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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

II Chronicles 7:14 is often quoted to prescribe how to fix what is wrong with our country. “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

This is often interpreted to lay blame on unbelievers and let Christians off the hook. To whom is this Bible verse addressed? “My people, called by my name” refers to believers. Our land being healed begins with the believers, the church. There are four conditions: Be humble, pray, seek God’s face, and turn from our wicked ways (repent).

After these conditions are met: then we will hear from heaven, our sins will be forgiven and God will heal our land. God is saying that when Christians get their own houses in order, He will heal our land.

Let’ start with the first condition. Be humble. What does that look like? Be positive. Consistent negative talk about politicians creates a negative atmosphere which is self-defeating. Pray for our public servants. Contact them, especially our local ones. Instead of complaining, thank them for their service and ask if there is anything you can do to support their work. Consider serving in a local public office. Roll up your sleeves and get involved to make our community a better place. Be a part of the solution.

All of this is to say that we can shape our political environment. Let’s be the church.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

OCC Relay Center
Nov. 14 - 21

Kindred Spirits
November 15

OCC Shoebox Dedication
November 20

FLOCK Lock-In
November 20

Community Thanksgiving
Service
November 20

First Sunday of Advent
November 27

Jubilation Ringers @ The Inn
December 2

Parents’ Night Out
December 3

Christmas Cantata
December 4

Christmas Dinner
December 21

Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service
December 24

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 20, 6pm
First Baptist Church, Norton

Thanksgiving S.O.A.P. Bible Study



Join us as we study scriptures of praise & thanksgiving in preparation for celebrating **Thanksgiving Day 2016**.

Scripture, Observations, Application, Prayer

* **NOTEBOOKS** are available in the church office.

Or, if you prefer, the notebook can be emailed to you. We will not be meeting as a group. Each of us will study the same scripture passage on our own each day leading up to Thanksgiving.

There is also a closed Facebook page for our group. This is a great way to share any insights God has shown you with others doing the study.

*"Enter His gates with **thanksgiving** and His courts with praise; give **thanks** to Him and praise His name."*
Psalm 100:4

SHOEBOX DEDICATION

PLEASE BRING YOUR
SHOEBOXES



THIS SUNDAY, NOV. 20

As you pray, please remember...

Family & friends of Tony Hill, Susan Davidson, Papa Joe Smiddy, Kara Kennedy, Bruce Rose, family of Patsy Jennings, 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 (Florida), Irene Black (NCH Rehab)

Our Shut Ins: Elizabeth Davidson (Heritage Hall - Wise), Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Archie Kennedy (Heritage Hall—BSG), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG), and Florine Pennington (The Laurels).

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

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

We extend our
heartfelt sympathy

to the family of Patsy Jennings who passed away on Nov. 10, and to the family & loved ones of Tony Hill who passed away this morning, Nov. 15. Please keep these friends in your prayers.

Cantata Reception



If you can provide food or help with set up/clean up, please let Teresa Adkins or Sherlene Hall know. A list of foods needed will be available on Wednesday nights and Sundays.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

WBC RELAY CENTER

NOVEMBER 16—21

Wise Baptist will again set up the OCC Relay Center at the Rock according to the following schedule. **If you are available to help, please contact Rebecca Osborne or just come on by!**

Nov. 16 - 3-6pm

Nov. 18 - 4-7pm

Nov. 20—2-5pm

Nov. 17 - 4-7pm

Nov. 19 - 12-3 pm

Nov. 21 - 9am—noon





Adult II Sunday School Class...

Almost eighteen years ago, a new Sunday School class was born at Wise Baptist church. What was then known as “Bill Sutherland’s Class”—now called “Wise Men and Women”—had become so large that no room in the old church building could accommodate it. So, a number of couples, most of us with young children, decided to form a new class. We wanted to emulate the warm fellowship of Bill’s class and, at the same time, to study scripture in a way that we could apply especially to the challenges of raising young families. We also wanted a place to serve.

