Rev. Mike Winters, Pastor

Joe McNulty, Music Director

Dr. Ray Jones, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

July 6, 2021

Dear Church Family and Friends,

The church is irrelevant and dying...says the world. Christians fear it is true. (By "church", I mean local gatherings of Jesus' followers.)

Don't plan the funeral just yet. (I have that on good authority...)

Jesus, Himself, says the "gates of hell" will not prevail over the church. The catch? When the church is built on Jesus Christ.

The church has transformed our world. More than we realize.

The early church saw the face of Jesus in every person in need. Motivated Christians to lead the way to help...

The poor. The early church was the first group to provide consistently for the poor. Food, shelter, etc.

The sick. Disease devastated the ancient world. Christians risked their lives to care for the sick during plagues. Founded the first hospital. Christians pursued medical practice more than any other profession.

Orphans. Had little protection. The church led the way to shelter and feed orphans.

The love of Jesus' followers for the poor, sick, and orphans paved the way for their care today.

Jesus said,..."whatever you have done for the least of these...you did it for Me." (Matt. 25:45)

Take heart. See Jesus in others. Love in Jesus' name.

Love, Pastor Mike

How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

Express one of the following to the Pastor during the closing hymn:

† Transfer of Letter

† Baptism

† Statement of Faith † Watch Care

Transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church Desire to express faith in Christ through baptism

Baptized believer not on a membership roll

Desire to be connected to our Church family without

official membership

IMPORTANT DATES

"Faith Under Fire" New Bible Study on Book of Daniel July 7, 7pm

WBC Fb Live Men's Bible Study July 9, 6:30am via Zoom

Weekend Missions July 9-10

Children's Bedtime Story July 12, 8:30pm

Celebration of Life for Ron Swindall July 11, 5pm

VBS July 31, 9am-2pm

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DEACONS 2020-21

Jerry Baird	393-0923	
Gil Blackburn	328-0046	
Jim Collie	393-1710	
Leton Harding	346-6039	
Ron Helton	393-6145	
Jorge Hersel	594-9077	
Lewey Lee	393-5370	
David Mullins	870-0005	
Oscar Raile	870-0131	
Deacons Emeritus:		

Bob Adkins, Harold Witt

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

Celebration of Life

Ron Swindall

Sunday, July 11, 5:00pm Wise Baptist Church Visitation: 3 - 5pm

Join Us N Worship

Pastor Mike's message this Sunday morning, <u>July 11</u>:

"Returning to: Reality" (Nehemiah 1:1-4)

There are <u>3 ways</u> that you can be a part of WBC's Sunday worship service each week:

- (1) Attend the service in the sanctuary.
- (2) View the service on Facebook Live at 11am go to the Wise Baptist Church Fb page
- (3) To view the service after it has "aired" -

https://www.facebook.com/ WiseBaptistChurch/videos/246055226605395

**(This does <u>not</u> require Facebook!)

(4) Share the service with others by clicking the "share" button.

As you pray, please remember...

Carlie Tomlinson, Steve Collins, Clyde Vance, Karen Ponish, Grace Allio, Wanda & Jerry Baird, Vickie Swindall & Family, David & Sandy Mullins,



Seth Harding, Travis Dutton (Gwyn Carlton's son), Chelsea Polly & Sutton Polly, Randy & Gwen Chisenhall & Family, Beth Snodgrass, Family of Glenn Hill, Ray Jones & Family, Velma Baird, family of Betty Roberts, Wesley Kennedy, Don & Gigi Pippin, Lois Stallard, doctors, nurses & all medical/pharmaceutical personnel, Royce McNeal, Bessie Vance, Kathy & John Kennedy, John & Kay Wright, Wanda Takahashi (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, law enforcement & emergency personnel, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men & women in the military.

Our Shut Ins: Gerry O'Bryan (Mountain View Skilled Nursing), Jeanne Stallard, Bobbie Farmer, Jean Forsythe (Sandy Yun's mother), Kingston Center Assisted Living in Duffield

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

Having a Heart



Your tithes and offerings allow our Church, and its programs, to be more



effective. Through an effective Church, lives are changed. The lack of regular physical attendance has taken a toll on our fellowship and our effectiveness, and our giving. But we can rejoice that God's plan for Wise Baptist Church remains rock solid! Through His protection, embrace, and guiding light, Wise Baptist Church can, and will, change hearts and souls. We are thankful for all the joyful stewards of God's work at Wise Baptist Church.

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

Love is patient, love is kind. 1 Cor 13:4

~ Leton Harding and Ron Helton

2021

Brown Bag Ministry

Week of July 26

If you are available to help pack &/or deliver lunches, please contact

Brandi Cox 276-870-5301





All youth (Grades 7-12) are invited to gather for

fun, food & fellowship on Sunday, August 1!

(Details to follow)

* Flock * the Flock * the Flock *



Beginning August 11!

Join Joe McNulty,
our new music director,
for Children's Choir each
Wednesday evening at 7pm!

Grades K-6





Remember our Wise Co. Food Bank & WBC Grab-n-Go Ministries!

