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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

January 26, 2016

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

Dear church family and friends,

We had a blessed day of worship Sunday made possible by the amazing snow-removal efforts of Ron Helton, John Ponish, Gary Smith, John Mark Adrian, Mike and Rebecca Osborne, Mark Collins, Scott Snodgrass, David Sheppard, and Bryon Burton! It was a special time of fellowship, worship, and praise!



Leading up to Sunday, I sensed the Holy Spirit prompting me to further explore why John Mark abandoned the mission team soon after the start of Paul's first missionary journey. *What exactly happened from the time John Mark left for the mission field until the time he quit, and what can we learn from his experience?"*

Let's do a little detective work.

1. The time frame was a few months.
2. The mission team traveled on open seas to and from Cyprus. Sea travel for passengers was uncomfortable, often terrifying, and dangerous.
3. John Mark was probably young and sheltered. This could have left him unprepared for the hardships of the missionary life: sea travel, hundreds of miles traveled on foot, lack of food, physical dangers, etc.
4. They met spiritual challenges, i.e., a man Paul called, "a child of the devil".
5. Paul says in Gal. 4:13, "it was because of an illness that I first preached to you". Galatia was the next stop after Cyprus. This means Paul got his lifelong "thorn in the flesh" illness during the first missionary trip. Now, imagine how Paul being very sick affected the whole team!

All of the above combined to overwhelm John Mark. Paul was unwilling to give him another chance. But, God was not through with him! John Mark had to explain why he returned alone! Imagine how he felt each time he heard another report from the mission field! The Holy Spirit taught and matured him during that time. Then, Barnabas takes him under his wing and mentors him.

How does the story end? Three separate times (Philemon 24, I Tim. 4:11, and Col. 4:10) Paul commends John Mark as a faithful servant! Also, John Mark writes the Gospel of Mark!

As we humanize the Bible characters, they become more real. This also leaves more room for God to do His mighty work. Our missteps and stumbles can become stepping stones to God's greatest work through us!

Love, Pastor Mike

How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

Express one of the following to the Pastor during the closing hymn:

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| † 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 |

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY



Pastor Mike is leading 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 foyer. 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.

MEALS ON WHEELS



The church is delivering meals to those who cannot attend the Wednesday evening supper & Bible study. If you would like a meal delivered or know of someone who needs a meal, please contact John Kennedy or the Church office by Tuesday at noon.

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), Crystal Mullins (David & Sandy Mullins' daughter-in-law), 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!!



You are cordially invited to attend a birthday party in your honor **SUNDAY** at 12:00 noon. That's right—we will be celebrating **EVERYONE'S** birthday at once at a church-wide Birthday Party following our morning worship service on January 31.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Join us at 10 am for Sunday school on Sunday mornings. There are classes for all ages. It is a great way to get to know people and to grow spiritually. Plan to join us this week!



I want to share with you a devotional I read from last Friday in **"Reflections"** based on Romans 12:1-8.

We learned "Do not conform, but be transformed" so many times in my youth group that these words became part of a spiritual to-do list that I knew I needed to accomplish: Don't let the culture change me, but instead bring God to the culture; make the right choices; attend church; find ways to serve; belong to the community, and play my part. Each time our group studied these verses, I added more to my to-do list. I believed that being in God's will was an achievement that was all up to me.

When my faith and my life experience grew, so did my interpretation of this passage. I realized that transformation is something God creates and not something I can accomplish for myself or do on my own. This is the point of the gospel and why the community of faith is essential. We tend to forget this truth. When we feel pressure to achieve a certain level of spiritual life, we need reminding that God's grace brings the life we need. We are only able to use our gifts because of God's grace. We belong to one another because of Christ. Our acts of attending worship and serving one another are not in themselves what make us a body. We are a body because of the unifying Spirit within us.

Paul reminds the church that "we have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us". Our ability to devote ourselves to serving, teaching, and encouraging comes from this never-failing grace. It stirs us to give selflessly and nurtures passionate leadership within us. Any acts of cheerful mercy reflect it.

Knowing that we do not work alone refreshes us. Christ's presence leads us to trust and belong to God's community. God's grace helps us discover our calling and fulfill it.

I am so thankful that I am not alone and that it is not up to me! God has blessed me with a wonderful community of believers. I am praying for all of you this week; pray for each other, too.