Carl Curtis, now gone to be with the Lord, convinced me to lead the class with the promise that he would serve as co-teacher. But Carl soon made it clear that he did not feel comfortable teaching and preferred for me to take on that responsibility. I reluctantly agreed, with the provision that I would *facilitate* discussion rather than *proclaim* truth from the teacher’s chair. I believed then, and I believe now, that none of us has a corner on God’s will, and I wanted to allow all of the collective spiritual wisdom of this group to guide us as we grew spiritually. It is an arrangement that has worked, and continues to work, well.

The class membership has changed over the years. Only John Ponish, our long-standing social chair, and I remain from the original group, and we are no longer parents of young children. Indeed, John and Karen recently celebrated the marriage of their youngest daughter! What has remained consistent throughout all of those years is the deep-seated desire to grow spiritually, *together*, as well as a strong sense of fellowship. What has grown even stronger is the commitment of the class to Christian service and ministry. Our current class members are among the most active servants at Wise Baptist Church. You will find them participating in virtually every ministry opportunity at the church: the deacon ministry, the music ministry, Operation Christmas Child, and, of course, mission trips, to name only a few. It has been my privilege to minister with this group.

If you are seeking a place to study, to serve, to have fellowship, I invite you to join our Sunday School class.

~ Mark Clark



Wednesday Night Activities

Join us on Wed. nights for a time of fellowship and spiritual renewal!

November 16

6:00 pm	Fellowship Meal
6:45 pm	Adult/Youth Bible Studies
	Children-in-Action
	Nursery
7:45 pm	Sanctuary Choir
8:15 pm	Cantata Practice



PARENTS, YOU DESERVE A NIGHT OUT!

Parents' Night Out
Saturday, Dec. 3
4-8 pm

Supervised activities at church for children ages 0 - Grade 6: Games, Dinner, Crafts, Movie
Sign up on the Communication Card in your bulletin or contact Kathy Dotson.

Cancer Ministry:

Comfort Care & Pick-Me-Up Boxes

Ruby Salyers does a wonderful job of putting together boxes for patients at the cancer center in Norton. If you would like to donate items, help with assembly or delivery, please contact Ruby. Below is a list of items that are included in these boxes:

- ◆ Lotion (Keri, Lubriderm, Eucerian)
- ◆ Toothbrushes (individually wrapped)
- ◆ Soft Antibacterial Wipes
- ◆ Antibacterial Liquid Soap
- ◆ Digital Thermometers
- ◆ Burt’s Bees Lip Balm
- ◆ Chicken Noodle Cup-a-Soup
- ◆ Inspirational Books
- ◆ Puzzle Books & Pens
- ◆ Hard Candy (individually wrapped)





From Leigh

What a blessing to call Ron and Vickie Swindall my friends. Not only are they outstanding musicians, they are wonderful people—loving, caring, funny, and fun loving—who love the Lord. I so enjoyed the opportunity on Sunday morning to sing and play with them for our worship service.

I love being a mother and a mom (if you're a woman with children you understand what I mean!). I love being a mom to all young people—that's why I do what I do! But, I don't like being a mom from 600+ miles away.

The call came in late Thursday night—Anna was on her way to the ER. It was excruciating to wait for news. Finally, in the wee hours of the morning, she was released to go home. I didn't know if I needed to start driving or just wait. I fervently prayed for her and her caregivers. Thankfully, everything is ok except for some lingering headaches. Hopefully those will subside quickly.

But, the quickening of my heart when my child is hurting doesn't go away as easily. The anxiety and stress build until there is some resolution and even then...

My prayers are most certainly with John and Kathy Kennedy as they go through this anxious time with their son, Wesley. And with so many others whose children are hurting, injured, sick, or have lost their way.

The needs are real and they are great—which is why we need a Heavenly Father to love us and to comfort us. We also need our church family for support and encouragement.

Please take time to pray for one another; share a hug; make a phone call; send a card. You may be the exact "medicine" that someone needs today.

Please remember to mark your calendar for Sunday, December 4 at 7 pm— "Let There Be Christmas" will be presented by the Sanctuary choir and orchestra.

The Jubilation Ringers will perform at The Inn again this year on Friday, December 2. Stay tuned for more details.

