A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF **WISE BAPTIST CHURCH** 

October 14, 2025

## **GOD'S FAMILY, GROWING TOGETHER**

# Wednesday Night Bible Study

Don't forget, Bible Study Sept. 24 at 7 PM (following dinner at 6 PM)

 $^st$ WE CURRENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH BIBLE STUDY EACH WEEK! YOU MAY CHOOSE A CHARACTER OR TOPIC. SIGN UP SHEETS ARE LOCATED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS, OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE, AND IN THE FOYER OF THE SANCTUARY.

**SCHEDULE OF PRESENTERS / TOPICS** 

October 15

Jim Collie

#### IMPORTANT DATES

Fellowship Meal Wed, Oct. 15, 6 pm

Bible Study Wed, Oct. 15, 7 pm

**Choir Practice** Wed, Oct. 15, 7:30 pm

Christmas Cantata Rehearsals Sun, Oct. 19, 6:30 pm

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Living for the King

There will be an autumn women's retreat at Camp Bethel in Wise, VA, on Friday and Saturday, October 31-November 1, 2025. The retreat begins on Fri. at 4 PM with check-out Sat. afternoon. Meals include dinner on Fri. evening, Sat. morning brunch and afternoon snack. The coffee shop will also be open Sat. morning. Worship and many activities, including time for rest, will be available. Open to women of ALL ages. For more information, visit campbethel.com/autumn-womens-retreat

#### How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

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

† Transfer of Letter

† Watch Care

† Baptism

Transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church Desire to express faith in Christ through baptism † Statement of Faith Baptized believer not on a membership roll

> Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership

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#### **DEACONS 2025 - 2026**

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John Mark Adrian 328-5564 **Debbie Collins** 393-3875 Jeff Elkins 393-5700 Ron Helton 393-6145 Lewey Lee 393-5370 Matt Meade 393-9177 John Ponish 870-1593 **Ruby Salyers** 870-0590 248-5652 Ray Spenilla

Deacon Emeritus: **Bob Adkins** 

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### COLLEGE

## SUNDAY SCHOOL !!!

A college Sunday School class will be offered soon here at Wise Baptist Church! If interested, contact the church office at 276-328-6247 or Cindy Elkins at 276-870-4523.

## THIS FALL, REMEMBER......





our Wise County Food Bank & WBC Grab-n-Go Ministries! Nonperishable items can be placed in the white containers by the elevator. If you would like to help in the delivery of these items, please contact Matt Collins.

# Encouragement

Make time to be quiet and still in the Presence of Jesus. The more stress we feel in this world, the more we need this sacred time with our Savior. We can take comfort in the truth....that as we relax in His Presence, His face will shine upon us! Jesus died to freely give us this holy blessing. Our job is to receive it, store it in our hearts, and treasure it. The closer we grow to Jesus, the more His peace grows within us!

### As you pray, please remember... {

Leona & Jerry Jessee, Robert Raines & Family, Nancy Stallard, Britney Edmiston, Greg, Kimberly Lyon, David & Sandy Mullins & family, Brenda Lee, Jerry & Wanda Baird, Cecil & Glenna Mullins, Alan Adkins, David



Luther, Carlie Tomlinson, Irene Humphries, Mike Peak, Megan Moody, Mike & Terry Winters, Bonnie Aker, Frances Sturdavant, Jane Hughes, Grace Allio, Kathy Helton, Jim & Judy Sturgill, John & Kathy Kennedy, Jordan Joseph (grandson of Virginia Ebert), Natalie Luther, those affected by Hurricane Helene & Hurricane Milton, Jim & June Dotson, Cyrus Jones, Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Lorna Wherry & Brian Plester (siblings of Brenda Kunigelis), Beth Snodgrass, doctors, nurses & all medical/pharmaceutical personnel, law enforcement & emergency personnel, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men & women in the military.

Our Shut Ins: Andrew Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's dad)

# Giving is an Act of Worship

Our stewardship of God's work at Wise Baptist Church is an opportunity of spiritual



sacrifice. Our stewardship is an opportunity for each of us to express our love and gratitude to the One who has given us everything. And our stewardship allows us to be a part of God changing lives and souls.

For those who cannot physically attend Sunday morning worship services in the sanctuary, your tithes and offerings may still be mailed to <u>Wise Baptist Church</u>, P.O. Box 777, <u>Wise VA 24293</u> or brought by the Church office anytime during open hours.

