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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 2, 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 sign up on the sheets in the fellowship hall,  
outside church office, or in the sanctuary foyer.

Please pre-pay by December 14th.

Please turn in cash or checks to Matt Collins.

Make checks payable to Wise Baptist Church.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Fellowship Meal**  
Wed, Dec. 3, 6 pm

**Bible Study**  
Wed, Dec. 3, 7 pm

**Choir Practice**  
Wed, Dec. 3, 7:30 pm

**Christmas Cantata  
Rehearsals**  
Sun, Nov. 30, 6:00 pm

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## 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	248-5652

Deacon Emeritus:  
Bob Adkins

### How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

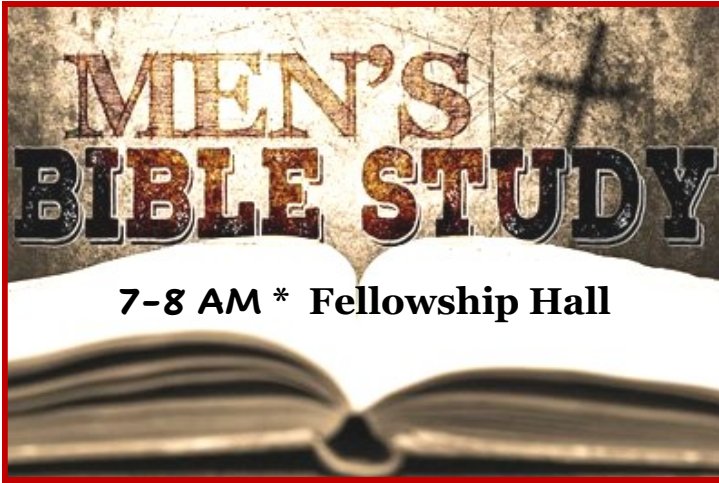
Express one of the following to the Pastor during the closing hymn:

† 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

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**7-8 AM \* Fellowship Hall**

*As you pray, please remember...*



Leona & Jerry Jessee, John & Diana Roberts, Bella Sisson, Robert Raines & Family, Susan & Donnie 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

**THIS FALL, REMEMBER.....**



**our Wise County Food Bank & WBC Grab-n-Go Ministries! Nonperishable items can be placed in the white containers by the elevator. If you would like to help in the delivery of these items, please contact Matt Collins in the church office at 328-6247 or 219-1046.**

### **ITEMS IN NEED**

**Peanut butter and jelly**

**Canned tuna, salmon, etc.**

**Canned beans & veggies**

**Pop-top soups and stews**

**Pasta and Rice, Pasta**

**Breakfast cereal and Oatmeal**

**Pantry items such as flour, sugar, salt, pepper, garlic powder, etc.**

**Coffee and Tea**

## **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:***

Hebrews 6:19-20

We have this HOPE as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, JESUS, has entered on our behalf.

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

**6 PM**



### **Wednesday Night**

### **Bible Study**

DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

@ 7 PM.

CYNDI NEWLON WILL BE TEACHING.

## CHILDREN'S

### CHURCH

Ages 5 - Grade 4

Every Sunday, during Worship!



### **COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL !!!**

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

*A huge thank you to Teresa Adkins, Donna Hutchinson, Virginia Ebert, and Jennifer Mullins for providing meals.*

*If interested in helping provide meals, contact*

*Diane Cornett @  
276-210-3099*



**IF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH  
COMPUTER CODE, KNOW HOW TO MAKE  
A WEBSITE, OR KNOW HOW TO USE  
WORDPRESS, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO  
UPDATE OUR CHURCH WEBSITE!!!**

**IF YOU ARE ABLE AND WILLING TO  
HELP, PLEASE CONTACT MATT IN THE  
CHURCH OFFICE.**

**328-6247 OR 219-1046**

**matt@wisebaptist.com**



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## HOPE

Christian hope is a theological virtue that provides believers with a confident expectation rooted in God's promises, offering assurance and purpose in life.

### **Understanding Christian Hope**

**Definition and Importance:** Christian hope is not merely wishful thinking; it is a confident expectation based on God's promises. It serves as a vital component of faith, helping believers navigate life's challenges with assurance and purpose. As stated in the Bible, hope is an anchor for the soul, providing stability amid trials (Hebrews 6:19).

