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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

March 8, 2016



Dear church family and friends,

Throughout the Bible, the greatest gift of God is His presence. He walks with Adam in the garden. He is present as a cloud by day and fire by night as He leads the people of God away from Egypt. He is present in various prophets throughout the Old Testament.

God's presence goes to a whole new level in the person of Jesus Christ. Christ is the fullest and most complete revelation of God. John 1:14 says "the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." In Acts 2 the prophecy of Joel comes to pass, where the Spirit of God is poured out. The Holy Spirit is now available to any believer anytime, any place, and anywhere.

God's presence means everything. Being filled with the Holy Spirit simply means having more of His presence than usual. The horror of hell is total separation from His presence forever. The joy of heaven is the unbroken, eternal experience of God's presence!

Reflect for a moment on those glimpses of the presence of God with which we have been blessed. They are precious. They are life-giving memories that feed our spirits. Remember them and renew your faith in God. Remember and renew His claim upon your life and His calling to serve.

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 |

IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday Night Bible
Study Preview
March 9**

**Mission Trip Info
Meeting
March 13**

**Leadership Team
Meeting
March 13**

**Fried Apple Pies
March 19—20**

**Seder Service
March 24**

**Children's Egg Hunt
March 26**

**"Armor of God"
April 7**

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DEACONS 2015-16

Lewey Lee	328-3845
Dan Helton	328-6086
Edgar Owens	328-6129
John Kennedy	328-5013
Matt Meade	393-9177
Daniel Ray	328-2483
Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Ron Helton	393-6145

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Seder Service

Thursday - March 24 - 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 tell 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.

As you pray, please remember...

Irene Black, Papa Joe Smiddy, Jean Aker, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Kim Boggs, Pat Boggs, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, Lois Stallard, Hubert Breeding, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Jerry Reynolds, Ron Swindall, 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, Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG), and Florine Pennington (The Laurels).

Hospitalized: Bea Hill, NCH

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



REMEMBER AND RENEW

During the Lent Season we prepare our hearts for Easter. Reflect on the times you meet God in 2015 and renew your commitment to God.

Pick up a stone from the church foyer or hall to remind you what God has done for you and what he can do for you.



NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT

BIBLE STUDIES

Beginning March 16, two new Small Group Bible Studies will be offered on Wednesday evenings: "Beliefs Important to Baptists" taught by Pastor Mike & "Questions to All Your Answers" taught by Mark Clark. Please sign up on the Communication Card in Sundays bulletin or call the church office.

Each Wednesday begins with a fellowship meal at 6:00pm, followed by Small Group Bible studies for adults, Youth Bible Study and a Children's Mission Program at 6:45. The choir rehearses at 7:50.

It is a great time of FELLOWSHIP!

Easter Egg Hunt!

Children (birth-Grade6) & Parents

Saturday, March 26 (*date change!)

Meet at church at 11:30. We will take the church bus & eat lunch at McDonald's in Wise before traveling to Natural Tunnel for Egg Hunt. Invite your friends & plan to join us!



Quilting Trip to Pigeon Forge

Please contact Ann Wade or call the church office if you would like to travel to Pigeon Forge on Thursday, March 17 to attend a Quilting Show. We will be meeting at the church at 8:30 am & taking the church bus. The only cost involved is lunch and \$8 for gas.

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Following Worship on Sunday, March 13. Please bring a lunch to the Fellowship Hall.

Women on Mission
Thursday, March 10
2:00 pm
Conference Room

Kindred Spirits

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, March 29**, 6 pm. We will be meeting at the home of Tricia Cahoon, where we will be glazing pottery. Please sign up on the Communication Card in your bulletin or call the church office. Each participant will need to bring \$5 to cover the cost of the pottery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...



Where: Wise Baptist Church

When: Thursdays, April 7-May 19

Time: 7:00-8:30 pm

Cost: \$15

The Bible study will be held in the youth building each Thursday.

Please sign up by March 23 on the Communication Card or see Leigh Clark for more information.

You are invited to attend a

Baby Shower

for

Brittany (Osborne) & Trevor Criswell

Sunday, April 3, 2016

3:00 pm

In the Fellowship Hall

Brittany is the daughter of Kathy & Tim Osborne.



Giving to the Ministry of

Wise Baptist Church

All that you experience at Wise Baptist Church is made possible through the faithful and generous giving of our church family - including members, regular attenders, and guests. There are many opportunities for you to give - through service, through prayer, and through monetary contributions.

*There is a giving option that you may not have previously considered - using your bank's bill pay option. **Automatic Bill Pay** is a popular, convenient, and consistent way for those who wish to utilize the service.*

To set up an automatic bank bill pay, please contact your banking institution directly. You may log on to the bank website, visit your bank, or place a phone call to them to get started. They will provide step-by-step instructions.

Your bank will require some or all of the following information: Name: Wise Baptist Church, P.O. Box 777, Wise, VA 24293, (276)328-6247. You can set up a one-time payment in an amount of your choosing or set up recurring payments. You choose how often and when during the month the payments are made. Payments can be changed or stopped at any time.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

Mission Committee

Fried Apple Pie

Project



The Mission Committee of WBC is going to make and sell **homemade fried apple pies!**

Call the church office, contact a member of the mission committee (Kathy K., Sherlene, Donna) or write in your order on the Communication Card in your bulletin on Sunday. Please place all orders by Friday, March 18.

