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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

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WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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IMPORTANT DATES

**Lottie Moon International
week of Prayer
Nov. 29—Dec. 6**

**OCC-Processing Center
November 30th**

**Parents Night Out
December 5**

**Christmas Cantata
December 6**

**BCM Luncheon
December 7**

**Family Fun Activity
December 13**

**Christmas Dinner
December 16**

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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	328-2111
Daniel Ray	328-2483
Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gill Blackburn	328-0046
Ron Helton	393-6145



Dear church family and friends,

The first Sunday of Advent is Nov. 29. When Jesus arrived to inaugurate the first Advent, a dominant force in the spiritual climate was fear. Fear still grips us today. It can be so powerful that it overwhelms our faith. We can think and act as if God does not even

exist.

What if...we become agents of God, together, to change the spiritual climate of the town of Wise and our area? The difference between the temperature of 32 and 33 is only one degree, but it is the difference between rain or snow. You can help make that spiritual difference to help nudge our area toward faith!

You are invited to help alter our local spiritual climate through **"Days of Christmas Kindness" at Wise Baptist Church during the Advent season (Nov. 29-Dec. 24).** It will increase faith of believers in Christ. It will point unbelievers toward Christ. Both the doer and receiver will be blessed.

Look for a list of possible activities for "Days of Christmas Kindness" each week in our newsletter and bulletin. Be creative. Think about blessing some folks who do not get much good news during the week. One example might be the local Comcast office.

It is recommended that you give a "Connection Card" along with your act of kindness. For example, if you take a plate of cookies to Post Office employees, attach the card to the plate. It may say, "Merry Christmas from Wise Baptist Church" [includes address, phone number, and web-site of the church]. This is a low-key way of saying who we are and why we are doing it. These "Connection Cards" will be available in the church lobby. Or, you can design your own personalized card.

Acts of kindness in Jesus' name...they don't cost much. But, imagine what we can do to alter the spiritual climate in our town and area! Join with me in our "Days of Christmas Kindness".

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

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

- ✂ **There will not be any Wednesday night activities this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.**
- ✂ **The office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday for the Thanksgiving Holiday.**

CHRISTMAS CANTATA RECEPTION

Join us for a reception following the Cantata in the Fellowship Hall. If you can provide an appetizer please see Teresa Adkins.



WBC CHRISTMAS DINNER

Join us for our Christmas Dinner, Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide the ham & turkey. If those planning to attend could bring a side dish or a salad to share. (If anyone would like to donate a ham or turkey please see Sherlene Hall). The theme for our tablescapes will be Angels, if you would like to decorate a table please see Teresa Adkins. We will also have our second annual "Tacky" sweater contest. Prizes will be given for the tackiest, most original, cutest, most Christmas spirit, and best couple or group.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS



CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Pre-K-3rd Grade)
Mondays, 3:45-5pm..
(Singing, learn to play handbells, snack time)



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Saturday, December 5, 3pm—8pm
Drop your child off at the Church for an evening of fun while you shop, have dinner or a movie. The kids will enjoy crafts, Christmas movie, dinner and a "Santa's Workshop". Open for children ages birth through 6th grade.



FAMILY FUN ACTIVITY

Sunday, December 13, 3pm—6:30pm
"Festival of the Trees" at Southwest Virginia Museum with dinner at El Castillo
For more information contact the Church office at 328-6247.



As you pray, please remember...

Irene Black and family, Papa Joe and Reba Smiddy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Emily Bridges, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Kim Boggs, Pat Boggs, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, Hubert Breeding, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Gary and Susan Smith, Jerry Reynolds, 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).



MEETINGS

- ♦ **Mission Committee Meeting**
Wednesday, December 2nd at 5 pm.
- ♦ **Women on Mission Meeting**, Thursday, December 10th, from 2-4 pm.

THANK YOU to all those that shopped, packed a shoe box, or worked the relay center.



WBC packed 130 Shoe boxes and the Relay Center packed over 3200 shoe boxes.



LET'S HELP!! GRAB N GO MINISTRY

The Grab N Go Ministry is a year round ministry to help the Department of Social Service Adult Protection Services. Non-perishable food items and other items (a list is available on the table by the elevator) help bridge the gap at the end of the month, when supplies run low. You can also donate small gift cards to Food City or to Payless for the Social Workers to buy perishable food items for those in need. Once items are at the Social Service office, a bag is filled with each of these items. The social worker keeps some of the bags with them while out on their home visits. If there is a need, a bag of assorted food, etc. is ready and available to those in need.

Sherlene Hall gathers the items you place in the white baskets twice a month and takes them to Social Services. Thank you for giving. Thank you for your prayers.



From Leigh

I am thankful for Misty Belcher and the beautiful song she shared from her heart yesterday morning. It was such a blessing! **I am thankful** for the sanctuary choir and their beautiful anthem and for their faithfulness every week to lead in worship. **I am thankful** for Susan Smith and for the beautiful offertory she played yesterday.

I am thankful for Elora Hutchinson and her testimony and prayer about the Operation Christmas Child boxes—what an inspiration. **I am thankful** that so many people from our church chose to participate in shopping, packing, giving, and/or praying for our boxes. We live in a big world and it sometimes feels as if we can't make a difference. But, the truth is that everyone one of us is created for a purpose and we can, with God's help, make a difference!

I am thankful for Nancy Stalnaker, Rachel Bailey, Kathy Kennedy, Jim Collie, and Junetta Knuckles for their participation in the Stop Hunger Now event last Monday at UVA-Wise. WOW! What a great event. It was so much fun and we helped so many people!

