

WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family & Friends,

If America would turn back to God, that would fix almost all of our nation's problems? Have you heard that? Do you agree?

II Chronicles 7:14 says, "if My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Let's take a closer look at that famous passage. Who is the focus? God's people. Followers of Jesus. (Not people who don't follow Jesus.)

What are we (followers of Jesus) to do? Humble ourselves. Pray. Seek God's face. Turn from our wicked ways. Then God will hear our prayers. Forgive our sin.

And then? He will heal our land.

Do we want our land healed? The ball is in our court.

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

POTLUCK Meal
Wed, August 7
6:00pm

Wednesday Night Bible Study
August 7
7:00pm

"The Chosen" Season 4, Episodes 3 & 4
Sun, Aug. 11, 6pm

Camp Bethel Project
Sat, Aug. 17
8am - 4pm

Annual Church Business Meeting
Wed, Aug. 28
7pm

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DEACONS 2023 - 2024

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Jeff Cantrell	275-9427
Debbie Collins	393-3875
Jeff Elkins	393-5700
Stan Kunigelis	870-2227
Lewey Lee	393-5370
David Mullins	870-0005
John Ponish	870-1593

Deacon Emeritus:
Bob Adkins

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

Deep Dive Into Scripture

April 1, 2024 - Mar. 31, 2025

Last year, we read the Bible through. This year, we will dive deep, by looking closely at smaller portions of scripture beginning with Genesis and going through Revelation.

Hope you can be a part of this journey! Please sign up on the Communication Card in your Sun. bulletin or let Pastor Mike know.

With Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to John & Amy Bridges in the death of John's mother, Margo Bridges, this past Sunday. Please keep John & Amy & family in your prayers.

From Terry...SO, in case you don't know, Pastor Mike has a serious addiction to Good & Plenty LICORICE (yuck) candy! And Billy Glines has become his regular supplier!! This past Sunday evening, Billy walked in with a THREE POUND bag of the stuff! Thanks a lot, Billy!



As you pray, please remember...

John & Amy Bridges & Family, Martha Blackburn, Family of Nancy Baugh, Shirley Willis, Billy & Teresa Glines & Family, Baby Fleenor, Cyrus Jones, Vicki Stephens, Donna Hutchinson & Family, Jane Hughes & Family, Matt Meade, Emmett Kidd (Karen Ponish's dad), Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Brian Plester (brother of Brenda Kunigelis), Jim Sturgill, Wanda Baird, Jim Dotson, John & Kathy Kennedy, Rev. Michael Weller, Brenda Lee, Mike Smith's sister Lynn, Beth Snodgrass, Adele Plester (Brenda Kunigelis' sister-in-law), Lorna Wherry & family, (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Natalie Luther, Russell, Miles & Mason Wampler, Ray Jones, 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) - Appalachia, VA

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
WISE BAPTIST!
OCTOBER 27**

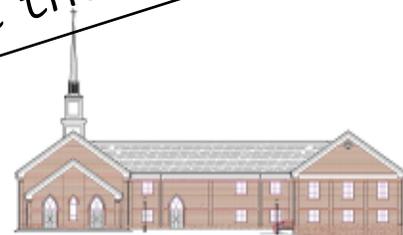


Not only is the Town of Wise celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year...

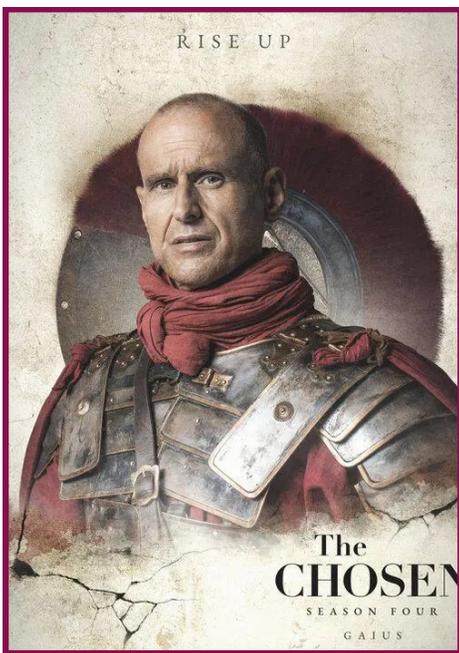
**WISE BAPTIST is celebrating its
125th Anniversary!!**

Activities will culminate with a special worship service on **OCTOBER 27**. More details to follow!

