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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Dear church family and friends,*

An oft-told Bible story is about the woman who pours very expensive perfume on Jesus' head. Out of curiosity, I checked the internet on the subject, "expensive perfume". One is called "Joy Baccarat Pure Parfum". It takes 10,600 flowers to make just one bottle of this! One can sign up to buy it monthly or quarterly, just in case you run out. The good news, however, is that the shipping is free! Be sure to order while supplies last.

The Bible says in Mark 14:1-9 that the woman broke a container of expensive perfume and poured it over Jesus' head. The perfume was equal to an entire year's salary. She also broke the container. That means she had to have used all of it. She could not put the top back on to keep any of it.

Think about how much perfume is needed to get the desired effect...just a few drops. We also know immediately when someone has used too much perfume. Imagine the power of the fragrance when the woman poured, not a few drops, but the entire container of perfume over Jesus!

There is power in the sense of smell. Certain smells bring to mind events that happened decades ago. Every single person in the house with Jesus could smell that powerful fragrance within moments. Jesus remarks about the extravagant gift from this woman - He says, "Wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

The most extravagant gift we can give is ourselves...our hearts, minds, talents, gifts and resources. How might we give of ourselves to the Lord in return for His inexpressible gift of Himself? To God be the glory!

See you Sunday, if not before!

*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 official membership

## IMPORTANT DATES

**New Bible Studies  
Preview  
October 19**

**Baby Shower  
for Brooklyn Kennedy  
October 22, 2-4pm**

**Deacon Ordination  
October 23, 11am**

**Children's Ministry Team  
Meeting  
October 23, 4pm**

**A Night of Music  
October 23, 7 pm**

**Trunk or Treat  
October 26, 7:15pm**

**Soup & Cornbread Lunch  
for Missions  
October 30**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *A Night of Music!*

Join us for a "Night of Music" on **Sun., October 23** at 7 pm in the sanctuary! This night of worship will be led by the sanctuary choir, Truth, our bluegrass group, the Jubilation Ringers, the Singing Sunbeams and the Swindalls, as well as several instrumentalists.

Please bring personal items for the Grab-n-Go Ministry that evening: lotion, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, tissues, paper towels, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, trash bags, adult diapers (small, medium, large).



### **FRIED PIES POSTPONED**

Thank you to everyone who has turned in orders for Fried Apple Pies! This activity, however, will be postponed until further notice. Stay tuned!

### *NEW Church Wide S.O.A.P. Study!*



Join us as we study scriptures of praise & thanksgiving in preparation for celebrating **Thanksgiving Day 2016** - much like we prepare for Christmas each year, by observing Advent.

This 2-week S.O.A.P. Bible study will be **Nov. 10 - 24**. Each participant will receive a notebook listing the scriptures for each day. If you prefer, the notebook can be emailed to you. We will not be meeting as a group—this Bible study is designed in such a way that each of us will study the same scripture passage on our own on each of the 15 days leading up to Thanksgiving: (S - scripture, O - observations, A - application, P - prayer).

You will also have the option of sharing any insights God has shown you on a special closed facebook page for our group. Sign up on your communication card or contact Diana Roberts, Margie Horton or Terry Winters.

*As you pray, please remember...*

Papa Joe Smiddy, Kara Kennedy, Tony Hill, 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:** Elizabeth Davidson (Johnson City Medical), Irene Black (Norton Community Hospital Rehab)

**Our Shut Ins:** Susan 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 Lee Ann Adkins in the death of her mother, Arizona Tolliver on October 15. Please keep Lee Ann & Jeff and their family in your prayers.

### **Children's "Snack-n-Paint"!**

**Saturday, November 5  
10am - 12pm**



Tricia Cahoon will be leading a Snack-n-Paint activity for all children up through Grade 6 in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 5. It is requested that children be accompanied by a parent for this activity. We will also have a painting activity available for babies & toddlers, so all are welcome! To help with planning, we ask that you sign up by **October 23** by calling the church office, contacting Susan Mullins or indicating so on your Communication Card in your Sunday Bulletin.

### **Raising the Roof! Project**

**We will be roofing the Rock  
on October 28 - 30.**  
See John Ponish for details.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Deacon Ordination & Affirmation

Sunday, October 23

11:00 am

Join us as we affirm all of our active deacons & ordain Jeff Dotson to the Deacon Ministry.



