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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

July 25, 2017

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



*Dear church family and friends,*

One of the most frequently-asked questions by Christians is, "What is the will of God?" The life of the prophet, Jonah, offers insight. Normally, a prophet speaks a word from God to the people. The book of Jonah, ironically, has very little of that.

Nearly the entire book is about what God says to Jonah and Jonah's response. We can learn important lessons about the will of God.

The very first verses, Jonah 1:1-2, say "The word of the Lord came to Jonah...Go to Nineveh and preach against it...". Jonah is crystal clear about Who is speaking and what he is supposed to do about it. He knows exactly what God's will is.

Jonah's immediate response is to run in the opposite direction. It is very much like what happens to us. There are some areas of our lives in which we know exactly what God's will is. The problem is that we choose to ignore or stubbornly resist.

It is always God's will for us to worship Him privately and publicly. It is always God's will for us to grow in our faith. It is always God's will to be in Christian fellowship. It is always God's will to use our abilities to serve Him. It is always God's will for us to be a witness for Him. It is always God's will to be on mission for Him.

Instead of asking, "What is God's will?", let's ask, "Am I doing the part of God's will that I already know?" What amazing changes would happen in our lives if we took steps toward doing that! What is God's will as you enter the new church year, beginning September 1?

*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

**Brown Bag Ministry**  
July 24-28

**Youth Christmas- Lock-In**  
July 30, 3pm

**Church Dinner & Bible Studies begin**  
August 2, 6pm

**Mission Committee Meeting**  
August 2, 5pm

**Deacon Nominations**  
August 6, 11am

**SON Golf Tournament**  
August 12, 8am

**Youth Rafting Trip**  
August 12-13

**Youth/Parent Fall Planning Meeting**  
August 20

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### DEACONS 2016-17

Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Ron Helton	393-6145
John Kennedy	328-5013
Matt Meade	393-9177
Mike Osborne	365-0968
Edgar Owens	328-6129
Daniel Ray	328-2483

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Brown Bag Ministry

Take the opportunity to serve over 2,500 lunches to children in our area next week! Come out each morning this week to the fellowship hall at 11:30am to help deliver Brown Bag lunches to children in our community! Where else can you personally show the love of Christ each day to 500+ people? You are invited to be a part of this wonderful mission opportunity - enjoy the fellowship and the joy of giving!



*As you pray, please remember...*



Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, Wesley Kennedy, Ron Swindall, Robert & Jennifer England & family, Shirley Willis (The Laurels), Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Bea and Glenn Hill, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military

**Our Shut Ins:** Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, Elizabeth Davidson (Heritage Hall—Wise), Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Betty Easterling (The Laurels), Florine Pennington (The Laurels), Jeanne Stallard

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

### Disaster Relief Ministry Opportunity



Looking to see if there's any interest in going to West Virginia to help with disaster relief sometime in September for a weekend. If I can get enough volunteers together, we'll figure out the best time to go. If interested, please call or text Bryon Burton at 276-594-0025.

~ Bryon Burton



### Church-Wide Ice Cream Social!

Sun., August 27,  
4pm

Sponsored by the Children's Ministry Team

\* The children will once again be judging the homemade ice cream & cookies and prizes will be awarded! You can sign up to bring homemade ice cream or homemade cookies on the Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin or contact Diana Roberts.



### August 2 is the night!

Join us as we begin our Wednesday night Fellowship activities at 6pm with a potluck meal! At 6:45pm, we will meet in the sanctuary for preview of the upcoming small group Bible studies:

⇒ **Joshua & Judges**

Join us as we step into the world of Joshua & the Judges. We will be sobered by the consequences of sin & encouraged by these stories of faith that speak directly to our world today.

⇒ **War Room**

Prayer is a powerful weapon! Five inspiring movie clips & five challenging scriptural lessons adapted from the film, "War Room" will be featured.

⇒ **Shaken: Discovering Your True Identity in the Midst of Life's Storms**

Tim Tebow delivers a scripture-packed message about what it means to fix your hope & your identity in a God Who does not change.

Children-in-Action will also be meeting at 6:45pm upstairs & a Nursery will be provided during this time as well. Choir Rehearsal will begin at 7:50pm.



The Missions Committee will meet at 5pm in the Conference Room (across from the choir room) on Wed., August 2.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Deacon Ministry

#### Deacon Nominations ~ August 6

On Sunday, August 6, we will nominate 4 deacons. The Constitution & By-Laws state that deacons must be church members. Please read 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and pray about your nominations.

#### Fellowship Dinner



It's almost time to re-start our Wednesday night fellowship meals! What a great time to visit with friends & "catch your breath" during the work week!

