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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 18, 2018

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

Jesus was born to be King...to rule in this world. Jesus will be King in heaven, forever. Since each believer will be in heaven far longer than on earth, the subject of heaven deserves close study.

There are some experiences that may shed some light on the subject called Near-Death-Experiences (NDE's). It is estimated that one out of twenty-five people have had an NDE.

Common NDE's:

- Out-of-body experiences (75%)
- Feeling more alive and alert (75%)
- Incredible peace (76%)
- Passing through a tunnel (34%)
- Encountering a bright light (65%)
- Encountering spiritual beings or deceased relatives or friends (58%)
- Encountering a barrier they could not cross (31%)
- A decision to return to their body (58%)
- A life review (22%)

There are too many NDE's to dismiss them. The question is...what do these experiences mean? What is the spiritual interpretation? If we start with the experiences to find our answer, we will get lost. The best place to start is with the Bible. The Bible will help us correctly interpret and understand our experiences.

In January, I will begin preaching a series about heaven. If you have had a near-death-experience, I would be honored if you would share that with me. It would be helpful as I prepare these messages about heaven. Also, I will keep these conversations confidential.

What we believe about heaven affects how we live in the here and now. A deeper conviction about heaven can give a greater peace and persistence in this world.

Love, Pastor Mike

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

IMPORTANT DATES

**Caroling at the Laurels
December 19, 6:30pm**

**Candlelight Communion
December 24, 11pm**

**Youth Lock-In
December 28**

**Missions Committee
January 2, 5pm**

**Children's Ministry Team
Meeting
January 6, 4pm**

**Leadership Team Mtg.
January 17, 6:30pm**

**Church-Wide Birthday
Party
January 27, 12pm**

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DEACONS 2018-19

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Jim Collie	393-1710
Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Leton Harding	346-6039
David Mullins	870-0005
Mike Osborne	365-0968
John Ponish	870-1593
Daniel Ray	690-0284
Gary Smith	870-1579

Deacons Emeritus:
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill,
Harold Witt

ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Monday,
December 24,
11pm
Wise Baptist Church*

*What a wonderful way to celebrate Jesus
this Christmas - invite your friends, family
and neighbors to join us!*



WBC WEATHER POLICY

WED. NIGHT MEAL & ACTIVITIES

If the Wise area is experiencing inclement weather, i.e. snow, ice, on a Wednesday, a decision will be made by the Pastor as to whether our meal & activities will be held as usual or cancelled. We will **NOT** automatically cancel our activities because Wise County or Norton City schools are closed. The decision to cancel our activities will be made no later than 2:00pm & will be communicated through email, website, Facebook & phone calls.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP

We will have Sunday School & Worship even during inclement weather. The exception to this will be if our building is without power. Our Pastor & Building Stewards will make that decision, if necessary.

In the event that our services are cancelled, communication will be sent via email, website, Facebook & phone calls. ****Your safety is most important. Please don't attempt to get out if the weather/conditions are dangerous.**



If you would like to share a prayer concern with our church family, email:
jerrybaird009@comcast.net

As you pray, please remember...



Beth Snodgrass, Hayden Wilson, Christy Kelley, Tyler Beam (Lee Bogg's son-in-law), Kyle Gardner (Kim Hall's dad), Lewey Lee & Family, Ron Swindall, Gerry O'Bryan, Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill & family, Bessie Vance, Kathy & John Kennedy, Jonah Kelley, John & Kay Wright, Bonnie Rochford & Wanda Takahashi (sisters of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, Shirley Willis (The Laurels), Ray & Carolyn Jones, Artie & Clifford Bailey, Pat & Fred Adkins, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military

Our Shut Ins: Susan Davidson (Heritage Hall), Eddie Culbertson, Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Betty Easterling (The Laurels), Florine Pennington (The Laurels), Jeanne Stallard

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



Wednesday, Dec. 19, 6:45pm

Join us for soups & sandwiches at our Fellowship Meal on Dec. 19 at 6pm

Afterwards, we will board the church bus & go caroling at The Laurels.



Scripture for the Week:

Revelation 21:4

"[God] will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will exist no longer; grief, crying and pain will exist no longer because the previous things have passed away."

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Holiday Hours

- * There will be no Wednesday evening activities at the church December 26.
- * The office will be closed on Dec. 24 - 28.
- * There will be no newsletter published the week of Dec. 24-28.

NOTE from PASTOR MIKE...



In preparation for my January sermon series on Heaven, I would be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to share a near-death experience with me. These will be kept confidential.

Don't Miss the Collie's Christmas Trains Display!

Jim & Sherry Collie graciously open their home each year for folks to come & see their 2 rooms full of electric trains! They invite you to come

anytime from now through January 31. Just give them a call at 393-1710 or 393-3788 to make sure they are at home.



Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Jan. 15,
6:30am

Men, join us for fellowship and Bible study twice a month from 6:30-7:30am in the church fellowship hall. Bring your breakfast & your Bible! The fellowship is awesome and the Bible Study is uplifting. Invite a friend & join us!



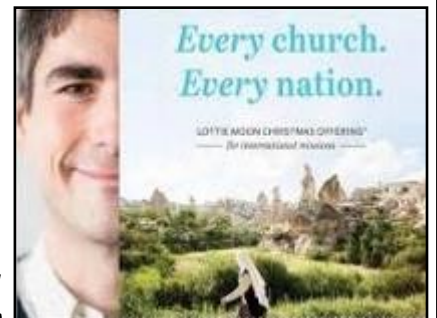
Happy Birthday to Everyone!

Mark your calendar for our 4th Annual Church-Wide Birthday Party!

We will celebrate **everyone's** birthday at once on **Sunday, January 27** following morning worship! BE SURE to sign up on the Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin or by calling the church office (328-6247) & tell us your birthday (month & day only!). Join others that share your birthday month at decorated tables & enjoy tasting 12 different birthday cakes!

Immediately following worship that day, we will be served an Italian meal prepared by our Missions Committee, followed by cake & ice cream! All donations for the meal will go towards the Southwest Virginia Partnership.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions will be collected during the month of December. Special envelopes will be available in the pew racks and/or bulletins.





Christmas music from our planned "Night of Music" will be incorporated into our morning Advent Services. Plan to worship with us at Wise Baptist!

Happy Anniversary

- December 19 - Shane & Susan Mullins
- December 31 - Jeff & Cindy Elkins
- January 1 - Daniel & Tabitha Ray
- January 5 - Mike & Terry Winters
- January 7 - Jack & Marsha Tolbert

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



December 20 Bryan Crutchfield
Marsha Tolbert

December 22 Dallas Kennedy
Jon Kennedy
Rick Mullins

December 23 Sherlene Hall
December 24 Jim Collie



Carolyn Strouth
William Sturgill
Lois Tveit

December 25 Lilyanna Harden
December 26 Linsay Allio



Diana Roberts
Miles Wampler

December 27 Nova Leigh Green
December 29 Patsy Boggs

December 30 Paul Maine
December 31 Gabriella Collins

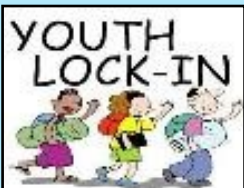
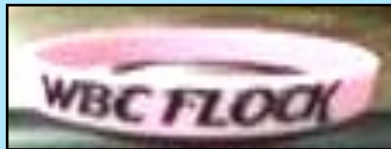


January 2 Scott Snodgrass
January 3 Eileen Cantrell

Canaan Godsey
January 4 Mark Collins

Hazel Dixon
January 7 Brian Wills

WBC Youth Ministry



Youth Lock-In: Dec. 28

*Contact John Mark Adrian to sign up.

Stay tuned for details!

Sunday Night Meal & Bible Study

Dec. 23, 30 - no activities

Jan. 6 - meal provided by Lori Crisp

WBC Children's Ministry



Upcoming Activities...

Dec. 19 - Caroling at the Laurels, 7pm

Dec. 23 - Decorating Jesse Tree, 11am

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 11pm

Jan. 6—Children's Ministry Team Meets, 4pm



Sunday, December 16...

It was good to be together after missing last Sunday due to our snowstorm!



THANK YOU to Marsha & Jack Tolbert for lighting the Advent candles, to Donna Hutchinson & our children's bell choir for our Call to Worship, to Misty Belcher for our Special Music, and to Brandi Cox for leading our Jesse Tree Devotional!





Jessica Crutchfield helped our children's Sunday School classes decorate a tree in the upstairs hall with handmade ornaments!

VOLUNTEERS

WEEK OF DEC. 31 - JAN. 6

* Due to no newsletter being published next week, volunteers for the week of Dec. 31 - Jan. 6 are listed below.

Deacons On Call:	12/30 - 1/5	Jim Collie, Mike Osborne
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome	1/6	Oscar Raille
S.S. Greeters:	1/6	Sherlene Hall, John Ponish
Nursery:	1/6	Abbie Crutchfield, Jessica Crutchfield
Children's Church:	1/6	Regina Cantrell, Caroline Mullins
Sound System:	1/6	Marty Adkins
Ushers:	1/6	Youth (teens)
Tellers:	Jan.	Martha Blackburn, Edgar Owens
Youth Bible Study	1/6	Meal: Lori Crisp
Wed. Serving Team	1/2	Brenda Lee, Vickie Rasnick, Susan Smith, Ann Wade, Sandy Yun
Wed. Night Meal	1/2	Potluck
Children-in-Action:	1/2	Julie Large & _____
Wed, Nursery	1/2	Martha Blackburn, Vickie Rasnick



Sunday afternoon was filled with Christmas parties! The children enjoyed crafts, games & food at the Winters' home, while later Sunday evening, the Wise Men & Women Sunday School class gathered at Sandy & David Mullins' home. Above, Oliver Ray is reading a Christmas story he wrote to everyone at the children's party.



