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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,

Fellowship, companionship, and friendship are all about relationships with people. The nature and quality of those relationships directly affects the quality of our lives. There is a reason that six of the Ten Commandments deal with relationships. It indicates the importance of those very

relationships.

God, in the person of the three mysterious strangers, makes a personal visit to Abraham's tent. In John's Gospel, the main term used to express a personal relationship with God is *abide*. It is from the word "abode" or dwelling. It means that Jesus moves in with us. He does not want to come and just be a visitor. He wants to come to stay, to live with us, to "abide".

Christian fellowship means sharing that personal relationship we enjoy with God with others. It is imperative for our spiritual health. It is impossible to get all of our Christian fellowship needs in worship alone. We need to be connected to other fellowship groups. There are many different options. You could address that need through a Sunday School class, choir, Deacons, a committee, Wednesday night Bible studies, youth, children's activities, mission projects or trips.

A theme at Wise Baptist for 2016 is to "Cultivate Fellowship". What specific ways could you deepen your fellowship through Wise Baptist Church?

I am honored and pleased to be your pastor.

Love, Pastor Mike



Welcome to Vickie Wells! Vickie joined Wise Baptist by transfer of letter on Sunday. Please take time to introduce yourself to Vickie & get to know her. Below is Vickie's contact information so you can update your directory:

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IMPORTANT DATES

"Armor of God"
April 21

Ballroom Dancing
April 24

Wed. PM Bible Study
Preview
April 27

WMU Annual Spring
Meeting
May 1

Mission Trip Yard Sale
May 4, 5, 6

Graduate Recognition
May 8

Kindred Spirits
May 17

Gasoline Buy-Down
May 21

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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	393-9177
Daniel Ray	328-2483
Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Ron Helton	393-6145

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DON'T MISS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

BIBLE
STUDY



Each Wednesday begins with a fellowship meal at 6:00pm, followed by Small Group Bible studies for adults, Youth Bible Study and a Children's Mission Program at 6:45. The choir rehearses at 7:50.

It is a great time of FELLOWSHIP!

New Adult Bible studies begin May 4 with the preview on April 27. The new studies are:

*"Overloaded"—by Joyce Meyer—Unplug, unwind, and unleash from pressure of stress. Taught by Teresa Adkins.

*"Understanding Islam: Engaging and Loving Our Neighbors" - 23% of world population is Islamic. How will we relate in a Christian way? Taught by Pastor Mike.

Kindred Spirits

Join us for a fun evening of fellowship, snacks & crafts on Tuesday, May 17 at 6pm. We will meet at the church to build birdhouses this month!

Please sign up on the Communication Card in your bulletin or contact Wendy Adrian. Each participant will need to bring a snack to share and \$5 to cover the cost of materials.



Wise Baptist Association

Women's Missionary Union
Annual Spring Meeting

May 1, 2016. 3:00 pm

Nash's Chapel, Wise
National WMU Focus: PTSD

Speakers: Cassi Stacy, Brian Steffey

Men & women are welcome!



Mark your calendars for May 15!

The Mission Committee will be serving lunch that day following Morning Worship. All donations for the meal will go towards this summer's Mission Trip to Gainesville, Florida.

As you pray, please remember...

Irene Black, Papa Joe Smiddy, Jean Aker, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Kim Boggs, Pat Boggs, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, Lois Stallard, Watson, Meade, Hubert Breeding, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Jerry Reynolds, Ron Swindall, Bea Hill, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.



Hospitalized: Archie Kennedy, Mountain View

Our Shut Ins: Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), 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 deepest love and sympathy to the Davidson family (Elizabeth, Susan, and Ann Wade) in the loss of Todd Greenwood, last Tuesday. Todd was married to Penny. He was also a friend to many in our community.



CORRECTION

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THANK YOU!

Many thanks so Sherlene Hall & all of those who helped prepare food & serve lunch to our community volunteers & service personnel last Tuesday! We had a wonderful turnout. (See photos on page 4.)





From Leigh



Meet two of my newest friends: Bishop James Dixon and Fredrick Boyle, Deacon in Training. Donna and I met them last week at the Greater Faith Baptist Fellowship in Gainesville, FL—the destination of our summer mission trip.

This church is around 5 years old—it is a new church plant. They have met in all kinds of places—public housing, parks, hotel rooms. They recently were able to purchase a building in an established neighborhood for their church. The building is in need of lots of renovation (which is where WBC comes in!). They have done many cosmetic things but some of the need is beyond their ability. So, our task the week of July 4 is great!

Another task for the week is hosting community block parties (hotdogs, face painting, inflatables, games, etc.) to generate excitement and to help with outreach. We will also spend time prayer walking through the community.

We will be asking for all of you to come alongside of us to help meet these needs. It is not physically or practically possible for every person at WBC to go on the mission trip. However, it is possible and necessary for everyone to be a part of this important mission and ministry.

