

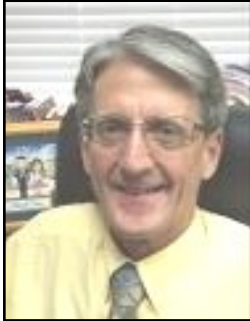
A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

Rev. Mike Winters, Pastor
Donna Hutchinson, Music Director
Dr. Ray Jones, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

July 16, 2024



Dear Church Family & Friends,

Donald Trump was shot. One of the tragedies about this is that it fuels even greater division in our country.

I am a follower of Jesus. And an American citizen. I have voted in local, state, and national elections for decades. Over that time, I have voted for Republicans, Democrats and Independents. It would be a problem for me, if someone suggested that I was a bad Christian or unAmerican because of my vote.

These times are a call to prayer. All are equal in our need for Jesus.

Picture this. All God's people. On our knees. Shoulder to shoulder. Facing the Cross. Praying. Before we speak or act.

The night before Jesus was crucified, He prayed for all believers, "that all of them may be one...so that the world may believe You sent Me." (John 17:21-22)

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday Night Bible Study
July 17
7:00pm

Summer Choir Practice
Wed, July 17
6 - 7pm

Men's Bible Study
Sat, July 20
7 - 8am

Mon, July 29
Deadline for Chips & Cookies Donations

Sat, Aug. 17
Camp Bethel Workday Project
8am - 4pm

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DEACONS 2023 - 2024

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Jeff Cantrell	275-9427
Debbie Collins	393-3875
Jeff Elkins	393-5700
Stan Kunigelis	870-2227
Lewey Lee	393-5370
David Mullins	870-0005
John Ponish	870-1593

Deacon Emeritus:
Bob Adkins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deep Dive

Into Scripture



April 1, 2024 -
March 31, 2025

Last year, we read the Bible through. This year, we will dive deep, by looking closely at smaller portions of scripture beginning with Genesis and going through Revelation.

Hope you can be a part of this journey! Please sign up on the Communication Card in your Sun. bulletin or let Pastor Mike know.

As you pray, please remember...

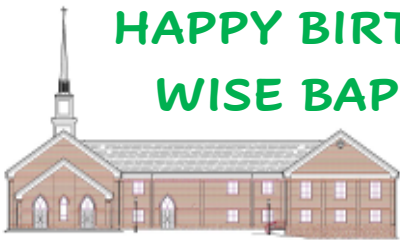


Family of Nancy Baugh, Shirley Willis, Billy & Teresa Glines & Family, Baby Fleenor, Cyrus Jones, Vicki Stephens, Donna Hutchinson & Family, Family & Friends of Nell Asbury, Jane Hughes & Family, Susan Aker, Amanda Aker, Mary Beth Adkins, Matt Meade, Morgan & Brandon Osborne, Martha Blackburn & Family, Emmett Kidd (Karen Ponish's dad), Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Brian Plester (brother of Brenda Kunigelis), Jim Sturgill, Wanda Baird, Jim Dotson, John & Kathy Kennedy, Rev. Michael Weller, Brenda Lee, Mike Smith's sister Lynn, Beth Snodgrass, Adele Plester (Brenda Kunigelis' sister-in-law), Lorna Wherry & family, (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Natalie Luther, Russell, Miles & Mason Wampler, Ray Jones, doctors, nurses & all medical/pharmaceutical personnel, law enforcement & emergency personnel, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men & women in the military.

Our Shut Ins: Andrew Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's dad) - Appalachia, VA

**If you know of other prayer concerns, please contact the church office (328-6247).*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WISE BAPTIST!



**Save the date!*
OCTOBER 27

Not only is the Town of Wise celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year...

Wise Baptist is celebrating its
125th Anniversary!!

Activities will culminate with a special worship service on **OCTOBER 27**. More details to follow!

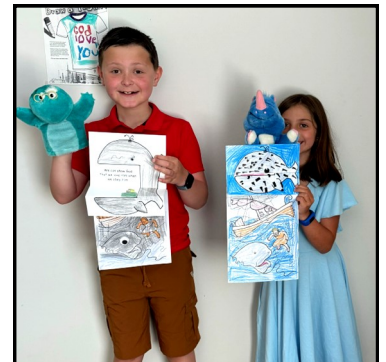
With Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Nancy Baugh who passed away on July 8. Please keep Nancy's family in your prayers.

