

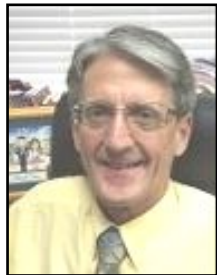
WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

February 25, 2025

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family & Friends,

Empty space seems like a bad thing. But you need an empty sponge. Only then can it be filled with the water it needs.

Henry David Thoreau, in 1845, decided to create empty space in his life. Built a small cabin in the woods. Supported himself with a small garden and fish from a pond. He worked as needed. He wrote, "I wished to live deliberately, to [explore] the essential facts of life...and not discover when I came to die, that I had not lived."

Are you really living right now?

Our lives are crammed. But with what? Without empty space, we miss the most important things in life.

Empty spaces. Where we can meet God. Regularly. We all need that.

What do you need to empty from your life?

"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed." (Mark 1:35)

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Fellowship Meal
Wed, Feb. 26, 6pm

Bible Study
Wed, Feb. 26, 7pm

Choir Practice
Wed, Feb. 26, 7:30pm

Holy Communion
March 2, 11am

Ray Jones' Memorial Service
Sat, Mar. 8, 1pm

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Celebration of life for

Dr. Ray Jones, Jr.

Sat, March 8, 1:00pm

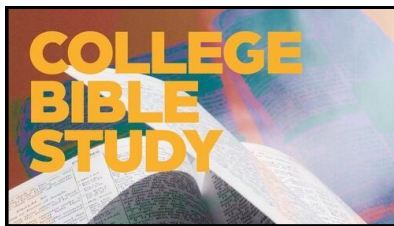
Wise Baptist Church

*sweet
memories*

If you would like to
share a special
memory that you have

of Pastor Ray, please email these to Terry Winters
at tllwinters@gmail.com no later than March 5.

These will be included in the bulletin for the
memorial service.



New Class!

SUNDAYS at NOON

Lunch (provided) & Bible Study!

Many thanks to Stan Kunigelis, Jeff & Cindy Elkins who are teaching a Sunday School class for college students each Sunday! The class meets at noon in the first floor classroom next to Donna's office. Lunch is being provided each week by various individuals. Friends are welcome!

As you pray, please remember...



Family of Raymond Dale, Brenda Lee, Carlie Tomlinson, Kathy Helton, Sandy & David Mullins, Jim Sturgill, Mike Strouth's sister Pat, Clyde Vance, Family of Frank Sexton, Billie Harris, Wanda Baird, Travis Dutton, Family & Friends of Ray Jones, Donna Raines, John & Kathy Kennedy, Jordan Joseph (grandson of Virginia Ebert), Natalie Luther, those affected by Hurricane Helene & Hurricane Milton, Jim & June Dotson, Cyrus Jones, 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).

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!

We still need someone to provide

Lunch for our college class on

May 4 & May 11.

You can sign up on the
Communication Card in your Sunday
bulletin or contact Cindy Elkins at

Cindia.Elkins@balladhealth.org

276-870-4523

*Please provide drinks &
paper products also.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jack & Marsha Tolbert in the death of Jack's brother-in-law, Raymond Dale, on February 22. Please remember these families in your prayers.



to Madison & Natalie Luther
for placing first in the
Regional Forensics Serious Duo Competition!
We are so proud of you!



This Week's Scripture

Mark 1:35

"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He got up, went out, and made His way to a deserted place. And He was praying there."

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Ages 5 - Grade 4

Every Sunday

Upstairs - During Worship

ARE YOU MISSING ANY DISHES?

Please check the table in the fellowship hall...
all unclaimed dishes will be taken to the Rock
for the next yard sale.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

March 1 * 7 - 8am * Fellowship Hall



Many thanks
to Diane
Cornett for
creating a
beautiful
"winter"

arrangement for the
church foyer!

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!



February 25	Chad Blanton Hunter Farmer
February 26	Amy Beth Bridges James Clasby Joanne Kennedy
February 27	Meisha Addington Eric Smith
February 28	Sam Farmer
March 3	Michael Allio Regina Cantrell



Being Faithful Stewards

Faithful stewards recognize that God owns it all. Once we accept & understand this foundation of stewardship, we can grow & mature in gratitude, contentment, patience, generosity, & faith.

May we all long to grow to be faithful stewards of God's work here at Wise Baptist Church.

For those who cannot physically attend Sunday morning worship services in the sanctuary, your tithes & offerings may be mailed to Wise Baptist Church, PO Box 777, Wise VA 24293, or brought by the Church anytime during open hours.