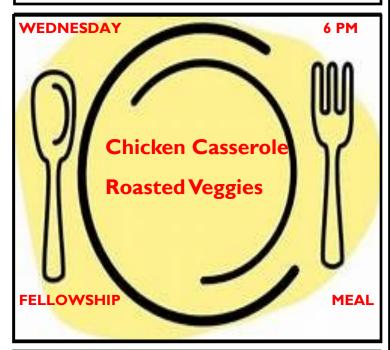
"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

# This Week's scripture:

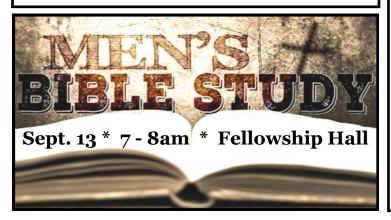
**JOHN 14:27** 

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Your heart must not be troubled or fearful."





Ages 5 - Grade 4
Every Sunday, during Worship!





# **BGAV**

202nd BGAV Annual Meeting November 10-12, 2025 Abingdon, VA

Each year, pastors, church staffers, lay leaders, and guests gather at our annual conference for fellowship, networking, and learning opportunities.

This fall, we are gathering in Abingdon, VA, for our annual meeting. This year's theme is Mission Forward based on Philippians 4:13:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Join us as we Decide, Worship, Learn, and Gather around God's mission for our lives, churches, and communities.

If you would more information or would like to sign up to attend, please see Donna or Matt.

Donna 276-393-5004 Matt 276-219-1046

Church Office 276-328-6247



Make new friends & join old friends for Bible study & fellowship each Sunday morning at 10am!

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC



October 14 Margie Horton

October 17 Randy Miller

October 18 Edna Hedden

October 19 Nathanael Phillips

October 19 Mike Osborne

October 21 Maggie Maine

October 21 Charlie Maine

# Kappy Anniversary

Bill and Era Sutherland Oct. 14
Billy and Teresa Glines Oct. 15

Brian and Elizabeth Wills Oct. 15

It's not too late to be a part of our 2025 Christmas Cantata!



Join us for Rehearsals each Gunday at 6:30 pm!

# WBC Music Ministry



In a world often marked by uncertainty, division, and fleeting affections, the love of God stands as a constant—boundless, inclusive, and unwavering. To say that God's love is all-encompassing is to recognize a divine embrace that knows no boundaries, no exclusions, and no expiration date.

God's love transcends geography, culture, race, and status. It reaches into every corner of the earth and every corner of the human heart. Whether in moments of triumph or seasons of despair, His love remains present and active. As Psalm 139 beautifully illustrates, "If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me."

God's love meets us in our brokenness, unlike human love, which can be conditional or performance-based, God's love meets us exactly where we are—not where we pretend to be. It is a love that embraces the sinner, comforts the weary, and restores the broken. It doesn't shy away from our flaws; instead, it transforms them.

God's love endures forever and is not a passing feeling or a temporary fix. It is eternal. The prophet Jeremiah records God's words: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness" (Jeremiah 31:3). This is a love that outlasts time, outpaces failure, and outshines darkness.

To be loved by God is also to be invited into the sacred work of loving others. His all-encompassing love becomes our model—challenging us to extend grace, mercy, and compassion to those around us, especially those we might find hardest to love.

In the end, God's love is not just a theological concept—it's a living, breathing force that surrounds us, sustains us, and calls us home. It is the heartbeat of creation and the anchor of our souls. And no matter who you are or where you've been, you are already within its reach.

Let's consciously spread this force of love around to all we encounter throughout our day.

Peace, love & joy, Donna

#### **Volunteers this Week** Deacons On Call 10/12-10/18 Debbie Collins, John Ponish 10/19-10/25 Ron Helton, Jeff Elkins **Building Stewards** Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass Instrumentalists Susan Mullins, Susan Smith **Sunday School Greeters** October Matt Meade Children's Church October 19 Offering Ushers October Jeff Dotson Team **Tellers** Martha Blackburn October Jessica Crutchfield Wed. Night Meals 10/15 Chicken Casserole, Roasted Veggies 10/22 Lasagna, Salad, Bread Wed. Cook Teams 10/15 Donna & Team 10/22 Don, Jeff Kiser, Deacons



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES		
Sunday	Sunday School Worship	10:00 am 11:00 pm
	Christmas Cantata Rehearsals	6:30 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st, 3rd, 5th) Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	9:30 am
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal Bible Study Choir Practice	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm
Saturday	Men's Bible Study	7:00 am



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## Thought for the Week:

Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, a helper who is always found in times of trouble.