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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 22, 2017

*A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.*



Dear church family and friends,

The "Great American Eclipse" captured the attention of America. Here are some fun facts: This was a total solar eclipse, where the moon totally blocked the sun for the viewer. It went across the land of America. Hopkinsville, KY was one of the best places to view it. In Hopkinsville, the eclipsing process lasted nearly three hours, Monday afternoon.

Once upon a time, there was an eclipse. It pointed to an event deserving the attention of the world. The Bible says in Luke 23:44-46, "It was now the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun had stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

It was a total solar eclipse. It was experienced across the land. Its' meaning could be viewed any place and at any time. It lasted about three hours. It happened in the afternoon (the sixth hour is noon and the ninth hour is 3pm).

Even nature was affected by the most important event in all of human history, Jesus' death on the cross. The darkness represented the spiritual darkness across the face of our land and this earth. We can no more erase the darkness than we can make the sun shine.

The final solution to the human problem of sin and selfishness is spiritual. Just as the sun shines again, the Son of God, the Light of the world, shines brightly. As the Bible says, the darkness cannot put it out.

Love, Pastor Mike

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Annual Church Business Meeting**  
August 23, 7pm

**Church-Wide Ice Cream Social**  
August 27, 4pm

**Sunday Night Youth Bible Study Begins**  
August 27, 6pm

**New Sunday School Year/Classes Begin**  
September 3, 10am

**BCM Meal**  
September 4

**SON Golf Tournament**  
September 16, 8am

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## DEACONS 2016-17

Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Ron Helton	393-6145
John Kennedy	328-5013
Matt Meade	393-9177
Mike Osborne	365-0968
Edgar Owens	328-6129
Daniel Ray	328-2483
Deacons Emeritus:	
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill, Harold Witt	

### 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### SUNDAY SCHOOL:

September 3

10:00 - 10:50 am

*Join us on September 3 for Bible Study at 10am as we begin a new church year & a new Sunday School year! There are classes for ALL ages (birth - 102!)• Start your week with Bible study & fellowship with friends & family who love you!*

*As you pray, please remember...*



Ruby Salyers, Ella Breeding, Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, Wesley Kennedy, Ron Swindall, Robert & Jennifer England & family, Shirley Willis (The Laurels), 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

**Our Shut Ins:** Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, Elizabeth Davidson (Heritage Hall—Wise), Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Betty Easterling (The Laurels), Florine Pennington (The Laurels), Jeanne Stallard

*\*If you know of other prayer concerns, please contact the church office (328-6247).*

### Church-Wide Ice Cream Social! Sun., August 27, 4pm



The children will once again be judging the homemade ice cream & cookies and prizes will be awarded! You can sign up to bring homemade ice cream or homemade cookies by contacting Diana Roberts.

*\*Sponsored by the Children's Ministry Team*



### Wise Baptist... the Wednesday night place to be!

Join us on Wednesday nights at 6pm for our Fellowship Meal, followed by small group Bible studies at 6:45pm:

#### ⇒ Joshua & Judges

As we step into the world of Joshua & the Judges, we will be sobered by the consequences of sin and encouraged by these stories of faith that speak directly to our world today.

#### ⇒ War Room

Prayer is a powerful weapon! Five inspiring movie clips & five challenging scriptural lessons adapted from the film, "War Room" will be featured.

#### ⇒ Shaken: Discovering Your True Identity in the Midst of Life's Storms

Tim Tebow delivers a scripture-packed message about what it means to fix your hope & your identity in a God Who does not change.

**\*Children-in-Action** will also be meeting at 6:45pm upstairs & a Nursery will be provided during this time as well. **\*Choir Rehearsal** will begin at 7:50pm.



### Disaster Relief Ministry Opportunity

Bryon Burton is organizing a disaster relief trip to West Virginia the weekend of October 6-8. If you are interested in participating, please call or text Bryon Burton at 276-594-0025.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### SON GOLF LEAGUE

**Next tournament: Sept. 16**  
**Tri-Cities Golf Course, 8am**

*Calling all golfers!* Contact Stephen Large at 393-0433 if you would like to participate!



The proposed budget for our next church year (Sep 1, 2017 - Aug 30, 2018) is available in the church foyer. You are welcome to pick up a copy at any time. The budget will be discussed and acted upon at upcoming August 23 business meeting.

### Jump Rope Project!



The Children's Ministry Team will be coordinating a project that involves using t-shirts to make jump ropes. These jump ropes, will then be put into our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes this year! Please begin now to go through your drawers & bring your gently used t-shirts to Tabitha Ray, who is coordinating this project. Tabitha will set up a day or evening in September for gathering to make the jump ropes. Stay tuned for more details.



We would love to deliver a meal to our shut-ins or those unable to attend our Wednesday night services because of illness or other complications.

