

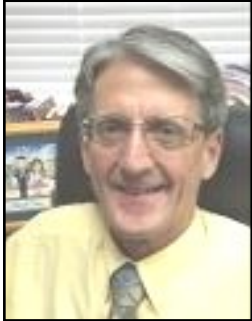
# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

July 23, 2024

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



*Dear Church Family & Friends,*

Terry was in distress. I knew just by the tone in her voice.

It was the summer of 1997. We were swimming at Nags Head, North Carolina. Terry was caught in a current which was pulling her away from the shore. About 15 yards separated us, so I swam to her as fast as I could.

I grabbed her hand and swam with all my strength. Exhaustion set in. I didn't think we were going to make it. Prayers for strength went up.

Finally, we reached shallow water, where we both could stand up!

The next day, there were red flags on the beach. Someone had drowned.

Life is a gift. Make the most of it.

"Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life?" (James 4:14)

*Love, Pastor Mike*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday Night  
Bible Study  
July 24  
7:00pm**

**Summer Choir Practice  
Wed, July 24  
6 - 7pm**

**Men's Bible Study  
Sat, July 27  
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

### 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



On Sunday, **August 4**, the Church will submit suggestions for 3 new deacons for the 2024-2025 church year.

More information about the selection process will be forthcoming. In the meantime, please be in prayer about the leaders of our Church that you may wish to offer as suggestions at that time.

If you have any questions, please contact John Ponish at:

jponish@atsone.com OR 276-870-1593

*As you pray, please remember...*



Martha Blackburn, Family of Nancy Baugh, Shirley Willis, Billy & Teresa Glines & Family, Baby Fleenor, Cyrus Jones, Vicki Stephens, Donna Hutchinson & Family, Jane Hughes & Family, Matt Meade, 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!

*Deep Dive*  
Into Scripture

**April 1, 2024 - Mar. 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.*

# 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

**Aug  
1**

## Back-to-School Back Pack Giveaway

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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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Virginia Housing | Family Crisis Support Services | WISE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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.

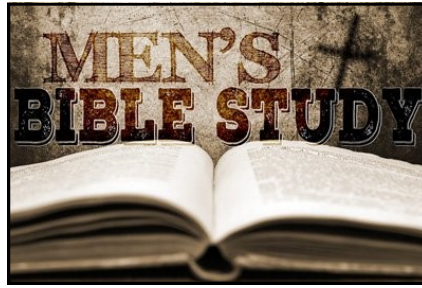
## GRIEF SHARE®

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](http://GriefShare.org). Or you can contact me, Gail Bryant, for more information: 276-285-6002  
[gbryant76@yahoo.com](mailto:gbryant76@yahoo.com)



July 27  
Fellowship  
Hall  
7 - 8 am

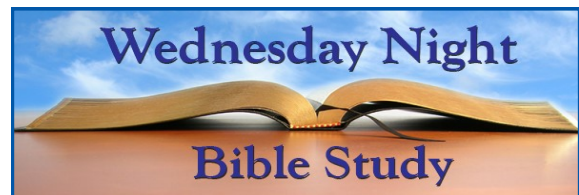
Men of all ages are invited to join in an informal time of Bible Study & Coffee each Saturday morning...our next Bible Study is July 7!



*Scripture for the  
Week:*

### **James 4:14**

*"You don't even know what tomorrow will bring—what your life will be! For you are a bit of smoke that appears for a little while, then vanishes.*



*...always a mid-week pick-me-up!*

Join us Wednesday evenings for an informal Bible Study with Pastor Mike at 7pm.

**The Garden Club has placed a box for recycling in the Fellowship Hall for clean plastic bags, etc. Please bring your plastic bags & other plastic wrappings.**



## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

### *Happy Birthday!*

July 24 Debbie Collins  
Bonnie Owens  
July 25 Susie Blanton  
Oscar Raile  
July 26 David Allio  
July 27 Cam Chisenhall  
July 28 Ron Helton  
Oliver Ray  
July 30 Melissa Blackburn  
August 1 Angie Brady  
Greg Hutchinson  
Matt Meade  
August 2 Caroline Wilson



### *Happy Anniversary!*

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*



Christmas is coming SOON!

We are about 6 weeks from beginning working on our Christmas Cantata and I am so very excited about it. I have been listening to cantatas since the middle of May, striving to get one that is meaningful, fun and appropriate for our choir to sing, beautifully narrated and captures the spirit of Christmas. I think I've found it – LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS.

One of the songs within the cantata is "Everywhere I Go". "Everywhere I go, somebody's talking about Jesus." Wouldn't that be amazing? Everywhere you go, "someone" is talking about Jesus – the grocery store, Walmart, gas station, restaurants, etc. How amazing would that be? Could we grow God's kingdom more effectively? Would others come to know Jesus if we would all talk about Him in our daily lives? No shame, no inappropriateness, no fear of being thought less of.

Let's be BOLD and talk about Jesus everyday.

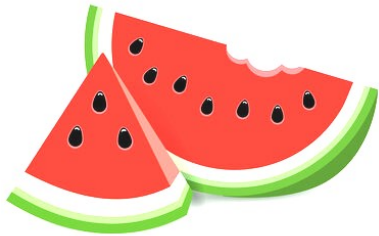
I'm sure other words will be making their way into my weekly newsletter articles because they are just so good. I hope you will join me in praying that our singers and instrumentalists will grow in their knowledge and acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. I need your prayers also because sometimes, I let my enthusiasm and pride get in the way of God working His power on us.

Be praying for us and our church.

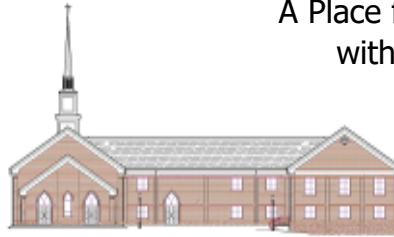
*Joy, peace & love, Donna*

## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	7/21 - 7/27	Jeff Cantrell, Lewey Lee
	7/28 - 8/3	John Ponish, Debbie Collins
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	July	Linda Bailey, Ruby Salyers
	August	David & Sandy Mullins
Children's Message	7/28	Terry Winters
Children's Church	8/4	Ann Wade, Jayda Hutchinson
Offering Ushers	July	Jeff Dotson Team
	August	Jerry Baird Team
Tellers	July	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	August	Martha Blackburn, Jeff Kiser
Wed. Night Meals	----	Fellowship Meals will resume when school begins in August



A Place for Faith and Fellowship  
with Family and Friends



## 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

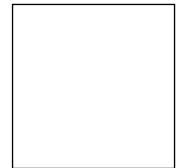
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## Thought for the Week:

*Life is a gift.  
Make the most of it.*