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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,

The troubles of the world mount. Last week, there was a shooting and bombing in Germany. Jesus says in John 16:33, "in this world you will have trouble". There is always trouble. If we are discouraged each time, life is overwhelming. There has always been trouble in this world. There is trouble now and there always will be trouble.

What do we do? John's Gospel has twenty-one chapters. Five chapters, one fourth of this book, happen the night before Jesus' crucifixion. **Jesus is trying to equip the disciples for the most troubling event of their entire lives.**

These are words for us today. Our troubles seem overwhelming. They *are* overwhelming if we do not allow the Lord to equip us. What does the Bible say to us in those five chapters?

First, Jesus washes the disciples' feet. He demonstrates that the way for His followers is the path of humble service. Next, He says the Holy Spirit will comfort, teach, and empower us. Jesus follows with the counsel to stay close to Jesus no matter what. Finally, He says to remember these things that He has [just] said. We will find trouble in this world. Be encouraged, because we will find peace in Jesus, Who has already overcome the world.

Serve humbly, depend on the Holy Spirit, and stay close to Jesus. Then we will find peace in Jesus. This is the eternal strategy for Christians anywhere and any time.

This eternal strategy contradicts the temporary [and unsuccessful] strategy of the world. The world uses political maneuvering and power to force its way. This does not change hearts. Only God, through the power of the Holy Spirit can change hearts.

Join us as we apply God's eternal strategy to bring His love and presence to bear in our world!

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—29

**Back-to-School
Goodie Bags
Distributed by
Children's Ministry
Team after Worship**
July 31

Youth/Parent Night
August 7

**Annual Business
Meeting**
August 24

**Church-Wide
Ice Cream Fellowship**
August 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	393-9177
Daniel Ray	328-2483
Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Ron Helton	393-6145

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Programs

AUGUST 3
IS THE NIGHT!

Join us as we begin our Wednesday night Fellowship Meals at 6pm, followed by activities for all ages:

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| 6:00 pm | Fellowship Meal |
| 6:45 pm | Adult Bible Study in sanctuary |
| | Youth Bible Study in Youth Building |
| | Children-in-Action upstairs |
| | Nursery |
| 7:45 pm | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |

***Small Group Bible Studies will begin in September*



On Sunday, July 31, *The Children's Ministry Team* will be handing out

"Back-to-School Goodie Bags" to our

children (grades K—6) at Wise Baptist following worship. Please be in prayer for each of our students, as well as those who work in the school systems as a new school year begins on August 4 (Wise County) & on August 16 (Norton City).



The Children's Ministry Team is sponsoring a

Church-Wide

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 28, 4 pm

Bring your favorite homemade ice cream and/or homemade cookies—our CHILDREN will be the judges & prizes WILL be awarded! Please contact Wendy Adrian, call the church office or sign up on your Communication Card in Sunday's bulletin.

As you pray, please remember...

Kara Kennedy and family, Wanda Baird, Tony Hill, Irene Black, Papa Joe Smiddy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Bea Hill, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.



Our Shut Ins: Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Archie Kennedy, 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).

Remote Area Medical Report

Jim Collie



Two thousand individual patients and \$1,213,309 in services provided are numbers that only begin to tell the story of Wise RAM 2016. Wise Baptist Church and Wise Baptist Association play a huge role at the largest RAM effort in America.

Some of our own Virginia Baptist Disaster Relief Feeding Unit volunteers had an opportunity to use their training for the very first time. Terry Winters, Kate Hibbits and Angie Mullins from Wise Baptist Association helped staff the mobile kitchen to feed some 300 medical volunteers on Thursday night and prepare almost 2000 hot dog lunches on Friday and Saturday. WBA churches provided thousands of snacks for patients, and whole pallets of water and tea to keep patients and volunteers hydrated.

Jerry and Judy Barbee came from North Carolina to be in charge of our feeding unit and were joined by ten feeding volunteers from Clinch Valley Association. A youth group from North Carolina took charge of delivering the lunches to the patients each day. Virginia Lions Clubbers distributed our snacks. Thank you, Wise Baptists for your gracious help in this healing effort!

Summer Bible Study



Join us this Wednesday at 7:00pm for Bible study led by Pastor Mike. The subject is: "What the Bible Speaks About Rest & Relaxation".





From Leigh

Twenty-five years is a long time. On Wednesday, Mark and I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. We are looking forward to a day or two away to celebrate.

Last month I had the privilege of performing a wedding for some wonderful friends. It was a very special occasion. Some of the words I had for the couple during counseling and at the ceremony ring true for my own marriage and probably for yours as well. Below is an excerpt from the ceremony:

The Apostle Paul in Colossians says "to clothe yourselves". That means we should carefully choose how we treat one another in all relationships, but especially in marriage. As your friend and minister, I would like to make a few suggestions:

Choose kindness. Treat one another with compassion, humility, patience and gentleness.