I am thankful that my family will be visiting Mark and I this year for Thanksgiving in Wise! Yes, the house will be crowded and yes, I will work like crazy to get everything ready. But, the moments and memories that we create will last forever. **I am thankful** as well, for my church family. Where would be without each other?

I am most thankful for my Savior, Jesus Christ, "from whom all blessings flow".

I am praying for all of you this week. Pray for each other, too. Blessings, Leigh

The Jubilation Ringers will rehearse Sunday, Nov. 29 at 4:30.

Mark your calendars: December 4—Jubilation Ringers will ring and sing at The Inn at Wise, 7 pm.

December 6—A Night of Christmas Music with the sanctuary choir and orchestra, 7 pm.



YOUTH: We will meet on Sunday evening at 6 for dinner and Bible study and to make plans for Christmas activities! Please make every effort to be there.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Central One Act Team for their 2nd Place finish at Regionals! They will head to the State competition on December 7! Go Warriors!



November 23

Dan Helton

November 28

T. Ray Maine

November 29

Josh Chisenhall

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us at 10 am for Sunday school on Sunday mornings. There are classes for all ages. It is a great way to get to know people and to grow spiritually. Plan to join us this week!



WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

In order that we may plan and have enough for Wednesday night meal, those that plan to attend, please sign up on Sundays Communication Card or call the Church office by Noon on Wednesdays. Thank you

Christmas Cantata Rehearsal Schedule

Tuesday, Nov. 24—7:00 pm

Sunday, Nov. 29—Noon

Wednesday, Dec. 2—8:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 6—3:45 pm



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!!

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As the semester winds down, please take a moment and send our college students a word of encouragement. They will be so pleased to hear from you!

LOTTIE MOON
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS WEEK OF PRAYER
NOVEMBER 29—DECEMBER 6

- DAY ONE:** Pray for more churches to commit to join the Floras by sending teams of workers. Pray the Flora family will be protected and God's glory will be revealed in Lesotho.
- DAY TWO:** Pray for more opportunities to share the gospel and for the country's key leaders to accept its truth. Pray for protection for Warrior's team and for Warrior's family members separated by distance-their four children live in four different countries.
- DAY THREE:** Pray the McKinneys will not be overwhelmed by the sheer number of needs and people who need the Lord there. Pray for Hindus to hear that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life—and the only hope of a better future.
- DAY FOUR:** Pray for open hearts among hurting Syrian refugees as Matheson tells them of God's love. Pray for strength, boldness, and wisdom for Matheson to minister in the midst of overwhelming needs.
- DAY FIVE:** Pray for the T people who are coming to faith in Jesus to stand firm in the face of opposition and persecution. Pray for more churches to partner with missionaries in reaching people groups who have yet to hear the gospel.
- DAY SIX:** Pray for the Holemans as they reach people groups in Mexico, some who have no access to the gospel. Pray for more churches to send missionaries to the nations, and thank God for the Holemans' partnership with the Oxford church.
- DAY SEVEN:** Pray young leaders will grow in their faith and disciple more youth who are ready to become leaders. Pray the Daggetts will see more churches, including Deaf churches, started in the Philippines.
- DAY EIGHT:** As you PRAY during this season of prayer and giving to support missionaries like these featured during the week of prayer, see the Lord's guidance for what He would have you give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to support those who are sent.

**FLOCK
OCC BOXES**



Central One Act



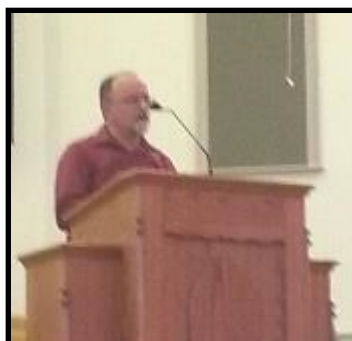


WBC-OCC RELAY CENTER



**Elora, OCC Shoebox
Dedication**

SUNDAY WORSHIP



Welcome-Oscar Raile



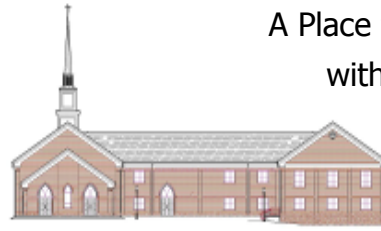
Misty Belcher

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	11/22-11/28	Daniel Ray, Edgar Owens
	11/29-12/05	Ron Helton, Jerry Baird
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:	11/29	Bob & Teresa Adkins
	12/06	John Ponish
Nursery:	11/29	Jessica Crutchfield, Emma Snodgrass
	12/06	Regina Carson, Landon Elkins
Children's Church:	11/29	Lulia Maine
	12/06	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
PA:	11/29	Oscar Raile
	12/06	Mike Strouth
Tellers:	December	Jeff Dotson, Teresa Adkins
Ushers:	11/29	Jeff Cantrell*, Dan Helton^, Jerry Baird^, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass, Jeff Adkins, Jeff Kiser, Marty Adkins
	12/06	Marty Kennedy*, Wayne Isaac^, Jeff Dotson^, Jim Sturgill, Clyde Vance, Gil Blackburn, Steve Horton, Jack Tolbert (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	11/25	No Wednesday Night activities due to the Thanksgiving Holiday
	12/02	Potluck Team
Wed. Meal:	12/02	Potluck with Ham

(Rotation Schedules are on the hall table by the elevator)

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with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Office Hours	9 –2 pm
	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
	Singing Sunbeams	3:45 pm
Tuesday	Office Hours	9—2 pm
Wednesday	Office Closed	
	No Wednesday Night Activities	
Thursday	Office Closed	
Friday	Office Hours	9—2 pm

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Thought for the week:
Raise the spiritual
temperature around you.