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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Dear church family & friends,*

The Kingdom of God is forever. It lives and breathes on this side of heaven and will exist in perfect harmony and obedience to God on the other side of heaven. The privilege of every follower of Jesus is to extend the rule and love of God.

The Kingdom of God is bigger than any group, church or group of churches. We can do more together than we can do by ourselves. A living picture of this idea is the Southwest Virginia Partnership (SWVP). In 2010, the Baptist associations of Clinch Valley, Powell River and Wise joined together in a partnership with the Virginia Baptist Mission Board to operate a center for mission projects to be done in Lee, Scott and Wise Counties. The projects included Backyard Bible Clubs, food pantry and construction projects (handicapped ramps, roofing, repair work, etc.).

This mission center, called "The Manor" is in Nickelsville. It is a former nursing facility that has been repurposed to house groups of volunteers coming from all over the state. It houses 56 volunteers and accommodates sleeping, showering and meal preparation. There are also six camping sites with full hook-ups behind "The Manor". The directors are Tony and Jan Johnson.

Originally, the SWVP was partially funded by the Virginia Baptist Mission Board. As of now, it is self-supporting! **In the last six years the SWVP has completed nearly six hundred local projects!** Hundreds of volunteers from all over the state have come to participate. Wise Baptist Church has taken an active part.

There has never been a greater need for this ministry. If you would like to take part, contact Butch Hutchinson, who is a member of the SWVP Board of Directors, or you can contact the church office.

**God is alive and well and working through His church!**

*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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| † <b>Transfer of Letter</b> | Transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church                              |
| † <b>Baptism</b>            | Desire to express faith in Christ through baptism                       |
| † <b>Statement of Faith</b> | Baptized believer not on a membership roll                              |
| † <b>Watch Care</b>         | Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership |

## IMPORTANT DATES

**New Small Group Bible  
Studies Begin  
March 22, 6:45pm**

**Children's Snack-n-Paint  
March 25, 10am**

**Mission Trip Deposits Due  
March 26**

**Church-Wide Luncheon &  
Children's Easter Egg  
Scavenger Hunt  
April 9, 12pm**

**Seder Service  
April 13, 7pm**

**Easter Service  
April 16, 11am**

**Prom Attire Sunday  
April 30, 11am**

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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

Children's Snack-n-Paint

Saturday, March 25

10am - 12pm

Fellowship Hall



### *New Spring Bible Studies*

*Wednesday Evenings, 7pm*

*March 22 - April 26*

*Small Group Bible studies will begin on March 22 & continue through April 26.*

*Sign up on the Communication Card in your bulletin or call the church office:*

- 1) The Gospel of Matthew*
- 2) Max on Life*
- 3) War Room*

*Thank You*

Dear Church Family

Thank you so very much for your prayers, lovely cards and just for your support during this sad time.

I was comforted by the presence of so many of you during the visitation and service.

Thank you,  
Joanne

*As you pray, please remember...*

Robert & Jennifer England & family, Joanne Kennedy & family, the Irene Black family, 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.



**Hospitalized:** Wesley Kennedy (Ridgecrest Manor, Duffield, VA)

**Our Shut Ins:** Elizabeth Davidson (Heritage Hall—Wise), Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, and Florine Pennington (The Laurels).

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



The Children's Ministry at Wise Baptist has several special activities planned to help celebrate Easter this year!

- ✂ March 26-April 16, books about the first Easter will be given to each child.
- ✂ April 9 - Everyone is invited to a potluck lunch (ham provided by the Missions Committee) following morning worship. After lunch an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt will be held for all children.
- ✂ April 9-15 - "You've Been Egged!"...The children will hand out candy-filled Easter eggs with an invitation to attend the Easter Worship Service to neighbors & friends.

On Sunday, we celebrated the permanent status of the Southwest Virginia Partnership with a special service at First Baptist Church in Gate City! During the morning worship service at WBC, David Washburn, Treasurer of BGAV, was our guest speaker in honor of the occasion.





## *Seder Service*

Thursday ~ April 13 ~ 7-8 pm

Join us for a special time of worship as we reflect on the meaning of Passover and how Jesus fulfilled God's promises through His death and resurrection.

