December 19 Shane & Susan Mullins



## Stewardship, A Divine Responsibility

God is the Owner. We are the managers. We must oversee His assets for His benefit. Our prayer is for discernment of what God wants done with His assets and then carry out His will. May we all at Wise Baptist Church give abundantly, sacrificially, and joyfully.

For those who cannot physically attend Sunday morning worship services in the sanctuary, your tithes and offerings may still be mailed to Wise Baptist Church, PO Box 777, Wise VA 24293, or brought by the Church anytime during open hours.

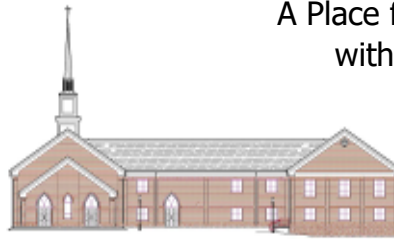
*"For everything comes from You, and we have given  
You only what comes from Your own hand."  
1 Chronicles 29:14*

## CHILDREN!

*Join us for worship on Dec. 15 & 22 as we continue to decorate the Jesse Tree with ornaments representing God's plan for us from Adam to Jesus!*



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### Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	12/8 - 12/14	Stan Kunigelis, Debbie Collins
	12/15 - 12/21	Matt Meade, David Mullins
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	December	Ashlee Taylor
	January	John & Karen Ponish
Children's Church	12/15	Cindy & Jeff Elkins
	12/22	Debbie Collins, Vickie Swindall
Offering Ushers	December	Jeff Dotson Team
	January	Ron Helton Team
Tellers	December	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
	January	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Wed. Night Meals	12/11	Chili Beans, Grilled Cheese, Salad
	12/18	Annual Christmas Dinner
Wed. Night Cook Teams	12/11	<u>Teresa's Team</u> : Linda Burgess, Susan Smith, Toni Thacker, Ann Wade, Terry Winters
	12/18	<u>All Cook Teams</u>



### WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 pm
	Christmas Cantata Rehearsal	6:30 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday	Laurels Ministry (3rd)	1:30 pm
Saturday	Men's Bible Study	7 - 8 am

### Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

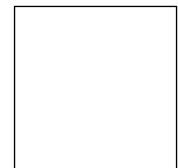
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### Thought for the Week:

*Listen to the Christmas story  
all over again.*