### Baby Shower!

for

Brooklyn Kennedy  
Saturday, October 22

2 - 4pm

Fellowship Hall



### Don't miss Trunk or Treat 2016!

CHILDREN...wear your costumes, bring your treat bag & invite a friend to Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 26 at 7:15pm!

ADULTS...decorate your trunk & bring lots of treats for our trunk-or-treaters!

(There has never been a formal declaration of this as a decorating COMPETITION, but John Ponish does seem to take this very seriously each year!)



### SOUP & CORNBREAD MEAL

The Missions Team is sponsoring a soup & cornbread meal on Sunday, October 30. Plan to join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship that day. All donations for lunch will go towards Wise Baptist Church Missions projects. Please contact Donna Hutchinson (393-5004) or Sherlene Hall (328-9315) if you can help or make your favorite soup to share that day!

### *Is God Calling You?*

Oscar Raile



When I was very young, there were two things that made a real impression upon me, Sunday School teachers that brought Bible stories to life in a way I could understand them, and the little New Testament I received in Sunday School. It was what those teachers said that truly stuck with me in the years that followed, and that little Testament always reminded me of their teaching. Because of my experience, I believe Sunday School is a critical need for everyone, especially our youth.

Today there is such a need for us to share the gospel with our youth because it may be the only place they will hear this message. It has been taken out of schools, entertainment no longer promotes values and ethical behavior and, sad to say, I think more and more have never heard the good news of Jesus.

Is it any wonder that so many young people lose hope and some even take their own lives. Just think how hard it would be in this world if we didn't have the hope that only a relationship with God can bring.

There is a way we can help to give them hope. We have some ministry opportunities to make a difference in the lives of our children and the friends they bring with them to Sunday School. We have a need for Sunday School teachers for two classes: Grades K-1 & Grades 5-6.

If your heart is moved by the need for our young people to have an opportunity to learn more about the God that will give them hope and His message of salvation, I ask you to consider serving as a Sunday School teacher for one of these classes. You may or may not feel like you could be a teacher but remember, when God calls us, he equips us with all we need to answer His call. Consider this scripture:

**Hebrews 13:20-21** "Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

I believe that God is speaking to hearts about this ministry opportunity. If your heart is stirred by this message, He may be calling you. I would be happy to discuss the needs and answer any questions you may have on these ministry opportunities.



## NEW WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES!

### Max on Life

This Max Lucado study addresses questions about illness, death and eternity. Teresa Adkins will be teaching this Bible study.

### The Little Book of Biblical Justice

Everyone has their own ideas of what is just & fair. Mark Clark will explore the more important question of what the Bible teaches about justice & how we can apply that today.

### I & II Samuel

Join Pastor Mike as we learn timely lessons from the problems with political leaders in the Bible that apply to us today.

**OCTOBER 19, 6:45pm - PREVIEW of new Bible Studies**

**OCTOBER 26, 6:45pm - Brief time of Prayer before Trunk or Treat**

**NOVEMBER, 2, 6:45 PM - 6-Week Bible Studies BEGIN**



### CHRISTMAS CANTATA CHOIR

*Have you ever wanted to sing with the choir at Christmas? Here is your chance! Our 20th annual cantata will be held on December 4 at 7:00 pm. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday evening at 8:15pm. Contact Leigh if you are interested!*



### The Singing Sunbeams

Singers & bell ringers needed (grades K—5)! The Singing Sunbeams choir is practicing for their Christmas program, "God's Christmas Rainbow" every Monday afternoon from 4 - 5pm at the Rock. Friends are welcome!



### *Wednesday Night Program*

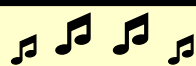
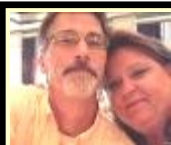
*Join us on Wed. nights for a time of fellowship and spiritual renewal!*

#### **\*October 19, 2016\***

6:00 pm	Fellowship Meal
6:45 pm	Bible Study Previews
	Children-in-Action
	Nursery
7:45 pm	Sanctuary Choir
8:15 pm	Cantata Practice







*From Leigh*

I am studying Gideon with a great group of men and women each Thursday night. I love our time together. Everyone is engaged in sharing what they have learned, their own personal experiences and encouragement for each other in places of struggle.