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

Blessings, Leigh



- November 15 Donnie Bradley
- Leigh Clark
- November 16 Luke Collie
- November 20 Caitlin Adkins
- November 21 Dwight Jones
- November 22 Riek Collie
- Jakob Harden
- November 23 Dan Helton

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The Flamingos took flight and landed in the Kennedy's yard last night! Is your yard next?

We had a wonderful time OCC shopping last night. And, we also made some time to do some FLOCKING! Special thanks to Carla Sheppard and Bryon Burton for their help last night! All youth are encouraged to come Wednesday evening to help pack the boxes. We'll meet in the youth building at 6:30pm!

The Central One Act team is State Bound in December. They finished in 2nd place at the Regional competition.

Nov. 20—FLOCK PRE-THANKSGIVING LOCK-IN! We will meet at the youth building at 8:30 pm. Carla S. is providing pizza. Please feel free to send some salty or sweet snacks. We will enjoy a night of fun and fellowship. The lock-in will end at 8am. If you can't stay all night, come for as long as you. Call/text Leigh if you have questions!





Sunday Morning
Worship with
Ron & Vickie
Swindall.



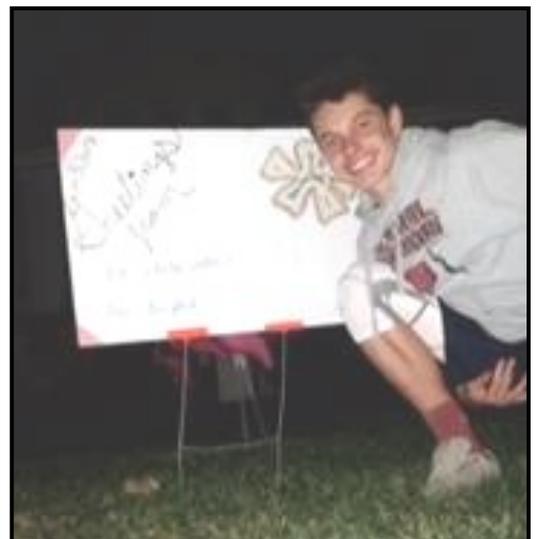
Shopping for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!



WBC Youth—Shopping & Flocking!



Flocking John & Kathy
Kennedy's yard!



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	11/13-11/19	Jerry Baird, Matt Meade
	11/20-11/26	Jeff Dotson, John Kennedy
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:	11/20	Mike and Rebecca Osborne
	11/27	John Kennedy
Nursery:	11/20	Tammie Harding, Sara Johnson
	11/27	Susie Clasby, Emma Snodgrass
Children's Church:	11/20	Charles & Lulia Maine
	11/27	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
PA:	11/20	Oscar Raile
	11/27	Mike Strouth
Tellers:	November	Jeff Dotson, Leton Harding
	December	Cliff Carson, Mike Strouth
Ushers:	11/20	Stan Kunigelis*, Gary Smith^, Jerry Baird^, Edgar Owens, John Thacker, Roger Viers, Harold Witt
	11/27	Leton Harding*, Marty Adkins^, Ron Helton^, Jorge Hersel, Jeff Kiser, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass *Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	11/16	Sherry Collie, Brenda Kunigelis, Sandy Mullins, Beverly Viers
	11/23	No Wednesday Night activities
Wed. Meals:	11/16	Soups, Baked Potatoes, Cornbread
	11/23	No Wednesday Night activities
Children-in-Action:	11/16	Diana Roberts, Terry Winters
	11/23	No Wednesday Night activities

Please contact a member of the Personnel Committee or the church office if you would like to serve!

Wise Baptist Church General Fund Giving Summary 9/4/16 - 10/30/16

General Fund Receipts To Date	\$ 50,800
<u>General Fund Needed To Date</u>	<u>\$ 53,737</u>
Variance	(\$2,938)
Average Weekly Variance	(\$326)
Weekly General Fund Budget	\$ 5,971

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	Mission Ministry Team (1st)	5:00 pm
	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Youth Bible Study	
	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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Thought for the week:
Be a part of the solution
in our political
environment