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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 16, 2025

GOD'S FAMILY, GROWING TOGETHER

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Dec. 17th, 6 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

\$10 per person

\$5 for 12 yrs and under

Please turn in cash or checks to Matt Collins.

Make checks payable to Wise Baptist Church.

IMPORTANT DATES

Christmas Dinner
Wed, Dec. 17, 6 pm

Christmas Eve
Service
Wed, Dec. 24, 11 PM

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVE

WORSHIP SERVICE ON DECEMBER 24

at 11 PM.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

Express one of the following to the Pastor during the closing hymn:

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| † 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 |

DEACONS 2025 - 2026

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Debbie Collins	393-3875
Jeff Elkins	393-5700
Ron Helton	393-6145
Lewey Lee	393-5370
Matt Meade	393-9177
John Ponish	870-1593
Ruby Salyers	870-0590
Ray Spenilla	639-2313

Deacon Emeritus:
Bob Adkins

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WILL RESUME SATURDAY,
JANUARY 3RD at 7 AM



THANK YOU TO
JENNIFER AND RAY SPENILLA
FOR LIGHTING THE **JOY**
ADVENT CANDLE



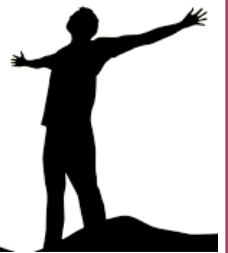
As you pray, please remember...



Leona & Jerry Jessee, John & Diana Roberts, Bella Sisson, Robert Raines & Family, Family of Susan Rose, Britney Edmiston, Greg, Kimberly Lyon, David & Sandy Mullins & family, Brenda Lee, Jerry & Wanda Baird, Cecil & Glenna Mullins, Alan Adkins, David & Natalie Luther, Carlie Tomlinson, Irene Humphries, Mike Peak, Megan Moody, Mike & Terry Winters, Bonnie Aker, Jane Hughes, Grace Allio, Kathy Helton, Jim & Judy Sturgill, John & Kathy Kennedy, Jordan Joseph (grandson of Virginia Ebert), Jim & June Dotson, Cyrus Jones, Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Lorna Wherry & Brian Plester (siblings of Brenda Kunigelis), 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

Giving is an Act of Worship



Our stewardship of God's work at Wise Baptist Church is an opportunity of spiritual sacrifice. Our stewardship is an opportunity for each of us to express our love and gratitude to the One who has given us everything. And our stewardship allows us to be a part of God changing lives and souls.

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, P.O. Box 777, Wise, VA 24293 or brought by the Church office anytime during open hours.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week's Scripture:

Micah 5:2

**But you, Bethlehem, though you are
little among the thousands of Judah,
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me
the One to be ruler in Israel.**

**THERE WILL BE NO
WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE
STUDY THIS WEEK!**

COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL !!!

*Our College Sunday School class will
pause for winter break after the Decem-
ber 7th class, and resume Jan. 11th.*

*If interested in helping provide meals,
contact*

Diane Cornett @

276-210-3099

**THE CHRISTMASTRAINS ARE UP
AND RUNNING AGAIN AT JIM AND
SHERRY COLLIE'S HOUSE!!**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME
JUST CALL BEFORE YOU COME.**

(276) 328-5133



The Caring Friends quilting group is in need of volunteers. We meet at 9 a.m. Mondays in the fellowship hall. The group is open to everyone, not just members of our church, so please bring a friend. If you have a sewing machine and would like to piece a quilt you can do that at the church, or take a kit home to work on it. If you don't have a sewing machine, you could hem a quilt binding by hand. That's also very simple; if you've never done it we can teach you in a few minutes. We always have coffee and good conversation, and enjoy our time together while we work on this rewarding ministry.

*** Quilting Groups will break after the
December 15th session and resume in January.**



Thank You!

**MANY THANKS
TO MICHAEL MARLIN AND
FAMILY FOR MINISTERING TO
US THIS PAST SUNDAY!!**



BULLETIN BOARD

IF YOU HAVE NOT CHECKED OUT OUR BULLETIN BOARD (IN THE BREEZEWAY, NEAR THE ELEVATOR), YOU ARE MISSING A VALUABLE BLESSING!!

