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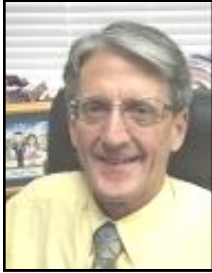
Dr. Ray Jones, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

January 19, 2021

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

“Doubt is the ants-in-the-pants of faith. It keeps it [faith] awake and moving”. So says Frederick Buechner in *Wishful Thinking*. Not a very elegant description of faith, is it? What does this mean for you? What do you do with your doubts?

First, be honest. Admit your doubts. If you pretend you don't have them, you can't work through them. It also prevents God from helping you. In Mark 9:24 a man says to Jesus, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

What does the man do? First, he admits his doubt. Then he takes it to Jesus. He has faith that Jesus can help him.

How about you? Spiritual life always includes doubts. The question is what you do about them.

Be honest. Take them to Jesus. That is an act of faith. Faith that He can help you through your doubts. God can use them to deepen your faith.

What are your doubts?

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

Genesis Bible Study
January 20, 7pm
WBC Fb Live

Men's Bible Study
January 21, 6:30am
via Zoom

Sunday Message
January 24, 11am
in SANCTUARY &
WBC Fb Live

Handbell Practice
January 24, 12pm

Children's Ministry
Team Meeting
January 24, 7pm

Children's
Bedtime Story
January 25, 8:30pm

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastor Mike's message this
Sunday morning, January 24 -
"Arise in 2021:
Problems That Won't Go Away"
(Genesis 16:1-11)

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 Fb page
- (3) To view the service after it has "aired" -
[https://www.facebook.com/
WiseBaptistChurch/
videos/246055226605395](https://www.facebook.com/WiseBaptistChurch/videos/246055226605395)
**(This does not require Facebook!)
- (4) Share the service with others by clicking
the "share" button.



Guys, grab your breakfast & your Bible
and join in the Men's Bible Study
Each **THURSDAY** morning
at 6:30am via **Zoom**
Simply send your email address
to John Ponish: text 276-870-1593
or jponish@atsone.com

As you pray, please remember...



Beth Snodgrass & family, Velma Baird, Gerry O'Bryan, family of Betty Roberts, Joe Powers, Carolyn Strouth & Family, Wesley Kennedy, 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, 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).

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Beth Snodgrass and her family in the death of her mother, Jo Nelle Perry, on January 16. Please keep Beth, Scott, Lily, Emma and their extended family in your prayers.



**Everyone is invited to
"submit" your favorite
Psalm to Jerry for the
newsletter each week!
276-870-2712**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Scripture for the Week

Mark 9:24

*“Immediately the father of the boy
cried out, ‘I do believe!
Help my unbelief.’”*



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 January 20.**

**Tune in on the Wise Baptist Facebook page,
Facebook Live at 7:00pm! See you there.**

Love, Pastor Mike



Transplant House
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Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Joy

The Joy of Stewardship

Stewardship expresses our obedience and commitment of our self and possessions to God's service.

While God has entrusted us with the care, development, and enjoyment of everything He owns, as His stewards, we are responsible to manage according to His desires and purposes.

We are called to administer our time, money, abilities, information, wisdom, relationships, and authority.

We are ALL called to be joyful stewards.

We are thankful for everyone's faithful, joyful stewardship of Wise Baptist Church. Through your giving, Wise Baptist Church continues to be used by God to change lives.

For those who cannot physically attend Sunday morning worship services in the sanctuary, your tithes and offerings may still be mailed to Wise Baptist Church, PO Box 777, Wise VA 24293, or brought by the Church anytime during open hours.

Thank you all for being joyful stewards of God's work at Wise Baptist Church.

Ron Helton & Leton Harding

“The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” ~ Psalm 24:1

Happy Birthday!

