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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 11, 2018

*A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.*



*Dear Church Family and Friends,*

The first big snowstorm. How did it affect you? Which items on this list apply to you? Loss of power, missed school or work, cleaning off your driveway or sidewalk, etc.

When I looked at my driveway, I was not looking forward to the next couple of hours. No sooner had I begun shoveling, than a neighbor showed up on his 4-wheeler with a blade. Before I knew it, the driveway was clear. Did not expect it. Barely knew him.

Angels can be like that. The word angel means “messenger”. Angels are messengers of God. Some famous examples are in the Christmas story. Luke’s Gospel tells about 3 encounters with angels. First, the angel Gabriel tells Zechariah that his wife will give birth to John the Baptist. Next, Gabriel tells Mary that she will give birth to our Savior. Then, the angels greet the birth of Jesus in song. The Gospel of Matthew tells about an angel speaking to Joseph.

Maybe, just maybe, angels sent from God, are at work around us and we have just not noticed. Has an unexpected word or act of kindness been expressed to you lately? It could have come from someone we know or from a total stranger.

Take a moment to reflect on those “angels” God has sent our way. These angels can prepare our hearts to hear the Christmas story in a new way.

*Love, Pastor Mike*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Jesse Tree**  
December 16, 23  
11am

**Children’s  
Christmas Party**  
Winters’ Home  
December 16, 4pm

**Youth Trip to Bristol  
Speedway in Lights**  
December 16, 2pm

**Men’s Bible Study**  
December 18, 6:30am

**Caroling at the Laurels**  
December 19, 6:30pm

**Candlelight Communion**  
December 24, 11pm

**Youth Lock-In**  
December 28

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## DEACONS 2018-19

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Jim Collie	393-1710
Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Leton Harding	346-6039
David Mullins	870-0005
Mike Osborne	365-0968
John Ponish	870-1593
Daniel Ray	690-0284
Gary Smith	870-1579

Deacons Emeritus:  
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill,  
Harold Witt

### 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



## Children's Christmas Party

(ages Birth - Grade 6)

Sunday, Dec. 16

4:00 pm

Mike & Terry Winters' Home

8915 Red Maple Drive

Wise, VA



RSVP: 276-870-2712 (Terry)

As you pray, please remember...



Hayden Wilson, Christy Kelley, Tyler Beam (Lee Bogg's son-in-law), Kyle Gardner (Kim Hall's dad), Lewey Lee & Family, Ron Swindall, Gerry O'Bryan, Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill & family, Bessie Vance, Kathy & John Kennedy, Jonah Kelley, John & Kay Wright, Bonnie Rochford & Wanda Takahashi (sisters of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, Shirley Willis (The Laurels), Ray & Carolyn Jones, Artie & Clifford Bailey, Pat & Fred Adkins, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military

**Our Shut Ins:** Susan Davidson (Heritage Hall), Eddie Culbertson, Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Betty Easterling (The Laurels), Florine Pennington (The Laurels), Jeanne Stallard

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



Scripture for the week:

Matthew 1:20

"But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit.'"



**Upcoming Wednesday Night**

**Study!**

Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer was executed by the Nazis near the end of World War II. His courageous faith, life and death are an inspiration.

Learn about the man who was a pastor, martyr, prophet and spy. Dr. Gil Blackburn, who has done much study on the subject, will teach about Bonhoeffer 4 Wednesday evenings in January.

WBC

## WEATHER POLICY



### WED. NIGHT MEAL & ACTIVITIES

If the Wise area is experiencing inclement weather, i.e. snow, ice, on a Wednesday, a decision will be made by the Pastor as to whether our meal & activities will be held as usual or cancelled. We will **NOT** automatically cancel our activities because Wise County or Norton City schools are closed. The decision to cancel our activities will be made no later than 2:00pm & will be communicated through email, website, Facebook & phone calls.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP

We will have Sunday School & Worship even during inclement weather. The exception to this will be if our building is without power. Our Pastor & Building Stewards will make that decision, if necessary.

In the event that our services are cancelled, communication will be sent via email, website, Facebook & phone calls. \*\*Your safety is most important. Please don't attempt to get out if the weather/conditions are dangerous.

## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS!



*Monday,  
December 24,  
11pm  
Wise Baptist Church*

*What a wonderful way to celebrate Jesus this Christmas - invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us!*



### Wednesdays at Wise Baptist!

*Fellowship Meal, 6pm*

*Bible Study, 6:50pm*

*Children in Action & Nursery, 6:50pm*

*Choir Rehearsal, 7:50pm*

*December 12 - Whole Group Bible Study*

*December 19 - Caroling at the Laurels, 7pm*

*December 26 - No Activities*



## Happy Birthday to Everyone!

Mark your calendar for our 4th Annual Church-Wide Birthday Party!

We will celebrate everyone's birthday at once on Sunday, January 27 following morning worship! BE SURE to sign up by calling the church office (328-6247) & tell us your birthday (month & day only!). Join others that share your birthday month at decorated tables & enjoy tasting 12 different birthday cakes!



## Holiday Hours



- \* There will be no Wednesday evening activities at the church December 26.
- \* The office will be closed on Dec. 24 - 28.
- \* There will be no newsletter published the week of Dec. 24-28.