EACH MONTH, ASHLEE TAYLOR DESIGNS AND PRODUCES A NEW THEME FOR OUR BOARD. AND EACH MONTH, THEY ARE AWESOME!! IF YOU COME IN THIS WAY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR TO CHOIR PRACTICE, I'M SURE YOU HAVE NOTICED. IN CASE YOU'VE MISSED IT OR AREN'T ABLE TO BE IN THE BUILDING, WE WILL POST SOME PICTURES OF HER WORK IN THE NEWSLETTER. THANK YOU, ASHLEE, FOR YOUR SPIRITED DEDICATION TO THIS MINISTRY!!



Christmas Cantata

SO MANY THANKS TO DONNA, SUSAN, THE CHOIR, INSTRUMENTALISTS, AND EVERYONE INVOLVED WHO DEDICATED THEIR TIME, GIFTS, AND PASSION TO MAKE THIS SPECIAL MUSIC FOR A SPECIAL SEASON!!!



Christmas Dinner

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
LOOK BEAUTIFUL FOR OUR CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER!!



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC



December 20 Marsha Tolbert



Happy Anniversary

December 19th Susan & Shane Mullins

THANK YOU

MANY THANKS

**TO KRISTEN AND DUSTIN PHILLIPS FOR
LEADING OUR WORSHIP MUSIC THIS PAST
SUNDAY!!**



WBC Music Ministry



Advent joy is the celebration of Christ's coming, marked by hope fulfilled and love revealed. It is symbolized by the pink candle lit on the third Sunday of Advent, reminding believers that joy is not just seasonal cheer but a deep, spiritual gladness rooted in God's gift of salvation.

The third week focuses on joy, often called Gaudete Sunday, from the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This joy is not superficial happiness but a profound response to God's promise fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The Candle of Joy, known as the Shepherd's Candle, it is pink to symbolize celebration amid the more solemn purple candles of hope and peace.

Joy is woven throughout the nativity story—Mary rejoices at God's favor, Elizabeth's child leaps in her womb at Jesus' presence, and angels proclaim "good news of great joy" to shepherds. Advent joy acknowledges life's sorrows yet insists that Christ's coming brings light into darkness. It is joy that endures even in hardship.

Advent joy is a reminder that Christian faith is not only about waiting but also about celebrating. While the season carries anticipation, the third week shifts the tone toward rejoicing in what is already given: salvation through Christ. Churches light the pink candle, sing carols, and reflect on the joy of Christ's birth.

Believers are invited to cultivate gratitude, hope, and trust, even when circumstances feel heavy. Unlike fleeting happiness, Advent joy is anchored in God's eternal promise.

This weekend has been a time of great joy for me. We had our "Farmer Christmas" on Saturday and all my siblings were there, my children and most of the nieces and nephews, along with their families. I was happy, but I had real joy in my heart from seeing how everyone got along, there was no fussing and fighting, no clashing, just love and fun.

Then, onto Sunday! Our choir traveled to Coeburn to present our Christmas Cantata, "Unto Us" to their congregation. Even though the weather was not "perfect", with snow, ice and cold temperatures, we still were able to share our hard-work with their congregation, through the presentation of song. Sunday evening, we presented our voices again to God here at WBC and it was amazing, moving and very emotional for me. "Unto Us", God gave us a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Amen

I am full of Joy!

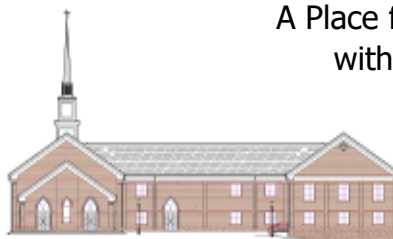
Peace, love & joy, Donna

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	12/14-12/20	Matt Meade, John Ponish
	12/21-12/27	John Mark Adrian, Jeff Elkins
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	December	John Ponish
	January	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
Children's Church	December 21	Holly Meade, Ava Mullins
Offering Ushers	December	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	December	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
Wed. Night Meals	12/17	CHRISTMAS DINNER
Wed. Cook Teams	12/17	ALL COOK TEAMS



A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School Worship	10:00 am 11:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st, 3rd, 5th) Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	9:00 am
	WILL RESUME IN JANUARY	
Wednesday	CHRISTMAS DINNER	6:00 pm
Saturday	Men's Bible Study	7:00 am
	WILL RESUME JANUARY 3RD	
Wed. 12/24	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE	11:00 PM



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**TRUST
IN THE
LORD
WITH ALL
YOUR**
(proverbs 3:5)

Thought for the Week:

LOVE ALWAYS WINS