Many thanks to all of our faithful Children's Church teachers!! Each Sunday morning, children K-4 are invited to attend Children's Church upstairs during worship.

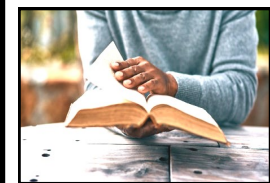
Lessons include Bible lessons, crafts, & other activities.

** Pictured are Reid Mullins & Khaleesi Criswell.*



Scripture for the Week:

John 17:20-21



"I pray not only for these, but also for those who believe in Me through their message. May they all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I am in You. May they also be one in Us, so the world may believe You sent Me."

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

THREE great opportunities to be involved in local ministry this summer!

- (1) Back-to-School - bring donations to church by July 29
- (2) Camp Bethel Workday Project - contact Donna or Mike
- (3) Community Give-Away - volunteers needed to give items away & to help clean up.

Contact Mary Beth Adkins:275-0441

Back-to-School Back Pack Giveaway

Aug
1

Thurs, Aug. 1
4 - 8pm
VA-KY District
Fairgrounds



How WE can help:

Becky Curtis (this year's coordinator) is requesting 100 bags of chips (small lunch size) + 25 packages of cookies from Wise Baptist.

Donations can be placed in a box in the hall no later than **July 29**.

Aug
17



CAMP BETHEL WORKDAY PROJECT

You are invited to participate in a workday at Camp Bethel on Sat, August 17! We will begin working on remodeling one of the cabins there. There will be big jobs & little jobs, so all skill levels are welcome!

Join us for great fellowship anytime that day : 8am - 4pm

Aug
24

Home Sweet Home Community Outreach

COMMUNITY Giveaway

Live Music on the Glades Stage | Resource and Info Booths | Food Trucks All Day

Saturday August 24th, 2024
Starting at 1 pm - 6pm
The Glades in Downtown Wise

Gates & Food Trucks Open at 1pm
Giveaway Begins at 1:30pm
Resources Tables Available

On the Glades Stage:
Soul's Journey 1-2pm
Brad Lee Music 2:30 - 4:30pm
The Craig Street Ramblers 4:30pm

Items For Giveaway To Include:
Bedding • Nike Shoes • Clothing • Household Items • School Supplies and Much, Much More!!

Items will be given on a first come-first serve basis.
Must be able to carry and load items.
Bring your own bag.

HOSTED BY:
FAMILY CRISIS SUPPORT SERVICES, INC.

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DONATIONS NEEDED! **by JULY 29**



**25 packages
of cookies**



**100 bags of chips
(lunch size)**

Becky Curtis (this year's coordinator) has asked Wise Baptist to donate cookies & chips for the Back-to-School event at the fairgrounds on August 1.

Donations can be placed in the box in the hall.

We will miss you, Shirley!



Shirley was recently honored with a delicious luncheon & a beautiful quilt as she prepared to move from the Laurels to Crozet, VA to be nearer to her children.

GRIEF SHARE[®]

Are you going through a tough time, grieving the loss of a loved one? Do you feel like nobody understands your grief? And there is nowhere to turn for help?

If so, I would like to invite you to join us for GriefShare.

GriefShare is a Biblically-based and clinically proven support group for those grieving the death of a loved one. I have seen much healing through this group. The first meeting for our Winter series will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2024. We will meet every Thursday from 6pm-8pm. A light dinner will be served. The meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall of Mountain View FreeWill Baptist Church, 5300 Pole Bridge Road in Wise and will run for 13 weeks until Nov. 14. An additional session about Surviving the Holidays will be held on November 21.

You can register online at GriefShare.org. Or you can contact me, Gail Bryant, for more information: 276-285-6002
gbryant76@yahoo.com



Have you noticed the beautiful flower beds around our church sign? Many thanks to **Betty Dotson** for sprucing things up!!



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!



