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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 & friends,

How we make decisions affects every relationship. This affects friendships, marriages, brothers and sisters, schools, churches, bosses/employees, fellow employees, communities, and nations.

As the early church grew, relationships became more complicated. Once, there were only twelve disciples. Even that small a group did not always make the best decisions. The early church grew explosively, however, a big issue threatened to derail the Christian movement when it was at its highest point.

Jewish Christians outside of Palestine complained that their widows were being neglected in the daily food distributions. These widows depended on this daily distribution of food to survive. It was delivered to their homes. Suppose there were two hundred fifty widows were affected. If each told ten people, that would mean twenty-five hundred people heard about it! That could create great division.

The solution was for the twelve apostles to get clear about God's calling. Two hundred and fifty widows divided by twelve disciples would be over twenty widows each, who required daily food delivery. Suppose they also had to travel on foot to each home. That would take up all of their time.

Ministry to the widows was important. How could the apostles keep focused on their calling, "ministry of the Word" (teaching and preaching) and still meet this need? Others needed to be involved. Seven deacons were called upon. Their faithful ministry calmed the turmoil and the church grew.

The application...? Get clear about what God wants you to do. The talents, interests, and abilities that God has given you will help sort that out. Then, a miracle happens! When all of God's people are doing what He calls them to do, we are blessed, others are blessed, and the Kingdom of God advances!

I am honored to lead and serve alongside you!  
**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**

**Missions Committee Meeting**  
March 1, 5pm

**Ash Wednesday Service**  
March 1, 7pm

**Deacons' Meeting**  
March 5, 8:30am

**Holy Communion**  
March 5, 11am

**Summer Mission Trip Interest Meeting**  
March 5, 12pm

**Children's Ministry Team Meeting**  
March 5, 4pm

**BCM Meal**  
March 6, 11am

**Women on Mission**  
March 9, 2pm

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**DEACONS 2016-17**

Jerry Baird	393-0923
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Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Ron Helton	393-6145
John Kennedy	328-5013
Matt Meade	393-9177
Mike Osborne	365-0968
Edgar Owens	328-6129
Daniel Ray	328-2483

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash  
Wednesday

Wednesday,  
March 1, 2017  
7:00 pm

Join us for a special time of worship in the sanctuary on March 1 as we begin to prepare our hearts for Easter this year. This would be a wonderful opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbors.



As you pray, please remember...

Joanne Kennedy & family, the Irene Black family, Pam & Jorge Hersel, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Bea and Glenn Hill, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.



**Hospitalized:** Wesley Kennedy (Ridgecrest Manor, Duffield, VA)

**Our Shut Ins:** Elizabeth Davidson (Heritage Hall—Wise), Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, and Florine Pennington (The Laurels).

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



### Summer Mission Trip News...

June 24—July 1, Tarboro, NC

- \* If you are interested in being a part of the 2017 mission team, please attend a brief interest/information meeting following worship on Sunday, March 5.
- \* We will be mainly doing construction (skilled & unskilled labor needed!) as well as coordinating a block party.
- \* Each participant will need to turn in a \$50 deposit by March 26.



Thank you to the Sturgill family (Jim, Judy & Lori) for providing special music during worship this past Sunday!



### New Spring Bible Studies

Wednesday Evenings, 7pm  
March 15 - April 19

Join us on Wednesday, March 8 to hear the previews for the new spring Bible studies.

The next rotation of Small Group Bible studies will begin on March 15 & continue through April 19.

May 4 & 5



It's not too early to begin going through things & setting aside items for this year's Mission Trip Yard Sale! All proceeds will go towards the summer mission trip to Tarboro, NC to help rebuild homes damaged by recent flooding. See Sherlene Hall (276-328-9315) if you are available to help with this ministry.

### BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY MEAL

Join us as we serve lunch to the college students at UVA-Wise this Monday, March 6 from 11am—1:30 pm at the BCM Building. Please contact Donna Hutchinson (393-5004) if you can contribute food, help serve or would just enjoy visiting with the students.





