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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,

Johnny Carson was the most-watched talk show host for 30 years. He was charming, witty, funny, and in command for each show. It was the other twenty-two and half hours of the day that gave him problems. He did not know how to be in any relationship: marriage, family, friend, business associate, etc.

Relationships are: wonderful, complicated, messy, painful, rewarding, confusing, essential, exhausting, energizing, etc. We can all add to this list. Do these or other words describe our relationships in 2015? What are our relationship strengths that we need to continue? What are the weaknesses that we need to address?

A word the Bible uses to describe relationships is “fellowship”. The New Testament uses the phrase “one another” 59 times to help guide us. I have begun a sermon series entitled “Cultivate Fellowship”.

Sometimes we can veer to one of two extremes in the way we do relationships. We can decide that being in relationships is too painful and keep our distance. That is a lonely path. Another extreme is to go along and agree all of the time with others to avoid any tension. That is costly in another way. We can get lost and almost disappear as persons.

There is another option...to be the self that God made us to be. We can be respectful and loving toward others, be connected in a meaningful way and not get lost. Paul says that each believer is a part of the “Body of Christ”. Each of us has a part. It is not the same part. But we work together. Each part works with the others.

My prayer is that we will enrich and deepen our Christian fellowship in 2016. What are some steps we can take? Plan to be in regular Bible study in a small-group setting. One good place is Sunday morning Bible study groups we have for all ages. Another is the Wednesday night Bible study groups. What steps will you take?

Love, Pastor Mike

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday Night  
 Activities  
 January 6**

**Deacon Fellowship  
 January 10**

**Business Meeting  
 January 13**

**Leadership Team  
 January 28**

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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

Our study on the Book of Exodus begins Jan. 6. "Exodus" means to leave. They are leaving Egypt, heading for the Promised Land. There were struggles along the way, but they experienced God's presence and the promise of His future. Today, we are still on that journey. Join us! Books are available in the church foyer.

The fellowship meal begins at 6pm, Bible Study at 6:45pm and choir rehearsal at 7:50pm.

## Special Called Business Meeting—Wed. 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.

## 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.



**Thank you, Misty, for sharing  
your beautiful voice and  
testimony with all of us in  
worship through music!**

## 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.

## THANK YOU

As of December 29th, WBC collected \$711.00 for the **Lottie Moon Christmas** offering.

*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).



## Grab-n-Go Ministry

The white baskets near the elevator are used to collect non-perishable food items for elderly people who receive assistance from the Social Service Adult Protective Services in Wise County. There is a great need for this ministry. Sherlene Hall gathers the donations and delivers them to Social Services for distribution. Please give generously and please pray for this ministry.

## Wise Baptist Secretary

If you are interested in the part-time church secretary position, please contact Edgar Owens, chair of the Personnel committee via email ([bonnie.ed.owens@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie.ed.owens@gmail.com)) by Friday, January 8. Thank you.

## Wise Baptist Church General Fund Giving Summary 9/6/15 - 12/31/15

General Fund Receipts To Date	\$95,883
General Fund Needed To Date	\$99,395
Variance	(\$3,512)
Average Weekly Variance	(\$207)
Weekly General Fund Budget	\$5,847



2016 is here—ready or not! Fortunately, I don't write many checks these days (all bill pay online) so I won't have to scribble out 2015 too many times!

Last week I wrote about "love" guiding me this year. I believe that using "love" as a lens will help me to be more patient and kind and thoughtful.

My "One Word", though, for this year will be "GROW". I was introduced to the One Word concept a few years ago through the athletic department at the college when I was coaching the women's golf team. The concept is to basically choose a word as a *sifter* for all of your decisions. For example, my first word was *healthy*. I used healthy as a way to examine not only my food and exercise choices, but also as a monitor for my relationships, my conversations, and my thoughts. (Is this friendship healthy? Is this negative self-talk healthy?)


