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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

November 30, 2015

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Parents Night Out**  
**December 5**

**Christmas Cantata**  
**December 6**

**BCM Luncheon**  
**December 7**

**Family Fun Activity**  
**December 13**

**Christmas Dinner**  
**December 16**

**Christmas Eve**  
**Communion**

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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,

While we are Christmas shopping, we search for just the right gift for special people in our lives. God has searched far and wide through this vast universe for our Perfect Gift. He found just the right Gift for us...in the person of Jesus Christ, His Son!

Because of His gift, we give back to God. One way Terry and I do so is through our financial gifts through Wise Baptist Church. We made a decision many years ago to give above and beyond the tithe (10%) of our income. That decision is made ahead of time. We did not want to wait each week to see if we had "enough" to give, but wanted to decide to give in faith, believing that God would provide for us. We discovered that God has always faithfully provided for us and blessed us!

Terry and I are also careful to "make up" our giving when we are gone on a particular Sunday or on vacation. This is because the needs of our church continue even when we are not physically present.

My financial stewardship is a part of being a follower of Jesus Christ. Periodically, Terry and I prayerfully re-evaluate how God would have us to give.

Thank you for your gifts through Wise Baptist Church. All the activities and events you read about here in the newsletter and the bulletin and many other ministries are made possible through your giving.

Love, Pastor Mike

### How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

Express one of the following to the Pastor during the closing hymn:

† <b>Transfer of Letter</b>	Transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church
† <b>Baptism</b>	Desire to express faith in Christ through baptism
† <b>Statement of Faith</b>	Baptized believer not on a membership roll
† <b>Watch Care</b>	Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership

*A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA RECEPTION



Join us for a reception following the Cantata in the Fellowship Hall. If you can provide an appetizer or dessert, 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. Plan to bring a side dish, salad, or a dessert 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.



### YOU'RE INVITED—TOWN OF WISE EVENTS

- ♦ On Thursday December 3, at 6:00 PM the Town of Wise will light the Christmas Tree at the Gateway Garden located beside the Trinity United Methodist Church. There will be Christmas music and refreshments.
- ♦ The Town of Wise Kiwanis Christmas Parade will be Sat., December 5, at 2:00 PM—starting at Powell Valley National Bank and traveling down Main Street. Santa Claus will be at The Inn at Wise after the parade for pictures.
- ♦ Every Friday, carolers will gather at The Inn and at The Glades to sing beginning at 6pm. Everyone is welcome!

### 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, Lois Stallard, Papa Joe and Reba Smiddy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, 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, 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.



### PIECEMAKERS AND CARING FRIENDS

are in recess for the month of December.

### ADVENT MUSIC

The Jubilation Ringers will ring and sing at The Inn at Wise on Friday, December 4 at 7 pm in the lobby. Plan to drop by with your family and friends!

Our annual Christmas Cantata will be Sunday, Dec. 6 at 7pm. Invite someone to join you. If you need a ride, please contact one of our Deacons. A reception will follow the program.

### 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*

Advent is here! Cantata week is here! It is an exciting time for our church, our music ministry, and our community. The choir and Susan have worked so very hard to prepare this special program for you and to the Glory of God. I ask that you pray for us (especially for Mark!) during this time of final preparation and last minute details.

Please make every effort to be present on Sunday evening—you will be blessed. It is always a perfect opportunity to invite someone to join you. Offer to pick someone up who may not feel comfortable driving at night. Bring some food for the reception. Offer to help move chairs or hand out programs. There are many ways that you can be involved.

“Make Room” is the Advent theme for WBC. I really like the idea! Too often we get so busy with everything else that invades our lives during the holidays that we forget to “make room” for the most important things! To “make room” will require intention, thought, and planning. It will require action and determination. It will mean not doing some things.

This week I am “making room” for HOPE. Not a wish, but true hope that can only come from God. Pastor Ray once introduced us to the idea of *thin places* (times/moments when we feel closest to God).

I hope that this Advent season will be a *thin place* in my life—and in yours. It will take effort and intention. It will mean doing things differently. Listening. Observing. Taking risks. Giving. Sharing. Loving. Forgiving. Singing. Praying. Choosing.

I don’t expect that I will get it all right. But, I do know that God is ready to meet me and embrace me; He came to earth for me. I want to experience God in a fresh, real way this season! So, God, please help me to have my eyes, my heart and my arms wide open!

