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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

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WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday Night Bible
Study Begins
March 4**

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

**Leadership Team
Meeting
March 19**

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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



Dear church family and friends,

We are so thankful for the help that came our way in recent days! Thanks to our County and Town for making available resources that we, as individuals, did not have.

Many volunteers stepped up. Team Rubicon, ex-military veterans who volunteer to help during disasters, was the largest presence. A couple of churches helped and some college students. VA Baptists funded the cost of food purchased.

I appreciate our church helping to provide meals Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday. Thanks to Bob Adkins, who started the ball rolling, as Chair of the Board of Supervisors. Thanks to Teresa Adkins for coordinating the meals. Many others helped with the meals: Sherlene Hall, Terry Winters, Mark Clark, Matt and Christina Meade, Gina Chisenhall, Jerry and Wanda Baird, Ron Helton, Wayne Isaac, Elaine Hylton, Jeff and Kathy Dotson, Kathy Kennedy, Debbie Collins, Rebecca Osborne, Sandy Yun, Donna Hutchinson, and Leigh Ann Adkins. Also helping were some folks from outside our church: Tony Johnson (Southwest VA Partnership), Larry Culbertson, Angie Clendenon (friend of Meades), and Judith (from Gate City).

I enjoyed getting to know Team Rubicon. It formed in 2010 and now has an "army" of 22,000 volunteers. They came from Delaware, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Tennessee, and Virginia. One member told me that a struggle ex-veterans have when they leave the military is a loss of purpose and camaraderie. Disaster relief helps provide both and do helps others, too.

This speaks to a universal human need. We crave a sense of purpose and we need camaraderie with others. A theme at Wise Baptist Church is that we are **"connected through Christ at Wise Baptist Church"**. We have that sense of purpose as we connect to God to serve and represent Christ. We have that special sense of camaraderie as we connect through Wise Baptist Church as brothers and sisters in Christ.

We were blessed by "Team Rubicon" this week. If you have not done so already, I invite you to be a part of "Team Jesus" and then, "Team Wise Baptist Church". Let us be the church to our neighborhood and world. Keep an eye out for opportunities to serve listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Love, Pastor Mike

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SUNDAY SCHOOL

SPRING IS ON IT'S WAY!!

Please join us for Our New Sunday School Classes, March 8th

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)

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.



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.

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

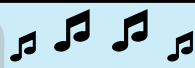
CHURCH LIBRARY

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!!



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

It was so great to see everyone on Sunday! There were lots of smiles and hugs as we greeted each other. We are so blessed to be a part of a loving church family. I would like to especially thank Sarah Dotson for her beautiful piano solo!

I am thankful for the work of our church this past weekend with the volunteers from Team Rubicon. A lot of work and effort went into the planning and preparing of food. Pastor Mike, Bob and Teresa, and Sherlene Hall played a huge role. Lots of others helped with serving and food prep and food donations, clean up, prayer, etc. I don't have a complete list of everyone who participated but I imagine no one did what they did for the recognition!

I am also thankful for the work and presence of the Virginia Baptists. They provided leadership, encouragement, instruction, volunteers, and money to buy food. It is a great to be a part of such a wonderful, far-reaching organization.

On Sunday we watched a great video about Lent. There were lots of great moments in the video. But, my favorite was the comment: "If Advent means *God is with us*, then Lent means *God is for us*." I hope you will ponder that this week and rejoice in that TRUTH.

Praying for all of you this week. Blessings, Leigh



We had a great week of activities with the young people of WBC!

On Wednesday, we had pizza and a movie at the youth building. It was so great to see everyone! Saturday morning we left early for Winterplace Resort. The weather was perfect and it wasn't too crowded. We enjoyed a day on the slopes. Thank you to all of the adults who gave up their Saturday to spend the day with us! It was a lot of fun! Then, on Sunday afternoon, we finally made it to the movie to see *McFarland, USA*. What a terrific movie based on a true story. It was funny and inspiring and very moving. We feasted at Taco Bell afterwards.

I would like to say a special word of thanks to Ms. Terry Winters for her help shopping for the ski trip—I couldn't have done it by myself. Not only did she help shop, she then took it all into the youth building and organized it for the coolers. AND, she spent time doing some much needed cleaning and organizing in the kitchen! Thank you!!

