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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear church family and friends,

News from Orlando continues to pour in after the horrific shooting. Our minds reel and our hearts break. We are speechless in the face of the unspeakable violence. It turns our world upside down. We wonder, what kind of world is this in which we live? Is anyone safe? Will justice be done?

Where does God fit into all of this? What answers do we embrace and then share with the questioning world? As we grope for answers, we want to find an explanation. When life spins out of control, answers help us gain control. Life then seems more predictable (and safer).

It is easy to reach for quick explanations. Let's take a look at them. "God is in control or He has a plan". I agree that God is guiding the universe, but how does this come across to our world in this moment? It sounds like God planned it. Another is "God can use it for His glory". He can, but that is small comfort to the suffering and sounds like their pain is being trivialized.

Evil has been with us from the beginning and will be until we are in heaven. The Bible uses the word "darkness" to convey evil. There is a level of evil that defies human explanation. There is, however, a supernatural explanation. The Bible explains part of this in terms of the Devil.

The natural state of the physical world is darkness, the absence of light. It takes energy to generate light. When there is spiritual darkness, there is chaos and we cannot see where to go or even who we are. John 8:12 says that Jesus is the "Light of the world". Only Jesus can penetrate the darkness that grips our world.

So...what do we say to a wondering world? It might be good to pause and "weep with those who weep". Pray. When we call for justice, remember that God will one day settle it, but it may be on the other side of this life. It is also useful to remember that His only Son suffered grave injustice. Finally, let the love of Jesus shine out from our hearts and lives into the darkness.

Love, Pastor Mike

How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

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

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| † 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

**Purchase "ORANGES"
for Mission Trip Building
Supplies
June 19**

**Papa Joe & Bluegrass
Band
June 19**

**Vacation Bible School
June 20-23**

**S.O.A.P. Bible Study
June 20—July 17**

**Community Block Party
June 29**

**Mission Trip to Florida
July 2-9**

**IMPACT VA
July 17—23**

**Brown Bag Ministry
July 24—29**

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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

"Cave Quest"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 20—23

6:00—8:30 PM

Children ages 3—Grade 6 will learn how to become grounded in the rock-solid foundation of God's love—a love that takes us through life's dark times. It's not too late to help—just call the church office (328-6247) or contact Susan Mullins. Be sure to invite your friends and the families in your neighborhood!

We will be collecting BOOK-BAGS during VBS as our "offering" this year.



As you pray, please remember...

Bob Breeding, Tony Hill, Irene Black, Papa Joe Smiddy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Kim Boggs, Pat Boggs, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, Hubert Breeding, 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).

Wednesday Nights

Wednesday Night Bible Study will be led by Pastor Mike at 7pm on July 6, 13, 20, 27 in the sanctuary.



Sunday, June 19...join us as we celebrate Papa Joe Smiddy and the impact he has had on our church, our community and our region through

his love for and his gift of music! Papa Joe and Joe Frank, along with many other musicians, will lead worship through music. It will be a great day of joy and celebration!



YOU CAN HELP support R.A.M. this summer by donating packages of crackers for those waiting in line to see doctors. The Missions Committee will be collecting crackers through July 14.



BROWN BAG MINISTRY

Wise Baptist will be participating in our community's Brown Bag Ministry JULY 24-29. Please contact Kathy Dotson if you would like to help pack or deliver lunches.



YOU'RE INVITED!

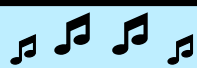
In less than 2 weeks, the Lynchburg Baptist Association is bringing a mission team of over 50 people to our area to work with the SWVA Long Term Recovery Coalition and local churches, nursing homes and the Hope House. On June 29, they are hosting a COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY at Wise Baptist from 6-8pm. There will be food, music, inflatables, games & door prizes!



You can be involved by praying for the team, attending the Block Party, handing out fliers & providing desserts (24 hand held pieces such as brownies, cupcakes, cookies) & cases of small water bottles. Contact Eileen Cantrell (276-275-7347)

The PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP will continue to meet this summer on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.





From Leigh

Oh my goodness—what an incredible day of worship! The choir was awesome and weren't you shocked when you saw Misty pick up that string bass?! I am so thankful to Bruce Cahoon for taking the initiative to put together an ensemble for worship. Bruce has a passion for music and he chooses to use that to serve and worship God.

I would also like to take a moment to thank my friend, Marty Kennedy. You all know that he is an awesome drummer. But, you may not realize what it takes for him to be so good. He has spent years perfecting his craft. Sometimes he has advanced notice of a song; sometimes we work them out on a Sunday morning. But, he takes every worship song to heart. He never fails to find a way to apply the message of the song to his life. Finally, Marty has told me on more than one occasion that playing this music in church has "saved his life". Marty has a wonderful testimony—hopefully one day he will give in to me asking him to share it with all of you! But, until that day, know that Marty brings so much more than "drumming" to our worship. He brings a heart for the Lord. Music is his passion and I am thankful that he is willing to use his passion and his talent for God!

