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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

June 24, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

Bible Study
Wed, June 25, 7pm
Facebook Live ONLY

No Wed. evening
meals or Choir Practice
during the summer

Cookie Donations
***needed by July 28**

WBC Hosting
Appalachian Service
Project Volunteers
June 22 - June 28
June 29 - July 5

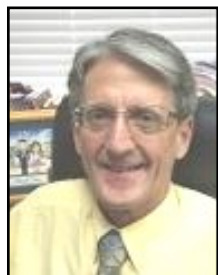
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DEACONS 2024 - 2025

Debbie Collins	393-3875
Jeff Elkins	393-5700
Ron Helton	393-6145
Stan Kunigelis	870-2227
Lewey Lee	393-5370
Matt Meade	393-9177
David Mullins	870-0005
Ruby Salyers	870-0590

Deacon Emeritus:
Bob Adkins



Dear Church Family & Friends,

It was getting close to winter. (That's hard to imagine at the moment!) In the mid 1800's. A flood of settlers was going West. Two wagon trains were traveling from St. Louis to Oregon. About 2,000 miles. They needed to arrive before winter set in. Their lives depended on it.

Both groups were very religious. Faithfully observed the Lord's Day. Every week.

Now, however, every hour counted, so that they could arrive safely to Oregon. One group stopped to observe the day of worship. Every week. The other group never stopped for the Lord's Day.

Guess which group got there first? The group that stopped every week. Why? They rested in body, mind and spirit. Therefore, they covered more ground every day.

It is easy to skip observance of the Lord's Day. For many reasons. We cannot spare the time, we think. The truth is, we lose more than we "gain" when we do that.

Don't skip this kind of rest that you need.

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy." (Exodus 20:8)

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 |

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WEEK 2: June 29 - July 5

warmer. safer. drier.

This week & next week (June 22 - 28 and June 29 - July 5) Wise Baptist will be housing mission/work teams. 60 youth & leaders from all over the state will be staying here at Wise Baptist & 60 will be staying at Mt. Olive, both weeks. All 120 will be eating meals at WBC. They will be using our Fellowship Hall, kitchen, bathrooms & classrooms. You can be involved by letting Pastor Mike know you are available to help prepare a welcome meal on June 29 for our second group and/or do some supplemental cleaning on June 28 & July 5.

Our first group arrived on Sunday afternoon, set up their sleeping quarters upstairs & began getting organized for the week. It has been fun & rewarding to host these folks, as many of us have been hosted by others as we participated in mission trips to help with disaster relief & rebuilding projects.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped clean our classrooms & vacuum & prepare an amazing lasagna dinner for 120 folks on Sunday night! We appreciate John Ponish, Diane Cornett & Donna Hutchinson for coordinating all of the preparation!



**This Week's
Scripture**

Exodus 20:8-11

"Remember to dedicate the Sabbath day: You are to labor six days and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. You must not do any work - you, your son or daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the foreigner who is within your gates. For the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything in them in six days; then He rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and declared it holy."

As you pray, please remember...



Appalachian Service Project teams, Frances Sturdavant, Judy Sturgill, Janes Hughes, Jerry Dew (Terry's mom), Grace Allio, Friends & Family of Ray Jones, Family of Raymond Dale, Brenda Lee, Lloyd & Carlie & Annie Tomlinson, Kathy Helton, Sandy & David Mullins, Jim Sturgill, Mike Strouth's sister Pat, Clyde Vance, Family of Frank Sexton, Billie Harris, Wanda Baird, Travis Dutton, Donna Raines, John & Kathy Kennedy, Jordan Joseph (grandson of Virginia Ebert), Natalie Luther, those affected by Hurricane Helene & Hurricane Milton, Jim & June Dotson, Cyrus Jones, Donna Hutchinson & Family, Jane Hughes & Family, Matt Meade, Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Lorna Wherry & Brian Plester (siblings of Brenda Kunigelis), Mike Smith's sister Lynn, Beth Snodgrass, 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).**

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Misty Belcher in the death of her dad, Robert Stidham, last week. Please remember Misty & Dave and Misty's family in your prayers.