Congrats to the CHS Girls Varsity Basketball team for winning their first game in Regions. They will compete again on Wednesday. The championship game is Thursday.

We will not have youth on Sunday night, March 8.



March 3	Nathan Stalnaker
	Michael Allio
	Regina Cantrell
March 4	Rebekah Ison
March 5	Susan Smith
	Katherine W Driver
March 8	Asheton Campbell
	Heather Kunigelis
March 9	Gary Stratton
March 10	Florine Pennington



Darrell Crisp working hard to dig out the bus so that the youth could take their ski trip on Saturday! Thank you so much!

Champions!

From left to right:

Lily Snodgrass, CHS Forensics; Emma Snodgrass, CHS JV Basketball season champs (23-0);

Reagan Elkins, Sarah

Dotson, Coach Robin Dotson, CHS Varsity Basketball Conference Champions (25-0).



Our **Children's Choir** program will resume on March 9. 3:45-5 pm at The Rock.

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 effected 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

Volunteers fueling up



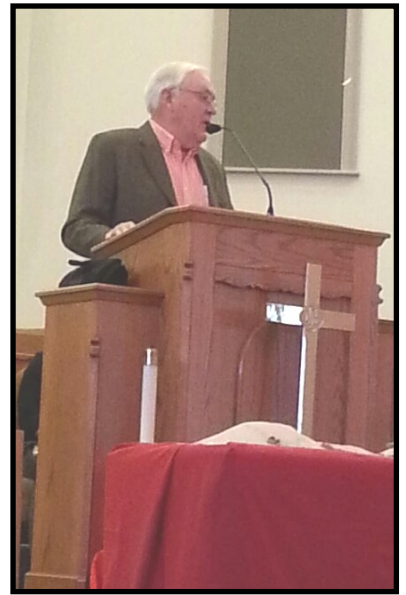
Kitchen help in action



Team Rubicon



SUNDAY WORSHIP



YOUTH TRIP



3 Wednesday Night Bible Studies (begins Mar. 4)

“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.

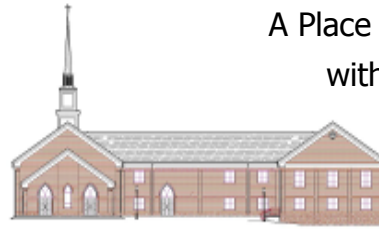
<u>Law</u>	<u>Grace</u>
What I can do	What God can do
Rules	Relationships
Negative	Positive
Divides	Unites
Resentment	Gratitude
Discourages	Encourages
Burdens	Frees
Complicates	Simplifies

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

[Sign up on Communication Card or notify church office]

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	3/01-3/07	John Ponish, Matt Meade
	3/08-3/14	Lewey Lee, John Kennedy
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Eva, K. Susan S.
Worship Welcome Team:		Dave Belcher, Misty Belcher, Jeff Kiser, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray, Carla Sheppard
S.S. Greeters:	3/08	Lewey & Brenda Lee
	3/15	Sandy & David Mullins
Nursery:	3/08	Susie Clasby(N1), Jessica Crutchfield(N2), Reagan Elkins(Floater)
	3/15	Carolyn Strouth(N1), Marybeth Adkins (N2), Alex Adkins(floater)
Children's Church:	3/08	Beverly Viers
	3/15	Megan Cline
PA:	3/08	Bryan Crutchfield
	3/15	Oscar Raile
Tellers:	March	Lee Ann Adkins, Martha Blackburn
Ushers:	3/08	Youth
	3/15	Matt Meade*, Ron Swindall, Lewey Lee, Bob Adkins, Gary Smith, Bill Sutherland, Mike Strouth, David Mullins
		*Offertory Prayer
Wed.-Serving Team:	3/04	Martha Blackburn, Regina Cantrell, Gina Chisenhall, Sherry Collie
	3/11	Jessica Crutchfield, Kathy Dotson, Kathy Helton, Debbie Helton
Wed. Night Meal:	3/04	Potluck
	3/11	Hamburgers & Fries



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:
Acting in faith, allows us to
see God at work!