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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 1, 2020

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A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

Dear Church Family and Friends,

An old friend from high school, Rick, died last week.

Felt very sad. One more loss. On top of many losses over these last 10 months. The losses seem to pile up.

A couple of years ago. Out of the blue. A lengthy message from Rick after no contact for decades. Pages of it. Why now?

The only clue? A Facebook page picture from a year ago. He appeared to be in poor health.

His messages? Began Sept. 30, 2018. Ended Oct. 28, 2018. Mostly about our high school years together. Then, covered recent years.

Maybe he sensed his death was approaching. He reached out. To an old friend.

Re-reading his messages made me smile. My sadness lifted. There was grief. But there was more. Gratitude that God had allowed our lives to cross. I am forever different. And all the richer for it.

Thank you, God, for my friend, Rick.

"I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving." (Psalm 69:30)

Love. Pastor Mike

How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

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

† Transfer of Letter

† Baptism

† Statement of Faith † Watch Care

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Transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church Desire to express faith in Christ through baptism Baptized believer not on a membership roll

Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership

IMPORTANT DATES

Genesis Bible Study December 2, 7pm in SANCTUARY & WBC Fb Live

Children's Advent Activities Via Facebook Live Dec. 5, 12, 19

Sunday Message December 6, 11am in SANCTUARY & WBC Fb Live

Holy Communion December 6, 11am

Children's Bedtime Story December 7, 8:30pm

Men's Bible Study December 8, 6:30am Via Zoom

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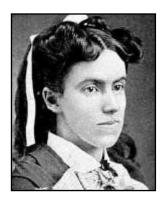
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DEACONS 2020-21

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Jerry Baird	393-0923	
Gil Blackburn	328-0046	
Jim Collie	393-1710	
Leton Harding	346-6039	
Ron Helton	393-6145	
Jorge Hersel	594-9077	
Lewey Lee	393-5370	
David Mullins	870-0005	
Oscar Raile	870-0131	
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Deacons Emeritus: Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill, Harold Witt

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

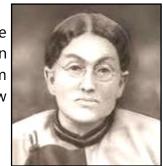


Did you know. . .?

- * Lottie Moon was born in Albemarle County, VA in 1840.
- * She was only 4'3" tall!
- * She attended Virginia Female Seminary (now Hollins College near Roanoke).
- * Charlotte Diggs Moon was one of the first single women to be sent out the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.
- * She served in northern China for 40 years, teaching Chinese children and evangelizing Chinese women.
- * She died on Christmas Eve in 1912.
- Lottie Moon is buried in Crewe, VA

For 175 years, the Foreign Mission Board has continuously carried out the work of the Great Commission. Nevertheless, there are still billions of humans who have not heard the Good News of Jesus. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gives each of us the opportunity of being part of reaching these thousands of people groups around the world.

You will find Prayer Guides and offering envelopes at the entrance to the sanctuary and in the hall by the back door. "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they are sent?" Romans 10:14-15a



~ Wanda Baird

"You're a part of this eternal work through your giving, your praying, your sending and your going. Every church, regardless of its size or resources, has a part to play in reaching every nation with the gospel. And the nations are waiting. Thank you for doing your part."

~ Dr. Paul Chitwood, President of IMB (International Mission Board)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



"Power &
Purpose:
God Unveils
the
Universe"

(A Study of the Genesis 1-11)

Join us on Wednesday evening at 7:00pm as we continue our Bible study on Genesis on

December 2.

Sometimes the way forward is back. Let's go way back. "In the beginning" (Gen. 1:1). It is a good place to start! Genesis 1:1 - 11 tells us again, the human story. Who made us. Why we are here. The main problem with the human race. And the solution. All of that is still true today. It is as current as today's newspaper (and a lot more helpful!).

Tune in on the Wise Baptist Facebook page, Facebook Live at 7pm on Wednesdays or join us in the church sanctuary, also at 7pm on Wednesdays. See you there.

Love, Pastor Mike

As you pray, please remember...

Wesley Kennedy, Vickie Rasnick, Gloria & Oscar

Raile, Rudolfo Yanez & family, Gary Stratton, Susan & Gary Smith, Diane Jennings, Pat Boggs, Sandy North & family, Don & Gigi Pippin, Lois Stallard, Sandy & David Mullins, Ron & Vickie Swindall, Phyllis Hatcher, doctors, nurses & all medical/pharmaceutical personnel, Glenn Hill, Steve Collins, Gerry O'Bryan, Royce McNeal, Bessie Vance, Kathy & John Kennedy, John & Kay Wright, Wanda Takahashi (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Ray & Carolyn Jones, law enforcement & emergency personnel, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.

Our Shut Ins: Jeanne Stallard, Bobbie Farmer, Jean Forsythe (Sandy Yun's mother), Kingston Center Assisted Living in Duffield

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



Children's Advent Activities!

Nov. 28 - Dec. 19

If your child is signed up for the Advent Activities, please note the dates for picking up their activity packets each week at church:

Dec. 2-3...pick up Dec. 5 packet

Dec. 9-10...pick up Dec. 12 packet

Dec. 16-17...pick up Dec. 19 packet



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Sunday Morning Worship at Wise Baptist Church!

