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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

November 22, 2016

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

People sometimes ask, "Why?" when bad things happen. Doubt and anger in the moment can cloud whether or Who God is. Leslie Weatherhead, a British chaplain during World War II, had a very different idea. He said **when good things happen, do we also say "Why?"** In other words, do we remember to give thanks to God?

Deep below our impulse to give thanks and be grateful lies a spiritual current. The events for which we are thankful point beyond to a deeper cause. The Bible is explicit about the One to Whom our thanks and praise should be directed.

The Psalms, the worship book of the Old Testament is loaded with thanksgivings to God. Psalm 9:1 says "I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this Thursday, remember the One Who has given us so much, not withholding His own Son. Notice the impulse to give thanks each day and direct it to our faithful and loving God.

Giving thanks to God for each of you...with love,
Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

First Sunday of Advent
November 27

Jubilation Ringers @ The Inn
December 2, 7pm

Parents' Night Out
December 3, 4-8pm

Christmas Cantata
December 4, 7pm

Children's Christmas Program
December 11, 4pm

Christmas Dinner
December 14, 6pm

Reception for Leigh Clark
December 17, 3pm

Children's Christmas Caroling
December 18, 5:30pm

Ballroom Dancing Practice
Dance
December 18



Welcome!

Last Lord's Day, Joe and Susie Powers came forward at the end of the service to join Wise

Baptist Church by Transfer of Letter. Joe and Susie have been active in our church through the music ministry, Operation Christmas Child and other ministries, as well.

We are so thankful for them!

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

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DEACONS 2016-17

Jerry Baird	393-0923
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

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.



Town Tree Lighting Ceremony

Tuesday, Nov. 29
7:00 pm
Gateway Garden

With Heartfelt Sympathy

We would like to extend our heartfelt
sympathy to Holly Meade and family in the loss
of her father, Mr. Pennington, last week.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

We will have our annual Christmas
Dinner on Wednesday, December 14.

As you pray, please remember...

Papa Joe Smiddy, Kara Kennedy, Bruce Rose,
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), Susan Davidson (NCH), Bruce Rose
(NCH)

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).

ADVENT SEASON

Join us on Sunday as we begin the season of
Advent. This Sunday we will celebrate our Hope
that is in Christ.

We will also continue our tradition of The
Jessee Tree with our children in worship.

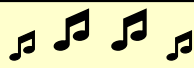
The Singing Sunbeams will present their
Christmas Musical on December 11 at 4:00 pm.
We will celebrate the coming of the Christ Child
with a special Christmas Eve Communion
service at 11:00 pm.

Christmas Day is on a Sunday. We will share a
special time of worship at Wise Baptist Church.



Children's Christmas
Caroling
Sunday, December 18

We will meet at the church bus at 5:30pm &
travel to Bear Creek Subdivision to carol from
house to house.



From Leigh

Thank you, Sanctuary choir for the marvelous new anthem on Sunday. We were especially blessed with our guest musician, Matthew Rhoten from Union HS on tenor sax.

“Can’t Carry These Burdens Alone” is a wonderful reminder of our need for God and His provision of friendship and fellowship especially through the church. We are all going through *something*. No matter how perfect someone’s life may look on the outside, there are deep needs, hurts and struggles and maybe even loneliness, grief or physical pain. We truly aren’t meant to bear these things alone. (Can I get an Amen?)

I encourage you to take time/make time to reach out to each other this holiday season—a call, hug, card goes a long way!

I read a blog by Ann Voscamp this week that really resonated with me. She said that “Thanksgiving is **Thanksgiving**”. Think about that for a moment. We should show our thanks by living in a way that reflects God’s blessings in our lives.

How different would our lives be if we choose to live it in thanks rather than bitterness? If we choose love over hate; if we choose to rise to the challenges and struggles rather than wallow in self-pity? What if we celebrate who God made us rather than live a life of comparison with others?

Change begins with me. Change begins with you.

I am so thankful for Wise Baptist Church and the many years that we have served together. I am thankful for your love and for the friendships. I am thankful for ALL of the moments we have shared. I look forward to seeing all of you on the next Lord’s Day! Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Blessings, Leigh

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 rehearse on Nov. 27 at 7:45 pm to prepare for The Inn on Friday, December 2 and the Cantata.



- November 22 Rick Collie
Jakeb Harden
- November 23 Dan Helton
- November 28 T. Ray Maine
- November 29 Josh Chisenhall
- December 1 Jeff Dotson
Brenda Kunigelis
- December 3 Mark Clark

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The Flamingos took flight and landed in the yard of Jeff and Kathy Dotson! Is your yard next?



Oh my! We had a wonderful time at the pre-Thanksgiving FLOCK-IN! There were 21 of us in all! Special thanks to all of the parents who provided “nourishment” for our event! We played games (killer, trainwreck, gaga ball, capture the candy, jungle pong, butt volleyball, wall ball, sardines), went FLOCKING, and had an exciting alphabet scavenger hunt (the Walmart employees weren’t exactly sure what we were up to showing up after midnight!). We also spent time sharing the many things that we are thankful for which led to our time of devotion on God’s greatest gift to us—His only Son! Once we accept that gift, we *must* share it. I challenged the youth to pray about people they can share God’s gift with during the Advent season. They received an Advent devotional book, “Hark” and several copies of the “Life Book” that they are encouraged to give away! Pray for our kids. We are very blessed!