Cookies Needed!



Becky Curtis (coordinator of the Fairgrounds Back to School Giveaway) is requesting donations of large packages of cookies by **JULY 28!**

Cookies can be placed in the box in the hall near the elevator. Thank you for your generosity!!

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!

June 24	Avery Cox
June 25	Emma Katherine Hawkins Aaron Lee
June 26	Shirley Willis
June 27	Martha Blackburn
June 28	Holly Meade
June 30	Steve Horton
July 2	Tabitha Ray
July 4	Peggy Bowling

Happy Anniversary!

Mike & Rebecca Osborne	June 24
Jerry & Wanda Baird	June 27
Ray & Jennifer Spenilla	July 2



Being Faithful Stewards

Faithful stewards recognize that God owns it all. Once we accept & understand this foundation of stewardship, we can grow and mature in gratitude, contentment,

patience, generosity, & faith.

May we all long to grow to be faithful stewards of God's work here at Wise Baptist Church.

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

***"In all your ways submit to Him, and
He will make your paths straight."
Proverbs 3:6***

WBC Music Ministry



I read an article a couple of weeks ago that has been stuck in my head, so I figure the easiest way to get it out of there is to share it with you! The article is by Sue Schlesman, who has her degree in creative writing and her Master's in Theology and is a church leader.

She talks about how middle-age and older adults can impact their church even though they have "put in their time" at their church.

I will be talking about this over the next few weeks and how we can each help our church grow and even change. The 10 ways are:

- Stay eager to change.
- Learn for real growth, not the accumulation of knowledge.
- Be generous.
- Invest in the next generation.
- Read and LISTEN to new voices.
- Volunteer at your church and local mission organizations.
- Share your testimony.
- Read and/or listen to scripture.
- Take leadership.
- Pray

Our first one is to stay eager for change. After age 40, most of us are used to the way things are and we struggle with change. We have our lives, children and our chosen field all planned out and we don't want anything to happen to change our plan. We stop being spontaneous, we try to stick with "the plan". In a church with so many different people from different places, we need to be willing to try new things, even welcome them. Some things will work and some things won't, but until we try them, we won't know for sure. We need to be willing or we will stagnate. Once the older adults have gone on to their heavenly reward, what will be left? A decaying building or a vibrant, active church? Stay eager to accept change even if it's not the way we've already done it.

We need to keep learning, not just accumulating knowledge. Knowledge is fabulous, but unless you can translate that into real life (IRL, as the younger generation says), we are not really Christians. We have the knowledge to be Christian, but need to be PRACTICING CHRISTIANS. More next week!

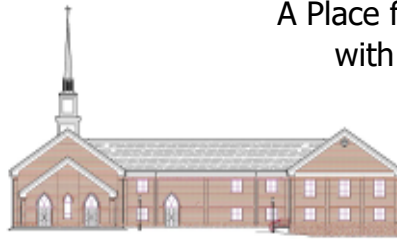
Peace, love & joy, Donna

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	6/22 - 6/28	Matt Meade, Ruby Salyers
	6/29 - 7/5	Ron Helton, Stan Kunigeli
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	June	Debbie Collins
	July	Linda Burgess
Children's Church	June 29	Cindy & Jeff Elkins
	July 6	Lisa Blankenbecler, Ann Wade
Offering Ushers	June	Jeff Dotson Team
	July	Ron Helton Team
Tellers	June	Teresa Adkins (July 29), Jessica Crutchfield
	July	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
Wed. Night Meals		NO Fellowship Meals during the summer



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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal <i>(will resume in the fall)</i>	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice <i>(will resume in the fall)</i>	7:30 pm
Thursday	Laurels Ministry (3rd)	1:30 pm
Saturday	Men's Bible Study <i>(will resume in the fall)</i>	7 - 8 am

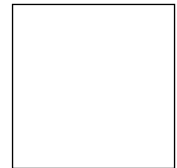
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Thought for the Week:

*The cost is greater than any "gain" when
we skip observing the Lord's Day.*