Pastor Mike will be preaching this Sunday morning, December 6, on "Ready or Not, Advent is Coming: Make Room for Jesus" (Micah 5:2).

There are <u>3 ways</u> that you can be a part of WBC's Sunday worship service each week:

- (1) Attend the service in the sanctuary.
- (2) View the service on Facebook Live at 11am go to the Wise Baptist Church Facebook page
- (3) View the service after it has "aired" go to https://www.facebook.com/WiseBaptistChurch/ videos/246055226605395

******(This does <u>not</u> require Facebook!)

(4) Share the service with others by clicking the "share" button.

Sanctuary Worship



We have re-opened our sanctuary at 11:00am on Sundays for morning worship only. As excited as we all are about seeing each other & worshipping together again, we want to be vigilant about **social distancing** & the wearing of **masks** while we are together. Entrances & exits will be clearly marked, as well as seating - pews will be marked off for social distancing. Please wear a mask & observe these guidelines for the safety of all!

Tender Loving Care Casserole Ministry

Sharing a simple meal can be such a comfort & a blessing! Join WBC's newest ministry, the TLC Group... There will be no meetings, just providing one of your delicious meals to those within our church family who may be in need of a little Tender Loving Care from time to time—such as a birth, illness, surgery, or loss of a loved one.

If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact

Tammie Harding (276-608-6197) or **Beth Snodgrass** (276-8**7**0-9585).









Maverick Mullins, age 5



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A Great Multitude +YOU



WEEK OF PRAYER: NOV. 29 - DEC. 6

Special offering envelopes for International Missions are on the hall table by the office door.



More blessings to share! Our cups "runneth over"!

STEVE COLLINS - My blessing is my wife.

JIM COLLIE - I am thankful for God's saving love, & also family & friends, especially my church family & friends!



Guys, grab your breakfast & your Bible and join in the Men's Bible Study

EACH Tuesday morning

at 6:30am via Zoom Simply send your email address to John Ponish: text 276-870-1593



or jponish@atsone.com

Being Good Stewards



We must continue to be thankful for God's blessings on our Church, through everyone's faithful giving. Through your giving, Wise Baptist Church can continue to be used by God to change lives.

Even though Sunday morning worship services have resumed in the sanctuary, tithes and offerings may still be mailed to Wise Baptist Church, PO Box 777, Wise VA 24293, or brought by the Church during open hours.

We remain excited about God's work through the Church. And even though many of the in-person meetings are still suspended, opportunities still exist, the Church is alive, and ministries are on-going.

Thank you all for your continued flexibility & faithfulness, and for being good stewards of Wise Baptist Church.

Leton Harding & Ron Helton



Scripture for the Week

Psalm 69:30

"I will praise God's name with song and exalt Him with Thanksgiving."

MUSIC * YOUTH * CHILDREN'S NEWS

y Birthday!

December 1 Jeff Dotson

Brenda Kunigelis

December 2 Lalah Grace Lyon

Landon Tolbert

December 4 Nathan Lee

December 5 Heath Chisenhall

Kevin Dotson

December 7 **Brittany Criswell**

December 9 Robert Baird

December 10 Penny Greenwood

December 11 Jessica Crutchfield

Happy Anniversary!

December 3 December 7 December 11

Cub & Jennifer Mullins John & Karen Ponish John Mark & Wendy Adrian



Music Ministry

Written by Issac Watts in 1719, "Joy to the World" was not originally written to be a Christmas hymn. It was written as a poem based on Psalm 98, celebrating Christ's Second Coming, not His birth.

JOY TO THE WORLD!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let every heart, prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.



WBC Children's Ministry

Advent / Christmas Activities

Dec. 6, 13, 20

The Jesse Tree will be decorated during morning worship on each of the remaining Sundays of Advent! You can "tune in" on Facebook Live

each Sunday or join us in the sanctuary at 11am!

Dec. 5, 12, 19

Advent activities (story, craft, song, snack) will be available each of these Saturdays on Facebook Live. Each activity will tell part of the story of Jesus' birth & build on the previous week! Children will pick up their activity packets (lesson & craft materials & snack) on Wed. or Thurs. of each week & be able to follow along live or watch the activity at a later time.

For more information or questions, contact Susan Mullins at 276-708-6221.

Volunteers this Week 11/29 - 12/5 Deacons On Call: Jorge Hersel, Lewey Lee 12/6 - 12/12 Leton Harding, Jim Collie **Building Stewards:** Ron Helton, Dan Helton, Scott Snodgrass Instrumentalists: Susan Mullins, Susan Smith Sound System: 12/6 Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile 12/13 Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile Tellers: December Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson Martha Blackburn, Stephen Large January Benediction 12/6 Leton Harding 12/13 Ron Helton



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

(<u>These</u> activities are POSTPONED until further notice)

Sunday	Truth Rehearsal Youth (Grades 7-12) Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	4:45 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd) Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	9:30 am
Wednesday	Children's Choir (Ages 3 - Grade 6) Fellowship Meal Youth Hand Chimes Children in Action (Ages 5 - Grade 6) Nursery (Birth - Age 4)	4:45 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm

Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

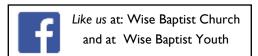
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Thought for the Week:

Magnify God with thanksgiving!