

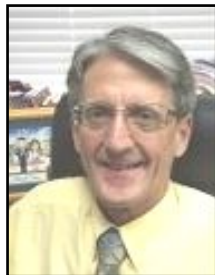
WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

January 7, 2025

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

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family & Friends,

We think of dehydration mainly referring to people who are so sick that they need IV fluids in the Emergency Room. That is an extreme level of dehydration.

Dehydration simply means not enough water. Proper hydration is critical for our health. Since our bodies are about 80% water, that makes perfect sense. Everything in our bodies works better when properly hydrated.

The problem is that most people are dehydrated and do not realize it. Most of us drink water only when we are thirsty. By then, we are already dehydrated. We are playing catch-up.

We need to drink water because we know we need it. Before we get thirsty.

I believe that we are suffering from spiritual dehydration. And often do not realize it. If we wait until we are spiritually thirsty, we are already behind. We need to drink deeply of the Living Water of Jesus every day, because we know we need it. (See John 4:10-14)

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

**NO IN-PERSON
ACTIVITIES on
Wed, January 8**

**Mrn'd Bible Study
Sat, Jan. 11, 7am**

**Sunday School
Sun, Jan. 12, 10am**

**Worship
Sun, Jan. 12, 11am**

**Game Night!
Sat, Jan. 25, 3-6pm**

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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

GAME NIGHT?

The perfect opportunity for all of you competitive souls to thrive...and for all of you who don't care who wins & are in it just for the food, fellowship & cutting up!

Saturday, January 25

Fellowship Hall

3:00 - 6:00pm

* BRING your favorite game & a snack to share *



Contact person: Wendy Adrian

804-815-8299

As you pray, please remember...

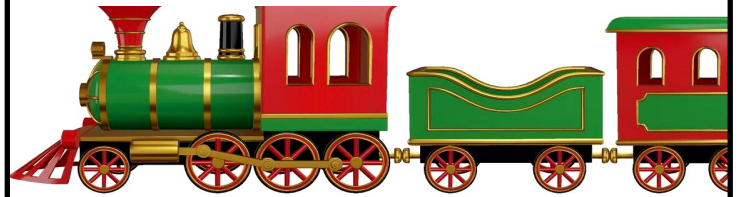


Kathy Helton, Family of Shannon Scott, Family & Friends of Frank Sexton, Billie Harris, Wanda Baird, Brenda Lee, David Mullins, Susie Clasby, Travis Dutton, Jamie Hopkins, Family & Friends of Ray Jones, Donna Raines, John & Kathy Kennedy, Jordan Joseph (grandson of Virginia Ebert), Jim Sturgill, Natalie Luther, Billie Harris, Paula Dobis & Family, Vicki Stephens, Lala Baylor & Family, Robert Price & Family, Rachel Weller & Family, Rick Meade, those affected by Hurricane Helene & Hurricane Milton, Jim & June Dotson, Cyrus Jones, Karen Ponish & Family, 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).

DON'T MISS THE TRAIN DISPLAY AT JIM & SHERRY COLLIE'S! CALL IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STOP BY: 276 - 328 - 5133



Make new friends & join old friends for Bible study & fellowship each Sunday morning at 10am!

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Growing in Christ Together

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Ages 5 - Grade 4

Every Sunday

Upstairs - During Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deep Dive

Into Scripture

NOW through April 6, 2025

What a great way to start 2025! In 2022-2023, we read the Bible through. In 2024-25, we are diving deep, by looking closely at smaller portions of scripture beginning with Genesis and going through Revelation.

It's never too late to be a part of this journey! Just start with today & wrap around to next year! You can sign up on the Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin or let Pastor Mike know.



NOTICE...

Due to the ongoing weather conditions, our WEDNESDAY NIGHT in-person activities are cancelled.

However, BIBLE STUDY will take place on Facebook at 7:00pm.



Laurels Ministry

Thursday, January 16

1:30pm

*Meet at the Laurels
Join Pastor Mike, Jim Collie and Vickie Swindall for a time of fellowship and singing at the Laurels each month!



This Week's Scripture

John 4:10-14

Jesus answered, "If you knew the gift of God, and who is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink', you would ask Him, and He would give you living water."

"Sir," said the woman, "You don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this 'living water'? You aren't greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and livestock." Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again. But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again—ever! In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up within him for eternal life."

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!



January 7	Reid Mullins Brian Wills
January 8	Bret Chisenhall
January 10	Piper Dutton Ruby Salyers
January 12	Eden Mullins
January 13	John Mark Adrian Joyce Horne
January 16	Susan Mullins Beth Snodgrass
January 17	Russell Wampler

Happy Anniversary!

January 7	Jack & Marsha Tolbert
January 18	Jeff & Eileen Cantrell Dalton & Kara Parker



Stewardship, A Divine Responsibility

God is the Owner. We are the managers. We must oversee His assets for His benefit. Our prayer is for discernment of what God wants done with His assets and then carry out His will. May we all at Wise Baptist Church give abundantly, sacrificially, and joyfully.