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

#### Mark your calendars:

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

December 6—A Night of Advent Music , WBC, 7 pm

December 13—The Singing Sunbeams, WBC, 11 am



**Good luck Central One Act Team in your State competition on Monday! We are so proud of you!**



December 1 Brenda Kunigelis  
Jeff Dotson  
December 3 Mark Clark  
December 4 Nathan Lee  
December 5 Elizabeth Davidson  
Heath Chisenhall  
David Sheppard  
Kevin Dotson

#### FINANCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

9/6/15—11/29/15

At the annual business meeting on August 26th, Wise Baptist Church passed a “provisional” budget for the 2015 - 16 church year. This budget is due to be revisited after the first three months of the church year. The Finance Committee offers the following update on the General Fund giving:

##### General Fund Giving Summary

9/6/15 - 11/29/15

General Fund Receipts To Date \$67,170

General Fund Needed To Date \$76,008

Variance **(\$8,838)**

Average Weekly Variance **(\$680)**

Weekly General Fund Budget \$5,847

#### 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!



#### First Sunday of Advent

Oscar Raile offered the morning

welcome and  
Susie Bailey lit the  
Candle of Hope.  
Join us this Sunday  
for our time of  
worship at 11:00.



#### COLLEGE ADDRESSES

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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 Holmans' 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.



### The Jesse Tree

Ms. Sandy Yun leads our children in learning about the heritage and lineage of our Savior.



The First Sunday of Advent:  
 Apple  
 Rainbow  
 Star  
 Basket





## OCC—BOONE, NC

Mike & Rebecca Osborne

Mike & Terry Winters

Rachel P. & Rachel B.

Gloria & Oscar Raile

Joe & Susie Powers

Erra Sutherland, Misty Belcher, Angela Gervais,

Donna Hutchinson, John Ponish



## DAYS OF CHRISTMAS KINDNESS

### IDEAS


**Here are some ways we can change the spiritual climate of our area! You are encouraged to pick up “Connection Cards” in the church foyer. You can hand these out as you do each act of kindness. These cards identify who we are (as a church) and how people can contact us.**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Collect canned goods for the food bank</li><li>◆ Make a plate of treats for someone, place on their doorstep and run!</li><li>◆ Pay for the order of the car behind you in the drive through</li><li>◆ Take a treat and thank you card to your local fire, ambulance or police department (please put your name and phone number on these)</li><li>◆ Tape candy canes and note of happy holidays to a neighbors door</li><li>◆ Pay for a strangers coffee</li><li>◆ Send a care package/letter to someone in the military</li><li>◆ Put a comment on someone’s blog, letting them know how much you enjoy reading the blog</li><li>◆ Make holiday cards, put them on car windshields/doors</li><li>◆ Call or text someone, ask if they need anything from the store</li><li>◆ Send a card to a friend/relative you haven’t seen in a while</li><li>◆ Purchase gifts/gift cards for someone in need</li><li>◆ Send a paper “hug” to someone</li><li>◆ Make Christmas cards for your neighbors</li><li>◆ Tape change and holiday message to a vending machine</li><li>◆ Leave a book mark in your library book and give one to your librarian</li><li>◆ Send a thank you to those who decorate their homes for you to enjoy</li><li>◆ Send thank you notes to those who have had a positive impact on you</li><li>◆ Leave a gift or note for your mail carrier/garbage pick-up</li><li>◆ Leave a happy note or smile stone for someone to find</li><li>◆ Bring up the neighbor’s garbage cans/recycling bins/yard work</li><li>◆ Take a flower/plant to a nursing home</li><li>◆ Shovel someone’s driveway</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Pick up litter in your neighborhood/local park</li><li>◆ Purchase flowers, hand them out to people</li><li>◆ Donate toys to a family, day care, nursery, hospital, charity, church</li><li>◆ Send a box of gently used mittens/hats to a school, homeless shelter</li><li>◆ Donate your favorite holiday book to a library/school</li><li>◆ Leave a dollar in the shopping cart for the next person to find</li><li>◆ Leave an extra tip for your server</li><li>◆ Check in on someone who is alone</li><li>◆ Pay a stranger a compliment</li><li>◆ Return a shopping cart for a stranger</li><li>◆ Make eye contact and smile at everyone you see</li><li>◆ Help someone who is in need of assistance</li><li>◆ Tell your family members how much you appreciate them</li><li>◆ Be a holiday helper—volunteer</li><li>◆ Compliment a sales clerk/let their manager know</li><li>◆ Collect old towels/washcloths to donate to a local animal shelter</li><li>◆ Put out fresh water for the birds</li><li>◆ Purchase extra bags of pet food to donate to a local animal shelter</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Students/kids:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Tidy up your room/help around the house without being told</li><li>◆ Sharpen all the pencils in the classroom</li><li>◆ Write a letter to your siblings, telling them you love them</li><li>◆ Take coffee to your teacher</li><li>◆ Sit next to someone during lunch you usually don’t and be nice to them</li><li>◆ Leave happy chalk message out where you live</li></ul> |
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# DECEMBER

