

WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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December 17, 2024

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family & Friends,

“I’m not qualified!” Have you said or thought that recently?

What does “qualified” mean? Very skilled at something? Way above average. If you are not qualified, you think you should not do it. Someone else would do it better. Makes sense, right?

You apply it spiritually, too. Certain tasks for which you may feel unqualified. High on the list is sharing your faith. Someone better at this, more spiritually mature, should do that.

Let’s see what the story about the shepherds going to the manger teaches us. They were the first “evangelists”, telling the good news about Jesus.

Yet, they were least spiritually qualified. Shepherds had a terrible reputation. They were considered to be thieves, even though most were not. Yet God chose the lowliest of people, in the eyes of the world, to share the best news ever!

Their qualifications? They had humble hearts, open to God. They listened and obeyed. They told what they saw and heard.

Reflect on the story in Luke 2:8-20. I suspect you are more qualified than you think.

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

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

NO NEWSLETTER
Dec. 24

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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:

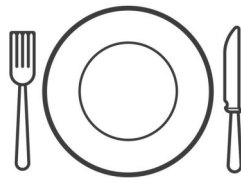
- † **Transfer of Letter** Transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church
- † **Baptism** Desire to express faith in Christ through baptism
- † **Statement of Faith** Baptized believer not on a membership roll
- † **Watch Care** Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lots of Great Fellowship & Food in December...

Christmas Dinner Wed, Dec. 18, 6pm



WHERE: Fellowship Hall

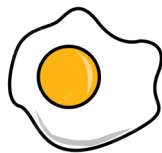
COST: \$10 / person

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!)

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).

As you pray, please remember...

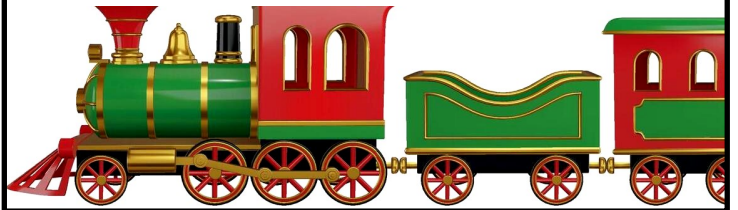


Billie Harris, David Mullins, Susie Clasby, Travis Dutton, Jamie Hopkins, Frank Sexton, Family & Friends of Ray Jones, Brenda Lee, Donna Raines, John & Kathy Kennedy, Jordan Joseph (grandson of Virginia Ebert), Jim Sturgill, Natalie Luther, Billie Harris, Paula Dobis & Family, Vicki Stephens, Lala Baylor & 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).

DON'T MISS THE TRAIN DISPLAY AT JIM & SHERRY COLLIE'S! CALL IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STOP BY: 276 - 328 - 5133



CHILDREN!

Join us for worship on December 22 as we finish decorating our Jesse Tree with ornaments representing God's plan for us from Adam to Jesus!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas

Dec. 18, 6:00 pm
Annual Christmas Dinner

Dec. 22, 9:30 am
Christmas Breakfast &
film, "The Shepherd" (No Sunday School)

Dec. 22, 11:00 am
Jesse Tree, Advent Candles

Dec. 24, 11:00 pm
Candlelight Communion Service



Thank you!

*to everyone who brought food for the
Cantata Reception!!*

*Thank you also to those who decorated the Fellowship
Hall & to all of those who helped to set up & clean up
afterwards!*

FYI

Church Office closed:
Dec. 24, 25, 26

Wed. night schedule:
No activities Dec. 25, 31

Newsletter schedule: No newsletter Dec. 24



Norton Cinema

Directed by Dallas Jenkins
of "The Chosen"



Scripture for the Week:

Luke 2:16-18

"They [the shepherds] hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the feeding trough. After seeing them, they reported the message they were told about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. "

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 20	Marsha Tolbert
December 22	Dallas Kennedy Jon Kennedy
December 23	Sherline Hall
December 24	Jim Collie Carolyn Strouth William Sturgill
December 26	Linsay Allio Diana Roberts Miles Wampler
December 27	Nova Greene
December 30	Paul Maine

Happy Anniversary!

December 19	Shane & Susan Mullins
December 31	Jeff & Cindy Elkins



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*

WBC Music Ministry



This year's Christmas Cantata was a grand success!

We had 35 singers from 8 different churches and we offered our cantata at three different church buildings.

Practices were fun (because I'm not doing anything if I can't have fun doing it) and we had such a joyful spirit during all of our practices, except maybe the ones where we concentrated mostly on *The Hallelujah Chorus*. That one was kind of intense because the song is so complicated. The organ is playing one thing, the basses sing their own song, the tenors sing theirs, altos sing their song and the sopranos sing theirs. We all sing our songs at the same times, but usually are not all singing the same words at the same time. Once you know your part, it seems to be pretty simple, but that is the way music works. It does come together to make a fabulous piece of music, and I so loved doing it.

I was so tired on Sunday evening that I didn't visit with lots of people, but if I didn't talk to you, please see me this coming Sunday.

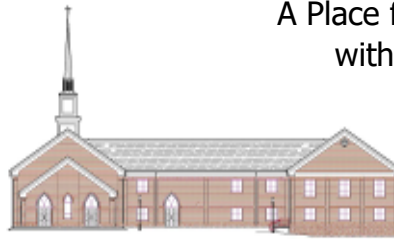
If you have not heard it or want someone else to hear it, you can go to our Facebook page and listen to it there. For some weird and unknown reason, Facebook tagged our music of *Joy to the World*, a congregational hymn, and there is no sound for a copyright infringement. I do believe that Handel (same one that wrote *The Hallelujah Chorus*) has been dead for over 200 years, so he sure doesn't have a copyright on it. Who knows, but if you just let it play for a couple of minutes without sound, when we start singing the cantata, the sound miraculously returns.

Have a Merry Christmas and celebrate Love Coming Down at Christmas!

Joy, peace & love, Donna



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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	12/15 - 12/21	Matt Meade, David Mullins
	12/22 - 12/28	Jeff Elkins, Ron Helton
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	December	Ashlee Taylor
	January	John & Karen Ponish
Children's Church	12/22	Debbie Collins, Vickie Swindall
	12/29	Susie & Chad Blanton
Offering Ushers	December	Jeff Dotson Team
	January	Ron Helton Team
Tellers	December	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
	January	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Wed. Night Meals	12/18	Annual Christmas Dinner
	12/25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Wed. Night Cook Teams	12/18	<u>All Cook Teams</u>
	12/25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 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

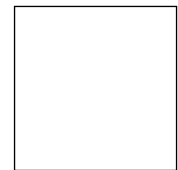
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Thought for the Week:

*If you love Jesus,
you are qualified to share
the Good News!*