Gideon begins his story afraid and uncertain. The Israelites are once again facing an invasion from the Midianites. Their crops and homes will be devastated. So, Gideon is hiding in a winepress threshing wheat hoping to keep it from the enemy. An angel appears to tell him that God has chosen him and is going to use him to save His people. Gideon is in disbelief because he is not a warrior. But, God assures him that He is the right guy for the job!

The enemy has an army that is 135,000 strong. Gideon has 32,000 soldiers. God tells him that he has too many! So, Gideon's army is dwindled down to 300. God knows that the Israelites will take credit for the victory if they believe they can defeat the enemy in their own strength—their pride would overcome their recognition of God's strength.

I believe God knows this of all of us today as well. We are so quick to believe that we can handle situations and then we become prideful instead of humble. God wanted Gideon to know and He wants us to know that we need Him in every area of our lives. God gives us strengths and yes, we should use them. But, He also makes us weak so that we realize we need Him.

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness'. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

I give thanks for each of you and for this church. I am praying for you this week; pray for each other, too.

Blessings, Leigh

Please plan to join us on **Sunday, October 23 at 7:00 pm** in the sanctuary for the Night of Music. This is an opportunity to showcase all of the many wonderful musicians that we are blessed with at WBC!

**Sunday, October 30** my sisters from Georgia will be here to sing with me in worship! I hope you will be here, too!



October 19  
October 21  
October 23  
October 24  
October 26

Mike Osborne  
Carla Sheppard  
Sherry Collie  
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**Thank You!**

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Care Package for Missionary David Parsons! Our

Children-in-Action will be mailing this to him in North Carolina. Pictured: Brandon Crutchfield, Oliver Ray, Jayda Hutchinson, Julie Large, Chloe Cantrell.



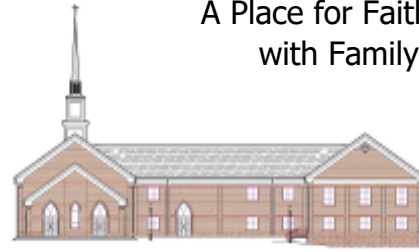
Sunday night we enjoyed a fun time of fellowship at youth! I really love our FLOCK! There are a lot of things I will miss about my job at WBC but I think I will miss the youth the most. For years, I have claimed that the youth have kept me young!

**On Friday, October 28**, we will have a **tailgating** party at the Central game. Stay tuned for more details. Parents, please let me know of your availability and willingness to help! (Set up, clean up, food, etc.)

## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	10/16-10/22	Matt Meade, Jeff Dotson
	10/23-10/29	John Kennedy, Mike Osborne
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:	10/23	John Kennedy
	10/30	John Ponish
Nursery:	10/23	Kathy Osborne, Ali Stuedemann
	10/30	Cari Braddock, Caroline Mullins
Children's Church:	10/23	Beverly Viers
	10/30	Holly Meade
PA:	10/23	Mike Strouth
	10/30	Noah Hall
Tellers:	October	Stephen Large, Oscar Raile
	November	Jeff Dotson, Leton Harding
Ushers:	10/23	Marty Adkins*, Leton Harding^, Ron Helton^, Jeff Kiser, Edgar Owens, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass
	10/30	Gil Blackburn*, Jeff Dotson^, Steve Horton^, Marty Kennedy, Jack Tolbert, Clyde Vance (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	10/19	Martha Blackburn, Linda Burgess, Kathy Helton, Susie Powers
	10/26	Brenda Lee, Susan Smith, Ann Wade, Vickie Wells
Wed. Meals:	10/19	Soup Beans, Corn Bread, Corn Dogs, Mac & Cheese
	10/26	Breakfast for Supper
Children-in-Action:	10/19	Kathy Dotson, Julie Large
	10/26	Kathy Dotson, Julie Large

A Place for Faith and Fellowship  
with Family and Friends



## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

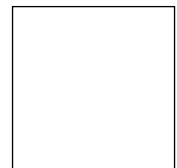
Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
	Singing Sunbeams	4-5 pm
Wednesday	Mission Team Meets (1st)	5:00 pm
	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Youth Bible Study	
	Children-in-Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth-Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2--4 pm
	Gideon Bible Study	7:00 pm

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**Thought for the week:**  
**When storms come, the**  
**church can make a**  
**difference!**