We are needing folks to volunteer to cook 1 or 2 times during the fall session. We especially need volunteers to be on the serving / dessert teams - the more volunteers there are, the fewer times our teams will serve. Please sign up on the Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin or contact Teresa Adkins at 276-393-0977. Thank you!

~ Teresa Adkins



#### Fun with Babies & Toddlers!



If you would like to serve in the Nursery during Sunday Morning worship several times this year, please sign up on your Communication Card or contact Susie Clasby at 276-275-8945 or susieclasby@yahoo.com

### A Time to Serve!



How would you like to serve God this coming church year? There are many avenues of service available through the ministries of Wise Baptist Church! Our prayer is that each person at Wise Baptist will "plug in" and find/explore a place of service this year. Copies of existing ministries are available in the church foyer, as well as in the hall by the elevator. If you would like to become a part of an existing ministry, change your ministry commitment, or have an area of interest for another ministry, please indicate this on the Communication Card in your bulletin or contact one of us! If you do not wish to change your place of service, it is not necessary to contact the Personnel Committee.

In His love,

Personnel Committee

Gary Smith, Chairman

Misty Belcher, Gil Blackburn, Susie Clasby, Edgar Owens,

Daniel Ray



### SON GOLF LEAGUE

**Next tournament: August 12**

**Millstone Golf Course, 8:00 am**

*Calling all golfers!* Contact Stephen Large at 393-0433 if you would like to participate!

### WBC Couples Cruise

*Feb. 18 - 25, 2018*



Please contact Donna Hutchinson if you are interested in participating in a special Wise Baptist couples cruise next February! We will gather daily for a marriage enrichment Bible study. We will travel together to New Orleans where the Norwegian Pearl (Norwegian Cruise Lines) will set sail on Feb. 18, sailing down the Mississippi River & into the Caribbean. Ports of call will include Cozumel, Costa Maya, Belize and Roatan. The cost is \$1,693.28 per couple; a deposit is required, but is fully refundable up to 90 days before cruise.



**DOXOLOGY:  
A RESPONSE OF PRAISE &  
ADORATION**

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW;  
PRAISE HIM, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW;  
PRAISE HIM ABOVE, YE HEAVNLY HOST;  
**PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST.  
AMEN.**



**Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry**



Youth Super Summer  
Lock-In: Sunday, July 30,  
beginning at 3pm

Youth Rafting trip on Lower Gauley,  
West Virginia August 12-13



Fall youth/parent planning meeting at  
the Youth Building (Flock Nest) on  
Sunday, August 20, 5pm



July 25	Sara Hardin Oscar Raile
July 26	David Allio
July 27	Allen Cantrell Angela Gervais
July 28	Ron Helton Oliver Ray
July 30	Melissa Blackburn
August 1	Angie Gilliam Greg Hutchinson Matt Meade
August 3	Becky Curtis
August 5	Maci Jade Cantrell Morgan Meade



July 25	Kenny & Peggy Bowling Matt & Sara Johnson John & Diana Roberts
July 27	Mark & Leigh Clark
July 29	Shaun & Sara Lane
August 1	Eddie & Ann Culbertson
August 2	Jamie & Stacy Hopkins
August 4	Gil & Martha Blackburn
August 5	Chuck & Lulia Maine

**WBC Children's  
Ministry**



*Don't  
Miss  
Out!*

- ⇒ Aug. 2 - Children in Action begins again!
- ⇒ Aug. 6 - Children help take up offering during worship
- ⇒ Aug. 27 - Church-Wide Ice Cream Social
- ⇒ Sept. 3 - New Children's Sunday School Classes Begin!

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM  
MEETING**



The Children's Ministry Team & families will be meeting on Sunday, August 13 at Natural Tunnel for a cookout & planning!

**Sunday Morning  
at Wise Baptist  
July 23, 2017**



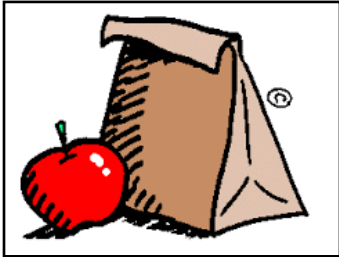
Solo by Ben Harding



Misty Belcher, pianist



Baby blanket & New Testament presented to Ezra James Harding.