Choose forgiveness. Don't hold grudges or keep records.

Choose love. Want what is best for your spouse even if it may not be what is best for you.

Choose joy. Laugh and sing; be thankful; be silly; be adventurous.

Choose one another. Commit to your marriage. Yes, have friends and interests outside of marriage. But, develop your relationship in a way that will outlast work and children.

Choose Grace. We all need grace. Accept one another unconditionally.

Choose God. Worship together, pray together, grow together, give and serve together. And, above all else, give God the glory, praise and honor He deserves.

I give thanks for my wonderful husband; for each of you and for this church. I am praying for you this week; pray for each other, too.
Blessings, Leigh

Everyone is encouraged to come out on Saturday night, July 30 to hear Ron and Nathan Swindall and friends perform at The Big Glades. The Legends event begins at 5:00 pm. Ron and Nathan will perform beginning around 8pm. Bring a lawn chair and some friends for a fun time of music and fellowship.

The Baptist General Assembly of Virginia (BGAV) is requesting volunteers to help with the recent flooding in West Virginia. I would like to know if any of you are interested in going to help for a few days in August. I don't know any details at this time. But, if you are interested, please see me at church on Sunday or give me a call sometime this week. Once I have an idea of who's interested, I can contact the BGAV for more info.



- July 26 David Alio
- July 28 Ron Helton
- July 30 Melissa Blackburn
- August 1 Angie Gilliam Brady
- Greg Hutchinson
- Matt Meade
- August 3 Becky Curtis
- August 5 Morgan Meade



- July 29 Shaun & Sara Lang
- August 1 Eddie & Ann Culbertson
- August 5 Chuck & Lulia Maine

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.

II Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

All that you experience at Wise Baptist Church is made possible through the faithful & generous giving of our church family – including members, regular attenders, & guests. There are many opportunities for you to give – through service, through prayer, & 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, & consistent way for those who wish to utilize the service. 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.

To Set Up Automatic Bank Bill Pay—please contact your banking institution directly. Your bank will require some or all of the following information: Name: Wise Baptist Church, P.O. Box 777, Wise, VA 24293, (276)328-6247. 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.



Sunday, August 7 we will have our annual Youth/Parent meeting in the youth building.

Our youth ministry involves all youth from grade 7- grade 12.

We will begin with dinner at 5:30. Following dinner and fellowship, we will have a time of brainstorming and planning regarding activities, service projects, and our week to week program.

Your input and participation is so important to the youth ministry. So, please plan to come! Bring your calendar and your ideas!



Children's Ministry Team



Back-to-School Goodie Bags



Supporting Kara Kennedy and her family



Sunshine Boxes for Cancer Patients

Wise Baptist
at her best...
ministering
through
serving others



Mission Trip Testimonies



Brown Bag Ministry



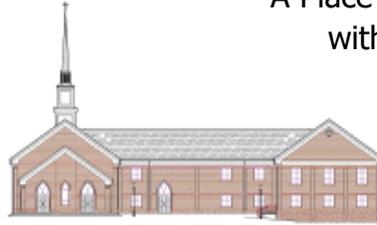
Music Ministry



Impact VA Testimony



A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call: 7/24-7/30 Dan Helton, Gil Blackburn
7/31-8/06 Daniel Ray, Edgar Owens

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: 07/31 Bob & Teresa Adkins
08/07 John Ponish

Nursery: 07/31 Kathy Osborne, Bonnie Owens
08/07 Jessica Crutchfield, Mary Steudeman

Children's Church: 07/31 Mike & Rebecca Osborne
08/07 Carolyn Strouth

PA: 07/31 Mike Osborne
08/07 Oscar Raile

Tellers: August Jeff Dotson, Mike Strouth
September June Dotson, David Mullins

Ushers: 07/31 Jerry Baird*, Mark Clark^, Edgar Owens^,
Leton Harding, Stan Kunigelis, Roger Viers,
Harold Witt
08/07 Marty Adkins*, Jeff Cantrell^, Matt Meade^,
Dan Helton, Ron Helton, Jeff Kiser,
John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass
(*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)

Wed. Meals: *Fellowship Meals will begin again August 3
Children-in-Action *C.I.A. will begin again August 3

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

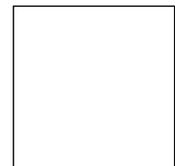
Sunday	Sunday School Worship	10:00 am 11:00 am
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
Wednesday	Summer Bible Study (July 6, 13, 20, 27)	7:00 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2--4 pm

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Thought for the week:
We find peace in Jesus,
not in the world.