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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

February 9, 2016

IMPORTANT DATES

Ash Wednesday Service
February 10
7:00 pm

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

Dear church family and friends,



Consider the unlikely personnel choices Jesus made for His disciples. This core group launches the entire Christian movement. Let's take a closer look at them.

They have different occupations and politics. There are two sets of brothers, creating "insiders" and "outsiders". There is also intense rivalry. One disciple betrays our Lord and the disciples.

These are some obstacles that could pull the disciples apart. Add intense stress of the Passion Week. Jesus is arrested, interrogated, beaten, and crucified. It would be easy for them to turn against each other or go in separate directions to save their own skins.

Amazingly, even after Jesus' crucifixion, before they know He has risen, they are all gathered together! Our risen Lord then appears to them, encourages and empowers them.

How did they maintain fellowship? Part of the answer lies in the example of Jesus washing their feet before observing the Last Supper. One at a time, He washes their feet. Each time, He pours water in a basin, carefully washes off manure, dirt, etc., and dries each foot. Twelve sets of feet comes to twenty-four! Twenty-four times!

Jesus sends a powerful message. He humbles Himself and kneels to wash their feet. When we humbly kneel together, it levels the ground around us. To serve humbly in the name of Jesus strengthens our fellowship, deepens our faith, and touches our world!

Wise Baptist Church, by the power of the Holy Spirit, can change our community and world, one act of service at a time!

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 6-week 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.



Thank you to the FLOCK for leading our "Souper" Sunday effort to collect canned goods for those in need in our area. The food collected will be added to our ongoing Grab-n-Go ministry for elderly people in Wise Co.

Your prediction of a Broncos victory was correct! Thank you to everyone who participated!

Kindred Spirits

On Monday, Feb. 29, Wendy Adrian will be hosting a fellowship & craft night at her home at 6 pm. Several have expressed interest in meeting again on a monthly basis. If you have craft ideas or are interested in hosting "Kindred Spirits" one evening, please contact Wendy at 276-328-5564.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Thank you to Marty Adkins and Marty Kennedy for volunteering to help in this important ministry. We would love to hear from you, too! Please contact Mike Osborne or Leigh Clark if you are interested in helping run the sound board once a month on Sunday Mornings. No experience required—training will be provided. Please prayerfully consider volunteering.



MEALS ON WHEELS

The church is delivering meals to those who cannot attend the Wednesday evening supper & Bible study. If you would like a meal delivered or know of someone who needs a meal, please contact Deacon John Kennedy or the Church office by Tuesday at noon.

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).

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Papa Joe Smiddy in the loss of his wife, Reba Smiddy who died on February 8, 2016. Please keep 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



This Sunday, February 14, 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

The Sanctuary choir sang an anthem yesterday entitled "The One". The opening line of the chorus says: *The One who knows your name has bid you, "Come"*. How amazing that the God of the Universe knows my name! Not only does He know my name, He knows everything about me. And yet, He wants to know more of me; to have a personal relationship with me. The sharing of Holy Communion is God's way of celebrating our relationship. It is a reminder of what God through His Son, Jesus Christ, sacrificed for all of us. But, it is also a sacrament of peace and love.

Yesterday, Pastor Mike asked everyone to serve the neighbor beside them the bread and wine by saying, "Jesus' body broken for you" and "Jesus' blood shed for you". I must say that it was very beautiful and touching to watch this take place all over the sanctuary. Your voices were tender, quiet and loving. Everyone seemed to take a little more time passing the elements to one another. It was quite a blessing!

One final thing about worship yesterday: the joy and enthusiasm of our children when I call them down for children's church is amazing! Some of them run to the front of the church! I pray that their joy will become contagious for the rest of us! (I don't expect to see the ushers running down the aisle next week to receive the morning offering! Ha Ha!) But, we can welcome one another with smiles and sing with joy!!

I want to encourage you to join us on Wednesday evening for our Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm (weather permitting!). We all need an opportunity to reflect on God's goodness to us and His sacrifice for us. We also need the opportunity to commit ourselves to being better stewards of our gifts and time through service to Him. I hope you will join us for this wonderful time of fellowship and spiritual growth.

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

Blessings, Leigh



We had a great time last night at the Super Bowl party. Thank you to everyone who came and for sending so much wonderful food! Next Sunday, Kim Hall will provide our meal.

Our youth, The FLOCK, have been saving their change to support their service. We have provided food and other items for a person in need. Now, we are going to sponsor a child from Belize through the Body and Soul Ministry program. I am proud of our youth for having a heart for missions and for service!

Mark your calendar for February 28! Following worship that day, we are boarding the bus for an "escape" adventure to Knoxville. Stay tuned for more details!



- February 10 David Mullins
- Adam Sexton
- February 12 Kristin Trick
- February 13 Brandon Osborne
- February 15 June Dotson



February 13 Jim & June Dotson

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.

YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY February 7



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.

**WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 7, 2016**



Daniel Ray
Greeting



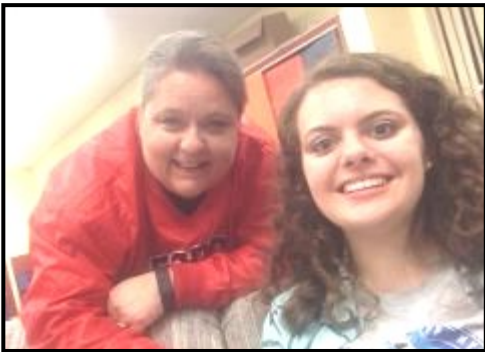
Holly Meade
Children's Church



Youth Announcing Winner
of WBC "Souper" Bowl



Pastor Mike
Holy Communion



**YOUTH
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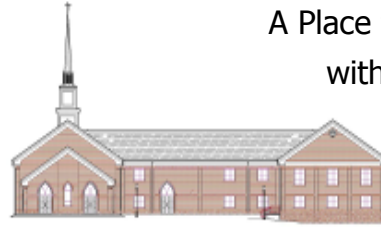
*Caring Friends
Quilting Ministry*



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	2/07-2/13	Lewey Lee, Matt Meade
	2/14-2/20	Dan Helton, John Kennedy
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:	02/14	Lewey & Brenda Lee
	02/21	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
Nursery:	02/14	Cyndi Newlon, Chelsea Polly
	02/21	Butch & Donna Hutchinson Caroline Mullins
Children's Church:	02/14	Kathy Dotson, Elora Hutchinson
	02/21	Beverly Viers
PA:	02/14	Marty Adkins
	02/21	Oscar Raile
Tellers:	February	Martha Blackburn Edgar Owens
	March	David Mullins, Oscar Raile
Ushers:	02/14	Leton Harding*, Edgar Owens^, Stan Kunigelis^, Roger Viers, Harold Witt, Mark Clark, Jerry Baird
	02/21	Scott Snodgrass*, Gil Blackburn^, John Ponish^, Marty Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, Dan Helton, Ron Helton, Jeff Kiser (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	02/10	Jessica Crutchfield, Kathy Dotson, Angela Gervais, Gail Kiser
	02/17	Martha Blackburn, Kathy Helton, Susie Powers
Wed. Meal:	02/10	BBQ, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Chips
	02/17	Breakfast for Supper

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

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Wise Baptist Youth

Thought for the week:

Humble service in Jesus' name
can change our world!