

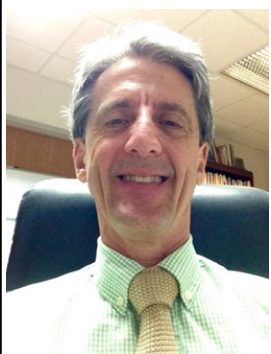
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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

March 10, 2015

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

What a beautiful day of sunshine for our day of worship this past Sunday! Eugene Peterson says our day of worship is an “uncluttered time and space to distance ourselves from the frenzy of our activities so that we can see what God has been and is doing.”

Part of our worship time includes a time of giving. Thank you for your giving! God uses your gifts to allow important ministries to take place. A recent example was where our state and county called upon Wise Baptist to feed volunteers coming from many different states to come and shovel out people who were trapped by the snow.

The last four Sundays our worship participation has been severely affected by snow and ice. We cancelled worship once and three times weather conditions made it very difficult to attend. That has a direct affect on our giving. Even when we cannot be present for worship to give, the ministries provided through this church do continue. For example, feeding the volunteers, practically speaking, meant not just time and energy from our folks providing meals, but extra costs for electricity for heating the building, cooking, etc.

That all says that your giving matters. As you have opportunity or are able to “catch up” or even give a little extra, thank you!

The needs of our area present a great opportunity to be the church and to represent Christ. We have also been on the receiving end of Disaster Relief from many individuals from many different states. People who had never been to Wise County and did not even know us came to help us.

On May 8 and 9, Disaster Relief training is going to be hosted at our church. It is a great opportunity for us to make a difference and to extend disaster relief to those who need it in Jesus name! I hope you will prayerfully consider signing up.

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

**Annie Armstrong Easter
Offering Prayer Week
March 8-15**

**Leadership Team
Meeting
March 19**

**Holy Wednesday
April 1**

**“Connect through
Good Friday” Service
April 3**

**Easter Breakfast,
Sunday School and
Worship—April 5**

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SUNDAY SCHOOL

SPRING IS ON IT'S WAY!!

**Please join us for Our New Spring
Sunday School Classes**

Pre-School: Love, friendliness, and Concern (the Gospels and Acts)

Elementary: Faith, kindness, and wisdom (Kings, Daniel and Ezra)

Upper Elementary: Faith, honesty and perseverance (Kings, Johan, Amos, etc)

Youth: Life of Christ, examples of friendship

Young Adult: Spiritual blessings, friendship and Men's: The Minor Prophets

Adult II and III: The Savior of the Old Testament and Love's redeeming work (Ephesians, Colossians, and Corinthians)



MISSION YARD SALE

The mission yard sale will be May 1st & 2nd. Please remember to donate your unwanted items and kindly used, when you do your spring cleaning. Please try to do this as early as possible. Your donations make this project a success. Sherlene Hall will be glad to take your donations any time, 328-9315.

CHURCH LIBRARY

Be sure to check out the Church Library which is located in the Ladies SS Classroom on the first floor. There is something for everyone - fiction, non-fiction, novels, devotionals, Bible translations and more!!



As you pray, please remember...



Papa Joe and Reba Smiddy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Kim Boggs, Pat Boggs, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, Irene Black, Hubert and Ida Breeding, John and Kay Wright, Wanda Baird, Marty Kennedy, Sara & Matt Johnson, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.

Our Shut Ins: Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, and Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG), Jeanne Stallard, Florine Pennington (The Laurels).

If there are other known prayer concerns or shut-ins, please let us know.

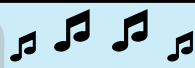
Troy and Winnie Jones Scholarship

Virginia Baptists are now accepting applications for the Troy and Winnie Jones Scholarship for the 2015-2016 school year. Students receiving the scholarship must be enrolled for fall in a college or university supported by the Baptist General Association of Virginia, or a college or university affiliated with another Southern Baptist state convention, or a Southern Baptist Seminary. Students must be active members of a church in the Wise Baptist Association. Students must apply each year for the scholarship. Incoming freshman may also apply. Application information can be obtained from the Virginia Baptist Foundation: 1.800.868.2464, or visit the website: www.vbfinc.org



LET'S HELP!!

The Department of Social Service Adult Protection Services is in need of food items. These items help bridge the gap at the end of the month, when supplies run low. Needed: peanut butter, saltine crackers, canned soup, tuna, instant oatmeal, spaghetti sauce/noodles, macaroni & cheese (with liquid cheese). You can place these items in the white baskets in the hall.



From Leigh

Over the weekend I was travelling with the UVA-Wise Women's Golf team. I am grateful to the church for allowing me to accept the Head Coaching position at the college. The job is very demanding. But, it is also very rewarding. I have forged new friendships at our college and around the Mountain East Conference. More importantly, I have had an opportunity to interact with some wonderful college girls and their families. It has been a blessing to me in so many ways.

