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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 22, 2020

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Genesis Bible Study**  
**December 23, 7pm**  
**WBC Fb Live only**

**OUTDOOR BRIEF**  
**Candlelight**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Service**  
**December 24, 11pm**

**Sunday Message**  
**December 27, 11am**  
**in SANCTUARY &**  
**WBC Fb Live**

**Children's Bedtime Story**  
**December 28, 8:30pm**

**Men's Bible Study**  
**December 29, 6:30am**  
**Via Zoom**

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

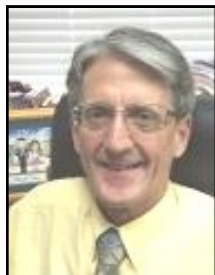
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## DEACONS 2020-21

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

Deacons Emeritus:  
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill,  
Harold Witt



*Dear Church Family and Friends,*

We build either walls or bridges between ourselves and others.

A miraculous bridge was built during World War I. Christmas Eve 1914. Between people trying to kill each other.

The movie, "Joyeux Noel" ("Merry Christmas" in French) tells that true story. Germans on one side. French, British, and Scots on the other side.

Christmas Eve 1914. It was dark. Shooting had stopped. Then, something odd happened. Activity along the German trenches. Candle-lit Christmas trees were put up! The stillness broke with a German soldier singing "Silent Night".

The Scots answered with "Silent Night" on bagpipes. Then all sides sang together.

Soldiers crawled from their trenches. Met in "No Man's Land." Shared family pictures. Chocolate. Wine. Even played soccer on Christmas day!

What happened? Something bigger. Some One bigger. The prophet Isaiah foretold, "to us a Child is born...He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Is. 9:6)

"Dear God, re-create that miracle today. In us. Between us. In the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen." Merry Christmas!

*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 23.**

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! See you there.***

***Love, Pastor Mike***



***As you pray, please remember...***



Cyndi Newlon, Sandy Mullins, Cody Roberts, Wesley Kennedy, Vickie Rasnick, Gloria & Oscar Raile, Rudolfo Yanez & family, Pat Boggs, Don & Gigi Pippin, Lois Stallard, Sandy & David Mullins, Ron & Vickie Swindall, 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:

**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 27, on  
“The Post-Christmas Blues”  
(Matthew 2:13-23).

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!  
\* dress warmly\*



## 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!



We appreciate everyone who has helped during our Advent worship services this year!

Thank you to Jorge, Pam, Nathan & Ben Hersel, Elora & Jayda Hutchinson, Chad & Susie Blanton, Kathy Dotson, and Ashton Taylor for leading the Jesse Tree devotionals!

Many thanks to Bob & Teresa Adkins, Lewey & Brenda Lee, Lu Ellsworth & Phyllis Hatcher and Susan & Caroline Mullins for leading the lighting of our Advent candles each week!

## 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.



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*

**Isaiah 9:6**

*"For a Child will be born for us, a Son will be given to us, and the government will be on His shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."*



## *Happy Birthday!*

December 22	Phyllis Hatcher Dallas Kennedy Jon Kennedy
December 23	Sherlene Hall
December 24	Jim Collie Carolyn Strouth William Strouth Lois Tveit
December 25	JESUS
December 26	Linsay Allio Diana Roberts Miles Wampler
December 27	Nova Leigh Greene
December 29	Pat Boggs
December 30	Paul Maine
December 31	Gabriella Collins
January 2	Scott Snodgrass



## **WBC Children's Ministry**

**January 9**

Advent activities (story, craft, song, snack) will be available for one more Saturday 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.**



## *Happy Anniversary!*

December 31	Jeff & Cindy Elkins
January 1	Daniel & Tabitha Ray



## *WBC Music Ministry*

### **HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"**

*Did you know...?*

- \* George Frederic Handel wrote the "Messiah" in only 24 days in 1741.
  - \* It was originally intended for Passion Week.
- \* The "Messiah" was first performed following Easter 1742 in Dublin, Ireland.
- \* The scriptural text was compiled from the King James Version of the Bible.
- \* People traditionally stand during the "Hallelujah Chorus" because King George II was so moved that he stood during the chorus at the 1743 London premiere.

## THE NATIVITY STORY



Each Christmas Eve, we enjoy the very special tradition of gathering at 11:00 pm to sing, participate in Holy Communion, light our candles, and wish each other a Merry Christmas. Many years, we have had different ones bring the various pieces of the Nativity forward during the service, as scripture was read.

Maybe this is a tradition you would like to begin in your home! Below are the scriptures associated with each piece of the Nativity.

Although this year will be different, as we are observing social distancing & safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, ***we do invite you to join us for a brief outdoor candlelight service at 11:00pm Christmas Eve.***



**Luke 1:26-38**



**Matthew 1:18-25**



**Luke 2:1-7**



**Luke 2:8-20**



**Matthew 2: 1-12**

## PHOTOS

### The 4th Sunday of Advent: December 20, 2020



Pastor Mike sang "Immanuel" for our Call to Worship.



Ashton Taylor helped Kathy Dotson lead our Jesse Tree devotional.



Caroline & Susan Mullins led the lighting of our Advent candles.



Russell Cyphers sang "Mary, Did You Know?" for special music.

### Precious moments...



Reid Mullins, age 4, reading the Bible aloud at home.



Emma Clifton, age 3, participating in the Christmas VBS lessons on Facebook Live.



Hadley Clifton, age 5, showing us her craft made during one of the Christmas VBS lessons.

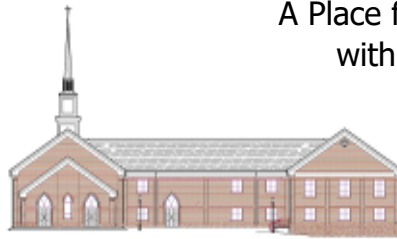


## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/20 - 12/26	Jerry Baird, Gil Blackburn
	12/27 - 01/02	Jim Collie, Lewey Lee
Building Stewards:		Ron Helton, Dan Helton,
		Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists:		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sound System:	12/27	Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile
	01/03	Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile
Tellers:	December	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	January	Martha Blackburn, Stephen Large
Benediction	12/27	Jim Collie
	01/03	Lewey Lee



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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**P.O. Box 777**  
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and at Wise Baptist Youth

## Thought for the Week:

Build a bridge to someone else in  
the name of the Prince of Peace.