We will have youth on Sunday, November 27 at 6 pm. LIGHT will practice during that time for their upcoming performance at the Cantata.

Reception

You Are Cordially Invited to a
Reception Honoring
Leigh & Mark Clark
Saturday, December 17
3:00 pm
Wise Baptist Fellowship Hall

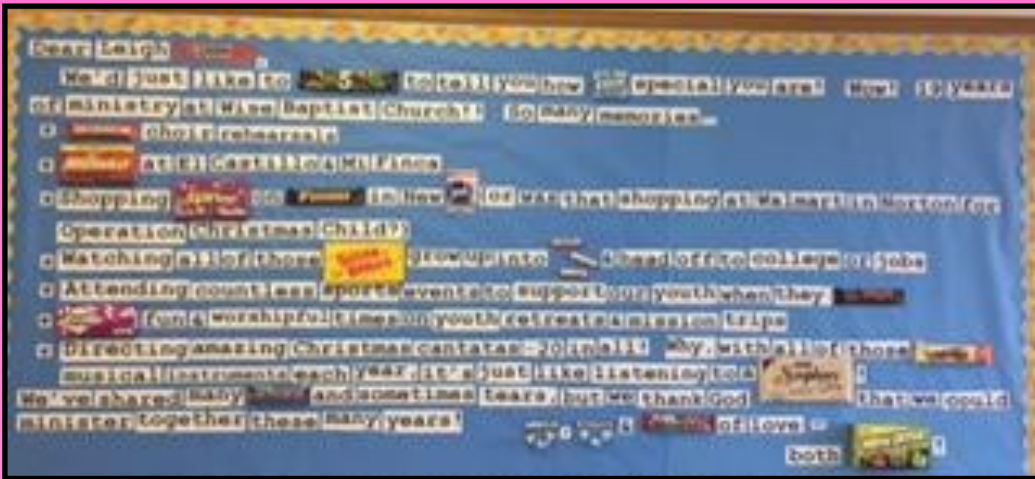


HANDBELLS

The Jubilation Ringers will ring at The Inn on Friday,
December 2 at 7:00 pm.
Join us in the lobby for some wonderful
music and refreshments!



Matthew Rhoten, tenor
sax, accompanying the
Sanctuary choir in
worship.



A picture of the bulletin board in
the hall way near the elevator.
The picture is a little blurry.
Hope you will take time to stop
by and read it in person.



Some pre-
Thanksgiving
FLOCK-IN fun and
games! Lots of fun,
laughter, and
memories!





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
 Wise Baptist Church collected 149 boxes. Our relay center collected 2,878. And our Southwest VA team collected 10,237 boxes!
 What an amazing ministry! These boxes will bring joy and great NEWS to children around the world!
 Special thanks to Rebecca Osborne for her leadership with the Relay center and to Jim Collie for organizing the WBC effort. And, to all of you for your gifts of time, money and prayers!





Children-in-Action is our Wednesday program for our children. Each week they learn about God and His incredible love for each of us! They also learn ways to put that love into ACTION!

Our leaders challenged the children to earn money for their own Operation Christmas Child boxes! They accepted that challenge and earned over \$115! Our Children-in-Action are great shoppers! They were able to fill 8 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child!

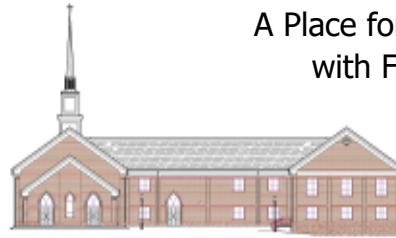


Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	11/20-11/26	Jeff Dotson, John Kennedy
	11/27-12/3	Mike Osborne, Gil Blacburn
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:	11/27	John Kennedy
	12/4	John Ponish
Nursery:	11/27	Susie Clasby, Emma Snodgrass
	12/4	John Mark & Wendy Adrian
Children's Church:	11/27	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
	12/4	Daniel & Tabitha Ray
PA:	11/27	Mike Strouth
	12/4	Noah Hall
Tellers:	November	Jeff Dotson, Leton Harding
	December	Cliff Carson, Mike Strouth
Ushers:	11/27	Leton Harding*, Marty Adkins^, Ron Helton^, Jorge Hersel, Jeff Kiser, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass
	12/4	Youth *Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	11/23	No Wednesday Night activities
	11/30	Donna Hutchinson, Cyndi Newlon, Rebecca Osborne, Terry Winters
Wed. Meals:	11/23	No Wednesday Night activities
	11/30	Hamburgers, French Fries
Children-in-Action:	11/23	No Wednesday Night activities
	11/30	Diana Roberts, Terry Winters

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

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

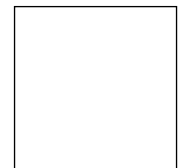
Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (will recess in December)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (will recess in December)	
	Singing Sunbeams	4-5 pm
Wednesday	Mission Ministry Team (1st)	5:00 pm
	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Youth Bible Study	
	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:
When good things
happen, remember Who
to thank!