Mark and I are in Charleston visiting Aaron. He will turn 22 this month and will graduate in May! Many of you remember when he was 4 with a head full of blonde hair—that seems like forever ago!. So many of you have invested yourself in our son through hugs and prayers; others taught him valuable lessons through Sunday school, youth, public education, and as a mentor and/or coach; many of you sat in the bleachers and cheered for him playing basketball and baseball. "It takes a village" and we are grateful for the WBC village!

As parents, we don't know exactly what the future holds for Aaron. We do, however, know WHO holds the future. We trusted God with our children from the beginning—praying that He would teach and guide us to be the best parents possible. So, now we wait and watch and continue praying. God has never failed us yet!

Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for all of our youth and children and their families—it makes a difference! See you on Wednesday!

Praying for all of you this week. Blessings, Leigh



Wednesday night Bible study is wonderful. It is a time of conversation about relevant topics and time of encouragement for the activities and demands on our young people. We sure do laugh a lot! If you're able, I hope you will join us this Wednesday at 6:45.

Congrats to the CHS Girls Varsity Basketball team for making it to the State Semi-Finals! They will play on Tuesday evening at VCU in Richmond. Go Warriors! They Won In the Region Championship on Friday night at Emory and Henry College.



Reagan preparing to make a rebound in the opening round of the Region tournament.

SUNDAY NIGHT

Join us on Sunday at 6:00 pm for dinner and Bible study at the youth building. Invite a friend!

****Pray this week for Jasmine Vance, Jim Collie, and Erra Sutherland while they are on mission in Belize.**

*March 13 Oscar & Gloria
Raile*



Our Children's Choir program
meets on Mondays from 3:45-5 pm
at The Rock.

Connect through Good Friday Service

Last year on Good Friday, we had a self-guided time of worship where you could, at your own time and pace, enter into the experience and the meaning of Jesus heading to the cross. The church was open from 11am to 6pm for you to attend at your convenience. There were seven stops and it took anywhere from 20-30 minutes. It was a great way to prepare for Easter Sunday.

We will offer another time like this on Friday April 3, but with different stops. Plan to come and invite a friend. Watch for more details.



**11 DAYS
TILL
SPRING!!!**

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

WEEK OF PRAYER, MARCH 8 – 15, 2015

- DAY ONE:** Pray for the thousands of people currently serving through the farm system and thousands more who are needed to make Send North America efforts a success.
- Those who are mentoring farm system missionaries, helping them develop and discern God's direction for the future.
- DAY TWO:** Pray for Travis and Staci and the church planters in Salt Lake City as they serve in a place where the truth of the gospel is not often well received and their faith is not popular.
- Their efforts as they invest in the next generation of missionaries.
- DAY THREE:** Pray for Daniel and Linda as they serve the diverse community and work with fellow planter Mike Seaman to grow Trinity in what is known as the world's most ethnically diverse city- a gateway to the rest of the world.
- The spark of interest many have in exploring opportunities for church planting in Canada to ignite, causing them to go to the country to further a church-planting movement there.
- DAY FOUR:** Pray for more churches like Mobberly Baptist Church to commit to being a supporting or sending church through Send North America.
- Jonathan and Shelby as they grow Connection Church with an eye to where to start more churches.
- DAY FIVE:** Pray for Mark and Tammy to be mindful to rely only on God for direction on next steps for the church.
- For Life House members to embrace living life on mission in their community and beyond.
- DAY SIX:** Pray for insight for these and other Generation Send missionaries as to where God is working and where He wants them to serve long-term.
- Young people you believe should explore student mission opportunities through the farm system. Point them to namb.net/mobilize-me to learn more.
- DAY SEVEN:** Pray for your role as a "modern-day Annie" in being an advocate for missions and missionaries. What do you need to do to strengthen it?
- The ability to see your community and world with fresh eyes and a renewed heart-God's Heart.
- DAY EIGHT:** Pray for missionaries and church planters on the front lines who are reaching communities in the spiritually darkest areas of North America.
- Opportunities to live an intentional life on mission that attracts people to Jesus.

Disaster Relief Training



Potential Disaster Relief volunteers often ask, “Why do I have to go through training to serve as a volunteer? Why can’t I just go help people?”

Preparation is important in any area of ministry because it enables us to be more effective in ministry. The wisdom writer in Ecclesiastes 10:10 declared, “If the ax is dull, and one does not sharpen the edge, then he must use more strength, but wisdom brings success.” Sharpening the blade will enable the tool to be more efficient, just as training helps volunteers to serve more effectively in response to those affected by disasters.

Top ten reasons to be trained:

Training prepares us in our understanding of disasters and the needs that arise in times of disaster.

Training enables us to respond in appropriate and effective ways.

Training prepares us to understand our role as part of a team.

Training enables us to sharpen our abilities, in order to be an asset not a hindrance in the response.

Training helps us to understand hazards and safety concerns in disaster areas.

Training prepares us to understand, in a deeper way, some of the trauma that victims face, so that we might be able to offer appropriate compassion.

Training prepares the heart for ministry by increasing awareness of the need and different opportunities to minister.

Training prepares the hands to be ready to serve effectively.

Training prepares the head by gaining knowledge.

