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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

March 11, 2025

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family & Friends,

What does the word “fair” mean to you? Sometimes, when I was growing up, “fair” meant that my brother was not getting “more” than me. More dessert, the best seat in the car, etc. etc. I did not want him “ahead” of me. I was more interested in my rights and wants than his.

God’s idea of fairness is not the same as ours. Jesus makes this point in the Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard. The workers who worked all day got paid the same as the ones who showed up at the last hour. The ones who worked all day agreed on one denarius, the standard wage for the day. The rest were told that the owner would pay whatever is right.

Was it right that both groups got paid the same? The bigger point is that God offers grace. To all. Do any of us deserve it? Can I honestly say that I deserved for Jesus to die for me? That I earned it?

When we really grasp the grace that God offers, it changes us. Then, we can extend grace to someone else. Who needed it just like we did.

Jesus said in the Kingdom of God, “the last will be first and the first will be last.” (Matthew 20:16)

Love, Pastor Mike

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
- † **Watch Care** Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership

IMPORTANT DATES

Fellowship Meal
Wed, Mar. 12, 6pm

Bible Study
Wed, Mar. 12, 7pm

Choir Practice
Wed, Mar. 12, 7:30pm

THE CHOSEN:
SEASON 5
Episodes 1 & 2 in
theaters Mar. 27

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Coming to theaters
March 27!*

*Info soon about getting a
group together to attend!*

As you pray, please remember...



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).

**College
Bible
Study**



SUNDAYS at 12

**Lunch (provided)
+
Bible Study!**

* The class meets at noon in the first floor classroom next to the church offices & is being taught by Stan Kunigelis, Cindy & Jeff Elkins. Lunch is being provided each week by various individuals.



**This Week's
Scripture
Matthew 20:16**

*[Jesus said,] "So the last
will be first,
and the first last."*

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!

March 11 Clyde Vance
March 12 Amanda Aker
March 15 Josh Ebert
March 18 Dylan Luther
March 21 Pat Adkins



Happy Anniversary!

Oscar & Gloria Raile March 13
Dustin & Kristen Phillips March 14



Being Faithful Stewards

Faithful stewards recognize that God owns it all. Once we accept & understand this foundation of stewardship, we can grow & 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."

WBC Music Ministry



In my continuing article on why churches are losing their dominance in society, we covered "With Our Words" and "Complaining" last week. This week we are featuring the next four –"Entitlement", "Short-Sightedness", "Self-absorption" and "Judging".

Entitlement The church is not here to serve you, but you are here to serve the church, Jesus' domain. When we begin to feel that the church needs to serve YOUR needs, you are expecting a servant. We are placed in our church to serve others, not the other way around. Paul says in Romans 12:1 that we are to give our bodies to God for all He has done for us, be a living and holy sacrifice that he will find acceptable. Nowhere does it say that the church will serve us, but WE do the serving.

Short-sightedness How many times have you said, or at least thought "we can't do that, there's not enough of us" or "that's just too much for our little church to do"? God places people within our churches that can dream big and can enlist others to help. The vision of one can become the vision of many, but they can also big a risk and change, which many are uncomfortable with. God has called us to continually grow and have an impact. These cannot occur unless we change things up occasionally and not do the same old stuff and stagnate.

Self-absorption When we obsess over ourselves, whether it's our shortcomings or our problems, we lose sight of the mission God has called us to. Our world shrinks and instead of us growing in love, faith and service, we grow in misery. Have you found that to be true? Do you obsess over your health not being what it used to be? Do you think "I can't do that anymore"? If we continue to focus on ourselves, we become miserable and are unable to focus on God and his redemption, peace and joy in our lives and the greater impact on our church and community.

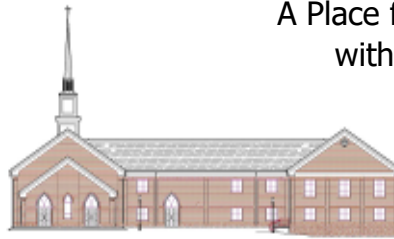
Judging We all have a bit of "Pharisee" in us and it can come out in thoughts of: bitterness, gruffness, condescension or avoidance. When someone new comes into our congregation that doesn't fit your idea of a new church member, are you welcoming or do you avoid all eye contact and run to the nearest door to get out before you have to speak to them? That sounds funny, but I see it every Sunday morning. How many times do you take an extra minute or two of your time to talk to our visitor(s) before you run out the door and head to lunch, family or a sporting event? Do you judge from what they are wearing or not wearing? Whether they have on too much makeup, not enough makeup? Too old, too young or too many children? Different color/race?

We may not feel that we do that, but is that pride that is talking instead of love? (That kinda hits home with me). We need to check our hearts each and every day and ask God to remove those things that get in His way.

-to be continued-

Love to you all, Donna

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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	3/9 - 3/15	Ron Helton, Stan Kunigelis
	3/16 - 3/22	Lewey Lee, David Mullins
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	March	Jeff & Cindy Elkins
	April	John Mark & Isabella Adrian
Children's Church	3/16	Wendy & John Mark Adrian
	3/23	Lisa Blankenbecker, Betty Dotson
Offering Ushers	March	Ron Helton Team
	April	Jeff Dotson
Tellers	March	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
Wed. Night Meals	3/12	Meatloaf, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad
	3/19	Chicken Casserole, Veggies, Mac & Cheese, Salad
Wed. Night Cook Teams	3/12	<u>Teresa's Team</u> : Linda Burgess, Susan Smith, Toni Thacker, Ann Wade, Terry Winters
	3/19	<u>Donna's Team</u> : Debbie Collins, Diane Cornett, Trish Folds-Bennett, Susan Mullins, Karen Ponish

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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

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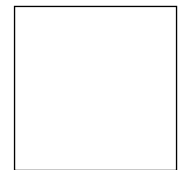
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Thought for the Week:

*Extend grace,
instead of judgement.*