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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,

Hospitality was far more than a social frill in the Biblical world. Back then your very survival depended on it. Hospitality means “friendly to strangers”. If you traveled far in that day, you depended on the hospitality of strangers. There were few inns. It was a sacred duty to feed, house, and protect a traveling guest. Just as you might provide for a traveler, there would come a time when you would need that same hospitality.

Today, it would not be wise to have a total stranger stay in your home. But, we can still express hospitality. Before churches ever had pulpits or baptismal pools, they had kitchens and dinner tables. Part of the success of the early church was because of the simplest of tools: the cross of Christ and homes.

You may not have been called to international missions, but you have a front door, chairs, a table, bread, and meat to put on the bread. There is something sacred about table fellowship.

What is hospitality? It is creating a welcoming atmosphere. It is even more about the relationship than the food itself. It is about receiving and serving others. It is “flesh and muscle on bones of love.”

We can extend hospitality in our homes and wherever we are. In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, the priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan all crossed the path of the injured man as went. God will put in our path people who need our hospitality.

In the same way, God has put us in the path of others so that we have received hospitality. Think about some times in your life, where you were in a difficult situation and received hospitality from a total stranger. It is a humbling thought.

Thanks be to God for His hospitality to us all! How might we pass that on to friend and stranger this week?

Love, Pastor Mike

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Business Meeting  
 January 13**

**Leadership Team  
 January 28**

**“Happy Birthday to  
 Everyone” Luncheon  
 January 31**

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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	328-2111
Daniel Ray	328-2483
Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Ron Helton	393-6145

### 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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY



Pastor Mike is leading a 6-week study on the Book of Exodus. The journey of the Hebrew people then is our journey today. There are defeats and victories along the way, but God is faithful and provides! Join in with us. Books are available in the church foyers. The fellowship meal begins at 6pm, Bible study begins at 6:45pm and choir rehearsal starts at 7:50pm.

## Special Called Business Meeting Wednesday, Jan. 13 - 7pm

The agenda is to approve a final budget for the 2015-2016 church year and to approve the recommendation by the Personnel Committee for the Assistant Financial Secretary (Jeff Dotson). Wise Baptist members are invited and encouraged to attend.

## "DAYS OF CHRISTMAS KINDNESS"

### Faith Stories

Thanks for your acts of service! Please email your experiences during the "Days of Christmas Kindness" to Pastor Mike at [mikewinters@wisebaptist.com](mailto:mikewinters@wisebaptist.com). I am collecting them to publish (I will not include names in the list). This will honor God and encourage others.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



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. This is a vital part of our worship! Please prayerfully consider volunteering.

## CHRISTMAS TRAIN DISPLAY

Everyone is invited to see the Collie's Christmas Train Display. Please call 328-5133, to make arrangements. The trains will be up through mid January.



*As you pray, please remember...*

Irene Black, 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, Hubert Breeding, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Jerry Reynolds, Ron and Vickie 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).

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE!!

*Happy Birthday*



You are cordially invited to attend a birthday party in your honor on Sunday, January 31st! That's right—we will be celebrating EVERYONE'S birthday at once at a church-wide Birthday Party following the morning worship service on January 31st!!

The Children's Ministry Team along with the Missions Committee is sponsoring this fun event...The Missions Committee will be serving a soup and cornbread lunch to help with the "Raise the Roof" project. All donations for lunch will go towards repairing the roof at The Rock.

The Children's Ministry Team will provide dessert (Birthday Cake), decorations and entertainment. There will be 12 tables (or more) set up in the fellowship hall—one for each month of the year. Please indicate on Sundays Communication Card or call the Church office if you are interested in attending and be sure to list your birth month and day!!

**Jan & Tony Johnson**, Missionaries from Southwest Virginia Partnership will join us in worship on January 24th.



Trust. What does that mean? Whom do you trust? Why? What kinds of things/people/circumstances cause your trust to be misguided?

Those are a few of the questions that they youth and I discussed on Sunday evening. Our FLOCK is a sharp group of young people. They have a pretty good grasp of what trust is and what it is not.

It was a great opportunity to remind them and to remind myself that when we put our trust in God, He will keep our paths straight. (Prov. 3:5-6) When we trust ourselves, our "feelings", we will often get off track. We should put our trust in those who want what is absolutely **best** for us. Jesus told his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me". (John 14:1) I believe that is a good, timely lesson for all of us!

Special thanks to Andi, Marty, Susan and Susan for their leadership through music on Sunday morning. It is such a blessing to work with them through our music ministry.

There are many places to engage in our music ministry. Won't you prayerfully consider joining one of our many groups?

The Jubilation Ringers will rehearse on Sunday, Jan. 24 at 4:15 pm. The sanctuary choir rehearses each Wednesday at 7:50 pm. New ringers and singers are welcome!

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

Blessings, Leigh

	January 12	Eden Mullins
	January 13	Joyce Horne
	January 16	Susan Mullins Beth Snodgrass
	January 17	Steve Collins

	January 17	Ray & Carolyn Jones
	January 18	Jeff & Eileen Cantrell



What a joy to fellowship and worship in a place where so many give freely of their time and talents!  
Where do/will you serve?

**The FLOCK created Thankful Jars on Sunday evening as a way to be mindful of all of God's blessings. Join us on Wednesday and Sunday for Bible study and fellowship!**



Congratulations to Jon & Jennifer Mullins for the birth of Reid Edward Mullins; 20.1" long; 7.1 lbs.

Also, congratulations go out to grandparents, Elizabeth and Brian Wills, Jeff and Kathy Sturgill and to great-grandparents, Papa Joe and Reba Smiddy.

Join us for **Sunday School** at 10am each week to refresh your mind and soul.

We have classes for all ages!!

**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.

## **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

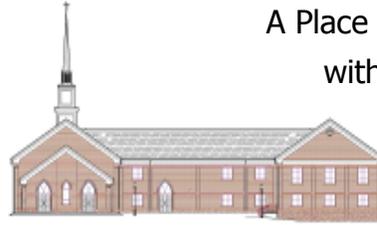
Account Number: no account information is required

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.

## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	01/10-01/16	Lewey Lee, John Kennedy
	01/17-01/23	Dan Helton, Gil Blackburn
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:	01/17	Bob & Teresa Adkins
	01/24	John Ponish
Nursery:	01/17	Kathy Osborne, Emma Snodgrass
	01/24	Tammie Harding, Sara Johnson
Children's Church:	01/17	Debbie Collins
	01/24	Susie Power
PA:	01/17	Mike Osborne
	01/24	Oscar Raile
Tellers:	January	Martha Blackburn, David Mullins
Ushers:	01/17	Jim Sturgill*, Marty Kennedy^, Clyde Vance^, Gil Blackburn, Wayne Isaac, Jeff Dotson, Steve Horton, Jack Tolbert
	01/24	Youth (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	01/13	Teresa Adkins, Jean Aker, Bonnie Owens
	01/20	Beverly Viers, Sherry Collie, Sandy Mullins, Brenda Kunigelis
Wed. Meal:	01/13	Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad
	01/20	Soups-Potato, Vegetable, Chicken Noodle, Italian Wedding

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## 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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**Thought for the week:  
How can I bless another  
through hospitality?**