**Biblical Basis:** The Bible presents hope as a confident expectation of good, deeply embedded in Scripture. The Hebrew word "tikvah" and the Greek word "elpis" both convey a sense of trust and expectation. Romans 15:13 emphasizes that hope is a divine gift, filled with joy and peace through the Holy Spirit.

**Hope in Practice:** Living in hope means recognizing that life has a purpose and that our choices matter. It encourages believers to look beyond their current circumstances and trust in God's plan for their lives. This hope is grounded in the past (Christ's resurrection), oriented toward the future (eternal life), and sustained in the present.

**Challenges to Hope:** Life's challenges can threaten our hope, but it is essential to remember that true hope is rooted in faith. The object of our hope should be God, who is faithful and unchanging. Without this foundation, hope can revert to mere wishful thinking.

### **Conclusion**

Christian hope is a profound aspect of the faith that provides believers with assurance, purpose, and strength. It is essential for navigating life's uncertainties and is deeply rooted in the promises of God, encouraging believers to live with confidence and expectation for the future.

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC



December 2 Lalah Grace Lyon

Landon Tolbert

December 3 Teresa Glines

December 4 Nathan Lee

December 5 Heath Chisenhall

Kevin Dotson

December 7 Brittany Criswell

December 9 Robert Baird

### Happy Anniversary

December 7 Frank and Judy Bellamy

December 7 John and Karen Ponish



Our CANTATA will be held Sunday,  
December 14th at 6:30 PM

RECEPTION IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
WILL FOLLOW.

IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO PREPARE A DISH  
FOR THE RECEPTION, PLEASE LET DONNA KNOW.

WE HOPE YOU PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THIS  
WONDERFUL AND SPECIAL NIGHT OF GIVING  
PRAISE TO OUR LORD AND SAVIOR!

### WBC Music Ministry



The first week of Advent centers on hope, symbolized by the lighting of the Prophet's Candle. It marks the beginning of the Christian liturgical year and invites believers to prepare their hearts for Christ's coming. Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas, so usually the last Sunday in November or the first Sunday of December. The first candle of the Advent wreath is purple and is often called the Prophet's Candle. It represents hope—the anticipation of the Messiah foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament.

This week is a spiritual “wake-up call,” reminding Christians to rekindle trust in God's promises and prepare for Christ's arrival. The candle is lit to signify light breaking into darkness, echoing Isaiah's prophecy: “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light” (Isaiah 9:2).

It reflects the hope of Israel awaiting the Savior and the hope of Christians today for Christ's presence in their lives and His eventual return. Many Christians pray for renewed hope and strength to trust God's plan.

Passages from Isaiah and Romans emphasize God's faithfulness and the assurance of hope.

The first week of Advent is not just about looking back at Christ's birth in Bethlehem—it's also about looking forward. Believers are invited to live in the tension between memory and anticipation: remembering the humility of Christ's first coming while preparing for His promised return.

In essence, the first week of Advent is a call to hopeful waiting. It reminds us that even in times of uncertainty, God's promises remain steadfast, and His light continues to shine in the darkness even into this day.

Let's pray to God for continued hope in the light of Jesus, as we await His return.

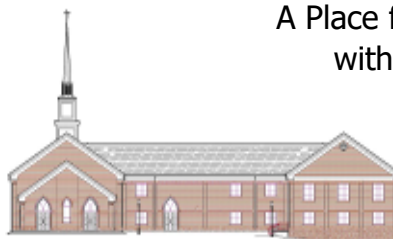
Peace, love & joy, Donna

## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	11/30-12/6	Jeff Elkins, Lewey Lee
	12/7-12/13	Debbie Collins, Ray Spenilla
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 7	Mary Beth & Marty Adkins
Offering Ushers	December	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	December	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
Wed. Night Meals	12/3	Potluck
	12/10	Chili Beans, Baked Potato, Salad
Wed. Cook Teams	12/3	Diane Cornett, Sherry Collie
	12/10	Teresa and Team



A Place for Faith and Fellowship  
with Family and Friends



## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 pm
	Christmas Cantata Rehearsals	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st, 3rd, 5th)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Saturday	Men's Bible Study	7:00 am



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

## Thought for the Week:

**Proverbs 4:23**

**Above all else, guard your heart, for everything  
you do flows from it.**