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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,

We all know what it is like to be discouraged. Therefore, we can empathize when someone else is discouraged. How can we help? A great place to find encouragement is in the Bible story of John-Mark, the Apostle Paul, and Barnabas.

It is an exciting time in the early church. The church at Antioch launches the first official mission team! There is excitement and anticipation, but for some reason, John-Mark pulls out. This must have been awkward, discouraging, and upsetting to the rest of the mission team.

Two to three years later this first (of three) of Paul's missionary journeys ends. The team is gearing up for the next mission. Barnabas suggests to Paul that they bring along John-Mark. Paul objects. A sharp disagreement leads Barnabas to go one way with John-Mark and Paul another way with Silas.

What happened to John-Mark? We do not know, but it must have been something big. Does that justify his decision? No, of course not. It was, however, a set-back for the mission team as they were just starting.

Now, imagine you are John-Mark. You are discouraged. Then you start hearing reports of their mission work over the next two or three years. They stopped at Pisidian-Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe, etc. Each of the reports was dagger in the heart of John-Mark, who must have said, "I should have been there"!

Along comes Barnabas, who gathers in John-Mark and recommissions him. The results? Paul, in prison, later asks that John-Mark be sent to visit him and that John-Mark was a help to him. John-Mark's relationship with Paul is restored. Greater still, John-Mark goes on to write the Gospel of Mark!

We can all get discouraged in our Christian journey. Thank God, there is a way back and it can turn into our best time of serving God!

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

**Leadership Team
January 28**

**"Happy Birthday to
Everyone" Luncheon
January 31**

**BCM Luncheon
February 1**

**"Souper" Bowl
February 7**

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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 continuing to lead a 6-week study on the Book of Exodus. This week, we will look at the Ten Commandments. It is not too late to join 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.

Leadership Team Meeting

The Leadership Team will meet on Thursday, Jan. 28 from 6:30-8:30pm at Pastor Mike's home. A light supper will be served.

Business Meeting Report

The church decided at the special-called Business Meeting on Wed. Jan. 13 to continue the provisional budget that was in place for the first quarter of the year. The Finance Committee will continue to keep us informed.

"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. I am collecting them to publish (I will not include names in the list). Your story will honor God and encourage others.

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.

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

Happy Birthday

EVERYONE!!



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 the Southwest Virginia Partnership will join us in worship on January 24th. An offering will be collected at the end of worship if you would like to give.



From Leigh

It rarely happens, thankfully, that both Susans are away on the same day! But, that was the case yesterday. They both had previously scheduled personal, family events that called them away. I am so grateful that they faithfully volunteer their time and talent in service to our Lord and to Wise Baptist. To that end, let me say a special word of thanks to Mark Clark and Donna Hutchinson for "filling in"! We are so very blessed!

The music ministry is an "out-front" ministry—what we do is very visible every week. However, there are many others who serve faithfully behind the scenes every week—the building stewards, the greeters, the ushers, the nursery and children's church workers, the tellers, the audio and visual techs—it really is a team effort!

If you're not involved in any of these areas but would like to be, let us know so that we can direct you to the right person! There is a place for everyone—all ages!

This Sunday, Jim and Judy Sturgill and the bluegrass group will lead us in worship. I look forward to the gift of talent that they will share!

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

Blessings, Leigh

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!



January 20	Sam Wharton
January 23	Scott Harris
January 24	Jim Dotson
	Carolyn Jones
	Edgar Owens
	Gary Smith
January 25	Wanda Baird
	Billie Harris
	Shirlee Barnette

CONGRATULATIONS!

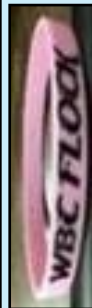
The 2006 UVA-Wise Lady Cavalier team won the AAC championship and made an appearance at the NAIA national tournament. That team, which includes **Sarah** and **Rachel Helton**, will be honored at halftime of the Cavs game on Saturday, January 30 (4pm).

Sarah Helton, who is the all time leading scorer for the Lady Cavs, AAC MVP, and an All-American, will be inducted into the UVA-Wise Cavalier Athletic Hall of Fame that same day.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the game that day and to cheer loudly! The proud parents are Ron and Kathy Helton.

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

We have classes for all ages!!



The **FLOCK** created Thankful Jars as a way to be mindful of all of God's blessings. This week our focus is on being thankful for **WHO GOD IS**.

Join us each **Wednesday** and **Sunday** for Bible study and fellowship! The meal on **Jan. 24** will be provided by the Sheppard family.



"SOUPER" Bowl Sunday is February 7th. On that day the youth will collect cans of soup for our community. You can use your soup as a vote for the team who will win the Super Bowl. Our youth will tally the cans and give a report. We hope you will plan to participate!

Super Bowl party at the Youth building (**FLOCK NEST**) on Sunday, February 7 at 5:30. Everyone is asked to bring something sweet and something salty to share. Pizza, wings, paper goods, and drinks will be provided. We will have door prizes and games. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship! Invite someone to join you!

The Fervent Tour

Priscilla Shirer and Anthony Evans will be in Mt. Pleasant, SC on Thursday, February 25. We are trying to get a group of people together to go. The cost of a ticket ranges from \$20-70. We will plan to leave early on Thursday and return on Friday.

This is not limited to women or to WBC family. Please feel free to ask people from your family, workplace, and/or neighborhood to join us.

Please let Leigh know by January 31 if you plan to participate so that she can reserve hotel rooms. Everyone will need to purchase their own event ticket at: www.theferventtour.com.

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.



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**Terry Winters
Birthday Luncheon
Announcement**



**"Happy Birthday"
John Mark**



**Mark Clark
Worship**

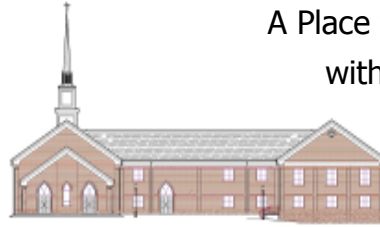


**Misty Belcher
Worship Greeting**

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	01/17-01/23	Dan Helton, Gil Blackburn
	01/24-01/30	Daniel Ray, Edgar Owens
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:	01/24	John Ponish
	01/31	Billie Harris
Nursery:	01/24	Tammie Harding, Sara Johnson
	01/31	Daniel & Tabitha Ray
Children's Church:	01/24	Susie Power
	01/31	Donna Hutchinson
PA:	01/24	Oscar Raile
	01/31	Mike Osborne
Tellers:	January	Martha Blackburn, David Mullins
	February	Edgar Owens, Jeff Dotson
Ushers:	01/24	Youth
	01/31	Bill Sutherland*, Lewey Lee, Gary Smith^, Mike Strouth, Bob Adkins, Matt Meade, Ron Swindall, David Mullins (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	01/20	Beverly Viers, Sherry Collie, Sandy Mullins, Brenda Kunigelis
	01/27	Donna Hutchinson, Rebecca Osborne, Cyndi Newlon
Wed. Meal:	01/20	Soups-Potato, Vegetable, Chicken Noodle, Italian Wedding
	01/27	Ham, Green Beans, Pineapple Casserole, Potatoes

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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**Thought for the week:
Discouraged? Let God
re-commission you!**