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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,

Over the past few months our church has explored what the church means. A careful study of the New Testament indicates that a commitment to God includes a commitment to and through other believers. The only practical way we can commit to other believers is through the local church.

A central idea in the life and ministry of Jesus is the Kingdom of God. Simply put, that means the rule of God and all that goes along with it. It is about proclaiming, living, and encouraging others to acknowledge His leadership.

The book we have been studying on Wednesday nights, "I am a Church Member" contains a commitment at the end of each chapter. If you have not read this book, you can pick up a copy in the sanctuary or church office. I urge you to read it carefully and then to pray about your commitment.

There is a poster in the sanctuary listing these commitments. A number of people have already signed their names to it. As you have opportunity, I urge you to prayerfully consider signing your name.

Also in the sanctuary is a puzzle, made from a photo of the flower cross we use each Easter. The caption to the puzzle reads, "**Wise Baptist Church, Connected through Christ**". After signing the commitment poster, each person takes one piece of the puzzle. That puzzle piece is a reminder that we are connected to God through Christ and also to each other. That puzzle piece is a reminder that there is a place for you and you have a part. It takes all of us to be the church. The poster and puzzle will be in the sanctuary for the next few weeks to allow others to take this step.

It is my privilege to be your pastor. I look forward to all of us being the church together for the glory of God!

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

**Deacon Ordination
February 15**

**Ash Wednesday
February 18**

**New Wednesday
Night Bible Study
Begins
February 25**

**Youth Ski Trip
February 28-March
1st**

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Experience Special Ash Wednesday Service-Feb. 18 at 7pm

"Be connected through Christ at Wise Baptist Church" as we begin to prepare our hearts and minds toward Easter. It is an important occasion to reflect, repent, renew and deepen our faith.



NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES SNEAK PREVIEW

on Feb. 11 (studies begin Feb. 25)

Made to Crave—NY Times Bestselling author Lysa TerKeurst helps women understand how cravings for spiritual satisfaction are mistaken for cravings for food. Taught by Karen Ponish

Book of Galatians —Taught by Pastor Mike

It's What We Do: Wise Baptists Touching God's World—Learn who we are and where we came from. Taught by Jim Collie

DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE FOR DANIEL RAY ON FEB. 15TH

This is a special time in the life of our church. Plan to be present as we bless Daniel. He and his family already are a blessing to us.

MEOC



For February, we will collect money for the Hearth warming Fund for MEOC. Baskets will be provided at front and back of the church.

**Virginia Baptist Disaster Relief
Training** will be held at WBC
on May 8th and 9th.

Go to their website to learn more:
vbmb.org



As you pray, please remember...



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, Irene Black, Hubert and Ida Breeding, John and Kay Wright, Wanda Baird, Marty Kennedy, Sara & Matt Johnson, 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, and Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG)

If there are other known prayer concerns or shut-ins, please let us know.



LET'S HELP!!

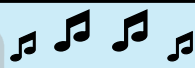
The Department of Social Service Adult Protection Services is in need of food items. These items help bridge the gap at the end of the month, when supplies run low. Needed: peanut butter, saltine crackers, canned soup, tuna, instant oatmeal, spaghetti sauce/noodles, macaroni & cheese (with liquid cheese). You can place these items in the white baskets in the hall.

Once food items are at the Social Service, a bag is filled with each of these item. The social workers keep some of the bags with them while out on their home visits. If there is a need, a bag of assorted food is ready and available to give to those in need.

MISSION YARD SALE



The mission yard sale will be May 1st & 2nd. Please remember to donate your unwanted items and kindly used, when you do your spring cleaning. Please try to do this as early as possible. Your donations make this project a success. Sherlene Hall will be glad to take your donations any time, 328-9315.



From Leigh

Brad Morris began attending WBC as a student at UVA-Wise. Following graduation, he was hired by the college to work in Residence Life. Shortly after that, he came forward to join Wise Baptist by Transfer of Letter. He is a very talented musician and he has generously shared his talents with all of us. Sunday he sang "God of Wonders" and it was awesome! This Sunday, he and Misty will sing a duet that they have been working on!

This may seem far off...but, our summer mission trip will be here before we know it! I don't know our location yet, but I would ask that you reserve July 3-11 for the dates. I know and trust that God has a place in mind for our team. Begin praying for God to reveal to you how He plans to use you! Stay tuned!

Blessings, Leigh



Thank you to the Sheppard family for providing our meal last at youth!

