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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

January 23, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

Church-Wide Birthday Party
January 28, 12pm

Deacons' Meeting
February 4, 8:30am

**Deposits due for
Youth Winter Retreat**
February 4

Ash Wednesday Service
February 14, 7pm

Laurels Ministry
February 15, 1:30pm

**Senior Adult Valentine
Banquet**
February 17, 5pm

"Risen" Movie at WBC
February 21, 6:30pm

Youth Winter Retreat
February 23-25

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DEACONS 2017-18

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Jim Collie	393-1710
Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Ron Helton	393-6145
Mike Osborne	365-0968
John Ponish	870-1593
Gary Smith	870-1579

Deacons Emeritus:
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill,
Harold Witt



Dear church family and friends,

Jesus' non-judgmental love allowed Him to share the gospel powerfully. He ministered to the forgotten, the excluded, and the outcasts.

Many religious people of Jesus' day judged the lepers, tax collectors, prostitutes, and many others. Jesus says in the Sermon on the Mount "Do not judge lest we be judged". What is judgment? It is to look down to, talk down to and put down someone else.

Judgment by the Pharisees prevented them from reaching out with God's message to each of the above groups. The same thing happens today. Too many times Christians judge. It prevents us from effectively representing Jesus to the world.

Imagine Jesus going to the lepers, tax collectors, prostitutes, etc. and saying, "You are ungodly and immoral people and a destructive influence to everyone around you". Imagine Him saying, "Straighten up and get your act together".

Instead, Jesus went to them. He ate with them. He talked to them. He accepted them. He loved them. He taught them. He healed them. He invited them to know Him. Jesus did not expect unbelievers to behave like believers.

We can have the hint of judgment about us. It can show on our faces, in what we say, and how we say it. It can be so subtle that we do not recognize it. We can talk about how immoral and terrible our world is. The world, after all, is made up of people. John 3:16 says that "God so loved the world...". We cannot expect unbelievers to behave like believers. If we do, we burn the bridge whereby we can take the gospel message to those who need it.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Happy Birthday to Everyone!

3rd Annual Church-Wide Birthday Party!

We will celebrate everyone's birthday at once on Sunday, January 28! Following morning worship, The Missions Committee will be serving a pasta meal (lasagna, baked spaghetti, salad, breadsticks) prior to our birthday celebration. Donations towards the meal will be used for future the Southwest VA Partnership. BE SURE to sign up on the Communication Card in your bulletin or call the church office & tell us your birthday (month & day only!). Join others that share your birthday month at decorated tables & enjoy tasting 12 different birthday cakes!

As you pray, please remember...



Family of Elizabeth Davidson, Randy Chisenhall & family, Donna Morton & family, David Mullins, Bonnie Rochford (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, Ron Swindall, Robert & Jennifer England & family, Shirley Willis (The Laurels), Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Bea and Glenn Hill, 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).



WINTER BIBLE STUDY!

Wednesdays, Jan. 3 - Feb. 7, 6:45pm

"First Peter:

Living as Strangers in a Secular World"



Mission Trip Opportunities

Weekend Trip:

March 16-18...

White Sulfur Springs, WV

*Contact Bryon Burton (594-0025)



Both of these mission trips will involve ongoing disaster relief efforts in areas affected by flooding.

Summer Trip:

June 23-30...

Tarboro, NC

* Contact John Ponish (870-1593)



WBC

Feb. 1- May 10
2018



GriefShare is a Biblically-based program that offers Christ-centered teaching focusing on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts & the real-life stories of real people, followed by a small group discussion.

To register, please contact Gail Bryant at 275-6002 by January 19. The program will take place Feb. 1—May 10 in the WBC Fellowship Hall. A light dinner will be served.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Senior Adult Valentine Banquet ***Saturday, February 17, 5pm***

We would like to honor our Senior Adults in a special way this February by inviting you to a special dinner, complete with entertainment!

** We ask those who are 70 and older & would like to attend & be hosted, to please R.S.V.P. by Jan. 28 in one of 3 ways:*

- 1) Contact the church office (328-6247)*
 - 2) Fill out the insert in your Sunday bulletin*
 - 3) Contact John Ponish (870-1593 or jponish@atsone.com)*
- * If you are under 70 & would like to host/treat a special guest or couple, we ask that you also R.S.V.P.*
- * To host a senior adult(s), you may do anything you would like to honor them & show them how special they are, such as: invite them to the banquet, offer to pick them up, sit with them, pay for their meal(s), etc!*



Tony & Jan Johnson will share about the ministry of the Southwest Virginia Partnership during our morning worship service on January 28.