*Please call by 12pm on Wed:*

Church office (328-6247) or  
Edgar Owens (328-6129, 275-9607)

### Annual Church Business Meeting

Join us on Wednesday, August 23 at 7pm in the sanctuary as we celebrate what God has been doing through Wise Baptist Church this past year & look forward to this coming year.

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA CHOIR

*Have you ever wanted to sing with the choir at Christmas? Here is your chance!*

*Our 21st annual cantata, "Sing Joy to All the World!" will be held on Sunday, December 10 at 7pm.*

*Rehearsals are being held each Wednesday evening at 7:50pm.*

*Contact Ben Harding if you are interested, or just come on out & join in the rehearsal!*



### COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES



Please help us update our addresses for our college students as they head back to school over the next few weeks, by calling the church office or texting Terry (276-870-2712).

### Women's Ministry Opportunities!



SEPTEMBER 16 - Thomas Village Baptist Church (Duffield, VA) 2017 Women's Conference: "Mustard Seed Moments"; Amy Edwards, speaker; contact Brenda Kunigelis for more information.

SEPTEMBER 30 - East Stone Gap UMC 2017 Ladies' Retreat: "Fresh, Clean and Confident"; Beth Green, speaker; contact Karen Ponish for more information.

## MUSIC \* YOUTH \* CHILDREN NEWS



Greeting, everyone!!

It has been 3 months since I started at WBC, but it only feels like yesterday!! Time has flown by and I can't wait to see what else is in store.

I'd like to make a call out to all of you who have participated in "Truth" in the past. I want to start incorporating you into our worship services at regular intervals. If you would reach out to me with ways you have been or would like to be included, I would greatly appreciate it. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

See you in church!!

Ben



We will begin serving lunch at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry

Building on the campus of UVA-Wise on Monday, Sept. 4. Please contact Teresa Adkins if you are able to help serve &/or provide food.

### Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry



Thank you to all of our parents & youth who participated in the Fall Planning Meeting this past Sunday evening! Youth Bible Study will begin again on Sun., Aug. 27, 6pm at the Youth Building.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Sept. 23 at 1:30pm...the youth will be tailgating at the UVA-Wise football game.



August 22

August 23

August 24

August 25

August 26

August 28

September 3

September 4

Alex Hall

Jeff Sturgill

Jerry Baird

Linda Bailey

Brenda Lee

Julie Large

Megan Cline

Renee Robinson

Johnny Robinson



### WBC Children's Ministry

### Ice Cream Judges Needed!



Calling all children! Ages birth to Grade 6 are needed to judge the homemade ice cream & cookies at our Church-Wide Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 27 at 4pm in the fellowship hall. There will also be games & activities! Please contact Diana Roberts at 275-7817!



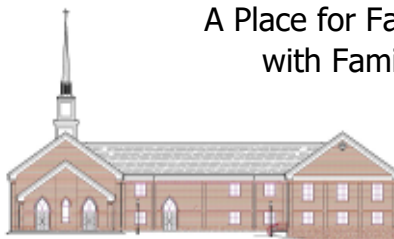
Thank you to Donna & Butch Hutchinson for hosting the Children's Ministry Team & their families for a cookout & meeting on Sunday, Aug. 13!



## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	8/20-8/26	Ron Helton, Jerry Baird
	8/27-9/02	Matt Meade, Jeff Dotson
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:	8/27	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
	9/03	John Kennedy
Nursery:	8/27	Abbie Crutchfield, Jessica Crutchfield
	9/03	Stephen & Julie Large
Children's Church:	8/27	Joe & Susie Powers
	9/03	Kathy Dotson, Elora Hutchinson
PA:	8/27	Oscar Raile
	9/03	Mike Strouth
Tellers:	August	Leton Harding, Oscar Raile
	September	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Ushers:	8/27	Daniel Ray*, Jim Sturgill^, Johnny Robinson, Bob Adkins, Kenny Bowling, Matt Meade
	9/03	Youth (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	8/23	Brenda Lee, Susan Smith Ann Wade
	8/30	Linda Bailey, Karen Ponish, Ruby Salyers
Wed. Meals	8/23	Hamburger & French Fries
	8/30	Soup Beans, Corn Bread, Hot Dots, Mac & Cheese
Children-in-Action:	8/23	Children in Action will not meet ; Annual Church Business Meeting
	8/30	Susan Mullins, Tabitha Ray

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## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

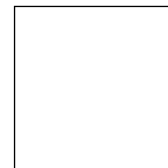
Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth (Grades 7-12) begins Aug. 27	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (in recess during summer)	
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Studies	6:45 pm
	Children in Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth - Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2-4 pm

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**Thought for the Week:**  
**God eclipses hate**  
**with love!**