Thank you to Sherlene Hall for continuing to coordinate with Social Services and to our deacons for collecting & delivering items to the Food Bank. Thank you also to the Ladies' Friendship Sunday School class for their ongoing collection of funds for both of these ministries!

*You may also make a monetary donation by writing a check to Wise Baptist Church, designating it to be used for the Food Bank or Grab-n-Go.

*Food Bank Drop Off: by the "offering" table outside the church office (Contact: John Ponish)

*Grab-n-Go Drop Off: white baskets near the elevator at church (Contact: Sherlene Hall)



Wise Baptist has left the building! Don't miss out...

2021 Summer Missions Projects are more accessible & offer more options than ever before!

Due to Covid restrictions & reduced funding in most nearby states, our Summer Mission "Trip" will once again take place in Wise County but in a different way this year!

This is how it will work!

We will still perform construction-related mission work in our own area, but we will not limit our activities to one specific week.

This year, we are spreading the work throughout the summer, the 2nd weekend of each month, May through September.

You can work part of a day, one day or both days of the designated weekends. No skills required! Just contact John Ponish (276-870-1593) to let him know of your interest!

*Please mark your calendar for:

July 9-10

August 13-14 September 10-11

Faith Under Fire

The world changes quickly, doesn't it? The author of the Book of Daniel was a teenager when his world turned upside down. His country was conquered. He was forced to live in another country...for the rest of his life! Different culture. Different language. Different religion. Different diet.

Daniel speaks from the most difficult life circumstances. He learned how to live his faith under fire. His faith in God carried him through. The Book of Daniel tells his story. God still teaches us from it.

We face difficult times too. The same God Who helped Daniel can help us too. Join us at 7pm each Wednesday evening for our Bible study on Daniel, "Faith Under Fire". Broadcast on Facebook Live on the Wise Baptist Church Facebook page.





Scripture for the Week

Matthew 25:40

"And the King will answer them, 'I assure you: Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did it for Me."



Happy Birthday!

luly 6	Lu Ellsworth
July 6	
	Jayda Hutchinson
	Riley Smith
July 8	Rick Meade
	Maverick Mullins
	Andrew Sexton
	Beverly Viers
July 9	Wilma Graham
	Susie Powers
July 10	Robert Chappell
	Jennifer Spenilla
	Erra Sutherland
July 11	Kenny Bowling
	Sandy Yun



Thank you to Donna Hutchinson and Susan Mullins for collaborating with me on "Lift Every Voice and Sing." I thought that it would be a wonderful idea to explain the history of the piece since it is not a well-known piece. The song is a prayer of thanksgiving for faithfulness & freedom. It also evokes imagery of the biblical Exodus from slavery to the freedom of the promised land. It is featured in 39 hymnals & is sung in churches across North America.

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" is often referred to as "The Black National Anthem." The hymn was written as a poem by NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) leader, James Weldon Johnson, with music composed by his brother, John Rosamond Johnson. The song was first performed at a school in Jacksonville, Florida to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday. The NAACP states that Johnson's lyrics captured the solemn yet hopeful appeal for the liberty of Black Americans. The song was adopted by NAACP and prominently used as a rallying cry of the Civil Rights Movement during the '50s and '60s.

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Lift every voice and sing, 'Til earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;

Let our rejoicing rise high as the skies,

Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,

Let us march on 'til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chastening rod, Felt in the days when hope unborn had died; Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet Come to the place for which our fathers sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,

We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,

Out from the gloomy past, 'Til now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who has brought us thus far on the way; Thou who has by Thy might led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,

our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee; Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand, True to our God, True to our native land.

Peace, Love, and Blessings, Joe

Happy Anniversary!

July 6 John & Kathy Kennedy

July 9 Leton & Tammie Harding

July 11 Jeff & Kathy Dotson



Children, ages birth—Grade 6!

JULY 31 One-Day VBS!

Anchored: Deepening Faith in God

* Monday Bedtime Stories join **Kathy Osborne** at 8:30pm on **July 5**!

Volunteers this Week Deacons On Call: 7/04 - 7/10 Ron Helton, David Mullins 7/11 - 7/17 Leton Harding, Ron Helton **Building Stewards:** Ron Helton, Dan Helton, Scott Snodgrass Instrumentalists: Susan Mullins, Susan Smith 7/11 Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile Sound System: 7/18 Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile Tellers: Martha Blackburn, Stephen Large July Jessica Crutchfield, Jeff Kiser August Leton Harding Benediction 7/11 7/18 Lewey Lee



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES				
Sunday	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	12:00 pm		
	*Truth Rehearsal	4:45 pm		
	*Youth (Grades 7-12)	6:00 pm		
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd) Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	9:30 am		
Wednesday	*Children's Choir (Ages 3 - Grade 6)	4:45 pm		
	*Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm		
	*Youth Hand Chimes	7:00 pm		
*Children in Action (Ages 5 - Grade 6)				
*Nursery (Birth - Age 4)				
*(activities are POSTPONED until further notice)				

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Thought for the Week:

See the face of Jesus in every person in need.