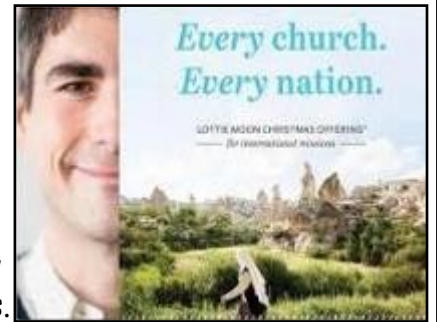


## Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Dec. 18,  
6:30am

Men, join us for fellowship and Bible study twice a month from 6:30-7:30am in the church fellowship hall. Bring your breakfast & your Bible! The fellowship is awesome and the Bible Study is uplifting. Invite a friend & join us on **Tues., Dec. 18 at 6:30am!**

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions will be collected during the month of December. Special envelopes will be available in the pew racks and/or bulletins.



If you would like to share a prayer concern with our church family, email: [jerrybaird009@comcast.net](mailto:jerrybaird009@comcast.net)



*Due to this past week's snow, special Christmas music from our planned "Night of Music" will be incorporated into our morning Advent Services. Plan to worship with us at Wise Baptist!*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



December 11 Jessica Crutchfield

December 14 Jim Sturgill

December 15 Wesley Kennedy



December 16 Taylor Gardner

December 20 Bryan Crutchfield

Marsha Tolbert

December 22 Dallas Kennedy

Jon Kennedy

Rick Mullins



December 23 Sherlene Hall

December 24 Jim Collie

Carolyn Strouth

William Sturgill

Lois Tveit

December 25 Lilyanna Harden

December 26 Linsay Allio

Diana Roberts

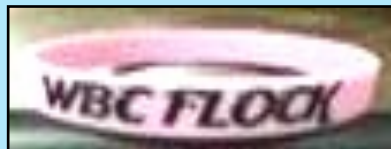
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## Happy Anniversary

December 11 - John Mark & Wendy Adrian

December 19 - Shane & Susan Mullins

## WBC Youth Ministry



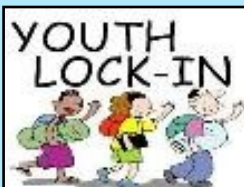
Sunday, December 16, 2pm

Trip to see Bristol Speedway in Lights!

We will meet at church at 2pm & be traveling by church bus.

Bring money for dinner.

\*Contact Tabitha Ray.



Youth Lock-In: Dec. 28

\*Contact John Mark Adrian to sign up.

Stay tuned for details!

## WBC Children's Ministry



### Upcoming Activities...

Dec. 16, 23 - Decorating Jesse Tree, 11am

Dec. 19 - Caroling at the Laurels, 7pm

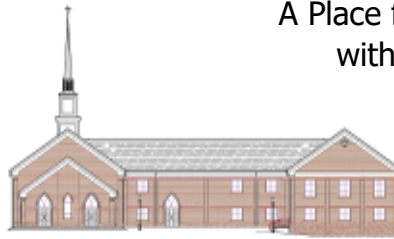
Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 11pm

# Shoebox fun!

Thank you to these folks for traveling to the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Boone, NC this past Friday to help prepare shoeboxes to be delivered around the world!



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### Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/9-12/15	Mike Osborne, John Mark Adrian
	12/16-12/22	Gary Smith, David Mullins
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome	12/16	Jeff Kiser
	12/23	Jeff Kiser
S.S. Greeters:	12/16	David & Sandy Mullins
	12/23	June Dotson, Carolyn Strouth
Nursery:	12/16	Susie Clasby, Mary Stuedemann
	12/23	Bonnie Owens, Emma Snodgrass
Children's Church:	12/16	John & Karen Ponish
	12/23	Stephen & Julie Large
Sound System:	12/16	Mike Strouth
	12/23	Mike Osborne
Ushers:	12/16	Dave Belcher, Bryon Burton, Jeff Dotson, Marty Kennedy, Stephen Large, Jack Tolbert
	12/23	Bob Adkins, Kenny Bowling, Jeff Cantrell, Dan Helton, Matt Meade, Johnny Robinson, Jim Sturgill
Tellers:	Dec.	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	Jan.	Martha Blackburn, Edgar Owens
Youth Bible Study	12/16	Bristol Speedway in Lights
	12/23	No Youth Activities
Wed. Serving Team	12/12	Eileen Cantrell, Jessica Crutchfield, Kathy Dotson, Gail Kiser
	12/19	Martha Blackburn, Linda Burgess, Kathy Helton, Susie Powers
Wed. Night Meal	12/12	Potluck
	12/19	Soups & Sandwiches
Children-in-Action:	12/12	Regina Cantrell, Terry Winters
	12/19	Caroling at the Laurels
Wed, Nursery	12/12	Linda Bailey, Kiera Harding
	12/19	Caroling at the Laurels

### WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth (Grades 7-12)	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Studies	7:00 pm
	Children in Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth - Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm

### Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

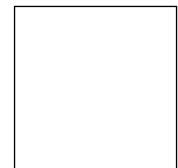
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at Wise Baptist Youth

**Thought for the Week:**  
**Look for the angels**  
**that God sends.**