A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

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

October 7, 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 I

John Ponish

Philippians Ch. 4—Rejoice

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Fellowship Meal Wed, Oct. 8, 6 pm

Bible Study Wed, Oct. 8, 7 pm

**Choir Practice** Wed, Oct. 8, 7:30 pm

Christmas Cantata Rehearsals Sun, Oct. 12, 6:30 pm

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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 † 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

† Watch Care

Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership

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

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 let Matt Collins know.



THE BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES (BCM) FROM UVA-WISE SENT US A THANK YOU CARD FOR THE GENEROUS DONATIONS MADE BY OUR CHURCH FAMILY! THE DONATIONS WILL HELP SERVE BOTH THE LOCAL AND CAMPUS COMMUNITIES, AS WELL AS MISSION TRIPS ABROAD. THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO GROW THIS MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!!

\* IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO READ THE CARD, IT WILL BE ON THE HALLWAY BULLETIN BOARD NEAR THE COURTYARD ENTRANCE.

## 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, Wendy Adrian, 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, Donna Hutchinson, 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.

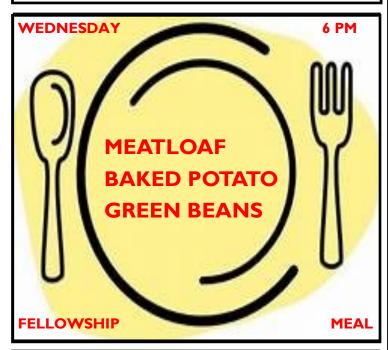
"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



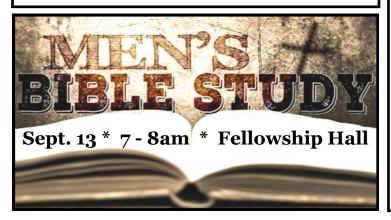
The church will be participating in the town-wide yard sale for Fall Fling on Friday, October 10, from 8:30am - 2:30pm. Please let Donna or Teresa know if you can help, and/or if you need to

drop off anything for the yard sale. PLEASE, do not leave items on the porches! Thank You!





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 7 Debbie Caudill

October 12 Adrianna Aker

October 12 Chelsea Polly

October 14 Margie Horton

Kappy Anniversary

Rick & Holly Meade

Oct. 5

Cliff & Regina Carson

Oct. 11

# This Week's scripture:

Romans 5:8

But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!

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



Yesterday I attended the Wise Baptist Association Fall meeting at First Baptist Church – Coeburn. Jim Collie also attended with me.

It is amazing to see what all is going on in/with our association churches, as well as with the BCM at UVA-Wise. The two leaders from the BCM were in attendance and reported that they had two study groups and one worship night at the college. They reported that at their Tuesday night worship night, they average about 40 people in attendance. (THAT BEATS OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT ATTEND-ANCE!) On Monday night, they hold a women's Bible study and average around 10 and on their Thursday night men's Bible study, they average about 15. Isn't that amazing? Our younger crowd is outdoing our much older members/attenders.

The youth of today are becoming more "religious", but don't necessarily attend or belong to a specific church. They are gathering and they are worshipping, but not in a church building.

We need to really look at what we are doing, how we are doing and how to transition on to further our "mission" of bringing followers to Jesus Christ. We have a great facility, but is it being used to it's full potential? What do we need to change, add or adjust to facilitate a new chapter. We can't just wait on a pastor to come and make us a thriving community of believers. We need to do that ourselves BEFORE a pastor arrives to shepherd us for a time. We can't depend on one human being to do this for us all, we must all pitch in and do our part.

What can YOU do? How will you bring others to know Jesus?

Peace, love & joy, Donna

#### **Volunteers this Week** Deacons On Call 10/5-10/11 Matt Meade, Ray Spenilla 10/12-10/18 Debbie Collins, John Ponish **Building Stewards** Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass Instrumentalists Susan Mullins, Susan Smith Sunday School Greeters October Matt Meade Children's Church October 5 Cindy & Jeff Elkins Offering Ushers October leff Dotson Team **Tellers** Martha Blackburn October Jessica Crutchfield Wed. Night Meals 10/8 Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Green Beans 10/15 Chicken Casserole, Roasted Veggies Wed. Cook Teams 10/8 Teresa & Team 10/15 Donna & Team



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:

2 Corinthians 5:21

He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.