So, this year I want to ask myself if the things I am doing (personal, work, spiritual, etc.) are helping me to grow. I don't want to just be comfortable (or stagnant), I want to challenge and push myself to GROW.

I encourage you to think about a "word" for yourself. Maybe it is *healthy* or *learn* or *focus* or *believe* or...the list is endless. Prayerfully consider choosing a word. I don't think you will regret it!


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


Blessings, Leigh

**Happy New Year from the Clark family!**

**The FLOCK will resume Bible study on Jan. 6 with Mark Collins leading.**  
**On Sunday, January 10, we will meet at 6 for dinner. We are going to create "Thankful Jars" and we are going to discuss the subject of trust. Won't you join us and bring a friend?**

	January 4	Mark Collins Hazel Dixon
	January 7	Brian Wills
	January 8	Bret Chisenhall Reba Smiddy
	January 10	Ruby Salyers

	January 7	Jack Jr & Marsha Tolbert
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**TIPS FOR A POSITIVE NEW YEAR**

- \* Stay positive. You can listen to the cynics and doubters and believe that success is impossible or you can trust that with faith and an optimistic attitude all things are possible.
- \* Take a morning walk with gratitude. I call it a "Thank you Walk". It will create a fertile mind ready for success.
- \* Make your first meal the biggest and your last meal the smallest. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a college kid with a maxed out charge card.
- \* Remember that outside circumstances and events have no power over you. You create your world from the inside-out.
- \* Talk to yourself instead of listen to yourself. Instead of listening to your complaints, fears and doubts, talk to yourself and feed your mind with words of truth and encouragement you need to keep moving forward.
- \* Post a sign that says "No Energy Vampires Allowed". Gandhi said, "I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet."
- \* Don't chase dollars or success. Decide to make a difference and build meaningful relationships and success will find you.
- \* Get more sleep. You can't replace sleep with a double latte.
- \* Don't waste your precious energy on gossip, energy vampires, issues of the past, negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in your purpose, people and the positive present moment.
- \* You don't have to be great to serve but you have to serve to be great. Look for opportunities to Love, Serve, Care.  
 (You can see more positive tips at [www.JonGordon.com](http://www.JonGordon.com))

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
 To Elora Hutchinson on her selection to the Jr. All-County Band. Elora plays trombone.

**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

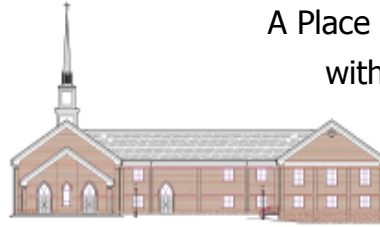
Account Number: no account information is required

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:	01/03-01/09	Jerry Baird, Matt Meade
	01/10-01/16	Lewey Lee, John Kennedy
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:	01/10	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
	01/17	Bob & Teresa Adkins
Nursery:	01/10	Rose Kennedy, Mary Steudeman
	01/17	Kathy Osborne, Emma Snodgrass
Children's Church:	01/10	David & Carla Sheppard
	01/17	Debbie Collins
PA:	01/10	Oscar Raile
	01/17	Mike Osborne
Tellers:	January	Martha Blackburn, David Mullins
Ushers:	01/10	John Ponish*, Jeff Cantrell^, Scott Snodgrass^, Dan Helton, Ron Helton, Jeff Kiser, Marty Adkins, Jeff Adkins
	01/17	Jim Sturgill*, Marty Kennedy^, Clyde Vance^, Gil Blackburn, Wayne Isaac, Jeff Dotson, Steve Horton, Jack Tolbert (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	01/06	Potluck Team
	01/13	Teresa Adkins, Jean Aker, Bonnie Owens
Wed. Meal:	01/06	Potluck
	01/13	Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad

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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) (resume January 11th)	9:30 am
	Singing Sunbeams (resume January 11th)	3:45 pm
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Sanctuary Choir	7:50 pm

## Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

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**Thought for the week:**

**“Accept one Another”**