July 16	Cheryl Estep
	Elora Hutchinson Thompson
	Elisha Oaks
	Landon Whittaker
July 18	Charlie Hibbitts
	Will Sturgill
July 19	Wayne Isaac
July 20	Ashton Taylor
	Carlie Tomlinson
July 21	Vicki Stephens
July 22	Dave Belcher
July 24	Debbie Collins
	Bonnie Owens
July 25	Susie Blanton
	Oscar Raile



Happy Anniversary!

July 16	Adam & Nicole Sexton
July 18	Ethan & Lily Elkins
July 25	Kenny & Peggy Bowling
	John & Diana Roberts



Stewardship, A Divine Responsibility

God is the Owner. We are the managers. We must oversee His assets for His benefit. Our prayer is for discernment of what God wants done with His assets and then carry out His will. May we all at Wise Baptist Church give abundantly, sacrificially, and joyfully.

For those who cannot physically attend Sunday morning worship services in the sanctuary, your tithes and offerings may still be mailed to Wise Baptist Church, PO Box 777, Wise VA 24293, or brought by the Church anytime during open hours.

*"For everything comes from You, and we have given
You only what comes from Your own hand."*

1 Chronicles 29:14

WBC Music Ministry



The grueling political season is upon us and I have been dreading it so badly! I have seen my newsfeed on Facebook, news outlets and other social media inundated with nasty, snippy, condescending comments from people who profess to be Christians. I have experienced some of these comments directed at me and my response is always "I have an opinion and if it doesn't coincide with yours, I'm sorry, but I still love you and think of you as a friend". It may be phrased this way or another, according to who I am dealing with. Another fairly regular comment is "How can you, as a Christian, vote for".

I know I don't share the same opinions as others, even my own family and friends. That doesn't make me wrong.....nor them. Butch and I used to laugh that we canceled out each other's votes during most Presidential elections, but that didn't bother either one of us because we loved each other and knew each of us had a brain and our thoughts differed.

I was reading an article about our "great political divide" in our country. It was written in April of this year before the political firestorms were raging. The conclusion that the writer emphasized was that **HOW YOU SAY IT** makes more difference than what you say. If what you are saying is condescending or hateful, that's the way it'll be taken – as an affront to your way of thinking.

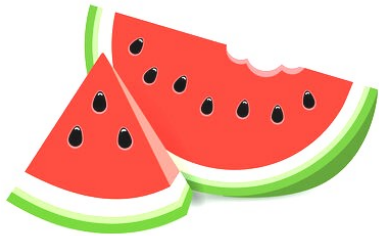
As the season progresses, think before you speak to your friends and co-workers or especially if you post on social media! (I'm sure trying to.) Most of your friends and co-workers **SHOULD** know that you are a Christian and we need to exemplify that in our everyday lives, not just by saying it, but by showing it.

I saw a picture yesterday and have posted it on my social media feeds as my picture. It says "Make American Kind Again". Let's be kind to each other and love them like Jesus loves us. Let your love **SHOW!**

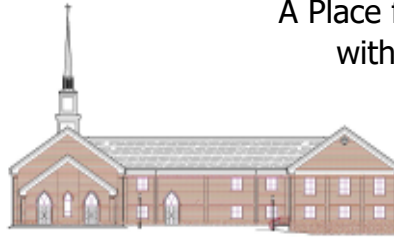
Joy, peace & love, Donna

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	7/14 - 7/20 7/21 - 7/27	Debbie Collins, Stan Kunigelis Jeff Cantrell, Lewey Lee
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	July August	Linda Bailey, Ruby Salyers David & Sandy Mullins
Children's Church	7/21	Holly Meade, Ava Mullins
Children's Message	7/28	Terry Winters
Offering Ushers	July August	Jeff Dotson Team Jerry Baird Team
Tellers	July August	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson Martha Blackburn, Jeff Kiser
Wed. Night Meals	----	Fellowship Meals will resume when school begins in August



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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School Worship	10:00 am 11:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd) Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	9:30 am
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal Bible Study Choir Practice (July)	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 6:00 pm
Thursday	Laurels Ministry (3rd)	1:30 pm
Saturday	Men's Bible Study	7 - 8 am

Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

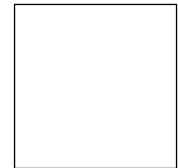
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Thought for the Week:

Pray and work for unity.