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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

February 16, 2016

IMPORTANT DATES

Special Lent Service
February 17
7:00 pm

"Risen" Movie
February 21

Youth "ESCAPE" Adventure!
February 28, 12:00 noon

Children's Ministry Team
Meeting
February 28
4:00 pm

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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	393-9177
Daniel Ray	328-2483
Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Ron Helton	393-6145

Dear church family and friends,

A river outside its banks creates chaos. A river within its banks creates blessings whether for transportation, leisure, shipping of goods, etc.

Seasons of worship are like river banks, guiding the flow of worship. They remind us about themes of faith. Advent (four Sundays before Christmas) prepares us for Jesus' birth. Lent (six weeks before Easter) prepares us for His resurrection.

The current sermon series, "Encounters with Jesus", introduces us to people who meet Jesus, face to face, on His way to the cross. They are also companions for *our* journey as we prepare for Easter.

Yesterday, we met Zacchaeus, a chief tax collector with authority over other tax collectors. Tax collectors could charge whatever they wished. They could stop any traveler, go through all of their things, assess the value, and collect a tax. If one could not pay, they might loan the money and charge outrageous interest. Or, they might throw you in debtors' prison and seize your property.

Zacchaeus was not hated; he was despised! Yet, in his heart was a desperation that all of his wealth could not satisfy. Here we have a grown man in a long robe running to see Jesus. He does not stop there. He even climbs a tree to get closer to Jesus!

After meeting Jesus, he proclaims he will give half of his wealth to the poor and pay each person four times the amount he has cheated them. By my calculation, Zacchaeus was now broke, financially. But he was spiritually rich beyond measure and rejoiced!

May we, like Zacchaeus, be desperate for God, Who can enrich us spiritually, beyond measure!

Love, Pastor Mike

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

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY



Pastor Mike is leading a study on the Book of Exodus. It is not too late to join us. Books are available in the church foyer. The fellowship meal begins at 6pm, Bible study begins at 6:45pm and choir rehearsal starts at 7:50pm.



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The **Virginia Baptist Foundation** offers scholarships each year to full-time students who are members of BGAV churches. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 & apply or re-apply each year. Scholarship applications will only be accepted online. The application and all required documents must be completed by March 1, 2016.

Virginia Baptists are also now accepting applications for the **Troy and Winnie Jones Scholarship** for the 2016-2017 school year. Students receiving the scholarship must be enrolled for fall in a college or university supported by the Baptist General Association of Virginia, or a college or university affiliated with another Southern Baptist state convention, or a Southern Baptist Seminary. Students must be active members of a church in the Wise Baptist Association. Students must apply each year for the scholarship. Incoming freshman may also apply. Applications are available in the church office. The deadline for returning applications to the Virginia Baptist Foundation is June 1, 2016.

Kindred Spirits

On Monday, Feb. 29, Wendy Adrian will be hosting a fellowship & craft night at her home at 6 pm. Each person is asked to bring a snack to share, as well as a clear glass item that they would like to etch. A votive candle holder or vase or drinking glass are a few options. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy at 276-328-5564.

As you pray, please remember...

Irene Black, Papa Joe Smiddy, Ann Wade, Jean Aker, 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, Ron Swindall, Elisa Hughes (Liz Brown's daughter), 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).

Hospitalized: Susan Davidson, NCH

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



Thank you to all of those who lovingly provided food & helped prepare the luncheon for the Smiddy family on Friday, February 12. Please continue to remember Papa Joe and his family in your prayers.

Children's Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, February 28 at 4:00 pm

Terry Winters' home



Hearthwarming Fund



During the month of February, we will be taking a love offering for the Mountain Empire Older Citizens' Emergency Fuel Fund for the Elderly. The Emergency Fuel Fund makes payments directly to heating oil, kerosene, gas, electricity, wood & coal vendors, assisting low-income older individuals in Wise, Lee and Scott counties who rely on fixed incomes. This winter, MEOC expects to assist over 1,000 older persons, with expenses totaling well over \$150,000.





From Leigh

It has been a crazy week with all of the weather! So thankful that we were able to have worship on Sunday. I hope that you will plan to join us on Wednesday for a special Lenten Service in the sanctuary following dinner. Everyone is welcome!

If you haven't signed up for the "Risen" movie, please contact me ASAP to reserve your seat. The cost is \$7.50/person. We will see the late matinee showing—around 4 pm. I will email the definite time as soon as I know it. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend, co-worker, neighbor or family member. The movie is going to be awesome!

