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Music Director

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Pastor Emeritus

WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

January 1, 2019

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

Imagine you have no mirrors on your car. At first, we might think we can drive without any problems. Soon, we realize how much we depend on those mirrors. Suppose you want to change lanes. The mirrors help you see where traffic is and isn't. You can then make decisions accordingly. When we drive, we are not consciously thinking about our mirrors, until we need them.

Just knowing we have mirrors that we can and do use, gives greater confidence and comfort when we drive. A similar idea applies when we think of heaven. The Bible does not call for us to be thinking about heaven all the time. **However, just knowing what awaits followers of Jesus in the next life gives us confidence, comfort, and courage as we live in this world.**

When fear grips our hearts...think of what God has prepared for all who know Him. When feeling defeated, think of the final victory we can celebrate in heaven. When confused, look at the final outcome toward which God is working. When we lose our way, let us keep our eyes on Jesus, Who is The Way in this world and the next. (See John 14:1-6).

Thoughts to live by as we enter 2019.

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
January 2, 5pm

Children's Ministry Team Meeting
January 6, 4pm

Quilting Groups Begin
Monday, Jan. 7

Men's Bible Study
Tuesday, Jan. 15, 6:30am

Leadership Team Mtg.
January 17, 6:30pm

Ballroom Dancing Class
January 20 - March 31

Martin Luther King, Jr. Service MEAL
January 21, 5:30pm

Church-Wide Birthday Party
January 27, 12pm

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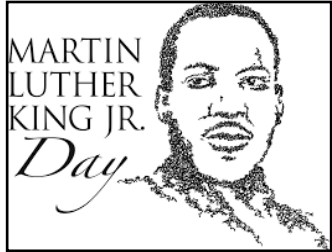
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DEACONS 2018-19

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Jim Collie	393-1710
Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Leton Harding	346-6039
David Mullins	870-0005
Mike Osborne	365-0968
John Ponish	870-1593
Daniel Ray	690-0284
Gary Smith	870-1579

Deacons Emeritus:
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill,
Harold Witt

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us for the 22nd annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance Day and March on Monday, JANUARY 21.

The evening will begin with a free community dinner at WISE BAPTIST at 5:30pm, followed by a candlelight march to the First Church of God at 6:30pm and a service there at 7:00pm. The guest speaker this year will be Rev. Sandra Jones, pastor of Williams Chapel AME in Big Stone and Blackmon Chapel AME in Norton.

As you pray, please remember...



Beth Snodgrass, Jonah & Christy Kelley, Tyler Beam (Lee Bogg's son-in-law), Kyle Gardner (Kim Hall's dad), Ron Swindall, Gerry O'Bryan, Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill & family, Bessie Vance, Kathy & John Kennedy, John & Kay Wright, Bonnie Rochford & Wanda Takahashi (sisters of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, Shirley Willis (The Laurels), Ray & Carolyn Jones, Artie & Clifford Bailey, Pat & Fred Adkins, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military

Our Shut Ins: Susan Davidson (Heritage Hall), Eddie Culbertson, Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Betty Easterling (The Laurels), Florine Pennington (The Laurels), Jeanne Stallard

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



Happy Birthday to Everyone!

Mark your calendar for our 4th Annual Church-Wide Birthday Party!

We will celebrate **everyone's** birthday at once on Sunday, January 27 following morning worship! BE SURE to sign up on the Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin or by calling the church office (328-6247) & tell us your birthday (month & day only!). Join others that share your birthday month at decorated tables & enjoy tasting 12 different birthday cakes!

Immediately following worship that day, we will be served an Italian meal prepared by our Missions Committee, followed by cake & ice cream! All donations for the meal will go towards the Southwest Virginia Partnership.

Upcoming Wednesday Night Study!



Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer was executed by the Nazis near the end of World War II. His courageous faith, life and death are an inspiration.

Learn about the man who was a pastor, martyr, prophet and spy. Dr. Gil Blackburn, who has done much study on the subject, will teach about Bonhoeffer four Wednesday evenings in January.



A Time to Dance!"

Join us for fun & fellowship as we learn basic Swing, Foxtrot & Waltz steps on Sunday evenings, Jan. 20 - Mar.31.

Classes will be held in the Fellowship Hall at church. Please sign up on your Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin or call the church office by **Jan. 16**, as space is limited.



Scripture for the Week:

John 14:1

"Your heart must not be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me."

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS!

NOTE from PASTOR MIKE...



In preparation for my Jan. sermon series on Heaven, I would be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to share a near-death experience with me. These will be kept confidential.

Men's Bible Study

Tuesday
January 15
6:30am

Mens
Bible
Study



Men, join us for fellowship and Bible study twice a month from 6:30-7:30am in the church fellowship hall. Bring your breakfast & your Bible! The fellowship is awesome and the Bible Study is uplifting. Invite a friend & join us on Tues., Jan. 15 at 6:30am!



WBC WEATHER POLICY

WED. NIGHT MEAL & ACTIVITIES

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 & activities 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 2:00pm & will be communicated through email, website, Facebook & phone calls.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP

We will have Sunday School & Worship even during inclement weather. The exception to this will be if our building is without power. Our Pastor & Building Stewards will make that decision, if necessary.

