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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

May 16, 2017

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

What do you say when someone is suffering? This question comes to mind in the wake of the wave after wave of loss and grief impacting our community.

Because we do not know what to say or do, we may avoid the suffering person. Or, out of our own anxiety, we may say something like, "God is in control" or "He/she is better off", etc. It might help to ask ourselves, "What did others do or say that was helpful to me in a time of crisis?"

Job suffered horrifically. Job 2:12-13 records that his friends saw him, wept aloud and sat with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word because they saw how great his suffering was.

Sometimes words seem inadequate because they are. Nothing can be said to erase the pain. Sometimes words seem to dismiss or minimize the pain. If we recognize that, it can free us up to be with hurting people in a more powerful way.

Your presence matters. They wept with Job and sat with him in silence for seven days! **Their silence was far more eloquent than any words they might have uttered.**

The Apostle Paul says in Romans 8:27 that "the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express". Every Christian brings that presence of the Holy Spirit into the room. Pray for the Holy Spirit to express the heart of the suffering to God. Sit with the suffering and listen. Our silence allows room for the suffering to express the hurt in their hearts.

When the crisis comes (and it will), trust the Holy Spirit to work and be present. He will make a difference through you!

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

Family Hike
May 20

Graduate Recognition
May 21, 11am

Cooking for the Cause
May 21, 12-2pm

Children's Barter Theatre Trip
June 2, 8am

Mission Trip Yard Sale, Part 2
June 1-2, 8am-5pm

Important Summer Mission Team Meeting!
June 4, 12pm

Gasoline Buy-Down
June 10

SON Golf League
June 10

Vacation Bible School
June 12-16

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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

With Heartfelt
Sympathy We extend our deepest sympathy to Gary Smith in the death of his Aunt, Joyce James, who passed away on May 9. Please remember Gary and Susan in your prayers.

We also extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Merry Lu Prior. Merry Lu passed away on May 10.

Please remember Jim & Sherry Collie in your prayers. Jim's brother, Gary died on Monday, May 15. We extend our deepest sympathy & prayers to the Collie family.

As you pray, please remember...

Jim & Sherry Collie, family of Papa Joe Smiddy, Butch Hutchinson, Alan Adkins, Sam Farmer, Ron Swindall, Robert & Jennifer England & family, Shirley Willis (The Laurels), 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: Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, Elizabeth Davidson (Heritage Hall—Wise), Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Betty Easterling (The Laurels), Martha Gilliam (Heritage Hall-Wise), Florine Pennington (The Laurels), Jeanne Stallard

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

The Dove Wall



In case you haven't noticed, there are doves flying in the hall outside of the sanctuary! We hope to fill the "sky" with doves!



This past Sunday, a member of the Summer Mission Team, Beth Snodgrass, explained the purpose of the wall. On June 24th, our Summer Mission Team will leave for a week of service in the small town of Tarboro, NC. Our 45+ members will be working

on various projects to serve the people of Tarboro, helping to restore their homes after the devastating flood waters of Hurricane Matthew raged through their area last fall. Our theme this year centers on the dove. The dove is a symbol of many things in the Bible, including peace, the Spirit of God and in the Old Testament story of Noah, the dove symbolized God's hope and renewal of the Earth after the Great Flood. So, if you look down the hallway leading into the sanctuary, you'll see a beautiful blue sky of hope. We are asking that you purchase doves to fill the sky as a symbol of the renewing Spirit of God to the people of Tarboro. So even if you can't physically go with us, you can be part of this ministry through your prayers and help with fundraising. Doves can be purchased from members of the mission team for \$2 each.



GASOLINE BUY-DOWN!

Saturday, June 10, 1 pm - 4 pm

Fasmart near UVA-Wise
(formerly the Bee Line)

Volunteers needed:

1st shift 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

2nd shift 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Contact Ed Owens (275-9607)



Cooking for a Cause

Date: Sunday, **May 21** from 12 - 2:30pm

Location: Wise Baptist Church

Sponsored by: Two Sisters Catering

Menu: pork sandwiches, pasta salad, baked beans, cole slaw, assorted desserts

Kids' boxed meals: hot dog, chips, mac & cheese, fruit & drink.

Deliveries: available for orders of 25 or more

****Please contact Teresa Adkins if you are able to help the day of the event.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SON Golf League

The next tournament is 8:00 a.m. on June 10th, at Warrior's Path.

What Is It? Approximately 25 churches participating from all over the Tri-Cities

When? We will play one Saturday each month through October. Check-in is usually 7:30am & start time is 8am. I will confirm this each month.

Where? It will be a different golf course in the Tri-Cities each time.

How Much? Each player will pay their own entry fee. This is just the cost of the course with each being around \$30-\$35 (depending on the course).

Prizes? Golf balls or other small items will be given away, but nothing big. The league is more about gathering together and fellowship.

Who Can Play? A team of 4 plays each time, but anyone is invited. If we have more than 4 people interested for a particular day, we may have to put someone on standby to fill in. Also, other teams seem to always be looking for players to join and fill in as needed.

How To Sign Up? Since it changes a little each month, come see me or call me directly: Stephen Large (276) 393-0433. I will keep up a list of who wants to play each month and potential alternates.

Vacation Bible School!!

June 12 - 16

(*date change)

"Created by God, Built for a Purpose"

Please contact Susan Mullins if you would like to help this year! stpsych@gmail.com or 276-708-6221



Mission Trip Yard Sale, Part 2

June 1 - 2 (8am-5pm)

Contact Sherlene Hall at 328-9315 or sherlenehall@gmail.com if you have any questions.



