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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,

Part of the strategy for the Allies to win World War II involved establishing a beachhead. This meant getting a foothold on the beach of the territory that was being attacked. This allowed a base of operations from which to proceed.

This strategy was evident in the Pacific with the “island-hopping campaigns” and also in Normandy as the D-Day invasion began. It was costly in terms of lives lost to get that foothold. But, it was only a first step designed to defeat the enemy. I might add that it was a successful strategy.

The foothold was a step toward securing defeat of the enemy. The Bible says that the purpose of the Devil is to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10a)”. Eph. 4::26-27—”In your anger, do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.”

One strategy of the Devil is to get a foothold in our lives through our anger. He wants a foothold in order to defeat and neutralize our Christian witness. All too often, it is a successful strategy.

Paul, says it does not have to be, but we must be vigilant. How do we keep the Devil from establishing this foothold? Paul points the way.

1. To be feel anger is not sin. It is how we act upon the anger.
2. Deal with it quickly (that day).
3. Manage stress. This will give you a longer fuse.
4. Step back. Think, Pray. Ask questions. This will slow down the process and allow you to think more clearly.
5. Anger is contagious. When it comes to you, be a step-down transformer to lower the voltage.

Love, Pastor Mike

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Holy Communion**  
**February 1**

**Youth Super Bowl**  
**Fellowship**  
**February 1**

**BCM Luncheon**  
**February 2**

**Deacon’s Meeting**  
**February 8**

**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 11**

**Deacon Ordination**  
**February 15**

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### 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Lois Stallard for the loss of her brother-in-law, Jim Hamm on Saturday.

To Carla Sheppard for the loss of her grandmother, Linda Arnett.

To Bonnie Owens for the loss of her father.

### BCM LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon for the college students is February 2nd. If you can provide a dessert, please call Sherlene Hall at 328-9315.

### MISSION YARD SALE



The mission yard sale will be May 1st & 2nd. Please remember to donate your unwanted items and kindly used, when you do your spring cleaning. Please try to do this as early as possible. Your donations make this project a success. Sherlene Hall will be glad to take your donations any time, 328-9315.

### MEOC

The month of February, we will be collecting money for the Hearth warming Fund for MEOC. Baskets will be provided at the front and back of the church.

### WEDDING SHOWER INVITATION



A drop-in wedding shower for Joshua Owens (son of Bonnie & Edgar Owens) and his fiancée, Kristen Brooks, will be held on Sunday, February 8, from 2-4 pm in the WBC Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is cordially invited.

**A Virginia Baptist Disaster Relief Training** will be held at WBC on May 8th and 9th.

More information to follow.

### *As you pray, please remember...*



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, Irene Black, Hubert and Ida Breeding, John and Kay Wright, Wanda Baird, David Mullins, Marty Kennedy, 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, and Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG)

If there are other known prayer concerns or shut-ins, please let us know.

### LET'S HELP



The Department of Social Service Adult Protection Services is in need of food items. The food items help bridge the gap at the end of the month, when supplies run low. Items needed: peanut butter, saltine crackers, canned soup, tuna, instant oatmeal, spaghetti sauce/noodles, macaroni & cheese (with liquid cheese).

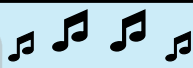
Please place these items in the white baskets in the hallway.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL



One of the many opportunities we have to grow as believers is by being part of a class where the Bible is being taught weekly. If you are not a regularly attending Sunday School, please make plans to start this Sunday. We have classes for all ages and I know that you will receive a blessing! Thank you to those who attend weekly and especially to our teachers! May God richly bless you this new year!!

**We are in need of workers for the pre-school nursery for Sunday School. If you could help out, please contact Teresa Adkins at: [tah7a@uvawise.edu](mailto:tah7a@uvawise.edu)**



*From Leigh*

Thank you for your prayers and for your expressions of love to me following my recent hip surgery. All went well. The hardest part is being immobile for the next month. Pray for Mark as he attempts to keep me in line!!

I received a wonderful update from Barbara Hastings in NJ this week and wanted to share it with all of you!

To my brothers and sisters in Christ at Wise Baptist Church:

I apologize for taking so long in sending this thank you to you. I can't tell you what a blessing your very generous gift was to me. It's been a long and frustrating road to rebuilding my home. The permit process has been a lesson in patience, but my Lord is faithful and He sees the big picture. I am confident these delays are in His hands and He will work everything out. As it says in 2 Corinthians 5:1, "For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands."

Your gift was used to build my home's foundation and the block you presented is in place. Since Toms River requires a skim coat over the blocks we have put it inside the garage so I can see it every time I pull in. The Lord has brought us a Master framer and framing of the house began Jan. 5 and all the rooms are framed out. We hope to get the roof on the week of Jan. 12. My house would not have been able to begin without your gift to me for the blocks.

The weather has been very cold and some days have been raining but God's people do not let that stop them. I give thanks every day for the volunteers and for my friends in Wise, VA.

Again, I can't begin to express how much you all mean to me. I hope you can come visit and stay in my new home when you are in New Jersey. In Christ's Love, Barb Hastings

Please continue to be in prayer for Barbara and for all those in need in the NY/NJ area. God is always faithful.

Blessings, Leigh

## JANUARY/FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



January 27	Macey Sheppard
January 28	Toni Thacker
	Regina Carson
	Lance Collie
January 29	Rebecca Osborne
	Mike Strouth
January 30	Andrew Conway
February 1	Rachel Bailey
February 2	Zada Haden
February 3	Caroline Mullins



Barbara Hastings "breaking ground" on her new home.



