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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

Is Jesus God or man? Yes! Now, let's explore the human side of Jesus and why it matters. Often, Jesus' divinity is highlighted more than His humanity.

Jesus' humanity is just as important as His divinity. The Christmas story from John's Gospel is contained in a single verse - John 1:14 - "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." Gal. 4:4-5 says - "But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons."

Why Jesus' humanity matters:

1. We get a clearer picture of God. God does not just take on human flesh like an overcoat. He becomes fully human. That is part of the mystery. He is 100% human and 100% God. We see God up close. Jesus is physically born and grows up.
2. We are allowed to see what God is willing to do to declare His eternal love for us all! An all-powerful God becomes a powerless baby. An all-knowing God becomes a baby who must learn everything. An all-present God becomes a baby who must be carried everywhere.
3. We can better relate to and approach Jesus.
4. Jesus could become the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world". He is the perfect sacrifice that paves our way to God.

Let us celebrate the humanity as well as the divinity of our Lord. It is a good thought to hold onto as we enter 2016 together.

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

**Office Hours
Closed for New Years
December 31 &
January 1st**

**Deacon Fellowship
January 3**

**Wednesday Night
Activities
January 6**

**Leadership Team
January 28**

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DEACONS 2015-16

Lewey Lee	328-3845
Dan Helton	328-6086
Edgar Owens	328-6129
John Kennedy	328-5013
Matt Meade	328-2111
Daniel Ray	328-2483
Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Ron Helton	393-6145

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



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our study on the Book of Exodus begins Jan. 6. "Exodus" means to leave. They are leaving Egypt, heading for the Promised Land. There were struggles along the way, but they experienced God's presence and the promise of His future. Today, we are still on that journey. Join us! Books are available in the church foyer.

The fellowship meal begins at 6pm, Bible Study at 6:45pm and choir rehearsal at 7:50pm.

Special Called Business Meeting—Wed. Jan. 13 - 7pm

The agenda is to approve a final budget for the 2015-2016 church year and to approve the recommendation by the Personnel Committee for the Assistant Financial Secretary (Jeff Dotson). Wise Baptist members are invited and encouraged to attend.



Love & Sympathy to Grace Allio and family in the passing of her brother-in-law, Pat Patillo.



Thank you to Linda Burgess for sharing her testimony in worship on Sunday. She spoke of an article that was in the Bristol Herald Courier on Sunday, Dec. 13th, "Shoebox Magic". A Bristol woman received a Christmas shoebox as a child in the Ukraine. "I opened the lid up, quickly looked inside the shoebox and shut it back", "I smelled that sweet smell". "I thought "WOW" it must be magic".

What we do as a church matters, one act of kindness can make such a difference in someone's life!!

You can see the complete article at www.heraldcourier.com

CHRISTMAS TRAIN DISPLAY

Everyone is invited to see the Collie's Christmas Train Display. Please call 328-5133, to make arrangements. The display will be up through mid January.



As you pray, please remember...

Irene Black, Lois Stallard, Papa Joe and Reba Smiddy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Kim Boggs, Pat Boggs, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, Hubert Breeding, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Jerry Reynolds, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.

Our Shut Ins: Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG), and Florine Pennington (The Laurels).



GRAB N GO MINISTRY



The Grab N Go Ministry is a year-round ministry to help the Dept. of Social Service Adult Protection Services. Non-perishable food items and other items (see list on table by elevator) help bridge the gap at the end of the month, when supplies run low. You can also donate small gift cards to Food City or Payless for the Social Workers to buy perishable food items for those in need. At the Social Service office, bags are filled with these items. The social worker keeps some of the bags with them while out on their home visits. Then, the bag is ready and available to those in need.

Sherlene Hall gathers the items you place in the white baskets twice a month and takes them to Social Services. Thank you for giving. Thank you for your prayers.

Part-time Wise Baptist secretary position opening

Currently, the position is 15 hours a week. If interested, contact by email by Jan. 8 at: bonnie.ed.owens@gmail.com.

END-OF-YEAR GIVING

As we review 2015, we can see how God has blessed us. It is a good time to consider what we will give back to God. Your giving is vital to our church ministry. Won't you consider an end-of-year gift to WBC?

Thank you!

Christmas Eve Communion Service



The Weight blessed us with a beautiful arrangement of "Mary, Did You Know?" at the Christmas Eve Service.



Christmas 2015 was wonderful! I truly enjoyed all of the Advent activities and devotional; the music; the scriptures; the special services and special dinners. Mark and I were able to share our home and a few meals with friends. We made time to just slow down some. In fact, I was going so slow I almost ran out of time to get all of my shopping done!

The most special thing, though, was having Aaron and Anna home. As they grow up and their lives change, we realize that holidays will change. But, for 2015, we were able to spend Christmas together. I will cherish every moment—listening to new “old” music on the record player, cooking together in the kitchen, being in worship together, seeing Star Wars, watching old movies, singing, laughing, hugging, the looks of surprise, the words of gratitude—it makes me smile and bubble up inside.

Christmas is lots of things. But, mostly to me is family and friends and faith. The choir sang an anthem yesterday called “Were You There on that Christmas Night”? My favorite line says, “Did you know it was **love** that was sent from above to the earth?” The gift, the true gift, is love! Love that means forgiveness, grace, peace, hope. Love that surpasses all other things. Love that never ends. Love that is willing to die that I might live. LOVE. Yes. LOVE!

As I enter this New Year, my prayer is that I will let love guide me. I won’t get it all right—I will certainly get off track. However, if I choose love over hate, love over selfishness, love over past hurts and failures, I believe that my relationship with God will be stronger than ever. And, therefore, He will work in me and through me to make a difference.

