

# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Mike Winters, Pastor  
Donna Hutchinson, Music Director  
Dr. Ray Jones, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

December 31, 2024

## IMPORTANT DATES

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**NO ACTIVITIES**  
Wed, Jan. 1

**BRING-YOU-OWN Meal**  
Wed, Jan. 8, 6pm

**Bible Study**  
Wed, Jan. 8, 7pm

**Choir Practice**  
Wed, Jan. 8, 7:45pm

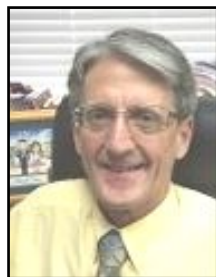
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## DEACONS 2024 - 2025

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



*Dear Church Family & Friends,*

*What a year of blessings we can look back on!*

- January 2024.....Martin Luther King, Jr. Service
- February 2024.....Attended “The Chosen”,  
Season 4 as a group, Valentine’s Dinner
- March 2024.....He’s ALIVE!” Interactive  
Event, Passover Seder Celebration, Easter Cantata
- April 2024.....Deep Dive Bible Study began,  
Flowering the Cross, Senior Ladies’ Tea, Adult Paint Party
- May 2024.....Missions Yard Sale, Graduate  
Recognition Service
- June 2024.....Feast of Weeks Celebration
- July 2024.....Brown Bag Ministry
- August 2024.....Helped with Community  
Giveaway, Began work on a Camp Bethel cabin
- September 2024.....Donut Fellowship, 5th-7th  
Grade Recognition Service
- October 2024.....125th Anniversary of Wise  
Baptist Church
- November 2024.....Glass etching class for college  
students
- December 2024.....The Heart of Christmas  
Event at Camp Bethel, Christmas Cantata, Annual Christmas  
Dinner, Christmas Breakfast, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### 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

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Christmas 2024 Moments!

Jesse Tree



Heart of Christmas Event at Camp Bethel



Annual Christmas Dinner



Christmas Cantata



Making Nativities in Sunday School



Lighting the Advent Wreath



Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service



Post Annual Christmas Dinner!

As you pray, please remember...

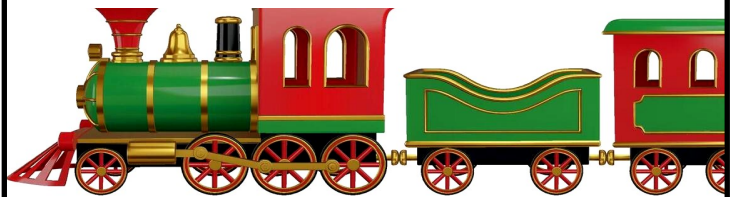


Family of Shannon Scott, Family & Friends of Frank Sexton, Billie Harris, Wanda Baird, Brenda Lee, David Mullins, Susie Clasby, Travis Dutton, Jamie Hopkins, Family & Friends of Ray Jones, Donna Raines, John & Kathy Kennedy, Jordan Joseph (grandson of Virginia Ebert), Jim Sturgill, Natalie Luther, Billie Harris, Paula Dobis & Family, Vicki Stephens, Lala Baylor & Family, Robert Price & Family, Rachel Weller & Family, Rick Meade, those affected by Hurricane Helene & Hurricane Milton, Jim & June Dotson, Cyrus Jones, Karen Ponish & Family, 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'S CHURCH**

**Ages 5 - Grade 4**

**Every Sunday**

**Upstairs - During Worship**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Deep Dive

Into Scripture

NOW through Mar. 31, 2025

What a great way to start 2025! In 2022-2023, we read the Bible through. In 2024-25, we are diving deep, by looking closely at smaller portions of scripture beginning with Genesis and going through Revelation.

It's never too late to be a part of this journey! Just start with today & wrap around to next year! You can sign up on the Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin or let Pastor Mike know.



## A New Year's Promise...

*Jeremiah 29:11-13*

*"... 'For I know the plans I have for you' - this is the LORD's declaration—'plans for your welfare, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. You will call to Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart' "*

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*Thank you!*

*Many thanks to everyone who helped prepare food & decorate & clean up for our Christmas Dinner on Dec. 18! Thank you also to everyone who helped with the Christmas Breakfast on Dec. 22 & the Candlelight Service on Dec. 24!!*

January 8  
**WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT MEAL**

On January 8 at 6pm, please join us for a Bring-Your-Own-Meal type of potluck!

Afterwards, Pastor Mike will lead Bible Study at 7pm, and Donna will have choir practice at 7:45pm.