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

*"For everything comes from You, and we have given
You only what comes from Your own hand."
1 Chronicles 29:14*

WBC Music Ministry



Christmas Day, my children and I were invited to go out for dinner at one of our favorite restaurants with our friends. It was a great evening, although Butch has normally been with me on our previous trips. We finished out the evening at the home of friends and left out the following morning to their second home in Webster, Florida. It was a long and painful drive with traffic at it's max and the 10 hour drive ended up taking over 14 hours. I was the primary driver with 4 others in the car with me, Jayda and boyfriend and Jade (the friend's house that we spent the night at) and her boyfriend. When we arrived, around 8 pm, it was 68 degrees and we were welcomed by our friends and given our sleeping arrangements for the week.

I had a fabulous time sitting out in the sun, lounging in the hammock, sitting around the firepit in the evening and eating fresh seafood. But one of my favorite things was that I had time to just sit and reflect on last year and for the coming year. Last year, I made it a priority to pray several times a day and about whatever was going on in my mind at that time. This year, my priority is to read the Bible, different passages, different topics and to use those when I pray. So far, I have read five different passages by just opening up my Bible to where it wanted to go. It's amazing that what I have chosen to read applied to me! God directed the opening of my Bible to what I needed to hear, pray and think upon that day.

Won't you make it a priority to read your Bible and pray each day (several times is even better). Pray for your family, your church and leaders, pray for your neighbors, your community and your nation.

Pray for me.

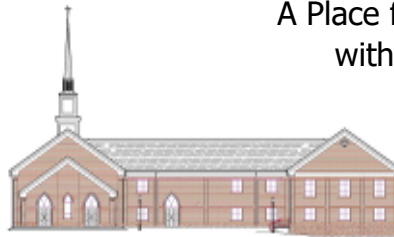
Love you all, Donna



January 2025!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	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  HAPPY NEW YEAR! A - Daniel & Tabitha Ray A - Matt & Andi Sweeney</p>	<p>2 B - Scott Snodgrass</p>	<p>3 B - Eileen Cantrell B - Caleb Godsey</p>	<p>4 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall B - Mark Collins</p>
<p>5 8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church A - Mike & Terry Winters</p>	<p>6 Piecemakers, 9:30am</p>	<p>7 B - Reid Mullins B - Brian Wills A - Jack & Marsha Tolbert</p>	<p>8 NO ACTIVITIES due to weather B - Bret Chisenhall</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 B - Piper Dutton B - Ruby Salyers</p>	<p>11 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>12 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church B - Eden Mullins</p>	<p>13 Caring Friends, 9:30am B - John Mark Adrian B - Joyce Horne</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice B - Susan Mullins B - Beth Snodgrass</p>	<p>16 B - Susan Mullins B - Beth Snodgrass</p>	<p>17 B - Russell Wampler</p>	<p>18 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall A - Jeff & Eileen Cantrell A - Dalton & Kara Parker</p>
<p>19 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p>	<p>20 Piecemakers, 9:30am</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice B - Zero Kennedy</p>	<p>23 B - Scott Harris B - Ava Mullins</p>	<p>24 JAN. 25: 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall B - Jim Dotson B - Edgar Owens B - Ali Stuedemann</p>	<p>25 GAME NIGHT! 3-6pm B - Wanda Baird B - Shirlee Barnette B - Billie Harris B - John Roberts</p>
<p>26 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church B - Lulia Maine</p>	<p>27 Caring Friends, 9:30am B - Melody Mullins B - Skip Dobis</p>	<p>28 B - Regina Carson B - Lance Collie B - Toni Thacker</p>	<p>29 6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice B - Rebecca Osborne B - Mike Strouth</p>	<p>30 B - Andrew Conway B - Brandon Crutchfield</p>	<p>31</p>	

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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	1/5 - 1/11	Matt Meade, Ruby Salyers
	1/12 - 1/18	Ron Helton, Stan Kunigelis
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	January	John & Karen Ponish
Children's Church	1/12	Karen & John Ponish
	1/19	Jennifer & Cub Mullins
Offering Ushers	January	Ron Helton Team
	February	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	January	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	February	Martha Blackburn, Jessica Crutchfield
Wed. Night Meals	1/8	BRING-YOUR-OWN-Meal
	1/15	Soups, Sandwiches, Salad
Wed. Night Cook Teams	1/8	Do Your Own Clean Up :)
	1/15	Volunteers for Clean Up



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday	Laurels Ministry (3rd)	1:30 pm
Saturday	Men's Bible Study	7 - 8 am

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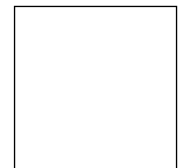
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Thought for the Week:

*Drink from Jesus' well
before you are thirsty.*