The WBC "Block of Hope".



Her home being built.

### SUPER BOWL FELLOWSHIP



All youth are invited to a time of fun, food, and fellowship on Sunday, February 1 from 5:30-8:30 pm at the youth building. We will have lots of food, prizes, and, of course, the football game! This is a great time to invite your friends. More info will be posted to Facebook. Parents, please let me or Cindy Elkins know if you can help.

Our **Children's Choir** program will resume in February. Stay tuned for more information.



**The Mission luncheon** went well - serving around 40 people plus some deliveries and raising approximately \$650.00. Any donations would be appreciated for this important ministry.



Tony and Jan Johnson shared a wonderful report regarding the work of the SWVA Partnership. It is amazing what God can do!



# FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p>Super Bowl Fellowship 5:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>B: Rachel Bailey</p>	<p>2</p> <p>B: Zada Hardin</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>Piecemakers 9:30 am</b></p> <p>B: Caroline Mullins</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>Dinner 6 pm</b></p> <p><b>Bible Study 6:45 pm</b></p> <p><b>Choir Rehearsal 7:50 pm</b></p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>Women on Mission 12 pm</b></p> <p>B: Sagan Holbrook</p>	<p>6</p> <p>B: Kara Kennedy</p>	<p>7</p> <p>B: Kaitlin Ponish Phillip Prince Kathy Kennedy Randy Chisenhall</p>
<p>8</p> <p><b>Deacon's Meeting 8:30 am</b></p> <p>Owen's Wedding Shower 2-4 pm</p> <p>B: David Whittaker</p>	<p>9</p> <p>B: David Mullins Adam Sexton</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>Caring Friends 9:30</b></p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>Dinner 6 pm</b></p> <p><b>Bible Study 6:45 pm</b></p> <p><b>Choir Rehearsal 7:50 pm</b></p>	<p>12</p> <p>B: Kristin Ponish Trick</p>	<p>13</p> <p>B: Brandon Osborne A: Jim &amp; June Dotson</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>B: June Dotson Logan Stewart Corrie Cox White</p>	<p>16</p> 	<p>17</p> <p><b>Piecemaker 9:30 am</b></p> <p>B: Lily Snodgrass</p>	<p>18</p>  <p><b>Dinner 6 pm</b></p> <p><b>Bible Study 6:45 pm</b></p> <p><b>Choir Rehearsal 7:50 pm</b></p> <p>B: Joshua Helton</p>	<p>19</p> <p>B: Nicolette Cox</p>	<p>20</p> <p>B: Vanessa Cyphers</p>	<p>21</p> <p>B: Amy Yun</p>
<p>22</p> <p>B: Juanita Wells</p>	<p>23</p> <p>B: Lois Stallard</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>Caring Friends 9:30</b></p> <p>B: Mark Lardieri</p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>Dinner 6 pm</b></p> <p><b>Bible Study 6:45 pm</b></p> <p><b>Choir Rehearsal 7:50 pm</b></p> <p>B: Jared Owens</p>	<p>26</p> <p>B: James Clasby Lora Lopez Joanne Kennedy</p>	<p>27</p> <p>B: Eric Smith Meisha Osborne</p>	<p>28</p>

**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.

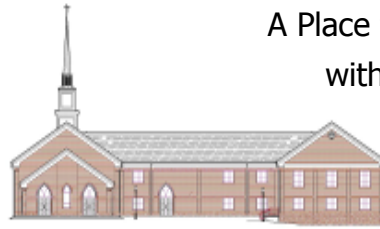
**COMMITTEE MEETINGS/SMALL GROUPS**

The chairperson or leader of the affected committee or group will make this decision and will be responsible for letting everyone know.

## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	1/25-1/31	Mark Clark, John Ponish
	2/01-2/08	Matt Meade, ewey Lee
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Eva, K. Susan S.
Worship Welcome Team:		Dave Belcher, Misty Belcher, Jeff Kiser, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray, Carla Sheppard
S.S. Greeters:	2/01	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
	2/08	Bob & Teresa Adkins
Nursery:	2/01	Vanessa Cyphers(N1), Russell Cyphers (N2), Caroline Mullins(Floater)
	2/08	Cyndi Newlon(N1), Chelsea Polly(N2), Lily Snodgrass(Floater)
Children's Church:	2/01	Megan Cline
	2/08	Cindy Elkins
PA:	2/01	Bryan Crutchfield
	2/08	Oscar Raile
Tellers:	Feb.	Debbie Helton, Kathy Helton
Ushers:	2/01	Youth
	2/08	Gary Smith*, Bill Sutherland, Mike Strouth, David Mullins, Matt Meade, Ron Swindall, Lewey Lee, Bob Adkins *Offertory Prayer
Wed.-Serving Team:	1/28	Jessica Crutchfield, Kathy Dotson, Kathy Helton, Debbie Helton
	2/04	Donna Hutchinson, Gail Kiser, Brenda Kungelis, Brenda Lee
Wed. Night Meal:	1/28	Soups-Potato, Vegetable, Chicken Noodle, Italian Wedding
	2/04	Breakfast for Supper

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## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Caring Friends(2nd & 4th)	9:30 am
	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	
Wednesday	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Sanctuary Choir	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission(1st)	Noon

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**Thought for the week:  
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