**FYI**

Church Office closed:  
January 1

Wednesday Night schedule:  
No activities January 1

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

### *Happy Birthday!*



December 31	Paul Maine
January 2	Scott Snodgrass
January 3	Eileen Cantrell Caleb Godsey
January 4	Mark Collins
January 7	Reid Mullins Brian Wills
January 8	Bret Chisenhall
January 10	Piper Dutton Ruby Salyers

### *Happy Anniversary!*

January 1	Daniel & Tabitha Ray Matt & Andi Sweeny
January 5	Mike & Terry Winters
January 7	Jack & Marsha Tolbert



*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*

THANK YOU to Abigail Edmiston, age 10, for sharing this poem with us!

### *If Jesus Came to Your House*

*If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two, If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.*

*Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored Guest, and all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best.*

*And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there, That serving Him in your home is joy beyond compare!*

*But, when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door, With arms outstretched in welcome to your Heavenly Visitor?*

*Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in, Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?*

*Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard—And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud, hasty word?*

*And I wonder—if the Savior spent a day or two with you—Would you go right on doing the things you always do?*

*Would you keep right on saying the things you always say? Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?*

*Would you sing the songs you always sing and read the books you read, And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?*

*Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends, Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?*

*Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go, Or would you, maybe change your plans for just a day or so?*

*Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on, Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?*

*It might be interesting to know the things that you would do If Jesus came in person to spend the holidays with you.*

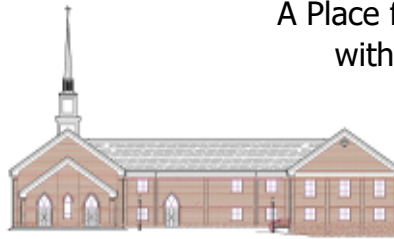
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# January 2025!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<p><b>B</b> = Birthday <b>A</b> = Anniversary</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</p>		<p>1  <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b> A - Daniel &amp; Tabitha Ray A - Matt &amp; Andi Sweeney</p>	<p>2 B - Scott Snodgrass</p>	<p>3 B - Eileen Cantrell B - Caleb Godsey</p>	<p>4 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall B - Mark Collins</p>
<p>5 8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church A - Mike &amp; Terry Winters</p>	<p>6 Piecemakers, 9:30am</p>	<p>7 B - Reid Mullins B - Brian Wills A - Jack &amp; Marsha Tolbert</p>	<p>8 <u>6pm</u> - Bring Your Own Meal "Potluck" <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study <u>7:45pm</u> - Choir Practice B - Bret Chisenhall</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 B - Piper Dutton B - Ruby Salyers</p>	<p>11 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>12 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church B - Eden Mullins</p>	<p>13 Caring Friends, 9:30am B - John Mark Adrian B - Joyce Horne</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 <u>6pm</u> - Fellowship Meal <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study <u>7:45pm</u> - Choir Practice</p>	<p>16 B - Susan Mullins B - Beth Snodgrass</p>	<p>17 B - Russell Wampler</p>	<p>18 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall A - Jeff &amp; Eileen Cantrell A - Dalton &amp; Kara Parker</p>
<p>19 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p>	<p>20 Piecemakers, 9:30am</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 <u>6pm</u> - Fellowship Meal <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study <u>7:45pm</u> - Choir Practice B - Zero Kennedy</p>	<p>23 B - Scott Harris B - Ava Mullins</p>	<p>24 B - Jim Dotson B - Edgar Owens B - Ali Stuedemann</p>	<p>25 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall B - Wanda Baird B - Shirlee Barnette B - Billie Harris B - John Roberts</p>
<p>26 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church B - Lulia Maine</p>	<p>27 Caring Friends, 9:30am B - Melody Mullins B - Skip Dobis</p>	<p>28 B - Regina Carson B - Lance Collie B - Toni Thacker</p>	<p>29 <u>6pm</u> - Fellowship Meal <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study <u>7:45pm</u> - Choir Practice B - Rebecca Osborne B - Mike Strouth</p>	<p>30 B - Andrew Conway B - Brandon Crutchfield</p>	<p>31</p>	

A Place for Faith and Fellowship  
with Family and Friends



## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	12/29 - 1/4	Debbie Collins, Lewey Lee
	1/5 - 1/11	Matt Meade, Ruby Salyers
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	January	John & Karen Ponish
Children's Church	1/5	Martha Blackburn, Abbey Lancaster
	1/12	Karen & John Ponish
Offering Ushers	January	Ron Helton Team
	February	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	January	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	February	Martha Blackburn, Jessica Crutchfield
Wed. Night Meals	1/1	NO Activities
	1/8	BRING-YOUR-OWN-Meal
Wed. Night Cook Teams	1/1	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
	1/8	<u>Volunteers</u> needed for set up & clean up



## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School Worship	10:00 am 11:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd) Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	9:30 am
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal Bible Study Choir Practice	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm
Thursday	Laurels Ministry (3rd)	1:30 pm
Saturday	Men's Bible Study	7 - 8 am

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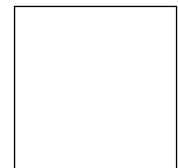
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## Thought for the Week:

*New Year! Same God!*