I receive an email devotional everyday during lent from Biola University. It always includes artwork and music. It is very inspiring and thoughtful. Today's devotional was based on the scripture in Matthew 11 where Jesus bids all "who are weary and burdened" to come to Him. The writer of the devotion pointed out that Jesus doesn't mention our sinful ways or the times we have denied Him or our guilt. Jesus senses our weariness, our need for Him and He says "Come". He loves us and He wants to give us rest. It is exactly the kindness that we need. What a beautiful picture of our loving Savior.

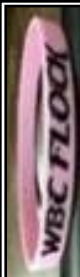
I am praying for all of you this week; pray for each other, too.

Blessings, Leigh

If you would like to check out the Lent devotionals from Biola, visit www.ccca@biola.edu and search for The Lent Project.

"Risen" movie is this Sunday (time TBA). The cost is \$7.50 and it includes drink and popcorn. Please contact me immediately if you are interested in a reservation!

There are seven ladies signed up to participate in the Fervent Tour on Feb. 25 in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Please pray for our time together as we travel, fellowship, learn and grow.



Mark your calendar for February 28!

Following worship that day, we are boarding the bus for an "escape" adventure to Knoxville. We will have some subs in the youth building to eat before we go. A \$15 deposit is due by Sunday, Feb. 21. You will need money for dinner. Pastor Ray and Ms. Carolyn are hoping to join us for dinner!

Sunday, February 21, we will go to Cinema City to see the movie "Risen". (I will text you the time). We will get some dinner together following the movie. Let Leigh know you plan to attend. Invite a friend!

Thank you to all of the youth who came out on Monday for a snow day movie! It was a lot of fun!



February 17	Lily Snodgrass
February 18	Joshua Helton
February 19	Nicolette Cox
February 20	Vanessa Cyphers
February 21	Amy Yun
February 22	Juanita Wells

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our summer mission trip will take place July 2-9. A destination has not been determined yet. But, our tasks will center around service, outreach, and light to moderate construction projects.

If you are interested in participating, a \$50/ person deposit is due by March 16.

Leigh Clark will once again lead our mission team—feel free to contact her if you have any questions. You can reserve your spot for the trip by directly talking with Leigh or by using the Communication Card on Sunday.

Mission Trip Yard Sale

It's not too early to begin cleaning out closets & drawers & setting aside items for this year's Mission Trip Yard Sale! Contact Sherlene Hall if you have items to donate. The Yard Sale is scheduled for May 4, 5, & 6 at the Rock. Stay tuned for more details!

Children in Action

Come & join our Wednesday Night Missions Program! Each Wednesday evening from 6:45 - 7:45, children (K- Grade 6) can learn about missions, pray for missions, & be involved in hands-on missions activities themselves! There are also several lovely ladies that are staffing the nursery during this time for children under 5!

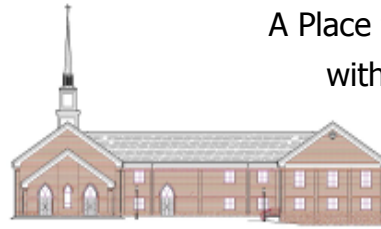
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us at 10 am for Sunday school on Sunday mornings. There are classes for all ages. It is a great way to get to know people and to grow spiritually. Plan to join us this week!

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	2/14-2/20	Dan Helton, John Kennedy
	2/21-2/27	Gil Blackburn, Daniel Ray
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:	02/21	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
	02/28	Bob & Teresa Adkins
Nursery:	02/21	Butch & Donna Hutchinson
		Caroline Mullins
	02/28	Regina Carson, Lily Snodgrass
Children's Church:	02/21	Beverly Viers
	02/28	Megan Cline
PA:	02/21	Oscar Raile
	02/28	Mike Osborne
Tellers:	February	Martha Blackburn Edgar Owens
	March	David Mullins, Oscar Raile
Ushers:	02/21	Scott Snodgrass*, Gil Blackburn^, John Ponish^, Marty Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, Dan Helton, Ron Helton, Jeff Kiser
		Clyde Vance*, Gil Blackburn^, Jim Sturgill^, Kenny Bowling, Jeff Dotson, Steve Horton, Marty Kennedy, Jack Tolbert
	02/28	(*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	02/17	Martha Blackburn, Kathy Helton, Susie Powers
	02/24	Brenda Lee, Susan Smith, Ann Wade
Wed. Meal:	02/17	Breakfast for Supper
	02/24	Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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

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Thought for the week:
Come to Jesus like a child.