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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 15, 2020

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Genesis Bible Study**  
**December 16, 7pm**  
**in SANCTUARY &**  
**WBC Fb Live**

**Children's Advent**  
**Activities**  
**Via Facebook Live**  
**Dec. 19, Jan. 9**

**Sunday Message**  
**December 20, 11am**  
**in SANCTUARY &**  
**WBC Fb Live**

**Jesse Tree & Advent**  
**Candles**  
**December 20, 11am**

**Children's Bedtime Story**  
**December 21, 8:30pm**

**Men's Bible Study**  
**December 22, 6:30am**  
**Via Zoom**

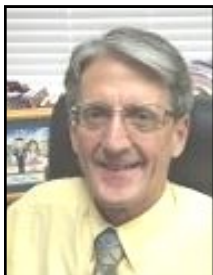
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## DEACONS 2020-21

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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

Deacons Emeritus:  
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill,  
Harold Witt



*Dear Church Family and Friends,*

Listening. Not much of it going on these days. Lots of talking. Yelling. But not listening. Takes two to have a conversation. One talks. One listens.

Without listening, meaningful conversation or relationships cannot happen. **Listening is giving a little piece of your life to someone else.** It is trying to understand (not necessarily agree with) another's point of view. Listening values the other person. Gives them the chance to tell their story. This opens the door for you to tell your story.

What are ideas for good listening?

Eliminate distractions.

Give your full attention

Summarize what the other person is saying and ask if you are "getting it".

Pick a good time to talk.

You can ask, "Help me understand how you came to see it this way". Or "Tell me why this is so important to you?"

Withhold judgment.

God heard the deepest heart-cry of the human race. He responded. The angels said in Luke 2:11 – "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord".

Where and with whom can we listen better?

*Love, Pastor Mike*

### How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

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

† <b>Transfer of Letter</b>	Transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church
† <b>Baptism</b>	Desire to express faith in Christ through baptism
† <b>Statement of Faith</b>	Baptized believer not on a membership roll
† <b>Watch Care</b>	Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership

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

## 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 16.**

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...***



Greg Hutchinson, Cody Roberts, 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  
& Jan. 9***

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

**Jan. 6-7...**pick up Jan. 9 packet



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Sunday Morning Worship at Wise Baptist Church!

Pastor Mike will be preaching this Sunday morning, December 20, on **"Ready or Not, Advent is Here: Help Arrives"** (Luke 2:8-14).

There are **3 ways** 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 not require Facebook!)

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



Thursday, December 24  
11:00 pm



*Join us outside in the church  
courtyard for a brief candlelight  
service at 11:00 pm  
on Christmas Eve!*



### 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!

*thank  
you*

Dear Church Family,  
I was so moved and surprised upon receiving your love offering. Since July, Wise Baptist friends and others have prayed and prayed and prayed for Ron. You have also prayed for me and our family. Throughout the days and nights we feel these prayers. It is such a comfort to know that God is taking care of all of us.

Psalm 100:3...

"Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture."

Thank you so much.

Love, Vickie

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Great *Multitude*  
+ YOU



Special offering envelopes for International Missions will be available on the hall table by the office door during the month of December.



**Men's**  
Bible Study

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*

**GOD**  
is  
**Faithful**

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*

**Luke 2:11**

*"For to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord."*



## *Happy Birthday!*

December 15 Wesley Kennedy  
December 20 Bryan Crutchfield  
Marsha Tolbert  
December 22 Phyllis Hatcher  
Dallas Kennedy  
Jon Kennedy



## *Happy Anniversary!*

December 19 Shane & Susan Mullins



## *WBC Music Ministry*

When the church organ no longer functioned at the Church of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, Austria, the pastor & a schoolteacher hurriedly composed special music for the Christmas Eve service in 1818 that required only a guitar. Joseph Mohr's melody & Franz Gruber's lyrics have spoken to people around the world for over two centuries.

### **"SILENT NIGHT"**

Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child,  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God,  
love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.