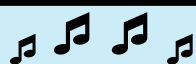
The pies will be available for pick up after 3pm on **March 19** in the Fellowship Hall or at church on Sunday, **March 20.**

The pies are \$2 each. All proceeds will be used by the committee for mission projects.

General Fund Giving Summary

9/6/15—2/29/16

General Fund Receipts to Date	\$141,823
General Fund Needed to Date	\$152,016
Variance	(\$10,193)
Average Weekly Variance	(\$392)
Weekly General Fund Budget	\$5,847



From Leigh

TRUTH introduced a new song on Sunday by Chris Tomlin, *The Table*. Sometimes a song can speak directly to your heart—this one spoke to mine. The words, especially the last verse, keep running through my mind. The idea that “I am invited to the Table of the Lord” is powerful and humbling. Thank you for encouraging all of our musicians through your kind words and your prayers.

Here are the words for you to ponder this week:

I will feast at the table of the Lord. I will feast at the table of the Lord. I won't hunger anymore at His table.

There is peace at the table of the Lord. There is peace at the table of the Lord. I won't worry anymore at His table.

There is healing at the table of the Lord. There is healing at the table of the Lord. I won't suffer anymore at His table.

I know He has a place for me. Oh, what joy will fill my heart. With the saints around the mercy seat of God.

Come all you weary; come and find; His yoke is easy; His burden light. He is able; He will restore at the table of the Lord.

I am invited to the table of the Lord. I am invited to the table of the Lord. He says, "Come just as you are" to His table.

I am praying for all of you this week; pray for each other, too.

Blessings, Leigh

*The “Armor of God” Bible study will begin on April 7. Everyone is welcome!

happy
birthday

March 8	Asheton Campbell
	Heather Kunigelis
March 9	Gary Stratton
March 10	Florine Pennington

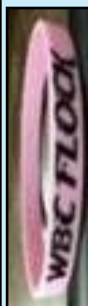
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our summer mission trip will take place July 2-9. There will be a brief informational meeting following worship on March 13. Our tasks will center around service, outreach, and light to moderate construction projects. If you are interested in participating, a **\$50/person deposit is due by March 16.**

You can reserve your spot for the trip by directly talking with Leigh or by using the Communication Card on Sunday.

The Mission Trip Yard Sale is scheduled for May 4, 5 & 6 at the Rock. Stay tuned for more details.

Thank you, TRUTH,
for leading us in
Worship before Holy
Communion this past
Sunday!



Thank you, Elkins family, for our wonderful meal on Sunday evening. This Sunday, Debbie Collins and Angela Gervais will provide our meal.

“What would you do if you knew you would not fail?” That is a question we pondered with the FLOCK on Sunday. What keeps us from pursuing our dreams or trying something new or from exploring options? Often the thing that holds us back is fear. We are afraid we will fail, so we don't try. We are afraid it will be hard; we are afraid (you fill in the blank). The scout team of Israelites faced this same dilemma. Moses sent them into the land that God had promised so that they could report back to the people.

They found a “land filled with milk and honey”. They also found fortified cities and giants. So, when they returned to report, they told all that they found. But, they didn't believe that they could or should enter the land because it was dangerous and “what if they failed”? Caleb, however, said they should take the land - that God didn't bring them this far just to be defeated. The people, though, were afraid and chose to stay put. They were willing to settle for good rather than trust God to provide His best.

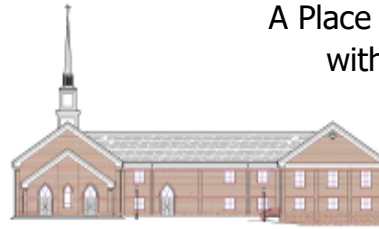
Aren't we guilty of that as well? How often do we let fear accept what is “good” rather than trust God to provide what is “best”? Fear can paralyze us. God tells us over and over in His Word to “not be afraid” and “do not fear”. He is with us. He wants what is best for us and His best is certainly better than anything we can do alone.

I look forward to seeing everyone this week for Bible study!

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	3/06-3/12	Jerry Baird, Matt Meade
	3/13-3/19	John Kennedy, Lewey Lee
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:	03/13	John Ponish
	03/20	Billie Sue Harris
Nursery:	03/13	Sandy Mullins, Emma Snodgrass
	03/20	Cari Braddock, Reagan Elkins
Children's Church:	03/13	Beth Snodgrass
	03/20	Lulia Maine
PA:	03/13	Mike Osborne
	03/20	Oscar Raile
Tellers:	March	David Mullins, Oscar Raile
	April	Teresa Adkins, Jeff Dotson
Ushers:	03/13	Mike Strouth*, David Mullins^, Ron Swindall^, Bob Adkins, Lewey Lee, Matt Meade, Gary Smith, Bill Sutherland
	03/20	Dave Belcher*, Donnie Bradley^, David Sheppard^, Kenny Bowling, Bryon Burton, Jeff Elkins, Daniel Ray, Roger Williams (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	03/09	Linda Bailey, Linda Burgess, Karen Ponish, Ruby Salyers
	03/16	Teresa Adkins, Jean Aker, Bonnie Owens
Wed. Meal:	03/09	Hamburgers & Fries
	03/16	Baked Chicken, Veggies, Rice, Rolls,

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 & Caring Friends (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Singing Sunbeams	3:45 pm
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Sanctuary Choir	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission(2nd)	2--4 pm

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Thought for the week:
God is available anytime,
anywhere and any place.