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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

February 23, 2016

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

What a blessing for our church to be able to fellowship together to see the new movie, "Risen"! Thanks, Leigh, for organizing the event.

The movie unfolds through the eyes of Clavius, a Roman centurion and unbeliever. Clavius is weary and cynical. He has seen so much death that he just wishes for one day without death.

When Jesus' tomb is found empty, Pilate assigns Clavius to find the body. Some Jewish leaders feared the disciples stole the body so they could claim Jesus rose from the dead. This is a threat to those leaders and the Roman authorities.

Since Clavius saw Jesus die, he began his detective work to simply find a body. He interviews guards from the tomb. He examines the tomb and grave clothes. He tracks rumors. He gets closer to the source until He talks to the actual disciples and Jesus' Himself!

The movie also gives us a window into the world of Jesus' day. The people of Palestine have little power. Roman soldiers can burst into your home for any reason. Roman tax collectors can rob you blind. Politically, economically, and socially—the disciples are powerless. Yet, through the power of God, they turn the world upside down!

We are all Clavius. We are weary. We have seen too much suffering and death. We are also like the disciples. We feel powerless in the face of many larger forces around us.

Because Jesus is risen, we can find a peace that passes all understanding! Because Jesus lives, His power through us can turn the world upside down for His sake!

Love, Pastor Mike

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Brief Called Business Meeting**  
Feb. 24 at 6:45pm

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

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

**Kindred Spirits**  
February 29  
6:00 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

### 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



## NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES

Beginning March 16, two new Small Group Bible Studies will be offered on Wednesday evenings: "Beliefs Important to Baptists" taught by Pastor Mike & "Questions to All Your Answers" taught by Mark Clark. Please sign up on the Communication Card in Sundays bulletin or call the church office.

Each Wednesday begins with a fellowship meal at 6:00pm, followed by Small Group Bible studies for adults, Youth Bible Study and a Children's Mission Program at 6:45. The choir rehearses at 7:50.

**It is a great time of FELLOWSHIP!**

## Kindrød 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.

## Children's Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, February 28 at 4:00 pm

Terry Winters' home

## BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a brief business meeting held on Wednesday, February 24th at 6:45pm.

## BCM LUNCHEON

Our next BCM Lunch will be Monday, February 29 at 11am to 1pm. If you are available to help please contacted Donna Hutchinson or the Church office.

*As you pray, please remember...*

Irene Black, Papa Joe Smiddy, Jean Aker, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Kim Boggs, Pat Boggs, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, Lois Stallard, Hubert Breeding, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Jerry Reynolds, Ron Swindall, 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).



## REMEMBER AND RENEW

During the Lent Season we prepare our hearts for Easter. Reflect on the times you meet God in 2015 and renew your commitment to God.

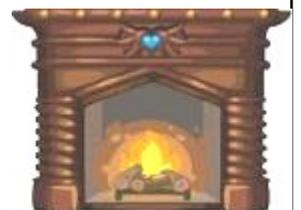
Pick up a stone in the church foyer and hall to remind you what God has done for you and what he can do for you.



## 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*

Worship on Sunday was wonderful. It is such a blessing to be in this place not only as a minister, but also as a member. I love to come to church because I am surrounded by people who love me, who know me, who encourage me, and who pray for me.

One day last week, my Lenten devotional focused on the passage in Matthew where Jesus says, "Come to me all who are weary and heavy hearted and I will give you rest". A song by Tenth Ave. North entitled "Worn" jumped in my head. I sang it yesterday as a call to worship. We all know "weary" and "heavy hearted". But Jesus says, "Come to me". He doesn't say "Come to me" when you have all of your stuff worked out or when you have completely repented or any other condition. He knows us and He knows we need rest. He says, "Come". Wow! It is the ultimate act of kindness.

I have accepted His invitation on many occasions. However, how many people do not know of His invitation? Where do they go for peace and rest? Since I know of this wonderful opportunity, I should joyfully and boldly share it with others. And so should you.

Our **weariness** does not come from the Lord or from serving His church or from doing kind things for others. **Weariness** is from the world. I pray that we will tell and show the world where to find real peace and rest.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the fellowship outing yesterday to see the movie "Risen". It was a blessed time to be together as a church family. It was also a great reminder of the courage and boldness of the disciples to be followers of Jesus. May we also be bold and courageous.

