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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 2, 2016



Dear church family and friends,

On Sunday, **August 14**, those in our worship service will nominate new deacons to serve. This is an important time that requires reflection and prayer. Why are deacons important in the life of the church? The best source to answer that question is the Bible. Read Acts 6:1-6 and I Timothy 3:8-13.

In the book of Acts, the apostles' focus was on preaching, teaching, and prayer. However, there were ministry needs they did not have time to meet. Deacons were chosen by the people to help meet those needs and assist the apostles through serving.

I Timothy was written to Timothy, who was the pastor of the church at Ephesus. Paul had established the church at Ephesus about fifteen years previously. Paul wrote the letter to Ephesus about ten years after the church began. I Timothy was written a couple of years after the letter to Ephesus.

Here is a new church...about fifteen years old. Timothy is discouraged and overwhelmed with the ministry needs of the church in Ephesus. I Timothy is written to encourage and help him. Help is on the way in the form of deacon ministry. Deacons assisted the pastor (Timothy, in this case) to carry out the ministry of the church.

The word deacon means "servant". Acts and I Timothy both refer to deacons serving in order to assist and add to the ministry of the pastor to and through the church. Deacon ministry enabled the church to be more effective.

Pray and consider who God would have to serve as our new deacons. To insure that votes are not made for those who are already active deacons, our current deacons are: Jerry Baird, Gil Blackburn, Dan Helton, Ron Helton, John Kennedy, Lewey Lee, Matt Meade, Ed Owens, and Daniel Ray.

Love, Pastor Mike

How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

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

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| † 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

Deacons' Meeting
Sunday, August 7

Baptism & Holy Communion
August 7

Youth/Parent Night
August 7

Deacon Election
August 14

Annual Business Meeting
August 24

Church-Wide Ice Cream Fellowship
August 28

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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

Wednesday Night Programs

AUGUST 3
IS THE NIGHT!

Join us as we begin our Wednesday night Fellowship Meals at 6pm, followed by activities for all ages:

- 6:00 pm Fellowship Meal
- 6:45 pm Adult Bible Study in sanctuary
- Youth Bible Study in Youth Building
- Children-in-Action upstairs
- Nursery
- 7:45 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

***Small Group Bible Studies will begin in September*

As you pray, please remember...

Kathy Helton and family, Kara Kennedy and family, Lance Collie, Bruce Rose, Wanda Baird, Tony Hill, Irene Black, Papa Joe Smiddy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Bea Hill, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.



Our Shut Ins: 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,

*With Heartfelt
Sympathy*

We extend our deepest sympathy to Kathy Helton and her family in the death of her brother Tim, on August 1. Please keep Kathy and her family in your prayers.



Join us this Sunday, August 7, as we celebrate the baptism of Rachel Bailey, Taylor Gardner, & Rachel Lyall during the 11:00 worship service. We will also celebrate Holy Communion.



Pastor Mike will be teaching Bible Study at 6:45 pm on

Wed., August 3... "Faith & Politics"

Wed., August 10... "Child-Like Faith in a Cynical World"

Come and join us!



Telling My Story...

Elizabeth Henry

Guest speaker, Elizabeth Henry, a shoebox recipient from Ukraine, will share her powerful story of how a simple shoebox gift impacted her life.

Saturday, August 6, 2016

11am—2pm

**Union High School
Big Stone Gap, VA**

Contact Sharra Kegan for more information: 276-546-2347



Ice Cream Social

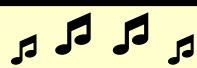
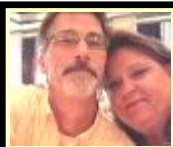
The Children's Ministry Team is sponsoring a

Church-Wide

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 28, 4 pm

Bring your favorite homemade ice cream and/or homemade cookies—our CHILDREN will be the judges & prizes WILL be awarded! Please contact Wendy Adrian, call the church office or sign up on your Communication Card in Sunday's bulletin.



From Leigh

The Sanctuary choir sang beautifully yesterday morning in worship. The anthem, *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*, is always appropriate. But, yesterday it seemed perfectly timed, as well. It is human nature to wonder if God hears our cries; if He is really listening.

Throughout the Bible we read of those who are hurting; those who are desperate; those who are lonely; those who are seeking; and of others in many dire circumstances. But, if we continue reading, we see God's presence, His power, His healing, His comfort, His leading, His answers, and most of all, His faithfulness. God has never failed us. I believe that He not only hears our cries, but that He cries with us and for us.

So, for those times when you need reassurance that all is not lost—that there is surely hope, open God's Holy Word. Read the Psalms to hear David's cries and to see God as Redeemer and Friend. Read the words of encouragement in Hebrews and the reminders of God's tender care and faithfulness in the Gospel of Matthew.

You can also look back through your calendar and your prayer journal and see God's majesty and handiwork in your own life! God is not only present, my friends, He is at work! Trust Him and know Him.

I am looking forward to resuming our Wednesday night fellowship meal, Bible studies and choir rehearsal this week! Make Wednesday nights a time to "refuel" your mind and spirit.

Please be in prayer for our three young ladies who will be baptized on Sunday morning: Rachel Bailey, Taylor Gardner, and Rachel Lyall. *To God be ALL Glory!*

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



Sunday, August 7, we will have our annual Youth/Parent night in the youth building. Our youth ministry involves all youth from grade 7- grade 12. We will begin with dinner at 5:30. Following dinner and fellowship, we will have a time of brainstorming and planning regarding activities, service projects, and our weekly program.

Your input and participation are so very important. So, please plan to come! Bring your calendar and your ideas!

Months ago, the FLOCK decided to sponsor a child from Belize. We have received our little girl! I will have more info and a picture available at the meeting on Sunday.