Laurels Ministry



Thursday, January 24,
1:30pm

Join Wise Baptist folks on January 24 from 1:30-2:30pm at The Laurels as we visit with & minister to the residents there. Contact Sherlene Hall for more information:

275-0059 or sherlenehall@gmail.com



Church Building Repairs Update

The sanctuary foyer is 99% repaired. Carpet installation began on Monday. Three to four days is estimated time for carpet work. Then pews and furniture will need to be re-installed. It looks like we can be in sanctuary on Sunday January 28.

~ Ron Helton

We're expecting someone little!



You are invited to a baby shower for

Josh & Kristen Owens

Sat., February 10 at 10:30am

Model City Event Center, Kingsport

****Please RSVP to Bonnie Owens (275-8539)**



Remember our Grab-n-Go Ministry as you do your grocery shopping! You can place non-perishable food items in the white baskets by the elevator.

MUSIC * YOUTH * CHILDREN NEWS



Thank you to Donna Hutchinson for leading music this past Sunday morning in Ben's absence!

Join us this Sunday as we worship in our newly carpeted sanctuary!

This photo was taken on Tuesday morning—half of the sanctuary is already carpeted!

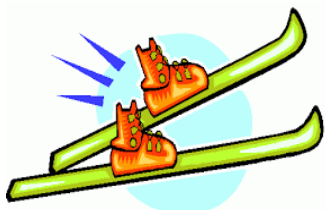


Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry



Join us each Sunday evening at 6pm at the Youth Building ("The Flock Nest") for Bible study, games & supper! There were 14 youth in attendance last week! Kim Hall will be leading the Bible study—this week's topic is "Friends".

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the Winter Retreat scheduled for Feb. 23-25 at Beech Mountain, NC. This year's trip is open to parents & other adults as well. Lodging will be at the White Wolf Lodge & there is limited space. If you are interested in going, please turn in a \$50 deposit by **Feb. 4.** Bryon



Burton may be contacted at 594-0025
or
vol4lifebb@gmail.com
for more information.



January 23	Scott Harris
January 24	Jim Dotson Carolyn Jones Edgar Owens Gary Smith Ali Stuedemann
January 25	Wanda Baird Shirlee Barnette Billie Harris John Roberts
January 26	Ray Jones Lulia Maine Garrison Sheppard
January 27	Macey Sheppard
January 28	Regina Carson Lance Collie Toni Thacker
January 29	Rebecca Osborne Mike Strouth
January 30	Andrew Conway Brandon Crutchfield
February 1	Rachel Bailey Jamie Hopkins



Wise Baptist Children's Ministry

Upcoming Children's Activities!

February 14

Valentines will be mailed to all children

March 24

Craft Day for Operation Christmas Child

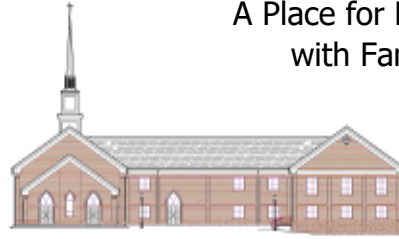
April 1

Resurrection Eggs Presentation during worship

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	1/21-1/27	John Mark Adrian, Ron Helton
	1/28-2/3	Jerry Baird, Jim Collie
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome	1/28	Misty Belcher
	2/4	Beth Snodgrass
S.S. Greeters:	1/28	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
	2/4	John Kennedy
Nursery:	1/28	Don & Cyndi Newlon
	2/4	Leton & Tammie Harding
Children's Church:	1/28	Daniel & Tabitha Ray
	2/4	John & Karen Ponish
Sound System:	1/28	Oscar Raile
	2/4	Mike Osborne
Tellers:	January	Leton Harding, Oscar Raile
	February	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Ushers:	1/28	Matt Meade, Johnny Robinson, Jim Sturgill, Jim Sturgill, Bob Adkins, Kenny Bowling, Jeff Cantrell, Dan Helton
	2/4	Youth (teens)
Wed. Serving Teams:	1/24	Jessica Crutchfield, Kathy Dotson, Gail Kiser
	1/31	Martha Blackburn, Linda Burgess, Kathy Helton, Susie Powers
Wed. Meals	1/24	Ham, Green Beans, Potato Casserole
	1/31	Soups, Sandwiches, Salad
Children-in-Action:	1/24	Terry Winters
	1/31	Julie Large

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



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	6:45 pm
	Children in Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth - Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm

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Thought for the Week:

**Blessed are those who
withhold judgment.**