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

On Sunday, February 28, our youth will board the bus following worship to travel to Knoxville for a team building experience. If you have not given Leigh your \$15 deposit, please do so ASAP. Lunch will be available in the youth building following church. You will have time to change clothes before we leave. **Bring money for dinner** (\$10-15). We will join Pastor Ray and Ms. Carolyn for dinner in Knoxville. We should return home between 9-10 pm.

### CONGRATULATIONS:

† To Caroline Mullins for making it to the VHSL State tournament and Finals in swimming!

† To the Central Forensics Team for winning conference and to Lily and Emma Snodgrass for finishing in 2nd place in their event. The team will compete at Regionals in March.



February 23 Loid Stallard  
February 24 Mark Lardieri  
February 26 James Clasby  
Lora Lopez  
Amy Beth Bridges  
Joanne Kennedy  
February 27 Eric Smith  
Meisha Addington

### 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.

The Mission Trip Yard Sale is scheduled for May 4, 5 & 6 at the Rock. Stay tuned for more details.



Special thanks to those who help lead us in worship.

Pictured: Bruce Cahoon,  
Daniel Ray, Jim Sturgill,  
Debbie Collins,  
and Tricia Cahoon.

**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.

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

**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.

## **Giving to the Ministry of Wise Baptist Church**

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)*

All that you experience at Wise Baptist Church is made possible through the faithful and generous giving of our church family – including members, regular attenders, and guests. There are many opportunities for you to give – through service, through prayer, and through monetary contributions.

The offerings given during Sunday worship are the most common opportunity to give. There is an option that you may not have previously considered - making a payment automatically through your bank's bill pay option.

Automatic Bill Pay is a popular, convenient, and consistent way for those who wish to utilize the service. Automatic Bill Pay is set up directly with your banking institution and most banks offer this as a free service to their customers. This payment method allows you to set up an automatic draft withdrawal from your checking account that will come directly to the church in the form of a check.

### **Set Up Automatic Bank Bill Pay**

To set up an automatic bank bill pay, please contact your banking institution directly. You may log on to the bank website, visit your bank, or place a phone call to them to get started. They will provide step-by-step instructions.

Your bank will require some or all of the following information:

Name: Wise Baptist Church

Address: P O Box 777, Wise, VA 24293

Phone Number: 276-328-6247

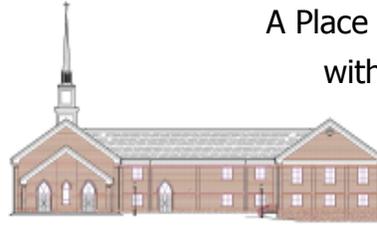
Account Number: no account information is required

You can set up a one-time payment in an amount of your choosing or set up recurring payments. You choose how often and when during the month the payments are made. Payments can be changed or stopped at any time.

## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	2/21-2/27	Gil Blackburn, Daniel Ray
	2/28-3/05	Ron Helton, Edgar Owens
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:	02/28	Bob & Teresa Adkins
	03/06	David & Sandy Mullins
Nursery:	02/28	Regina Carson, Lily Snodgrass
	03/06	Landon Elkins, Kathy Osborne
Children's Church:	02/28	Megan Cline
	03/06	Cindy Elkins
PA:	02/28	Mike Osborne
	03/06	
Tellers:	February	Martha Blackburn Edgar Owens
	March	David Mullins, Oscar Raile
Ushers:	02/28	Clyde Vance*, Gil Blackburn^, Jim Sturgill^, Kenny Bowling, Jeff Dotson, Steve Horton, Marty Kennedy, Jack Tolbert
	03/06	Youth (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	02/24	Brenda Lee, Susan Smith, Ann Wade
	03/09	Linda Bailey, Linda Burgess, Karen Ponish, Ruby Salyers
Wed. Meal:	02/24	Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread
	03/09	Hamburgers, French Fries

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	6:45 pm
	Sanctuary Choir	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission(2nd)	2--4 pm

## Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

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**Thought for the week:**  
**Our powerlessness opens**  
**the door for God's power.**