I am praying for all of you this week. Pray for each other, too.

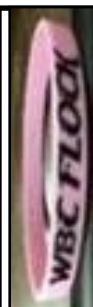
Blessings, Leigh



Happy New Year from the Clark family!

The LIGHT was outstanding at the Christmas Eve service. Thank you for your time, effort, and willingness. A special thanks to Lily Snodgrass for creating and teaching the choreography.

The FLOCK will resume Bible study on Jan. 6 and Jan. 10.



	December 29	Patsy Boggs Vernoy Bolling
	December 30	Paul Maine
	December 31	Cameron Driver
	January 2	Scott Snodgrass
	January 3	Eileen Cantrell Caleb Godsey
	January 4	Mark Collins Hazel Dixon
	December 31	Jeff & Cindy Elkins

TIPS FOR A POSITIVE NEW YEAR

- * Stay positive. You can listen to the cynics and doubters and believe that success is impossible or you can trust that with faith and an optimistic attitude all things are possible.
- * Take a morning walk with gratitude. I call it a “Thank you Walk”. It will create a fertile mind ready for success.
- * Make your first meal the biggest and your last meal the smallest. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a college kid with a maxed out charge card.
- * Remember that outside circumstances and events have no power over you. You create your world from the inside-out.
- * Talk to yourself instead of listen to yourself. Instead of listening to your complaints, fears and doubts, talk to yourself and feed your mind with words of truth and encouragement you need to keep moving forward.
- * Post a sign that says “No Energy Vampires Allowed”. Gandhi said, “I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet.”
- * Don’t chase dollars or success. Decide to make a difference and build meaningful relationships and success will find you.
- * Get more sleep. You can’t replace sleep with a double latte.
- * Don’t waste your precious energy on gossip, energy vampires, issues of the past, negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in your purpose, people and the positive present moment.
- * You don’t have to be great to serve but you have to serve to be great. Look for opportunities to Love, Serve, Care.

(You can see more positive tips at www.JonGordon.com)

JANUARY



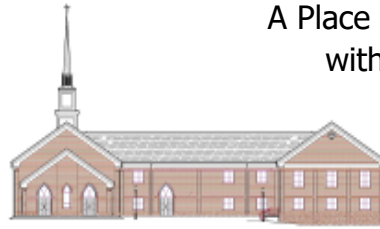
MARTIN

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 	2 B: Scott Snodgrass
3 Deacon Meeting 8:30am Sunday School 10am Worship 11am B: Eileen Cantrell, Caleb Godsey	4 B: Mark Collins, Hazel Dixon	5	6 Fellowship Meal 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:50pm	7 B: Brian Wills A: Jack Jr. & Marsha Tolbert	8 B: Bret Chisenhall, Reba Smiddy	9
10 Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Youth 6pm B: Ruby Salyers	11 Caring Friends 9:30am Singing Sunbeams 3:45	12 B: Eden Mullins	13 Fellowship Meal 6pm Business Meeting 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7:50pm B: Joyce Horne	14	15	16 B: Susan Mullins, Beth Snodgrass
17 Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Youth 6pm B: Steve Collins A: Ray & Carolyn Jones	18 Piecemakers 9:30am Singing Sunbeams 3:45 MLK Service 7pm A: Jeff & Eileen Cantrell	19	20 Fellowship Meal 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:50pm B: Sam Wharton	21	22	23 B: Scott Harris
24 Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Youth 6pm B: Jim Dotson, Carolyn Jones, Edgar Owens, Gary Smith	25 Caring Friends 9:30am Singing Sunbeams 3:45 B: Wanda Baird, Billie Harris, Shirlee Barnette	26 B: Ray Jones, Jr. Lulia Maine, Garrison Sheppard	27 Fellowship Meal 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:50pm B: Macey Sheppard	28 Leadership Team Meeting 6:30pm B: Toni Thacker, Regina Carson, Lance Collie	29 B: Rebecca Osborne, Mike Strouth	30 B: Andrew Conway
31 Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Youth 6pm						

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/27-01/02	Edgar Owens, Ron Helton
	01/03-01/09	Jerry Baird, Matt Meade
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome Team:		Dave Belcher, Misty Belcher, Jeff Kiser, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray
S.S. Greeters:	01/03	David & Sandy Mullins
	01/10	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
Nursery:	01/03	Bonnie Owens, Reagan Elkins
	01/10	Rose Kennedy, Mary Steudeman
Children's Church:	01/03	Kathy Dotson, Elora Hutchinson
	01/10	David & Carla Sheppard
PA:	01/03	???
	01/10	???
Tellers:	January	Martha Blackburn, David Mullins
Ushers:	01/03	Stan Kunigelis*, Roger Viers^, Leton Harding, Harold Witt, Mark Clark, Jerry Baird, Edgar Owens
	01/10	John Ponish*, Jeff Cantrell^, Scott Snodgrass^, Dan Helton, Ron Helton, Jeff Kiser, Marty Adkins, Jeff Adkins (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	01/06	Potluck Team
	01/13	Teresa Adkins, Jean Aker, Bonnie Owens
Wed. Meal:	01/06	Potluck
	01/13	Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
Monday	Office Hours	9--2 pm
	Piecemakers & Caring Friends (1st & 3rd) (resume January 11th)	9:30 am
	Singing Sunbeams (resume January 11th)	3:45 pm
Tuesday	Office Hours	9--2 pm
Wednesday	Office Hours	9--2 pm
Thursday	Office Hours	Closed
	Women on Mission(2nd)	2--4 pm
Friday	Office Hours	Closed

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Thought for the week:
**Reflect on the miracle and
 mystery that, in Jesus, God
 became one of us!**