In the event that our services are cancelled, communication will be sent via email, website, Facebook & phone calls. ****Your safety is most important. Please don't attempt to get out if the weather/conditions are dangerous.**



Wednesdays at Wise Baptist!

Fellowship Meal, 6pm

Bible Study, 7pm

Children in Action & Nursery, 7pm

Choir Rehearsal, 7:50pm

January 2– Potluck Meal, 6pm

Dietrich Bonhoeffer Study, 7pm

January 9– Soups, Sandwiches, Salad, 6pm

Dietrich Bonhoeffer Study, 7pm

****Our *Children in Action*** will be learning about Daniel's unshakeable faith and learning about Barry & Amy Rager, church planters in Indianapolis.

**** A Nursery** is provided for children birth - PK.



Train Display!

You are invited to stop by Jim & Sherry Collie's house to see their amazing train displays through the end of January!

Call them at 393-1710 or 393-3788.

Greetings!!

I would like to say a few things as we make the transition from the old year to the new year.

First, I wish to say thank everyone for your support when I had to step back in September. From a simple "I'm/We're praying" to regularly reaching out & checking up on me - each of these gestures helped me to stay positive while I was struggling through those hardships. I am still working on some of them, but it has become tremendously easier to face with your support.

Secondly, thank you to the members of the choir & our accompanists for your steadfast dedication. You help provide a meaningful worship experience for the congregation by adding a means for response, whether it be through being a leading voice for others to follow during hymns or effortlessly intermingling your voices & music to create a product which gives all who listen a glimpse into what it will sound like in heaven. You inspire me, & you inspire all who hear you.

I leave you with one final thought. Psalm 23:5 tells us that the Lord prepares a place for us in the presence of our enemies, anoints our heads with oil, and our cups overflow. Let us share our anointing and our overflowing cups with others. You, as a church, have done so for me, so I plan to do so for others. Thank you.
~ God bless you all!! Ben Harding

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



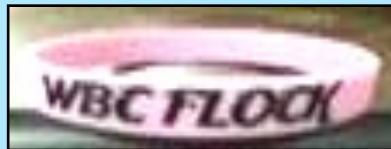
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| January 2 | Scott Snodgrass |
| January 3 | Eileen Cantrell
Canaan Godsey |
| January 4 | Mark Collins
Hazel Dixon |
| January 7 | Brian Wills |
| January 8 | Bret Chisenhall
Seth Harding
Reid Mullins |
| January 10 | Ruby Salyers |
| January 12 | Eden Mullins |



Happy Anniversary

- January 1 - Daniel & Tabitha Ray
 January 5 - Mike & Terry Winters
 January 7 - Jack & Marsha Tolbert

WBC Youth Ministry



Don't miss out on the fun, fellowship & opportunity to grow in your faith!
 The Flock meets each Sunday evening at the Youth Building ("Flock Nest") at 6pm!



January 6
 Meal provided by Lori Crisp

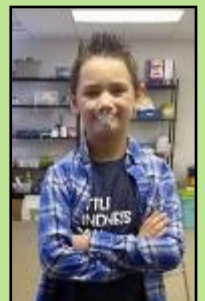
January 13
 Meal provided by Pam Hersel

WBC Children's Ministry



*Sunday,
 January 6,
 4pm...*

*Children's Ministry
 Team Planning
 Meeting for 2019 &
 Dinner (of course!)*



Blessings

COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

A CELEBRATION OF GOD'S MANY BLESSINGS IN 2018!

JANUARY...

- * Enjoyed worshipping in Fellowship Hall for 3 Sundays due to foyer flooding
- * Meal served at WBC before Martin Luther King, Jr. Service
- * Laurels Ministry
- * Guest Speakers: Tony & Jan Johnson (SW VA Partnership)
- * 3rd Annual Church-Wide Birthday Party
- * Winter Bible Study on First Peter

FEBRUARY...

- * Ash Wednesday Service
- * "Risen" movie shown
- * Youth Ski Trip to Beech Mountain
- * Senior Adult Valentine Banquet
- * WBC hosted GriefShare Group for 13 weeks
- * Month of Kindness
- * WBC Couples Cruise

MARCH...

- * Weekend Mission Trip to West Virginia
- * BCM Clean-Up Day
- * Children collected Operation Christmas Child "items of the month"
- * Day Trip to Pigeon Forge Quilting Show

APRIL...

- * Palm Sunday Processional
- * Easter Sunday: Resurrection Eggs Presentation, Flowering of the Cross
- * Children's Snack & Paint
- * Prom Attire Sunday
- * Hot Dog Luncheon to benefit summer mission trip
- * Attended movie "Paul: Apostle of Christ"
- * Spring Bible studies on Judges & *The Screwtape Letters*
- * Church Clean-up Day

MAY...

- * Mission Trip Yard Sale
- * Graduate Recognition Sunday
- * Children's Mother's Day slideshow
- * WMU Spring Meeting, Laurels Ministry

JUNE...

