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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 8, 2020

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Genesis Bible Study**  
**December 9, 7pm**  
**in SANCTUARY &**  
**WBC Fb Live**

**Children's Advent**  
**Activities**  
**Via Facebook Live**  
**Dec. 12, 19, Jan. 9**

**Sunday Message**  
**December 13, 11am**  
**in SANCTUARY &**  
**WBC Fb Live**

**Jesse Tree & Advent**  
**Candles**  
**December 13, 11am**

**Children's Bedtime Story**  
**December 14, 8:30pm**

**Men's Bible Study**  
**December 15, 6:30am**  
**Via Zoom**

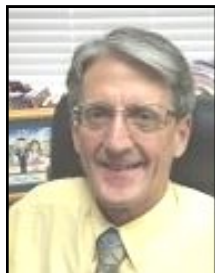
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## DEACONS 2020-21

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,*

**Loneliness makes everything harder.**  
Covid-19 magnifies it. The Christmas season intensifies it.

The problem points to the answer. **Loneliness occurs when we lack true friendships.** But what is a true friend? See below:

**Acquaintance** – occasional contact, share general information

**Casual friendships** – common interests, activities, share ideas and opinions.

**Close friendships** – mutual life goals, work together to achieve goals

**True friendships** – commitment to help the other grow. Share struggles and weaknesses.

How many true friends do you have? And are in regular contact?

Doesn't happen by itself. Requires cultivation and commitment. As we share time, experiences, and our inner thoughts.

True friendship is life-giving.

Jesus sets the standard. He said, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

Start today. Work on it every day. Build a friendship. Be a friend.

*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.*

# THE JESSE TREE

## The Jesse Tree



Adam & Eve



Noah



Abraham



Moses



Rahab



Joshua

For several years now, we have invited our children to help decorate a Jesse Tree during worship on each Sunday of Advent. The practice of decorating Jesse Trees is really quite an old tradition which began in medieval times. The Jesse Tree has been described as a "depiction in art of the ancestors of Christ" beginning Adam and Eve.



Some believe the idea of a family tree to represent family genealogy may have begun with the Jesse Tree. Displayed on this page are the ornaments that we put on our tree at church each year, even though there are many more ornaments that can be used.



Jesus!



Wise Men



shepherds



Gabriel



Daniel

What Scripture says about Jesse...

### **Isaiah 11:1**

*"Then a shoot will grow from the stump of **Jesse**, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit."*

### **1 Samuel 16:1,11-13**

*"The Lord said to Samuel, "...Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to **Jesse** of Bethlehem because I have selected a king from his sons."*

### **Matthew 1:1, 6**

*"The historical record of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:...and **Jesse** fathered King David,"*

### **Luke 1:32**

*"He [Jesus] will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David."*



Ruth

God's Word



David



Jonah



Isaiah

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Sunday Morning Worship at Wise Baptist Church!

Pastor Mike will be preaching this Sunday morning, December 13, on “Ready or Not, Advent is Coming: Shout for Joy!” (Luke 2:15-20).

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.



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



### *Tender Loving Care Casserole Ministry*

Sharing a simple meal can be such a comfort & a blessing! Join WBC's 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**  
(276-870-9585).



### 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!

## 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 9.**

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

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

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





## 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*

**John 15:13**

*"No one has greater love than this, that someone would lay down his life for his friends."*

## *Happy Birthday!*

December 9	Robert Baird
December 10	Penny Greenwood
December 11	Jessica Crutchfield
December 13	Damel Calvert
December 14	Jim Sturgill
December 15	Wesley Kennedy
December 20	Bryan Crutchfield
	Marsha Tolbert



## *Happy Anniversary!*

December 11	John Mark & Wendy Adrian
December 29	Shane & Susan Mullins



## *WBC Music Ministry*

Dating back to 1865, "Go, Tell It On the Mountain" is an African-American spiritual. Because it was preserved through oral tradition, scholars are uncertain of the authorship. Many spirituals, including this one, are thought to have a double-meaning, such as hiding messages about seeking freedom from slavery to instructions for finding the Underground Railroad. Whether, in literal bondage from slavery or in bondage to sin, this carol speaks to everyone of salvation coming "that blessed Christmas morn!"

### **GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN**

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere,  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.  
While shepherds kept their watching  
Over silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light.  
  
Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.

## **WBC Children's Ministry**



### **Advent / Christmas Activities**

**Dec. 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. 12, 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.

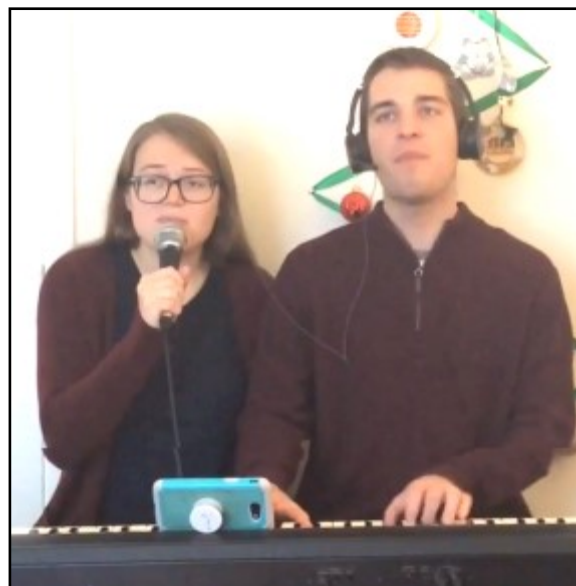
**For more information  
or questions, contact  
Susan Mullins at  
276-708-6221.**



## PHOTOS



Thank you to  
**Elora & Jayda Hutchinson**  
for leading our Jesse Tree devotion  
on December 6, the second  
Sunday of Advent!



How fun to have special music all  
the way from Indiana on Sunday  
morning! Thank you to **Kristen &  
Dustin Phillips** for pre-recording  
"There Blooms a Rose in Bethlehem"  
for our Dec. 6 service!



**Khaleesi Criswell** (age 4) and  
her brother **Holden Osborne**  
(age 8) did a great job on their  
Christmas VBS crafts! Each  
week of Advent, our children are  
able to participate in a Bible les-  
son, craft, music & hear a dra-  
matic monologue on the WBC  
Facebook page!  
Thank you to **Susan Mullins** for  
coordinating this activity!



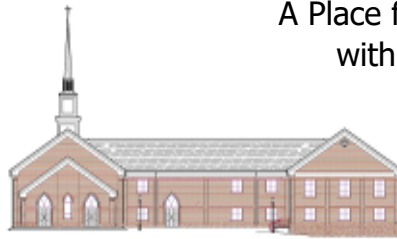


## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/6 - 12/12	Leton Harding, Jim Collie
	12/13 - 12/19	Ron Helton, Oscar Raile
Building Stewards:		Ron Helton, Dan Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists:		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sound System:	12/13	Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile
	12/20	Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile
Tellers:	December	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	January	Martha Blackburn, Stephen Large
Benediction	12/13	David Mullins
	12/20	Jerry Baird



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:

Be a friend, in Jesus' name.