FAMILY HIKE

Natural Tunnel
Saturday, May 20
11am - 1:30pm

The Children's Ministry Team is coordinating a Family Hike at Natural Tunnel on May 20. We will begin in the campground, have a picnic lunch (pack your lunch) along the way at the Carter Cabin & ride the chairlift (\$3) or walk down into the gorge. Please contact Donna Hutchinson or sign up on the Communication Card in your bulletin. All are welcome!

SPRING BIBLE STUDIES

WEDNESDAYS, 6:45PM

MAY 10—JUNE 7



Following our 6pm Fellowship Meal each Wed. evening, 3 small group Bible studies will be offered (6:45-7:45pm):

- 1) "The Power of God's Names", taught by Karen Polish
Who is God? How can we trust him? Meet Elohim, our powerful creator; Jehovah, the self-revealing one; El Shaddai, the almighty sufficient one; and Immanuel, God with us; and gain a deeper understanding of God's identity.
- 2) "Leading Your Child /Grandchild to Jesus", Terry Winters
What will you say when your child asks how Jesus can fit inside their heart? Here's help with responding in words your little one will understand. The enormity of leading your child to Christ doesn't have to leave you tongue-tied. You can help your little one make the most important decision of his or her life - the decision to follow Jesus.
- 3) "The Gospel of Matthew", taught by Pastor Mike
People often treat Jesus as their personal "concierge". The Gospel of Matthew declares that Jesus is not a concierge, but a King who deserves our loyalty and obedience. This study of Matthew will reawaken us to the majesty of King Jesus.

Children, ages K - 6 are invited to join Julie Large & Kathy Dotson for our children's mission program (Children in Action) during this same time.





Thank you to Ben Harding for special music this past Sunday! We look forward to Ben ministering with us as our new Music Director, beginning June 4. More information will be shared in future newsletters!



May 17	Celeste Smith
May 18	John Bridges
May 22	Christina Meade
	Jordan Owens
	Courtney Coughlin
May 23	John Thacker
May 24	Grace Allio
	Sarah Means
May 26	Chuck Maine



May 18 Glenn & Bea Hill
Happy 77th Anniversary!

WBC Children's Ministry



- **May 10 - June 14**
 - Bible Study: **How to Lead Your Child / Grandchild to Jesus**
- **May 20**
 - Family Hike at Natural Tunnel, 11am
- **June 2**
 - Barter Theatre
- **June 12-16**
 - Vacation Bible School: "Maker Fun Factory"
- **July 15**
 - Free Lemonade Stand (Servant Evangelism Project)

How to Lead Your Child/Grandchild to Jesus...

Parents & grandparents are invited to join us from 6:45–7:45pm on the next 4 Wednesday evenings (May 17–June 7) for a small group Bible study discussing how to talk to children about Jesus.



Thank you to
Jayda Hutchinson

for greeting and welcoming the congregation during Sunday morning worship! We are so proud of the way our children participate in worship!



Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry

GRADUATE RECOGNITION MAY 21



On Sunday, May 21, we will recognize all of our high school and college graduates during our morning worship service. This is a highlight for our congregation every year! We rejoice in your accomplishments. Below is a list of graduates; if your name should be included, please call Kim Hall or the church office ASAP!

High School: Rachel Bailey, Austin Bordlee, Taylor Gardner, Noah Hall, Zoey Parrish, Rachel Porchie

College: Caroline Greenwood, Kristen Osborne

Masters: Ben Harding

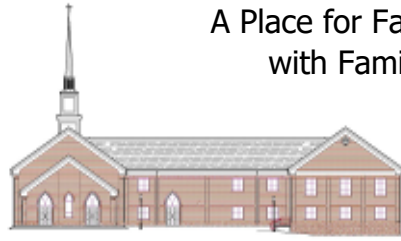
(* Please wear your cap, gown, honors stole)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

End-of-School Cookout

Youth / Youth Parents Planning Meeting

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	5/14 - 5/20	Edgar Owens, Ron Helton
	5/21 - 5/27	Jerry Baird, Matt Meade
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:	5/21	John Kennedy
	5/28	John Ponish
Nursery:	5/21	Susie Clasby, Emma Snodgrass
	5/28	John Mark & Wendy Adrian
Children's Church:	5/21	Kathy Dotson, Elora Hutchinson
	5/28	Beverly Viers
PA:	5/21	Oscar Raile
	5/28	Mike Strouth
Tellers:	May	Martha Blackburn, Mike Strouth
	June	June Dotson, Edgar Owens
Ushers:	5/21	Harold Witt*, Jerry Baird^, Stan Kunigelis, Edgar Owens, Gary Smith, John Thacker, Roger Viers
	5/28	Scott Snodgrass*, Marty Adkins^, Leton Harding, Ron Helton, Jorge Hersel, Jeff Kiser, John Ponish *Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	5/17	Brenda Lee, Susan Smith, AnnVvade
	5/24	Linda Bailey, Karen Ponish, Ruby Salyers
Wed. Meals:	5/17	Soup Beans, Cornbread, Mac & Cheese, Hot Dogs
	5/24	Fajitas, Rice, Nachos
Children-in-Action:	5/17	Julie Large, Kathy Dotson
	5/24	Julie Large, Kathy Dotson

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

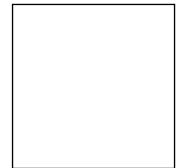
Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
	Singing Sunbeams	4-5 pm
Wednesday	Missions Committee (1st)	5:00 pm
	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Children-in-Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth-Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2-4 pm

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silence and listen.**