

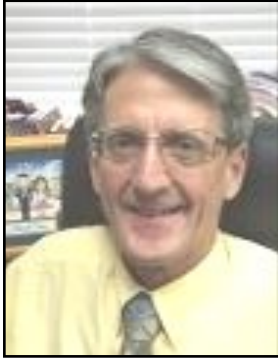
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 Lloyd & Carlie Tomlinson,  
 Youth Directors  
 Dr. Ray Jones, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 14, 2021

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



*Dear Church Family and Friends,*

I love to sing Christmas Carols. Two of my favorites are “O Little Town of Bethlehem” and “O Come, All Ye Faithful”. What are yours?

What do you picture when you think about singing Christmas Carols? A peaceful gathering of family or friends? Sipping hot chocolate by a fire?

The Gospel writers did not have this in mind when they wrote about Jesus’ birth. Their message was subversive. Revolutionary. A direct challenge.

A challenge to what? The Roman Emperor and all he stood for. He ruled Palestine with an iron grip. The people had all but given up.

The Romans claimed that there were prophecies of Caesar’s birth. Called him: Lord, Savior, Redeemer, and bringer of Peace.

The Gospel accounts purposely challenge every one of these false claims. Jesus’ birth was prophesied. **He is the true Lord, Savior, Redeemer and the Prince of Peace! Not Caesar. Not anyone else. Not anything else! Not ever!**

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you... Christ the Lord.”  
 (Luke 2:11)

*Love, Pastor Mike*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**“A Season of Singing”**  
 Sun., Dec. 19, 11am

**Christmas Dinner**  
 Camp Bethel  
 Sun., Dec. 19, 5:30pm

**Bedtime Story: FB Live**  
 Mon., Dec. 20, 8:30pm

**No Activities**  
 Wed., Dec. 22

**CHURCH OFFICE**  
**CLOSED**  
 Dec. 23 & 24

**Candlelight**  
**Communion**  
 Friday, Dec. 24, 11pm

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## DEACONS 2021-22

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Jim Collie	393-1710
Ron Helton	393-6145
Jorge Hersel	594-9077
Butch Hutchinson	393-5008
Lewey Lee	393-5370
John Ponish	870-1593

Deacons Emeritus:

Bob Adkins, 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


### COOKIE EXCHANGE

Wed.  
Dec. 15  
6:00pm

Join us for sandwiches, salads  
& a cookie exchange!

Please bring 4 dozen homemade cookies... 2 dozen to exchange & 2 dozen to send to the Laurels on December 16.

Please bring a copy of your recipe - Teresa will assemble these & make copies available for everyone.

This is also the night to wear your tackiest Christmas sweater...prizes for all! :) 

Please **sign up** for the meal & the cookie exchange by contacting Teresa Adkins (393-0977).

As you pray, please remember...



Jim Dotson, Lois Stallard, Leigh Clark & Family, Jim Blanton, Family of Michael Chandler, Brenda Lee, Dan Helton, Regina Cantrell, Gil Blackburn, Lewey Lee and Family, Family of Steve Collins, Dalton, Kara and Halen Parker, Phyllis Hatcher, Wendy Adrian & Family, Bessie Vance, Jerry & Wanda Baird, Ben Bolling & family, Grace Allio, Vickie Swindall & Family, David & Sandy Mullins, Seth Harding, Randy & Gwen Chisenhall & Family, Beth Snodgrass, Ray Jones & Family, Velma Baird, Wesley Kennedy, Don & Gigi Pippin, doctors, nurses & all medical/pharmaceutical personnel, Kathy & John Kennedy, John & Kay Wright, Wanda Takahashi (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, law enforcement & emergency personnel, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men & women in the military.

**Our Shut Ins:** Jeanne Stallard, Bobbie Farmer, Jean Forsythe (Sandy Yun's mother), Kingston Center Assisted Living in Duffield

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

**Join us for caroling!**



Thursday, Dec. 16  
1:30pm  
The Laurels

\*Masks must be worn while at the Laurels.

### Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 19, 5:30pm  
Camp Bethel Dining Room

**Menu:**

Turkey & Dressing  
Ham & Trimmings  
Dessert, Drinks

**Cost:** \$15 (adults), \$10 (middle school & high school), \$5 (primary age children)

\*Make checks out to Wise Baptist Church; can pay ahead or at the door.



*Scripture  
for the Week*

**Luke 2:11**

“...‘today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David.’”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



*December 24, 11:00 pm*

What a wonderful time to invite friends & family to Wise Baptist!

Plan now to join us as we celebrate Jesus' birth together during the first minutes of Christmas Day

If you would like to call or send a card to **Lois Stallard**, this is her current contact information:



Cell: 345-7281

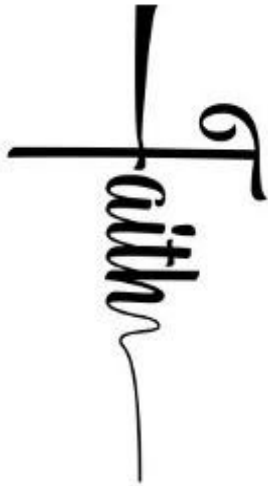
Address: Encompass Rehab Hospital  
Room 316  
113 Cassel Dr., Kingsport, TN  
37660

Visiting Hours: 4-8pm, Mon.-Sat.  
10am-8pm, Sun.