## **WBC Children's Ministry**

### **Advent / Christmas Activities**

**Dec. 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. 19 & Jan. 9**

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.**



# TRADITIONS OF CHRISTMAS

*Christmas is certainly a time of traditions!*

*Many of these have special significance for us as Christians.*



## Wreaths

The circular shape of the wreath symbolizes unity and everlasting life. The evergreen sprigs are also a symbol of eternal life.



## Holly

The origins of the words "holly" and "holy" are thought to be connected.

A wreath made of holly leaves reminds us of the crown of thorns placed on Jesus' head. The red berries represent the drops of blood He shed for us.

Likewise, green and red are considered "Christmas colors", green symbolizing eternal life and red symbolizing life & blood.

## Trees

Again, Christmas trees (evergreens) are representative of the eternal life we have in Jesus Christ. The tradition of having a lighted tree indoors is thought to have originated in Germany with Martin Luther in the 1500's. It is told that one winter night, Martin Luther was walking home & saw how beautifully the stars and moon shone through the evergreen trees in the forest. He wanted to share this beauty with his wife and children, so he cut a tree, brought it indoors and placed lighted candles on the branches. The tradition of candlelit trees was brought to America in the 19th century. Today, Christmas trees are grown in all 50 states. The tallest living Christmas tree is a 122-foot Douglas Fir in Washington state that is 91 years old!



## Bells

Bells have long been used to call people to gather, to announce special events, to communicate important messages, and to ring in celebration.



Bells first became associated with "the Lord's work" when St. Patrick of Ireland used bells to gather the Irish people together for teaching and preaching in the 5th century.

At Wise Baptist, we are blessed to have handbells and especially enjoy hearing those played at Christmas during the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus"!

## PHOTOS

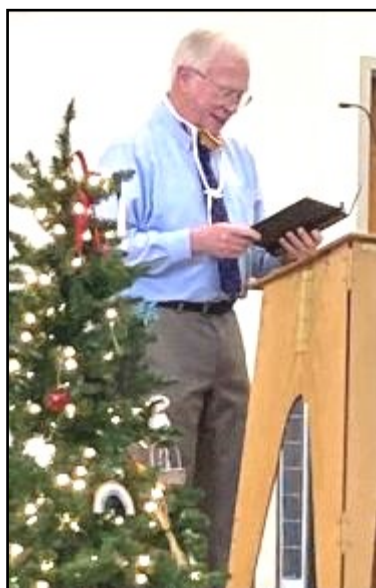
*What a wonderful worship service we had on December 13,  
the 3rd Sunday of Advent! Many thanks to...*



*Rebecca  
Osborne  
for sharing  
beautiful  
handbell music!*



*Chad & Susie  
Blanton  
for leading  
our  
Jesse Tree  
devotional!*



*Jim Collie for  
preaching  
& for filling  
in for Pastor  
Mike at the  
last minute!*



*Lu Ellsworth &  
Phyllis  
Hatcher for  
lighting our  
Advent  
candles!*



*Donna Hutchinson & our choir for sharing special music!*

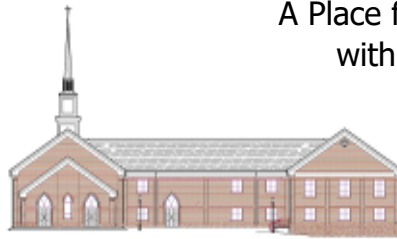


## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/13 - 12/19	Ron Helton, Oscar Raile
	12/20 - 12/26	Jerry Baird, Gil Blackburn
Building Stewards:		Ron Helton, Dan Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists:		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sound System:	12/20	Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile
	12/27	Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile
Tellers:	December	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	January	Martha Blackburn, Stephen Large
Benediction	12/20	Jerry Baird
	12/27	Jim Collie



A Place for Faith and Fellowship  
with Family and Friends



## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

***(These activities are POSTPONED  
until further notice)***

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

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## Thought for the Week:

God answers our deepest heart-cry.