Blessings, Leigh



- January 26 Ray Jones, Jr.
- Lulia Maine
- Garrison Sheppard
- January 27 Macey Sheppard
- January 28 Regina Carson
- Lance Collier
- Toni Thacker
- January 29 Rebecca Osborne
- Mike Strouth
- January 30 Andrew Conway
- February 1 Rachel Bailey
- February 2 Zada Hardin

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 on Saturday and to cheer loudly! The proud parents are Ron and Kathy Helton.

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.



Special thanks to the Snodgrass family for hosting the FLOCK on Sunday afternoon for a sledding party. What a great hill!! The weather was perfect and the fire was so nice. Thank you also to the Sheppard family for the great food!

Join us each Wednesday and Sunday for Bible study and fellowship! The meal on Jan. 31 will be provided by Susan M.

"SOUPER" Bowl Sunday is February 7th. The Broncos will take on the Panthers in the big game. Here at WBC, the FLOCK will collect cans of soup. Place your cans in the box with the team that you think will win the game. The FLOCK will tally the cans and give a report. The boxes will be available beginning this Sunday.

Super Bowl party at the Youth building (FLOCK NEST) on Sunday, February 7 at 6:00pm. 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!

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.

Winter Storm Jonas!



Sledding on the Snodgrass hill!





Happy Valentine's Day



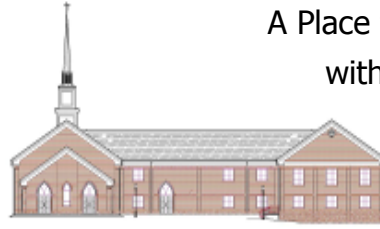
February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
B = Birthday A = Anniversary	1 BCM Lunch 11 am Piecemakers 9:30 am B: Rachel Bailey	2 B: Zada Hardin	3 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:50pm B: Caroline Mullins	4	5 B: Sagan Holbrook	6 B: Kara Kennedy
7 Deacon Mtg. 8:30 am Holy Communion Youth Super Bowl Party 6 pm B: Randy Chisenhall Kathy Kennedy Kaitlin Ponish Phillip Prince	8 Caring Friends 9:30am B: David Whitaker	9	10 Dinner 6pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:50pm B: David Mullins Adam Sexton	11 Women on Mission 2—4 pm	12 B: Kristin (Ponish) Trick	13 B: Brandon Osborne A: Jim & June Dotson
14 <i>valentine's</i> <i>Day</i> Sun. School 10a m Worship 11am Youth 6pm	15 Presidents' Day Piecemakers 9:30 am B: Carrie Cox White June Dotson Logan Stewart	16	17 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:50pm B: Lily Snodgrass	18 B: Josh Helton	19 B: Nicolette Cox	20 B: Vanessa Cyphers
21 Sun School 10am Worship 11am Youth 6pm B: Amy Yun	22 Caring Friends 9:30am B: Juanita Wells	23 B: Lois Stallard	24 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:50pm B: Mark Lardieri	25 <i>The Fervant Four</i> ----->	26 B: James Clasby Joanne Kennedy Lora (Wharton) Lopez	27 B: Meisha (Osborne) Addington Eric Smith
28 Sun School 10am Worship 11am Youth 6pm	29 Piecemakers 9:30 am	If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247.				

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	01/24-01/30	Edgar Owens, Daniel Ray
	0/31-02/06	Jerry Baird, Ron Helton
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:	01/31	Billie Sue Harris
	02/07	John Kennedy
Nursery:	01/31	John Mark & Wendy Adrian
	02/07	Butch & Donna Hutchinson
Children's Church:	01/31	Debbie Collins
	02/07	Cindy Elkins
PA:	01/31	Mike Osborne
	02/07	Oscar Raile
Tellers:	January	Martha Blackburn, David Mullins
	February	Edgar Owens, Jeff Dotson
Ushers:	01/31	Bill Sutherland*, Lewey Lee, Gary Smith^, Mike Strouth, Bob Adkins, Matt Meade, Ron Swindall, David Mullins
	02/07	Roger Williams*, Daniel Ray^, Bryon Burton^, Jeff Elkins, David Belcher, Kenneth Bowling, Donnie Bradley, David Sheppard
		(*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	01/27	Donna Hutchinson, Rebecca Osborne, Cyndi Newlon
	02/03	Potluck Team
Wed. Meal:	01/27	Pizza and Salad
	02/03	Potluck

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:
God can use our missteps
for stepping stones.**