MOVIE NIGHT

This Sunday we are going to watch the movie "McFarland, USA". Following the movie we will get something to eat at Taco Bell. Time—TBA.



SKI TRIP

Mark your calendars for Feb 28th—March 1st. This is our annual Winter Retreat to Winterplace in West Virginia. We will ski and tube and enjoy time together studying God's Word. Plan to join us for this great event—many lives have been changed during this weekend over the past several years. Friends are always welcome! A \$25 deposit is due by February 18.



Our **Children's Choir** program will resume on March 2. Stay tuned for more information.



February 12	Kristin Ponish Trick
February 13	Brandon Osborne
February 15	June Dotson
	Logan Stewart
	Corrie Cox White
February 17	Lily Snodgrass

February 13 Jim & June Dotson



SUNDAY SCHOOL

"The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul." Psalm 19:7

In 1929, Coca-Cola coined one of its most famous slogans: "The Pause That Refreshes." For the Christian, the most refreshing pauses during the day are moments when we recall a verse of Scripture and let our minds dwell on it richly.

RECOMMENDED READING: COLOSSIANS 3:15-17

Plan to be in Sunday School and Bible study to refresh your mind and soul! We have classes for all ages:0-100!!

We are still in need for help on a couple of Sundays each month in the pre-school nursery.



Brad Morris leading us in worship on Sunday morning.

Be **connected!** Take a puzzle piece as a reminder of your part and place at Wise Baptist Church...



Wise Baptist Church
"Connected through Christ"

WISE BAPTIST CHURCH
INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY
(Revised January 2015)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL AND BIBLE STUDY

If the Wise area is experiencing inclement weather, i.e. snow, ice, on a Wednesday, a decision will be made by the Pastor as to whether our meal and Bible study will be held as usual or cancelled. We will **NOT** automatically cancel our activities because Wise County or Norton City schools are closed.

The decision to cancel our activities will be made no later than 2:00 pm and will be communicated through email, website, Facebook, and phone calls.

Your safety is most important. Please don't attempt to get out if the weather/conditions are dangerous.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

We will have Sunday School and Worship even during inclement weather. The exception to this will be if our building is without power.

Our Pastor and Building Stewards will make that decision, if necessary.

In the event that our services are cancelled, communication will be sent via email, website, Facebook and phone calls.

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR

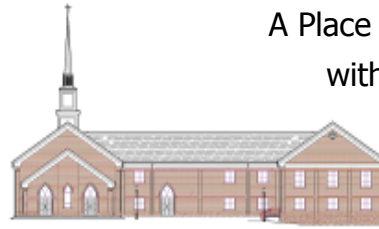
If Wise County Schools are closed or dismiss early due to weather, children's choir will **NOT** meet.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS/SMALL GROUPS

The chairperson or leader of the affected committee or group will make this decision and will be responsible for letting everyone know.

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	2/08-2/14	John Kennedy, Dan Helton
	2/15-2/21	Bill Sutherland, Daniel Ray
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Eva, K. Susan S.
Worship Welcome Team:		Dave Belcher, Misty Belcher, Jeff Kiser, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray, Carla Sheppard
S.S. Greeters:	2/15	John Ponish
	2/22	Billie Harris
Nursery:	2/15	Jessica Christian(N1), Cari Braddock(N2), Landon Elkins(Floater)
	2/22	Jasmine Vance(N1), Regina Carson(N2), Emma Snodgrass(Floater)
Children's Church:	2/15	Rebekah Ison
	2/22	Lulia Maine
PA:	2/15	Mike Strouth
	2/22	Wayne Issac
Tellers:	Feb.	Debbie Helton, Kathy Helton
Ushers:	2/15	Daniel Ray*, Jon Mark Adrian, Travis Jessee, John Kennedy, Jeff Elkins, Bryon Burton
	2/22	Mark Clark*, Jerry Baird, Edgar Owens, Robert Viers, Stan Kunegelis, Jeff Dotson, Harold Witt, Butch Hutchinson
		*Offertory Prayer
Wed.-Serving Team:	2/11	Sandy Mullins, Cyndi Newlon, Rebecca Osborne, Karen Ponish
	2/18	Ruby Salyers, Susan Smith, Beverly Viers
Wed. Night Meal:	2/11	BBQ, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Chips
	2/18	Ham, Green Beans, Pineapple Casserole, Potatoes



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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends(2nd & 4th)	9:30 am
Wednesday	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Sanctuary Choir	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission(2nd)	Noon

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