We had such a wonderful time on our cruise last week! It was a time of laughter, fun, seeing new sites, talking with (or at least trying to talk with) people from around the world, and many hours of reading on the balcony with only the sound of the waves hitting the side of the ship. I completed 11 books, so I put in lots of hours on the balcony. If you are interested in seeing some pictures from our exploits in the Caribbean, just ask. I would be glad to show the ones I took.

Now, I'm back at it and ready to begin the Lenten season with the upcoming Ash Wednesday service. The choir has started working on a few new pieces for the season and I am going to ATTEMPT to lead handbells in some music for the season. With that being said, I'm not sure that I can lead handbells, but I certainly can't lead and play at the same time! We need a couple more ringers, so if you would be the least bit interested in learning to play or playing again, please see me sometime this week or call me 276-393-5004.

Thank you for being so supportive of me and definitely, the choir. They are some of the most dedicated people I know and they glorify God with their voices each week.



*Peace and Love,  
Donna*



### Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry

This past Sunday evening, the youth met at the youth building for dinner (thank you, Kim Hall!), Bible study and games. Following dinner, the youth went into "acting" mode, role-playing scenarios dealing with today's topics. Afterwards, 2 competitive games of Jungle Pong were played.



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| February 28 | Jessica Hibbitts   |
| March 3     | Michael Allio      |
|             | Regina Cantrell    |
|             | Nathan Stalnaker   |
| March 5     | Susan Smith        |
| March 6     | Katherine Driver   |
| March 8     | Asheton Campbell   |
|             | Heather Kunigelis  |
| March 9     | Gary Stratton      |
| March 10    | Florine Pennington |

## WBC Children's Ministry

Children's  
Snack  
-n-  
Paint

Ages 0—6th Grade

Sat., March 25

10am—12pm

Fellowship Hall

\*Each child will need to be accompanied by an adult.



**\*\*The Children's Ministry Team will be meeting on Sunday, March 5 at 4pm at the Winters' home.**



## COLLEGE STUDENTS' ADDRESSES

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## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	2/26-3/04	John Kennedy, Mike Osborne
	3/05-3/11	Edgar Owens, Ron Helton
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:	3/05	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
	3/12	John Kennedy
Nursery:	3/05	Abbie Crutchfield, Jessica Crutchfield
	3/12	John Mark & Wendy Adrian
Children's Church:	3/05	Scott & Beth Snodgrass
	3/12	Chuck & Lulia Maine
PA:	3/05	Marty Adkins
	3/12	Mike Osborne
Tellers:	March	Leton Harding, Oscar Raile
	April	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Ushers:	3/05	Children & Youth
	3/12	John Thacker*, Roger Viers^, Harold Witt^, Jerry Baird, Stan Kunigelis, Edgar Owens, Gary Smith *Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	3/01	Brenda Kunigelis, Sandy Mullins, Beverly Viers, Terry Winters
	3/08	Sherry Collie, Donna Hutchinson, Cyndi Newlon, Rebecca Osborne
Wed. Meals:	3/01	Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad
	3/08	Hamburgers & Fries
Children-in-Action:	3/01	Ash Wednesday Service
	3/08	Susie Clasby & Sandy Mullins

## Wise Baptist Church General Fund Giving Summary 9/4/16—2/26/17

General Fund Receipts To Date	\$146,388
<u>General Fund Needed To Date</u>	<u>\$155,241</u>
Variance	(\$8,853)
Average Weekly Variance	(\$341)
Weekly General Fund Budget	\$5,971

## 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)	
	Singing Sunbeams	4-5 pm
Wednesday	Missions Committee (1st)	5:00 pm
	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Children-in-Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth-Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2-4 pm

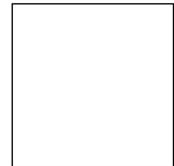
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 Wise Baptist Youth

**Thought for the week:**  
**Clarify your calling.**  
**You'll be a blessing!**