## 2015

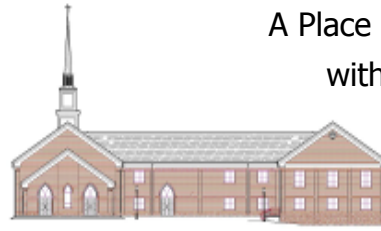
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  B: Brenda Kunigelis Jeff Dotson	2  Mission Committee Meeting 5pm Fellowship Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Cantata Rehearsal 8pm	3  B: Mark Clark	4  <i>Jubilation Ringers at The Inn, 7pm</i>  B: Nathan Lee	5  <i>Parent's Night Out 3-8pm</i>  B: Elizabeth Davidson, Heath Chisenhall, David Sheppard, Kevin Dotson
6  Deacon Meeting 8:30am Sunday School 10am Worship 11am  <i>Cantata 7pm</i>	7  A: John & Karen Ponish B: Jean Moore, Brittany Osborne Criswell	8	9  Fellowship Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:50p  B: Robert Baird	10  <i>Women on Mission Meeting 2pm</i>	11  B: Jessica Crutchfield	12
13  Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Youth 6pm  <i>Family Fun Night 3-6:30pm</i>	14  B: Jim Sturgill	15	16  Christmas Dinner 6pm  B: Irene Black	17  B: Alex Knox	18	19  A: Shane & Susan Mullins
20  Sunday School 10am Worship 11am  B: Marsha Tolbert, Bryan Crutchfield	21	22  B: Dallas Kennedy, Jon Kennedy, Rick Mullins	23  B: LeeAnn Adkins, Sherelene Hall, Buster Brown	24  Christmas Communion 11pm  B: Carolyn Strouth, Jim Collie	25    B: Lilyanna Harden	26  B: Linsay Allio
27  Sunday School 10am Worship 11am  B: Bea Hill	28	29  B: Patsy Boggs, Vernoy Bolling	30  B: Paul Maine	31  A: Jeff & Cindy Elkins  B: Cameron Driver		

## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	11/29-12/05	Ron Helton, Jerry Baird
	12/06-12/12	Matt Meade, 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:	12/06	John Ponish
	12/13	Billie Harris
Nursery:	12/06	Regina Carson, Landon Elkins
	12/13	Kathy Osborne, Lily Snodgrass
Children's Church:	12/06	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
	12/13	Erra Sutherland
PA:	12/06	Mike Strouth
	12/13	Wayne Isaac
Tellers:	December	Jeff Dotson, Teresa Adkins
Ushers:	12/06	Marty Kennedy*, Wayne Isaac^, Jeff Dotson^, Jim Sturgill, Clyde Vance, Gil Blackburn, Steve Horton, Jack Tolbert
	12/13	Youth (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	12/02	Potluck Team
	12/09	Kathy Helton, Martha Blackburn, Susie Powers
Wed. Meal:	12/02	Potluck with Ham
	12/09	Breakfast for supper

(Rotation Schedules are on the table by the elevator)

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	Office Hours	9--2 pm
	Piecemakers & Caring Friends will be in recess for the month of December	
	Singing Sunbeams	3:45 pm
Wednesday	Office Hours	9--2 pm
	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	8:00 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission(2nd)	2--4 pm
Friday	Office Hours	9--2 pm

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**Thought for the week:  
Create ripples of kindness in Jesus' name.**