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 7, 2021



Dear Church Family and Friends,

"I am just trying to get through the day." How often have you said it? It is one thing to say occasionally. It is a problem if it turns into

our life strategy.

That is survival thinking (and living). Just getting by. Hanging on. Until things get better. We can get stuck there.

John Maxwell says there is a better way. Don't ask, "How can I make it through the day?" Ask, "How can I make someone else's day?" He calls it moving from survival thinking to significance thinking.

See the difference? Which one are you?

Significance thinking is what Jesus calls being a servant. described Himself that way. He "did not come to be served, but to serve." Matt. 20:28.

He is our example. How can you be a servant this week?

Don't wait for the world to get better. Start, today...to make it a better place!

Love. Pastor Mike

How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

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

† Transfer of Letter

† Baptism

Statement of Faith † Watch Care

Transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church Desire to express faith in Christ through baptism Baptized believer not on a membership roll

Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership

IMPORTANT DATES

Bedtime Story: FB Live Mon., Dec. 13, 8:30pm

Christmas Cookie Exchange Wed., Dec. 15, 6pm

Youth **Christmas Movie Night** Wed., Dec . 15, 7pm

"A Season of Singing" Sun., Dec. 19, 11am

Christmas Dinner Camp Bethel Sun., Dec. 19, 5:30pm

Candlelight Communion Friday, Dec. 24, 11pm

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DEACONS 2021-22

John Mark Adrian	328-5564	
Jerry Baird	393-0923	
Gil Blackburn	328-0046	
Jim Collie	393-1710	
Ron Helton	393-6145	
Jorge Hersel	594-9077	
Butch Hutchinson	393-5008	
Lewey Lee	393-5370	
John Ponish	870-1593	
Deacons Emeritus:		

Bob Adkins, Harold Witt

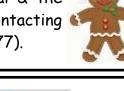


Wed. Dec. 15 6:00pm

Join us for sandwiches, salads & a cookie exchange!

Please bring <u>4 dozen homemade cookies</u>... 2 dozen to exchange & 2 dozen to send to the Laurels on December 16.

Please **sign up** for the meal & the cookie exchange by contacting (Teresa Adkins (276-393-0977).





Thursday, Dec. 16

1:30pm

The Laurels



Sunday, December 19, 5:30pm Camp Bethel Dining Room

Menu:

Turkey & Dressing Ham & Trimmings Dessert, Drinks

Cost: \$15 (adults), \$10 (middle school & high school), \$5 (primary age children)

As you pray, please remember...

Lois Stallard, Leigh Clark & Family, Jim Blanton, Family of Michael Chandler, Brenda Lee, Dan Helton, Regina Cantrell, Gil Blackburn, Lewey Lee and Family, Family of Steve Collins, Dalton, Kara and Halen Parker, Phyllis Hatcher, Wendy Adrian & Family, Bessie Vance, Jerry & Wanda Baird, Ben Bolling & family, Grace Allio, Vickie Swindall & Family, David & Sandy Mullins, Seth Harding, Randy & Gwen Chisenhall & Family, Beth Snodgrass, Ray Jones & Family, Velma Baird, Wesley Kennedy, Don & Gigi Pippin, doctors, nurses & all medical/pharmaceutical personnel, Kathy & John Kennedy, John & Kay Wright, Wanda Takahashi (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, law enforcement & emergency personnel, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men & women in the military.

Our Shut Ins: Jeanne Stallard, Bobbie Farmer, Jean Forsythe (Sandy Yun's mother), Kingston Center Assisted Living in Duffield

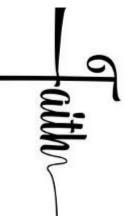
*If you know of other prayer concerns, please contact the church office (328-6247).



Scripture for the Week

Matthew 20:25-28

Jesus said, "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life—a ransom for many.'"



The Making of Authentic Faith: A Study of the Book of James

A big breakdown for Christians is moving from spiritual information to practical action. Application. The Book of

James is all about faith at work. We will continue our study the Book of James on Wednesday evening, Dec. 8 at 7pm. If you can, join us in person at church. If not, you are welcome to join us on-line on the Wise Baptist Church Facebook page, via Facebook Live.

Study books are available in paperback form. You can order a digital copy by going to the website, www.gc2press.com. Then look for Bible study books for adults, then James, "The Making of Authentic Faith".



December 24, 11:00 pm

What a wonderful time to invite friends & family to Wise Baptist!

Plan now to join us as we celebrate Jesus' birth together during the first minutes of Christmas Day

Remember our Wise Co. Food Bank & WBC Grab-n-Go Ministries!



Being a Refreshed and Refreshing Steward



As we enter into the holiday season, your tithes and offerings allow our Church, and its programs, to be more effective. And through an effective Church, lives are changed.