***Save the date!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us!

**Each Sun.
Night in
August,**

we will be
showing

Season 4 of
"The Chosen" in
the Fellowship
Hall at
6pm...bring a
friend & a snack!

**August 11:
Episodes 3 & 4**



CAMP BETHEL PROJECT AUGUST 17

You are invited to participate in a workday at Camp Bethel on Sat, August 17! We will begin working on remodeling one of the cabins there. There will be big jobs & little jobs, so all skill levels are welcome!

Join us for great fellowship anytime that day :
8am - 4pm

GRIEF SHARE®

Are you going through a tough time, grieving the loss of a loved one? Do you feel like nobody understands your grief? And there is nowhere to turn for help?

If so, I would like to invite you to join us for GriefShare.

GriefShare is a Biblically-based and clinically proven support group for those grieving the death of a loved one. I have seen much healing through this group. The first meeting for our Winter series will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2024. We will meet every Thursday from 6pm-8pm. A light dinner will be served. The meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall of Mountain View FreeWill Baptist Church, 5300 Pole Bridge Road in Wise and will run for 13 weeks until Nov. 14. An additional session about Surviving the Holidays will be held on November 21.

*You can register online at GriefShare.org. Or you can contact me, Gail Bryant, for more information: 276-285-6002
gbryant76@yahoo.com*



Scripture for the Week:

2 Chronicles 7:14

"If My own people will humbly pray and turn back to me and stop sinning, then I will answer them from heaven. I will forgive them and make their land fertile once again."

BUSINESS Meeting

WED, AUGUST 28, 7:00pm

Wednesday Night

Bible Study

...always a mid-week pick-me-up!

Join us Wednesday evenings for an informal Bible Study with Pastor Mike at 7pm.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

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Happy Birthday!

August 7	Abbie Crutchfield
August 9	Lotta Stewart
August 10	Ben Duncan Maci Conway Lewey Lee
August 12	Tim Cox
August 13	Nathan Hersel
August 15	Cub Mullins
August 16	Ann Culbertson
August 17	John Ponish



WBC
Music Ministry



I have had the verses Romans 13:8-10 running through my mind so much the past month or so, really ever since Butch's funeral. (This was the scripture that was read by Jim Collie and Butch had it marked and highlighted in his Bible.)

⁸Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet,"^[a] and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."^[b] ¹⁰Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.

It is so easy to SAY that you love everyone, but do we really? How can I love someone who doesn't look like me, sound like me, believe like me, act like me? How do I love someone who has murder on their minds, who distributes drugs that can kill others, who has genocide on their mind, practices Satanic rituals?

There is nowhere in the Bible that says I have to like all of these people, nor do I have to hang out with them on a regular basis, but loving them does mean that I have to treat them as I would treat my friends. I can't exclude them because of what they believe or how they look. I can't berate them because of how they are different from me, and I'm the only one right and they are totally wrong. I can't scream and yell at them because their beliefs differ from mine. I shouldn't get on social media and call them out for these beliefs or practices.

I need to treat everyone with love. Pure unadulterated love. That will win more people to Jesus than any Bible-thumping and calling them out will ever do. Yes, I can share with them my belief in Jesus and witness to them without any name-calling or telling them they are going to hell.....unless they ask.

Kindness is the greatest show of love that you can offer someone.

BE KIND!

Joy, peace & love, Donna

Happy Anniversary!

August 8	Matt & Stephanie Collins
August 11	Johnny & Renee Robinson
August 13	Lewey & Brenda Lee
August 14	Ron & Kathy Helton



Stewardship,
A Divine
Responsibility

God is the Owner. We are the managers. We must oversee His assets for His benefit. Our prayer is for discernment of what God wants done with His assets and then carry out His will. May we all at Wise Baptist Church give abundantly, sacrificially, and joyfully.