Testimony by Karen Ponish



**Brown Bag  
Ministry is in  
full swing!**  
  
Thank you to everyone who turned out on Sunday evening to help pack lunches for the





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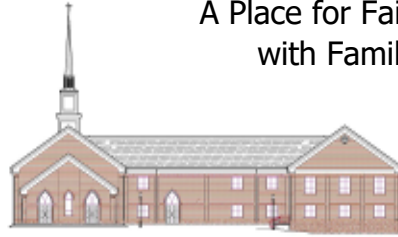
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>B</b> = Birthday <b>A</b> = Anniversary</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</p>	<p><b>1</b>            B. Angie Gilliam            B. Greg Hutchinson            B. Matt Meade            A. Eddie &amp; Ann Culbertson            A. Jamie &amp; Stacy Hopkins <b>(Aug. 2)</b></p>	<p><b>2</b>            5pm - Missions Committee            6pm - Dinner            6:45pm - Bible Study Previews            6:45pm - Children in Action            7:50pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>3</b>            B. Becky Curtis</p>	<p><b>4</b>            A. Gil &amp; Martha Blackburn</p>	<p><b>5</b>            B. Maci Jade Cantrell            B. Morgan Meade            A. Chuck &amp; Lulia Maine</p>
<p><b>6</b>            Deacons, 8:30am            Communion, 11am            Deacon Nominations, 11 am</p>	<p><b>7</b>            B. Abbie Crutchfield</p>	<p><b>8</b>            B. Clifford Bailey            A. Alex &amp; Deborah Knox <b>(Aug. 9)</b></p>	<p><b>9</b>            6pm - Dinner            6:45pm - Small Group Bible Studies            6:45pm - Children in Action            7:50pm - Choir            B. Benjamin Mullins</p>	<p><b>10</b>            B. Ben Duncan            B. Macie Conway            B. Lewey Lee</p>	<p><b>11</b>            A. Johnny &amp; Renee Robinson</p>	<p><b>12</b> SON Golf League, 8am (Millstone Golf Course)  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Youth Rafting Trip Aug. 12-13</div>            B. Tim Cox            B. Stephen Large</p>
<p><b>13</b> Children's Ministry Team            Cookout/Mtg, 2pm  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Youth Rafting Trip Aug. 12-13</div>            B. Nathan Hersel            A. Lewey &amp; Brenda Lee</p>	<p><b>14</b>            B. Austin Bordlee            A. Ron &amp; Kathy Helton            A. Stephen &amp; Julie Large</p>	<p><b>15</b>            A. John &amp; Toni Thacker <b>(Aug. 16)</b></p>	<p><b>16</b>            6pm - Dinner            6:45pm - Bible Study            6:45pm - Children in Action            7:50pm - Choir            B. Ann Culbertson</p>	<p><b>17</b>            B. John Ponish</p>	<p><b>18</b>            B. Kim Hall</p>	<p><b>19</b>            B. Rose Kennedy</p>
<p><b>20</b>            Youth/Parent Fall Planning Meeting, 5pm            B. Teresa Adkins            B. Cindy Elkins</p>	<p><b>21</b>            B. Suzanne Baird            B. Cindi Farmer            B. Sutton Polly            B. Betty Roberts            A. Scott &amp; Beth Snodgrass</p>	<p><b>22</b>            B. Alex Hall</p>	<p><b>23</b>            6pm - Dinner            7pm - Annual Church Business Meeting            7:50pm - Choir            B. Jeff Sturgill</p>	<p><b>24</b>            B. Jerry Baird</p>	<p><b>25</b>            B. Linda Bailey            B. Brenda Lee</p>	<p><b>26</b>            B. Julie Large</p>
<p><b>27</b>            Church-Wide Ice Cream Social, 4pm</p>	<p><b>28</b>            B. Megan Cline</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b>            6pm - Dinner            6:45pm - Small Group Bible Studies            6:45pm - Children in Action            7:50pm - Choir</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>		



## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	7/23-7/29	Jerry Baird, Matt Meade
	7/30-8/05	Jeff Dotson, 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:	7/30	John Kennedy
	8/06	John Ponish
Nursery:	7/30	Don & Cyndi Newlon
	8/06	Tammie Harding, Sara Johnson
Children's Church:	7/30	Debbie Collins
	8/06	Johnny & Renee Robinson
PA:	7/30	Mike Strouth
	8/06	Noah Hall
Tellers:	July	Stephen Large, David Mullins
	August	Leton Harding, Oscar Raile
Ushers:	7/30	Stan Kunigelis*, Edgar Owens^, Gary Smith, John Thacker, Roger Viers, Harold Witt, Jerry Baird
	8/06	Youth
		(*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Night Fellowship Meal		*Fellowship Meals will begin again on August 2
Children-in-Action:		*CIA will begin again on August 2

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## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

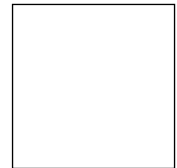
Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (in recess during summer)	
	Singing Sunbeams	4-5 pm
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal, Bible Study, CIA (in recess during summer)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:45 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2-4 pm

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## Thought for the Week:

**What part of God's will do  
you already know &  
understand?**