The greatest reason to train is that God deserves our very best in all that we do. In order to achieve this, discipline, effort, and knowledge are required. Trainings are an opportunity to grow as believers, so that we are ready when God calls.

Virginia Baptist Disaster Relief Training

*We received disaster relief from others last week. This training can help us extend this relief to others in great need. It will be held at **WBC** on **May 8th and 9th**.*

If you would like to sign up call the Church office at 328-6247 or indicate on Communication Card.

3 Wednesday Night Bible Studies

(begins Mar. 4-There is still time to join)

“Made to Crave” (taught by Karen Ponish) is a Bible study written *for women* by Lisa Terkeurst, President of Proverbs 31 Ministries. If you are tired of the endless diet cycle, this is the missing link between your desire to be healthy and the empowerment necessary to make that happen. If you find yourself seeking food or other outside sources for comfort, this study will help you get back on track to seeking the only One who can meet your every need.

“It’s What We Do: Wise Baptist Church Touching God’s World” (taught by Jim Collie) – Beginning with a look at the history of Baptists in Virginia, we will see that the local church has always been connected with other local churches. We can see this plan in Paul’s letters. Over the coming weeks, we will explore our Wise Baptist connections with our county association, state, and national Baptist groups. We will see that Wise Baptist Church is a part of God’s marvelous work all over the world.

“Book of Galatians” (taught by Pastor Mike)

In one of the Apostle Paul’s most personal letters, he speaks to an issue that threatens the heart of the gospel. A group of believers came into the churches of Galatia and insisted that all believers must practice the Jewish laws in addition to following Jesus. It confused Galatian Christians then. It confuses Christians today.

Those same issues have new faces in each generation. It is the age-old and age-new issue of “law vs. grace”. The “law” (or legalism) is something that is added to the gospel. Often well-meaning people see it as helping us to better live our faith. Below are listed effects of law or grace.

<u>Law</u>	<u>Grace</u>
What I can do	What God can do
Rules	Relationships
Negative	Positive
Divides	Unites
Resentment	Gratitude
Discourages	Encourages
Burdens	Frees
Complicates	Simplifies

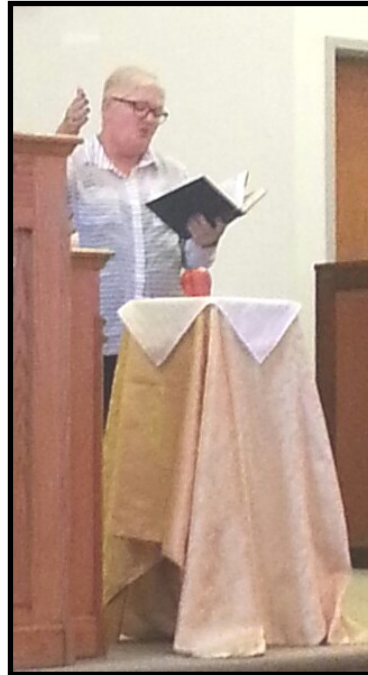
We will explore how to better live by grace and faith.

[Sign up on Communication Card or notify church office]

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNER



SUNDAY WORSHIP

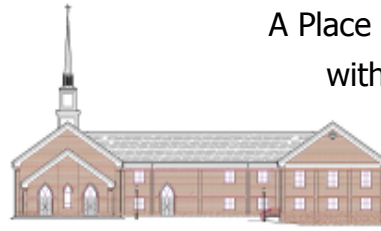


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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	3/08-3/14	Lewey Lee, John Kennedy
	3/15-3/21	Dan Helton, Bill Sutherland
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome Team:		Dave Belcher, Misty Belcher, Jeff Kiser, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray, Carla Sheppard
S.S. Greeters:	3/15	Sandy & David Mullins
	3/22	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
Nursery:	3/15	Carolyn Strouth(N1), Marybeth Adkins (N2), Alex Adkins(floater)
	3/22	Heather Wilson(N1), Anthony Wilson (N2), Rachel Porchie(Floater)
Children's Church:	3/15	Megan Cline
	3/22	Cindy Elkins
PA:	3/15	Oscar Raile
	3/22	Mike Strouth
Tellers:	March	Lee Ann Adkins, Martha Blackburn
Ushers:	3/15	Matt Meade*, Ron Swindall, Lewey Lee, Bob Adkins, Gary Smith, Bill Sutherland, Mike Strouth, David Mullins
	3/22	John Mark Adrian*, Jeff Elkins, Bryon Burton, Daniel Ray
		*Offertory Prayer
Wed.-Serving Team:	3/11	Jessica Crutchfield, Kathy Dotson, Kathy Helton, Debbie Helton
	3/18	Donna Hutchinson, Gail Kiser, Brenda Kungelisl Brenda Lee
Wed. Night Meal:	3/11	Hamburgers & Fries
	3/18	TBA

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
	Caring Friends(2nd & 4th)	9:30 am
Wednesday	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Sanctuary Choir	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission(2nd)	Noon

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Wise Baptist Youth

Thought for the week: “Lord, still the noise inside and outside of me that I might hear You.”