This Sunday is going to be a very special day in the life of our church! We are going to be blessed with some awesome music from Papa Joe and Joe Frank. We will also have music from the Swindalls and Andi Kilgore. Many more of our musicians—Marty, Bruce, Jim, Bonnie and others—will be sharing their talents as well. I hope you will plan to be here—spread the word to others, as well.

Someone said to me on Sunday—"Wise Baptist has the music going on—it is the music place". That is a great compliment to the many women and men who are using their talent and their passion to serve WBC and more importantly, the Kingdom of God. *To God Be All Glory! Find your passion and serve!*

I am praying for you this week; pray for each other, too.

Blessings, Leigh

Mark and I had the joy of attending a former "flock" member's wedding last Saturday. Olivia Jade Collins (Debbie Caudill's daughter) married Josh Proffitt in a beautiful ceremony in Kentucky. Olivia, know that your church family loves you and is praying for you.



June 14 Michael Holbrook
June 18 Haden Donish
June 19 Elizabeth Wills
June 20 Papa Joe Smiddy



June 18 Mike & Carolyn Strouth
June 19 Dan & Debbie Helton
June 20 James & Susie Clasby
June 21 Peter & Sandy Yun

Congratulations to Nathan Hersel!



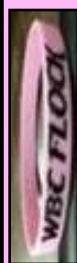
June 10 The Coalfield Progress: "Nathan Hersel will be competing in the state 4-H competition in the category of public speaking. The topic he selected? Public Speaking."

FRUIT of the SPIRIT

Please visit our orange grove in the hall outside of the sanctuary! We are growing Florida oranges there! You may purchase "oranges" for \$2 each. All proceeds will go towards purchasing building materials for the Mission Trip to Greater Faith Baptist Fellowship in Gainesville, Florida.

#wbctakesgainesville

#fruitofthespirit



† Congratulations to Rachel Bailey and Mariah Barnette for your State Runner-Up finish in the VHSL!

† FLOCK members, collect your quarters for the next few weeks! We will use these to wash clothes on the mission trip!

† Thanks to all of the FLOCK for your help with our mission trip fundraising efforts. The car wash was a great success. Your help is also appreciated with the "Fruit of the Spirit" campaign—**#WBCTakesGainesville #fruitofthespirit**

Sunday, June 12...



"I rejoiced with those who said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"

Psalm 122:1



Sunday School



Adrian family welcomes
congregation



Bruce Cahoon shares about
the Ballroom Dancing class.



"Bluegrass
Baptists"!



"Fruit of the Spirit"
announcement by Tabitha Ray



S.O.A.P. Bible Study
announcement by
Terry Winters

Working at the car wash...



*Saturday, June 11
Freedom Ford*

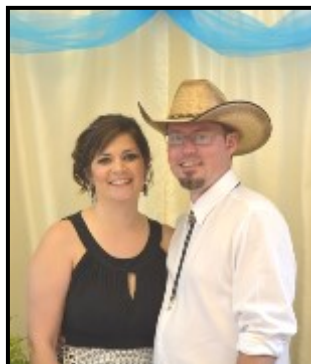


Thank you to everyone who participated in the WBC Mission Trip Car Wash! It was a huge success. Over \$500 was raised to help purchase building materials for the Greater Faith Baptist Fellowship!

A Time to Dance!
Ballroom Dancing Dinner-Dance
June 11, 2016



The Decorating Committee!



Pastor Mike does the Moonwalk!

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call: 6/12-6/18 Matt Meade, Lewey Lee
 6/19-6/25 John Kennedy, Dan Helton

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: 06/19 Billie Harris
 06/26 John Kennedy

Nursery: 06/19 Donna & Butch Hutchinson
 06/26 John Mark & Wendy Adrian

Children's Church: 06/19 Holly Meade

PA: 06/19 Mike Strouth
 06/26 Marty Adkins

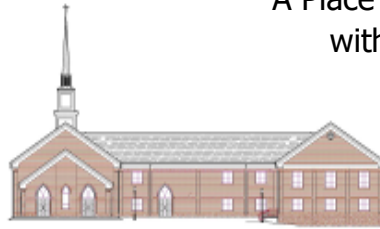
Tellers: June June Dotson, David Mullins
 July Edgar Owens, Oscar Raile

Ushers: 06/19 Jerry Baird*, Stan Kunigelis^, Roger Viers^,
 Mark Clark, Leton Harding, Edgar Owens,
 Harold Witt
 06/26 Jeff Kiser*, Ron Helton^, John Ponish^,
 Marty Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, Dan Helton,
 David Mullins, Scott Snodgrass
 (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)

Wed. Meals: *Fellowship Meals will begin again in August

Children in Action *C.I.A. will begin again in August

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
 with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

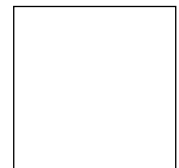
Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
Wednesday	Bible Study (July 6, 13, 20, 27)	7:00 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2--4 pm

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Thought for the week:
**“Be a light in the
 darkness!”**