Be a refreshing giver, resolving that the uncertainties of this old world cannot prevent God, through Wise Baptist Church, from changing hearts and souls.

Be a refreshed giver, joyfully allowing God to lead us together in His work. We are thankful for all the joyful stewards of God's work at Wise Baptist Church.

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.

The Garden Club has put out a box for recycling in the Fellowship Hall. It

is for clean plastic bags, etc.

Please bring your plastic bags & other plastic wrappings. Thank you!



Happy Birthday! December 7 Brittany Criswell December 9 Robert Baird

December 10 Penny Greenwood
December 11 Jessica Crutchfield
December 13 Damel Calvert
December 14 Jim Sturgill
December 15 Wesley Kennedy
December 16 Taylor Gardner

Happy Anniversary!

December 7 John & Karen Ponish

December 11 John Mark & Wendy Adrian

Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry

Grades 7 - 12

e Flock

Christmas Caroling!

Wed., Dec. 15, 7pm



Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19

Children, we invite you to help decorate our Jesse Tree with ornaments which tell the story of God's plan to send His Son.





For the past year and a half, we have had many folks reading bedtime stories each Monday night on our

church Facebook page. We want to thank all of you who have read, and all who have "tuned in"!

We will be bringing our Monday Night Bedtime Stories to a close at the end of December, but there are still 3 Monday nights left!

Last night's story ("Polar Express") was read by Jim Collie. Jim also brought his Polar Express electric train for the story!

You won't want to miss the stories on

December 13, 20 4 27!



Shepherd's Christmas

Based upon "The First Noel"
By Louis Gander 2019
http://www.ganderpoems.org

We watched the flock, the sheep were still. The night was calm right up until...
The sky lit up! An angel came!
It frightened us! We weren't the same.

Near Bethlehem, we were that night, And frightened were, at such a sight. Then when I stilled, an angel spoke, With message clear, for all us folk.

I bring you tidings of great joy.
In manger hay, you'll find a boy.
In strips of cloth, in loving care,
In Bethlehem, you'll see Him there.

Inside a stable built with board, You'll find your Savior, Christ the Lord. Then suddenly we saw the most, A multitude of Heaven'ly host!

I heard, when sky turned brightest, "Glory to God in the highest, And on Earth, peace... toward men." With echo heard again, again.

When we arrived, it was as told. It was a sight worth more than gold. The inn was full, but He was kept Inside a stable as He slept.

I fell to knees near humble child. Dear Mary saw and simply smiled. The floor was straw on dirt and dust. I thought it odd and so unjust.

Deserved He more, much more than this, With crown of pearls and happiness.
A Savior good, for all to see.
A Savior great, should one day be.

In fact, this child should be a king That rules over everything! It saddens though, God had to give, His only Son so I could live.

I felt much dampness on my face, For this was now a sacred place. Through tears of joy, they saw us pray. We saw it all that Christmas Day.

Blessings, Joe

WEDNESDAY NIGHT & SUNDAY MORNING PHOTOS



Breakfast for Supper nights always bring out the fashionable sides of several folks!



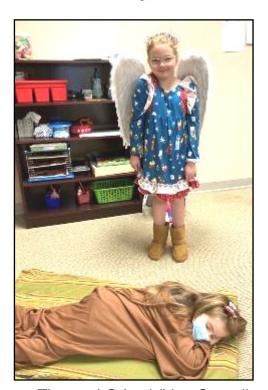
Cousins, Abbey & Hannah!



Isabella Adrian, age 7, helped decorate the Jesse Tree.



CHILDREN'S Sunday School



The angel Gabriel (Maci Cantrell, age 7) speaks to Joseph in a dream.



Piper Dutton, age 5, working on a craft during a Sunday School party.

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call: 12/5 - 12/11 Butch Hutchinson, John Ponish 12/12 - 12/18 Jerry Baird, John Mark Adrian **Building Stewards:** Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass Instrumentalists: Susan Mullins, Susan Smith Sound System: 12/12 Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile 12/19 Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile Tellers: Jeff Dotson, Oscar Raile December Wed. Serving Team: 12/8 Kathy Dotson, Donna Hutchinson, Rebecca Osborne, Beverly Viers Christmas Dinner 12/15 Wed. Night Meal: 12/8 Soups, Sandwiches, Salad 12/15 Christmas Dinner





WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Worship Youth (Grades 7-12)	11:00 pm 6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
	Bedtime Story via Fb Live	8:30pm
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Bible Study onsite & via Fb Live	7:00 pm
	Youth meet (Grades 7-12)	7:00 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	8:00 pm
Thursday	Men's Bible Study	6:30 am

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Thought for the Week:

The greatest power is

servant power!

and at Wise Baptist Youth