### Train Display!



Jim & Sherry Collie invite you to visit their home & see their electric train displays anytime this month until early January. Just call Sherry ahead of time at 276-328-5133



### *The Making of Authentic Faith:*

### *A Study of the Book of James*

A big breakdown for Christians is moving from spiritual information to practical action. Application. The Book of James is all about faith at work. We will

continue our study the Book of James on Wednesday evening, Dec. 15 at 7pm. If you can, join us in person at church. If not, you are welcome to join us on-line on the Wise Baptist Church Facebook page, via Facebook Live.

Study books are available in paperback form. You can order a digital copy by going to the website, [www.gc2press.com](http://www.gc2press.com). Then look for Bible study books for adults, then James, "The Making of Authentic Faith".



Sundays, 11:00 am

Children, we invite you to help decorate our Jesse Tree with ornaments which tell the story of God's plan to send His Son, Nov. 28 - Dec. 19.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Happy Birthday!

December 14	Jim Sturgill
December 15	Wesley Kennedy
December 16	Taylor Gardner
December 20	Bryan Crutchfield
	Marsha Tolbert
December 22	Phyllis Hatcher
	Dallas Kennedy
	Jon Kennedy
December 23	Sherlene Hall
December 24	Jim Collie
	Carolyn Strouth
	William Sturgill
	Lois Tveit



### WBC Music Ministry



*A Season of Singing*  
*Sunday, December 19*  
*11:00am*

### Happy Anniversary!

December 19      Shane & Susan Mullins



For the past year and a half, we have had many folks reading bedtime stories each Monday

night on our church Facebook page. We want to thank all of you who have read, and all who have "tuned in"!

We will be bringing our Monday Night Bedtime Stories to a close at the end of December, but there are still 2 Monday nights left!

You won't want to miss the stories on

December 20 & 27!



\*\* the Flock \* the flock \* the flock \*\*

### Wise Baptist Church

### Youth Ministry

Grades 7 - 12



### Christmas Caroling!

**Wed., Dec. 15**  
**Meet at the Youth**  
**Building at 7pm**

# LOTTIE MOON OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS



"I saw a great multitude from every nation..." Revelation 7:9

Every year, Wise Baptist, along with thousands of other Baptist churches provide an opportunity to give to international missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The offering was named for missionary Lottie Moon (a Virginia native) who served in China from 1873 until her death on Christmas Eve 1912.

You can find special offering envelopes in the pew racks to use during the month of December or you can designate an offering to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

*"Is not the festive season when families and friends exchange gifts in memory the The Gift laid on the altar of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time to consecrate a portion from abounding riches and scant poverty to send forth the good tidings of great joy into all the earth?"*

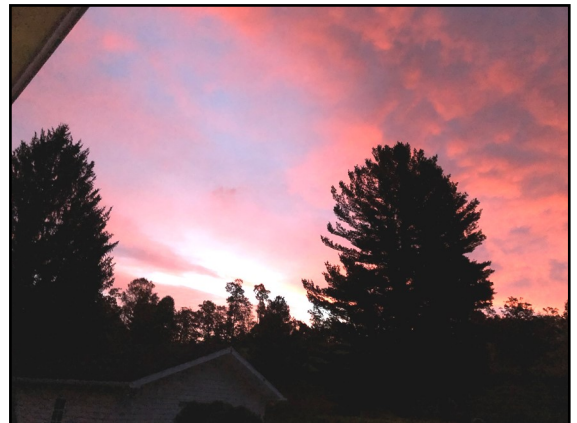
~ Lottie Moon



Maci Cantrell, age 7, did a great job reenacting Mary and Baby Jesus during Sunday School this past Sunday!

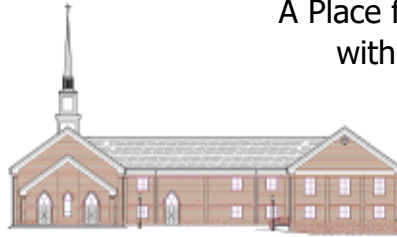


*Thank you to Shirlee Barnette for sharing this beautiful photo of sunrise taken at her house!*



**Wise Baptist**  
**refresh**  
your heart in Jesus  
*The One who was born for you!*

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with Family and Friends



### Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/12 - 12/18	Jerry Baird, John Mark Adrian
	12/19 - 12/25	Ron Helton, Butch Hutchinson
Building Stewards:		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists:		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sound System:	12/19	Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile
	12/26	Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile
Tellers:	December	David Mullins, Oscar Raile
Wed. Night Meal:	12/15	Sandwiches & Soup/ Cookie Exchange
	12/22	No Activities



### WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

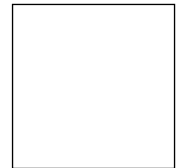
Sunday	Worship	11:00 pm
	Youth (Grades 7-12)	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
	Bedtime Story via Fb Live	8:30pm
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Bible Study onsite & via Fb Live	7:00 pm
	Youth meet (Grades 7-12)	7:00 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	8:00 pm
Thursday	Men's Bible Study	6:30 am

### Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

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Wise, VA 24293  
**E-mail:** mikewinters@wisebaptist.com  
**Phone:** 276.328.6247 **Cell:** 540.280.5598

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Like us at: Wise Baptist Church  
and at Wise Baptist Youth

### Thought for the Week:

*Today, Jesus comes to you.*