***"In all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."
Proverbs 3:6***

WBC Music Ministry



Let me tell you a funny story about this past Sunday's worship service. After all of the congregational hymns, offertory and choir special music, I went to sit down beside the organ (where I usually sit), looked down and there was a small mouse laying there, appearing dead! I'll tell you now that I DETEST mice, rats, rodents of any kind!! I sucked in a large breath and tried my best not to scream, but I did let out a small yelp. I hope you didn't hear it, but if you did, sorry about that.

I sat down in the chair and then started thinking about whether or not it was actually dead or whether it had run into the organ and knocked itself out. All kinds of thoughts were running through my head about what to do if it started moving. I heard NOT A SINGLE thing Mike said during his sermon. My thoughts were all on that tiny little dead mouse.

When he finished up and said "let us pray", it hit me that this mouse had taken all of my thoughts and energy from where it should have been. Hmm, that mouse had become SATAN and had taken me away from worshipping God.

How do we let things like that occur? Until I got home that afternoon, it never hit me. I decided the only thing I could do to rectify my failure to worship was to watch/listen to Mike's sermon from home, which I did.

It was tiny and pretty much incapable of hurting me, but it got ALL of my attention. Isn't that just like Satan to do that? Watch yourself. Something tiny and inconsequential can cause your focus to move off of Jesus.

Love to you all, Donna

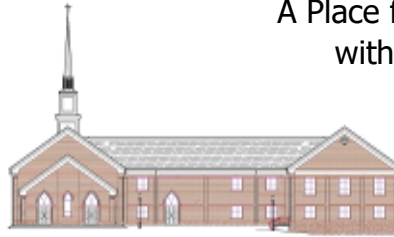


HELLO March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>B = Birthday A = Anniversary</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</p>					<p>1 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>2 8:30am - Deacons' Meeting 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - Communion 12pm - College Bible Study + Lunch</p>	<p>3 Piecemakers, 9:30am B - Michael Allio B - Regina Cantrell B - Britney Edmiston</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 <u>6pm</u> - POTLUCK Meal <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study <u>7:45pm</u> - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Susan Smith</p>	<p>6 B - Katherine Winters</p>	<p>7 MARCH 8: B - Asheton Godsey B - Heather Kunigelis</p>	<p>8 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p><i>Celebrating</i> THE LIFE OF Dr. Ray Jones, Jr. 1:00 pm Wise Baptist Church</p>
<p>9 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 12pm - College Bible Study + Lunch</p>	<p>10 Caring Friends, 9:30am</p>	<p>11 B - Clyde Vance</p>	<p>12 <u>6pm</u> - Fellowship Meal <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study <u>7:45pm</u> - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Amanda Aker</p>	<p>13 A - Oscar & Gloria Raile</p>	<p>14 A - Dustin & Kristen Phillips</p>	<p>15 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Josh Ebert</p>
<p>16 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 12pm - College Bible Study + Lunch</p>	<p>17 Piecemakers, 9:30am</p>	<p>18 B - Dylan Luther</p>	<p>19 <u>6pm</u> - Fellowship Meal <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study <u>7:45pm</u> - Choir Practice</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 B - Pat Adkins</p>	<p>22 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>23 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 12pm - College Bible Study + Lunch</p> <p>30 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 12pm - College Bible Study + Lunch</p>	<p>24 Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>Piecemakers, 9:30am 31</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 <u>6pm</u> - Fellowship Meal <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study <u>7:45pm</u> - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Chloe Cantrell</p>	<p>27 MARCH 28: B - Ashley Farmer B - Deborah Knox B - Christi Lardieri B - Isabella Lardieri</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>"The Chosen": SEASON 5! Episodes 1 & 2 in Theaters</p>	<p>29 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Matt Collins B - Matthew Mullins</p>

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	2/23 - 3/1	Debbie Collins, Lewey Lee
	3/2 - 3/8	Matt Meade, Ruby Salyers
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	March	Jeff & Cindy Elkins
Children's Church	3/2	Ann Wade, Jayda Hutchinson
	3/9	Jessica & Brandon Crutchfield
Offering Ushers	March	Ron Helton Team
	April	Jeff Dotson
Tellers	March	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
Wed. Night Meals	2/26	Breakfast for Dinner
	3/5	POTLUCK Meal
Wed. Night Cook Teams	2/26	<u>Don Newlon & the Deacons</u>
	3/5	<u>Volunteers</u> 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

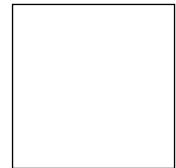
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Thought for the Week:

*Create empty space in your life
and fill it with God.*