LIGHT will present "We Believe" on Sunday, August 14.



August 3	Becky Curtis
August 5	Morgan Meade
August 7	Abbie Crutchfield
August 8	Clifford Bailey
August 9	Benjamin Mullins
August 10	Lewey Lee
	Maeie Conway



August 5	Chuck & Lulia Maine
August 9	Alex & Deborah Knox

Giving to the Ministry of Wise Baptist Church

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

II Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

All that you experience at Wise Baptist Church is made possible through the faithful & generous giving of our church family – including members, regular attenders, & guests. There are many opportunities for you to give – through service, through prayer, & through monetary contributions. The offerings given during Sunday worship are the most common opportunity to give. There is an option that you may not have previously considered - making a payment automatically through your bank's bill pay option. Automatic Bill Pay is a popular, convenient, & consistent way for those who wish to utilize the service. This payment method allows you to set up an automatic draft withdrawal from your checking account that will come directly to the church in the form of a check.

To Set Up Automatic Bank Bill Pay—please contact your banking institution directly. Your bank will require some or all of the following information: Name: Wise Baptist Church, P.O. Box 777, Wise, VA 24293, (276)328-6247. You can set up a one-time payment in an amount of your choosing or set up recurring payments. You choose how often and when during the month the payments are made. Payments can be changed or stopped at any time.

We still have some
#KARASTRONG
bracelets available.

They are \$3 each.

See Leigh if you are interested. All proceeds go directly to the Kara Kennedy Fund.

Thank you!



Brown Bag Ministry 2016...thank you to Kathy Dotson & everyone who makes this ministry possible!



Ron & Nathan Swindall performing at The Legends concert, Saturday, July 30



Mission Trip Testimony
by Daniel Ray



The "Flock" gathers for special prayer for Mark Collins as he begins his training at the Police Academy.





August 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Piecemakers 9:30am B. Matt Meade B. Angie Gilliam Brady B. Greg Hutchinson A. Eddie & Ann Culbertson	2	3 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Sanctuary Choir 7:50 pm B. Becky Curtis	4	5 B. Morgan Meade A. Chuck & Lulia Maine	6
7 Deacons-8:30 am Baptism, Communion-11am Parent/Youth Mtg 5:30 pm B. Abbie Crutchfield	8 B. Clifford Bailey	9 B. Benjamin Mullins A. Alex & Deborah Knox	10 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Sanctuary Choir 7:50 pm B. Macie Conway B. Lewey Lee	11	12 B. Tim Cox B. Stephen Large	13 A. Lewey & Brenda Lee
14 A. Ron & Kathy Helton	15 Piecemakers 9:30am	16 B. Ann Culbertson A. John & Toni Thacker	17 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Sanctuary Choir 7:50 pm B. John Ponish	18 B. Kim Hall	19 B. Rose Kennedy	20 B. Teresa Adkins B. Cindy Elkins
21 B. Suzanne Baird B. Sutton Polly B. Betty Roberts A. Scott & Beth Snodgrass	22 B. Alex Hall	23 B. Gina Chisenhall B. Jeff Sturgill	24 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Sanctuary Choir 7:50 pm B. Jerry Baird	25 B. Linda Bailey B. Brenda Lee	26 B. Julie Large	27
28 ICE CREAM SOCIAL 4 pm B. Megan Cline	29	30	31 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Sanctuary Choir 7:50pm		B = Birthday A = Anniversary	If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	7/31-8/06	Daniel Ray, Edgar Owens
	8/07-8/13	Ron Helton, Jerry Baird
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:	8/07	John Ponish
	08/14	Billie Harris
Nursery:	08/07	Jessica Crutchfield, Mary Steudeman
	08/14	Cari Braddock, Caroline Mullins
Children's Church:	08/07	Carolyn Strouth
	08/14	Kathy Dotson, Elora Hutchinson
PA:	08/07	Oscar Raile
	08/14	Mike Strouth
Tellers:	August	Jeff Dotson, Mike Strouth
	September	June Dotson, David Mullins
Ushers:	08/07	Marty Adkins*, Jeff Cantrell^, Matt Meade^, Dan Helton, Ron Helton, Jeff Kiser, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass
	08/14	Jack Tolbert*, Gil Blackburn^, Marty Kennedy^, Jeff Dotson, Steve Horton, Daniel Ray, Jim Sturgill, Clyde Vance (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	08/03	Teresa Adkins, Jean Aker, Bonnie Owens
	08/10	Sherry Collie, Brenda Kunigelis, Sandy Mullins, Beverly Viers
Wed. Meals:	08/03	Potluck
	08/10	BBQ, Baked Beans, Chips, Slaw
Wed. Nursery:	08/03	Children-in-Action
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Wise Baptist Church General Fund Giving Summary 9/6/15 - 7/31/16

General Fund Receipts To Date	\$ 268,355
<u>General Fund Needed To Date</u>	<u>\$ 280,645</u>
Variance	(\$ 12,290)
Average Weekly Variance	(\$ 256)
Weekly General Fund Budget	\$ 5,847

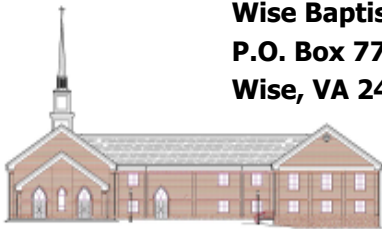
WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	5:30 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd) Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	9:30 am
Wednesday	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

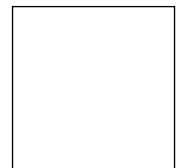
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A Place for Faith and Fellowship
 with Family and Friends



Like us at: Wise Baptist Church and at
 Wise Baptist Youth

Thought for the week:
Have childlike faith.
Matthew 20:14-15