

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 3, 2024



Dear Church Family & Friends,

Running up the stairs. I still do. It began when I was a child. I can clearly picture where it began. The basement of our house. The moment I turned off the basement light, I raced up the stairs. As fast as I could.

Why? Because I was afraid of the dark. Then. What about now? Why do I still do it, decades later? I am not afraid of the dark.

What began out of fear, now continues out of habit. I still have the urge every time I stand at the bottom of a stairway. Now, I know it is good for me. It feels good to have my heart pumping and the surge of adrenaline.

Sometimes it is good to review our habits. How did they begin? Which should I choose to continue or discontinue?

“...put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.” Ephesians 4:24

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

POTLUCK Meal
Wed, Dec. 4, 6pm

Deacons' Meeting
Sun, Dec. 8, 8:30am

Christmas Cantata
Sun, Dec. 15, 7pm

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

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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 Cantata RECEPTION

Following the Christmas Cantata on December 15, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a reception honoring our choir, as well as Donna Hutchinson (director) & Susan Mullins (pianist)!

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!)**

As you pray, please remember...



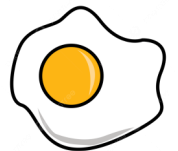
Susie Clasby, Travis Dutton, Jamie Hopkins, Frank Sexton, Family & Friends of Ray Jones, Brenda Lee, Jamie Hopkins, Donna Raines, John & Kathy Kennedy, Jordan Joseph (grandson of Virginia Ebert), Jim Sturgill, Natalie Luther, Billie Harris, Paula Dobis & Family, Vicki Stephens, Lala Baylor & Family,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

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).

Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life service for Pastor Ray will be held after the new year, at Wise Baptist Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas

Dec. 8, 15, 22, 11:00 am

Jesse Tree, Advent Candles

Dec. 15, 7:00 pm

Christmas Cantata & Reception

Dec. 18, 6:00 pm

Annual Christmas Dinner

Dec. 22, 9:30 am

Christmas Breakfast & film, "The Shepherd" (No Sunday School)

Dec. 24, 11:00 pm

Candlelight Communion Service



With Heartfelt Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to David Mullins in the death of his aunt, Pauline O'Palka, on Dec. 3. At age 95, Pauline was David's mom's last sibling. Please keep David & Sandy in your prayers.



Norton Cinema

**Directed by Dallas Jenkins
of "The Chosen"**



Scripture for the Week:

Ephesians 4:24

"...you must put on the new self, which is created in God's likeness and reveals itself in the true life that is upright and holy."

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 3	Teresa Glines
December 4	Nathan Lee
December 5	Heath Chisenhall Kevin Dotson
December 7	Brittany Criswell
December 9	Robert Baird
December 10	Penny Greenwood Jane Hughes
December 11	Jessica Crutchfield
December 13	Damel Calvert
December 14	Jim Sturgill

Happy Anniversary!

December 3	Cub & Jennifer Mullins
December 7	John & Karen Ponish
December 11	John Mark & Wendy Adrian



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*



The Christmas season is here! A time to celebrate the birth of our Savior here on earth and a time to gather with family and friends, eat lots of good food, give gifts and just enjoy the lights and holiday decorations.

The WBC choir, along with other choir members from surrounding churches gathered at Camp Bethel on Sunday evening and presented a few songs from our cantata. We had hot chocolate, coffee, homemade sugar cookies and decorations and there were even some folks with homemade crafts for sale. It was a good evening with a good warm fire in the hearth, friends and celebrations, but we did remember the reason we were there...to celebrate our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As you are going through the preparations, celebrations, purchasing of gifts, wrapping and giving the gifts, keep in mind the "reason for the season". Prepare your heart along with your home for this coming season.

I can't wait to celebrate the season on December 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm here in our sanctuary when the choir will present "Love Came Down at Christmas". If you are in the mood for some good music, we will be presenting it **THREE** different times that day, at 11 am worship hour at First Baptist Church in Norton; at 2:30 pm at First Baptist Church in Coeburn and again at our home church that evening, followed by a reception.

Come praise God with us!

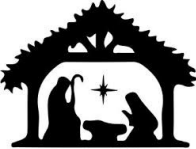
Joy, peace & love, Donna



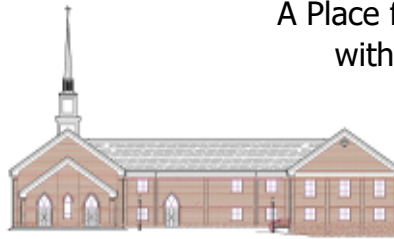


December 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 6:30pm - Cantata Practice</p> <p>B - Jeff Dotson B - Brenda Kunigelis</p>	<p>2 Piecemakers, 9:30am Town Tree Lighting, 6pm</p> <p>B - Lalah Grace Lyons B - Landon Tolbert</p>	<p>3</p> <p>B - Teresa Glines A - Cub & Jennifer Mullins</p>	<p>4 6pm - POTLUCK Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Nathan Lee</p>	<p>5 B - Heath Chisenhall B - Kevin Dotson</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Brittany Criswell A - John & Karen Ponish</p>
<p>8 8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 6:30pm - Cantata Practice</p>	<p>9 Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Robert Baird</p>	<p>10 B - Penny Greenwood B - Jane Hughes</p>	<p>11 6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Jessica Crutchfield A - John Mark & Wendy Adrian</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 B - Damel Calvert</p>	<p>14 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Jim Sturgill</p>
<p>15 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 7:00pm - CHRISTMAS CANTATA & RECEPTION</p>	<p>16 Piecemakers, 9:30am</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 6:00 pm Annual Christmas Dinner</p>	<p>19 A - Shane & Susan Mullins</p>	<p>20 B - Marsha Tolbert</p>	<p>21 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>22 9:30am - BREAKFAST & film "The Shepherd" (no Sunday School) 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church B - Dallas Kennedy B - Jon Kennedy</p>	<p>23 Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Sherlene Hall</p>	<p>24 11:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service</p> <p>B - Jim Collie B - Carolyn Strouth B - William Sturgill B - Lois Tveit</p>	<p>25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i></p> 	<p>26 B - Linsay Allio B - Diana Roberts B - Miles Wampler</p>	<p>27 B - Nova Greene</p>	<p>28 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>29 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p>	<p>30 Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Paul Maine</p>				<p>B = Birthday A = Anniv.</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</p>

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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	12/1 - 12/7	Ruby Salyers, Jeff Elkins
	12/8 - 12/14	Stan Kunigelis, Debbie Collins
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	December	Ashlee Taylor
	January	John & Karen Ponish
Children's Church	12/8	Jennifer & Cub Mullins
	12/15	Cindy & Jeff Elkins
Offering Ushers	December	Jeff Dotson Team
	January	Ron Helton Team
Tellers	December	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
	January	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Wed. Night Meals	12/4	POTLUCK Meal
	12/11	Chili Beans, Grilled Cheese, Salad
Wed. Night Cook Teams	12/4	<u>Volunteers</u> needed for set up & clean up
	12/11	Teresa's Team: Linda Burgess, Susan Smith, Toni Thacker, Ann Wade, Terry Winters



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 pm
	Christmas Cantata Rehearsal	6:30 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

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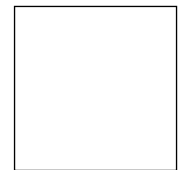
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Thought for the Week:

*Choose the Jesus way.
Every day!*