- * End-of-Year Youth/Parent Cookout
- * Mission Trip Yard Sale (Part 2)
- * "Rolling River Rampage VBS
- * Mission Trip to Tarboro, NC
- * Gasoline Buy-Down

JULY...

- * Brown Bag Ministry
- * RAM Snacks
- * Church Safety Training
- * David Mullins power-washed church sidewalks & parking lots
- * Children's Free Lemonade Stand during Chillin' & Grillin'
- * Church parking lots sealed & restriped by David & Sandy Mullins
- * Dead trees removed from Rock property by Shirlee Barnette & sons
- * Brandon Crutchfield & Edward Schubert baptized,
- * Glenn Hill turned 99!

AUGUST...

- * Wise Men & Women Cookout for Law Enforcement
- * Youth Trip to Asheville Fun Depot
- * Ice Cream Social
- * Youth/Parent Fall Planning Meeting at Winters' home
- * Fall Bible Studies on Acts, Heaven & Grace for the Afflicted
- * School supplies collected for WPS
- * Adult II Sunday School class outing to Natural Tunnel

SEPTEMBER...

- * Youth Rafting Trip to NC
- * Senior Ladies' Tea Party
- * 5th & 6th Graders Recognition/Bible Service
- * Operation Christmas Child Craft Day
- * Men's Bible Study began
- * Kindred Spirits Cooking Demo

OCTOBER...

- * Fall Fling Set-Up & Take-Down
- * Weekend Mission Trip to WV
- * Church Clean-Up Day
- * Disaster Relief Trip to WV
- * Family Games & S'Mores Night
- * WMU Fall Meeting
- * Piecemakers Quilting Group made 51 dresses for OCC shoeboxes

NOVEMBER...

- * Children's Snack-n-Paint
- * Operation Christmas Child Collection Center at the Rock
- * Shoebox Dedication Sunday
- * John Mark Adrian ordained to Deacon Ministry

DECEMBER...

- * "A Night in Bethlehem"
- * Jesse Tree
- * Trip to OCC Processing Center in Boone, NC
- * Over 65 poinsettias placed in sanctuary
- * Children's Christmas Party
- * Wise Men & Women Sunday School party
- * Caroling at The Laurels
- * Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
- * Youth Lock-In

Christmas 2018...



CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE



JESSE TREE



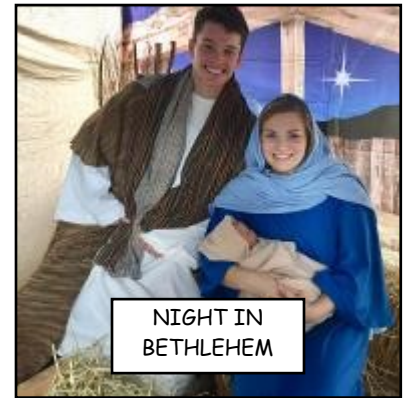
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TREES DECORATED
BY SUNDAY
SCHOOL CLASSES



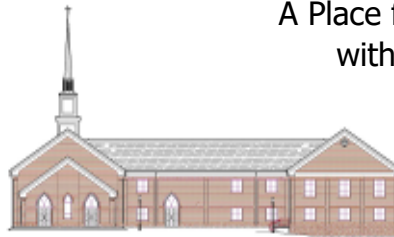
NIGHT IN
BETHLEHEM



CAROLING AT
THE LAURELS



A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/30-1/5	Jim Collie, Mike Osborne
	1/6 - 1/12	John Ponish, Gary Smith
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome	1/6	Oscar Raile
	1/13	Oscar Raile
S.S. Greeters:	1/6	Sherlene Hall, John Ponish
	1/13	Hutchinson Family
Nursery:	1/6	Abbie Crutchfield, Jessica Crutchfield
	1/13	Kathy Osborne, Ali Studedemann
Children's Church:	1/6	Regina Cantrell, Caroline Mullins
	1/13	Holly Meade, Kiera Harding
Sound System:	1/6	Marty Adkins
	1/13	Rachel Lyall
Ushers:	1/6	Youth (teens)
	1/13	Marty Adkins, Leton Harding, Ron Helton, Jorge Hersel, Jeff Kiser, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass
Tellers:	Jan.	Martha Blackburn, Edgar Owens
	Feb.	Teresa Adkins, Stephen Large
Youth Bible Study	1/6	Youth Meal: Lori Crisp
	1/13	Pam Hersel
Wed. Serving Team	1/2	Brenda Lee, Vickie Rasnick, Susan Smith, Ann Wade, Sandy Yun
	1/9	Linda Bailey, Julie Large, John Ponish, Karen Ponish, Ruby Salyers
Wed. Night Meal	1/2	Potluck
	1/9	Soups, Sandwiches, Salad
Children-in-Action:	1/2	Julie Large
	1/9	Julie Large
Wed, Nursery	1/2	Martha Blackburn, Vickie Rasnick
	1/9	Wendy Adrian, Terry Winters

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth (Grades 7-12)	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Studies	7:00 pm
	Children in Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth - Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm

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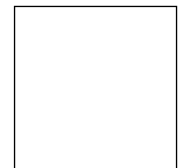
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Thought for the Week:
When troubled, trust in Jesus.