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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,

Too often the idea of being part of a church family is considered an option that may be important, but not necessary. How we think about and relate to the church affects our spiritual growth and impact upon the world near and far.

*Church membership does not save us, but we are saved into a church family. Church membership is not about having a name on a record; it is about a relationship with God and a particular local group of believers. A commitment to God is also a commitment to and through a local church.*

Jesus invested three years in twelve people who would become the core of a world-wide spiritual movement. This movement finds practical expression through local churches. A gathering Jesus calls His Bride and Body is a group He is committed to and believes in!

We have been studying on Wednesday nights a little book called, "I am a Church Member". If you have not had the opportunity to read it, copies are available in the church office or sanctuary foyer.

There are six brief chapters. Each invites a specific commitment. Leadership Team members and other leaders studied this book in the Fall and signed a covenant based on those six commitments on a poster-sized sheet. That same sheet will now be available for others to sign who have read the book and prayerfully considered making those commitments.

The theme throughout these last few months has been "Connect with God through Wise Baptist Church". A puzzle has been made from a picture of the flower cross we use on Easter. Each member is a part and has a part. Each of us is invited to take one piece of the puzzle from the completed picture as a reminder of our part. The puzzle pieces will be available starting this Wednesday.

It is my privilege to be a part of the Body of Christ at Wise Baptist Church.

Love, Pastor Mike

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Mission Committee  
February 4**

**Deacon's Meeting  
February 8**

**Ash Wednesday  
February 18**

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

**Deacon Ordination  
February 15**

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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

“Connect with God through Wise Baptist Church” as we begin to prepare your heart and mind as we head 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

### 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.

### 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.

More information to follow.



### 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, David Mullins, 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).

Please place items in the white baskets in the hallway.

### Mission Committee Meeting

The Mission Committee will meet Wednesday, February 4th at 5 pm.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL



One opportunity we have to grow as believers is by being part of a weekly Bible study class. If you are not regularly attending Sunday School, please make plans to start this Sunday. We have classes for all ages and I know that you will receive a blessing! Thank you to those who attend weekly and especially to our teachers! May God richly bless you this new year!! Another opportunity to grow is by serving. **If you can help in pre-school nursery for Sunday School, please contact Teresa Adkins at: tah7a@uvawise.edu**



*From Leigh*

It was wonderful to hear TRUTH sing again on Sunday. Due to lots of mitigating circumstances, it has been hard for our group to get together. But, last week Andi texted me to ask what I had planned for music on Sunday. I asked if she had something in mind - she did! I appreciate Andi's testimony about trying so desperately to do things on our own only to realize we really need God. He is so patient and faithful. I am inspired and in awe of the strength, will, and faithfulness of Marty Kennedy. He learned that song in five days! Actually, we had all practiced on our own but didn't get together until 9 am on Sunday morning. I tell you this because God is powerful and faithful to empower us when we are willing and faithful to follow Him.

We see His power in and through our church every week. We express love and kindness; we greet one another; we study the scriptures in Sunday school and worship; we pray; we give – and not just a portion – we give above and beyond; we sing; we listen; we absorb. And then, we go to our homes, to our neighborhoods, to our extended families, to the grocery store, to work and we share God's love and goodness to others. We are **CONNECTED** with Christ through the local church. I pray that you will see being "connected" as a truth; not just a slogan.

I am praying for you and I know you are praying for me. Thank you!

Blessings,

Leigh

Our **Children's Choir** program will resume in February. Stay tuned for more information.



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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



- February 5 Sagan Holbrook
- February 6 Kara Kennedy
- February 7 Kaitlin Ponish
- Phillip Prince
- Kathy Kennedy
- Randy Chisenhall
- February 8 David Whittaker
- February 10 David Mullins
- Adam Sexton

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Super Bowl Fellowship on Sunday evening. I would especially like to thank Cindy Elkins for organizing and shopping! We had a great turnout and the game was exciting. We enjoyed a wonderful testimony from Benjamin Watson who plays TE for the Saints.

### SKI TRIP



Mark your calendars for Feb 27 and 28. We will head to Winterplace for our annual Winter Retreat.

Please let Leigh know as soon as possible if you plan to go. Friends are always welcome!

## WEDDING SHOWER INVITATION

A drop-in wedding shower for Joshua Owens (son of Bonnie & Edgar Owens) and his fiancée, Kristen Brooks, will be held on Sunday, February 8, from 2-4 pm in the WBC Fellowship Hall.



Everyone is cordially invited.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
FELLOWSHIP DINNER**



**BCM LUNCHEON**



**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.

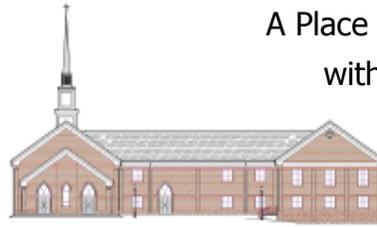
**COMMITTEE MEETINGS/SMALL GROUPS**

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:	2/01-2/07	Matt Meade, Lewey Lee
	2/08-2/14	John Kennedy, Dan Helton
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:	2/08	Bob & Teresa Adkins
	2/15	John Ponish
Nursery:	2/08	Cyndi Newlon(N1), Chelsea Polly(N2), Lily Snodgrass(Floater)
	2/15	Jessica Christian(N1), Cari Braddock(N2), Landon Elkins(Floater)
Children's Church:	2/08	Cindy Elkins
	2/15	Rebekah Ison
PA:	2/08	Oscar Raile
	2/15	Mike Strouth
Tellers:	Feb.	Debbie Helton, Kathy Helton
Ushers:	2/08	Gary Smith*, Bill Sutherland, Mike Strouth, David Mullins, Matt Meade, Ron Swindall, Lewey Lee, Bob Adkins
	2/15	Daniel Ray*, Jon Mark Adrian, Travis Jessee, John Kennedy, Jeff Elkins, Bryan Burton *Offertory Prayer
Wed.-Serving Team:	2/04	Donna Hutchinson, Gail Kiser, Brenda Kungelis, Brenda Lee
	2/11	Sandy Mullins, Cyndi Newlon, Rebecca Osborne, Karen Ponish
Wed. Night Meal:	2/04	Breakfast for Supper
	2/11	BBQ, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Chips

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with Family and Friends



## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Caring Friends(2nd & 4th)	9:30 am
	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	
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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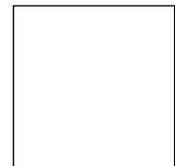
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**Thought for the week:  
Church is the fellow-  
ship of the forgiven.**