We will observe a Passover meal from a New Testament point of view. The Passover celebration was an anchor that helped hold the people of God together throughout their history. Every object in the service: the candles, yeast, bitter herbs, unleavened bread, and the four cups are loaded with meaning that beautifully tells the story of God and His people. When Jesus came, He became the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" and thus fulfilled the promises and hope of Passover. **We will need to know by Sunday, April 9 if you plan to attend, so that adequate preparations can be made.** You can contact the church office or indicate this on the Communication Card in your bulletin.



Donna Hutchinson, Music Director

Mondays, 4-5pm Children's Choir at the Rock  
 Wednesdays, 7:45pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal  
 Sunday, March 26, 9am Jubilation Ringers rehearsal



March 21	Cameron Curtis
March 23	Rick Johnson
March 26	Chloe Cantrell
March 27	Nancy Stalnaker
March 28	Ashley Farmer
	Deborah Knox
	Christi Lardieri
	Isabella Lardieri
March 29	Matt Collins
	Matthew Mullins



## Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry

Plan now to be a part of these upcoming youth activities!

Prom Attire Sunday	April 30
Camping at Natural Tunnel	May 19-20
Graduate Recognition Sunday	May 21
Summer Mission Trip	June 24-July 1
Tri-Cities Escape Game, Bristol, VA	TBA
Lock-In	TBA
Movie Night	TBA
End-of-School Cookout	TBA



## WBC Children's Ministry

Invite your friends & neighbors to be involved in Wise Baptist's children's ministry this spring! Some of the upcoming opportunities for fellowship, discipleship and outreach are listed below:

MARCH 25	Snack-n-Paint
APRIL 9	Children's Palm Processional, 11 am Church-Wide Potluck & Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt, 12pm
APRIL 9-15	"You've Been Egged" project
APRIL 16	Singing Sunbeams, 11am worship
MAY 21	Family Hike, Natural Tunnel
MAY 30	Barter Theater
JUNE 5-9	Vacation Bible School



## Summer Mission Trip...

Tarboro, NC ~ June 24 - July 1

- \* If you are interested in being a part of the 2017 mission team, please contact John Ponish at [jponish@atsone.com](mailto:jponish@atsone.com)
- \* We will be mainly doing construction (skilled & unskilled labor needed!) as well as coordinating a block party.
- \* Each participant will need to turn in a **\$50 deposit** by March 26.

Taken from Children's Letters to God  
 compiled by Stuart Hample & Eric Marshall...



Dear God,

I keep waiting for Spring but it never come yet. Don't forget.

Mark

Dear God,

If you watch in Church on Sunday I will show you my new shoes.

Mickey D.

Dear God,

Did you mean for giraffe to look like that or was it an accident.

Norma



We would love to deliver a meal to our shut-ins or those unable to attend our Wednesday night services because of illness or other complications. Please call by 12:00 noon on Wed:

Church office - 328-6247  
 Edgar Owens - 328-6129, 275-9607  
 John Kennedy - 328-5013

## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	3/19-3/25	Jerry Baird, Matt Meade
	3/26-4/01	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:	3/26	David & Sandy Mullins
	4/02	Bob & Teresa Adkins
Nursery:	3/26	Landon Elkins, Bonnie Owens
	4/02	Sandy Mullins, Mary Stuedemann
Children's Church:	3/26	Daniel & Tabitha Ray
	4/02	John & Karen Ponish
PA:	3/26	Noah Hall
	4/02	Marty Adkins
Tellers:	March	Leton Harding, Oscar Raile
	April	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Ushers:	3/26	Jack Tolbert*, Clyde Vance^, Gil Blackburn, Dave Belcher, Bryon Burton, Jeff Dotson, Marty Kennedy
	4/02	Youth *Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	3/22	Martha Blackburn, Linda Burgess, Kathy Helton, Susie Powers
	3/29	Brenda Lee, Susan Smith, Ann Wade
Wed. Meals:	3/22	Pork Roast, Baked Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Rolls, Salad
	3/29	Nacho Salad, Refried Beans
Children-in-Action:	3/22	Susie Clasby & Sandy Mullins
	3/29	Susie Clasby & Sandy Mullins

A Place for Faith and Fellowship  
with Family and Friends



## 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 (2nd & 4th)	
	Singing Sunbeams	4-5 pm
Wednesday	Missions Committee (1st)	5:00 pm
	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Children-in-Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth-Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2-4 pm

## Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

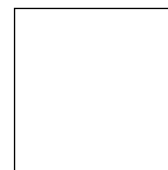
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**Thought for the week:**  
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**forever!**