For those who cannot physically attend Sunday morning worship services in the sanctuary, your tithes and offerings may still be mailed to Wise Baptist Church, PO Box 777, Wise VA 24293, or brought by the Church anytime during open hours.

"For everything comes from You, and we have given
You only what comes from Your own hand."

1 Chronicles 29:14

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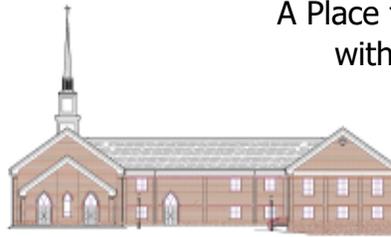
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>B = Birthday A = Anniversary</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is <i>not included</i>, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</p>			<p>1</p> <p>B - Angie Brady B - Greg Hutchinson B - Matt Meade</p>	<p>2</p> <p>A - Jamie & Stacy Hopkins</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Caroline Wilson</p>
<p>4</p> <p>8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - Communion - Deacon Suggestions 6pm - "The Chosen" Season 4, Ep. 1-2</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Maci Cantrell B - Morgan Meade A - Chuck & Lulu</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Norton City Schools Start</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6pm - POTLUCK Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Abbie Crutchfield</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Wise County Schools Start</p> <p>A - Matt & Stephanie Collins</p>	<p>9</p> <p>B - Lotta Stewart</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Ben Duncan B - Macie Conway B - Lewey Lee</p>
<p>11</p> <p>10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 6pm - "The Chosen" Season 4, Episodes 3 - 4</p> <p>A - Johnny & Renee Robinson</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Tim Cox</p>	<p>13</p> <p>B - Nathan Hersel A - Lewey & Brenda Lee</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>A - Ron & Kathy Helton</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Laurels Ministry 1:30pm</p> <p>B - Cub Mullins</p>	<p>16</p> <p>B - Ann Culbertson A - John & Toni Thacker</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - John Ponish</p>
<p>18</p> <p>10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 6pm - "The Chosen" Season 4, Episodes 5 - 6</p> <p>B - Kim Hodges</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Rose Kennedy</p>	<p>20</p> <p>B - Teresa Adkins B - Cindy Elkins B - Holden Osborne</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Suzanne Baird B - Cindy Farmer B - Sutton Polly A - Scott & Beth Snodgrass</p>	<p>22</p> <p>B - Alex Hall</p>	<p>23</p> <p>B - Jeff Sturgill</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Community Giveaway</p> <p>B - Jerry Baird</p>
<p>25</p> <p>10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 6pm - "The Chosen" Season 4, Episodes 7 - 8</p> <p>B - Linda Bailey B - Brenda Lee</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Caring Friends, 9:30am</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MTG. 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Megan Moody B - Lisa Blankenbecler</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p>

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	8/4 - 8/10	John Mark Adrian, Jeff Cantrell
	8/11 - 8/17	David Mullins, John Ponish
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	August	David & Sandy Mullins
Children's Church	8/11	Ann Wade, Jayda Hutchinson
	8/18	Jessica & Brandon Crutchfield
Offering Ushers	August	Jerry Baird Team
Tellers	August	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
Wed. Night Meals	8/7	POTLUCK Meal
	8/14	Hot Dogs, Slaw, Baked Beans
Wed. Night Cook Teams	8/7	Volunteers needed for set up & clean up
	8/14	<u>Teresa's Team</u> : Linda Burgess, Susan Smith, Toni Thacker, Terry Winters



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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School Worship	10:00 am 11:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd) Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	9:30 am
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal Bible Study Choir Practice	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm
Thursday	Laurels Ministry (3rd)	1:30 pm
Saturday	Men's Bible Study	7 - 8 am

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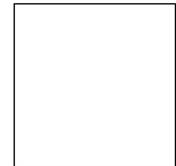
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Thought for the Week:

*Healing America begins inside
the people of God.*