January 2019

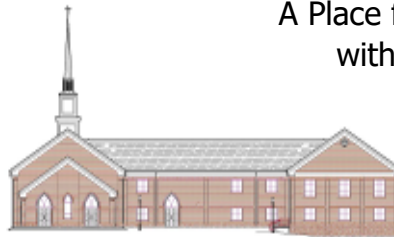


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy 2019! A. Daniel & Tabitha Ray	2 Potluck, 6pm Bonhoeffer Study, 7pm Children-in-Action, 7pm Choir, 7:50 pm	3 B. Eileen Cantrell B. Canaan Godsey	4 B. Mark Collins B. Hazel Dixon	5 A. Mike & Terry Winters
6 Deacons, 8:30am Holy Communion, 11am Children's Ministry Team Meeting, 4pm Youth, 6pm	7 B. Brian Wills A. Jack & Marsha Tolbert	8 B. Brett Chisenhall B. Seth Harding B. Reid Mullins	9 Dinner, 6pm Bonhoeffer Study, 7pm Children-in-Action, 7pm Choir, 7:50 pm	10 B. Ruby Salyers	11	12 B. Eden Mullins
13 Youth, 6pm B. John Mark Adrian B. Joyce Horne	14	15 Men's Bible Study, 6:30am B. Mingkwan Collins	16 Dinner, 6pm Bonhoeffer Study, 7pm Children-in-Action, 7pm Choir, 7:50 pm B. Susan Mullins B. Beth Snodgrass	17 Leadership Team 6:30pm (Winters' home) B. Steve Collins B. Russell Wampler A. Ray & Carolyn Jones	18 A. Jeff & Eileen Cantrell	19
20 Youth, 6pm	21 Dinner at WBC, 5:30pm Martin Luther King, Jr. Service at Church of God, 7pm	22 B. Zero Kennedy	23 Dinner, 6pm Bonhoeffer Study, 7pm Children-in-Action, 7pm Choir, 7:50 pm B. Scott Harris	24 B. Jim Dotson B. Carolyn Jones B. Edgar Owens B. Gary Smith B. Ali Stuedemann	25 B. Wanda Baird B. Shirlee Barnette B. Billie Harris B. John Roberts	26 B. Ray Jones B. Lulia Maine B. Garrison Sheppard
27 CHURCH-WIDE BIRTHDAY PARTY! Youth, 6pm B. Macey Sheppard	28 B. Regina Carson B. Lance Collie B. Toni Thacker	29 B. Rebecca Osborne B. Mike Strouth	30 Dinner, 6pm Bonhoeffer Study, 7pm Children-in-Action, 7pm Choir, 7:50 pm B. Andrew Conway B. Brandon Crutchfield	31	<p>B = Birthday A = Anniversary</p> <p>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</p>	

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/16-12/22	Gary Smith, David Mullins
	12/23-12/29	Leton Harding, Jeff Dotson
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome	12/23	Jeff Kiser
	12/30	Jeff Kiser
S.S. Greeters:	12/23	June Dotson, Carolyn Strouth
	12/30	Linda Bailey, Jerry Baird
Nursery:	12/23	Bonnie Owens, Emma Snodgrass
	12/30	Linda Burgess, Ruby Salyers
Children's Church:	12/23	Stephen & Julie Large
	12/30	Butch & Donna Hutchinson
Sound System:	12/23	Mike Osborne
	12/30	Oscar Raile
Ushers:	12/23	Bob Adkins, Kenny Bowling, Jeff Cantrell, Dan Helton, Matt Meade, Johnny Robinson, Jim Sturgill
	12/30	Jerry Baird, Stan Kunigelis, Edgar Owens, Gary Smith, John Thacker, Roger Viers, Harold Witt
Tellers:	Dec.	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	Jan.	Martha Blackburn, Edgar Owens
Youth Bible Study	12/23	No Youth Activities
	12/30	No Youth Activities
Wed. Serving Team	12/19	Martha Blackburn, Linda Burgess, Kathy Helton, Susie Powers
	12/26	No Wed. Activities
Wed. Night Meal	12/19	Soups & Sandwiches
	12/26	No Wed. Activities
Children-in-Action:	12/19	Caroling at the Laurels
	12/26	No Wed. Activities
Wed, Nursery	12/19	Caroling at the Laurels
	12/26	No Wed. Activities

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth (Grades 7-12)	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Studies	7:00 pm
	Children in Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth - Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm

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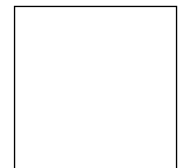
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Thought for the Week:
**Bring a little of heaven into your
life now.**