First, please make praying for our team—the trip, our safety, our connections, our fellowship—a daily occurrence. Second, pray about how you can be financially involved—a personal contribution, a corporate contribution, or maybe lead a project (Kathy Helton and friends held a craft sale one year) and donate all of the proceeds to the mission trip. Be creative and be generous.

I am praying for you this week; pray for each other, too.

Blessings, Leigh

The Singing Sunbeams will lead us in worship on Sunday, May 1. Thank you Debbie Collins and Donna Hutchinson for your wonderful leadership with our children's choir program.



April 20

April 22

Eddie Culberson

Noah Hall



April 24

Don & Cyndi Newlon

GRADUATES



It does not seem possible that it is time to recognize our graduates! If you have a high school graduate, please provide 12-15 through the years pictures to Leigh by April 24. If you are a college graduate, please provide a current photo. **Everyone** please give Leigh a list of your accomplishments, honors, etc. and your future plans.

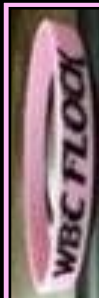
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Mission Trip Yard Sale is scheduled for May 4, 5 & 6 at the Rock. Clean out your garage and storage building, your attic and your closet! Sherlene Hall needs your stuff! Remember: your “trash” is someone else's “treasure”!



Austin Bordlee is a junior at J.I. Burton High School. They had their prom last weekend. Central prom is April 30.

Prom Attire **Sunday is May 1st**. All of our prom-goers are encouraged to wear their prom attire to worship that day.



Thank you, Gervais and Hopkins families for the wonderful meal on Sunday night! This Sunday the Elkins family will provide our meal.

Our Bible study time was about the disciple, Andrew. He was the first apostle chosen and also the brother of Simon Peter. Being a disciple of Christ means being passionate for God, for His people, and for serving (taking action) in His name. Andrew was passionate! He wanted to share the Messiah with his family and with others. He was concerned for their salvation. He was willing to take action in order to serve others.

Here is a quick passion check: When was the last time you invited someone to church? The last time you shared with someone your relationship with Christ? How excited are you about being in church, SS, Bible study, youth? Is your personal time with Christ your priority?

I look forward to seeing everyone this week for Bible study on Wednesday and Sunday!

Volunteer / Service Appreciation Day

April 12, 2016

Thank you notes from the Sherriff's Department, the Town of Wise and the Virginia State Police have been received and they are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.



Wise Baptist Church...

"A Place for Faith and Fellowship with
Family and Friends"

Sunday, April 17, 2016



Dave Belcher welcomes the
congregation.



Sherlene Hall shares about the
Volunteer / Service Appreciation
Meal on April 12.



Leigh Clark and Truth lead the
Call to Worship.



Izzy and Chloe participate in
Children's Church.



Mason and Holden are very busy in the
Nursery during Worship!



John Mark Adrian and Ava are quite
focused in the Nursery during
Worship!



Jayda and Izzy in Children's Church.

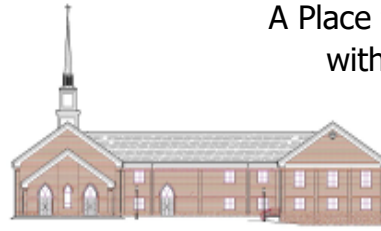


Isabella
loves
Sunday
School!

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	4/17-4/23	John Kennedy, Dan Helton
	4/24-4/30	Gil Blackburn, Daniel Ray
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:	04/24	John Ponish
	05/01	David & Sandy Mullins
Nursery:	04/24	Regina Carson, Landon Ellkins
	05/01	Cyndi Newlon, Chelsea Polly
Children's Church:	04/24	Daniel & Tabitha Ray
PA:	04/24	Mike Strouth
	05/01	Marty Adkins
Tellers:	April	Teresa Adkins, Jeff Dotson
	May	Edgar Owens, Mike Strouth
Ushers:	04/24	Mike Strouth*, Matt Meade^, Scott Snodgrass^, Bob Adkins, Lewey Lee, Gary Smith, Ron Swindall, Harold Witt
	05/01	Kenneth Bowling*, Dave Belcher^, Roger Williams^, Donnie Bradley, Bryon Burton, Jeff Elkins, Daniel Ray, David Sheppard (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	04/20	Martha Blackburn, Kathy Helton, Susie Powers
	04/27	Brenda Lee, Susan Smith, Ann Wade
Wed. Meal:	04/20	Chicken Tenders, Potato Wedges, Broccoli, Salad
	04/27	Breakfast for Supper
Wed. Nursery	04/20	Terry Winters
	04/27	Kathy Dotson
Children in Action	04/20	Cyndi Newlon
	04/27	Cyndi Newlon

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Ball Room Dancing	4:30-7 pm
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers & Caring Friends (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Singing Sunbeams	3:45 pm
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Children in Action	6:45 pm
	Sanctuary Choir	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission(2nd)	2--4 pm
	Armor of God	7:00 pm

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Thought for the week:
**Practice extravagant
hospitality.**