January 22	Zero Kennedy
January 23	Scott Harris Ava Mullins
January 24	Jim Dotson Carolyn Jones Edgar Owens Gary Smith Ali Stuedemann
January 25	Wanda Baird Shirlee Barnette Billie Harris John Roberts
January 26	Ray Jones Lulia Maine
January 27	Melody Mullins
January 28	Regina Carson Lance Collie Toni Thacker
January 29	Rebecca Osborne Mike Strouth
January 30	Andrew Conway Brandon Crutchfield



WBC Children's Ministry



Sunday, Jan. 24, 7pm -

Children's Ministry Team Meeting via Zoom



Every Monday, 8:30pm -

Children's Bedtime Story via Facebook Live (WBC page)



Every Sunday, 10am -

Children's Sunday School via Facebook Live (WBC page)

WBC Music Ministry

Shirlee Barnette says that Psalm 27 is one of her favorites!

Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to ear up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. One thing have I desired of the LORD, that I will seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in His temple.

For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock.

And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When Thou saidst, Seek ye My face; my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

Hide not Thy face far from me: put not Thy servant away in anger: Thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

Teach my Thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION



The Beginning of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance in Wise, Virginia

by Jim Collie

"Mary Eubanks, former director of residence life at the University of Virginia's College had a dream."

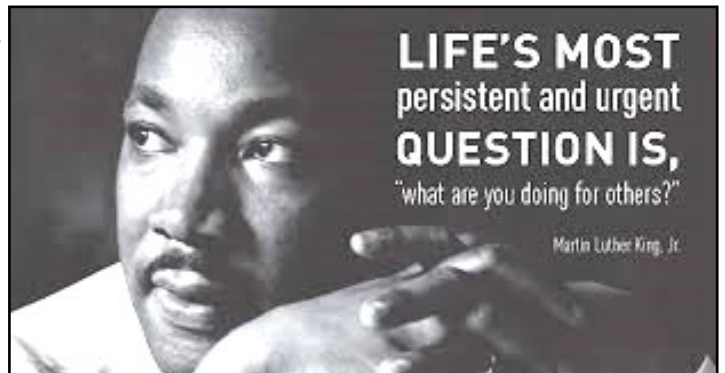
While a national holiday to honor the life of Reverend King had been established by Congress in 1983 to be observed beginning on the third Monday of January 1986, we had no local observance for her students to experience. I was privileged to be a part of friends Mary put together to make her dream come true. Planning began in the 1996 fall semester for the first event to be held in January 1997. A candlelight march to the Wise County Courthouse from campus was readily agreed upon. We had not thought to ask to enter the courthouse. On that cold January night as soon as darkness had fallen, we lit our candles and after a short prayer, we crossed Darden Drive to the sidewalk and began our walk into town. Of course, we had to sing "We Shall Overcome!" Arriving at the courthouse, we huddled together on the lawn. Mary offered opening remarks followed by the gospel singing group "Changed." Our first speaker was the Rev. Thomas Sweat of Greenville, Tennessee who encouraged us to remember and never forget Dr. King's dream. That cold, windy January night began a tradition.

Each year our march grew larger, as did our enthusiasm. The march became a community event from the very first. By 1998 we had been invited into the courthouse to use the first-floor courtroom for our program. By 2000, our program had expanded to include a dinner at the Wesley Foundation (I cooked collards for the dinner. I was never asked to cook again). Our increasing participation found us in the large courtroom on the second floor. In 2002, Chartwells prepared and served the meal at the Wise First Church of God, and we were given a permit by the Town of Wise allowing us to march up Main Street.

In 2004, our march had grown so big that the Wise Baptist Church welcomed us to their new sanctuary for our program. By this time Teresa Adkins and Beverly Viers had joined our committee. Wise Baptist has been an integral part of the march to this very time. Brian Wills was our featured speaker in 2010 as was Pastor Emeritus Ray Jones in 2012. A highlight of each program was the warm welcomes given by Pastor Ray and now Pastor Mike. Pastor Mike was also a presenter for the 2016 program around the theme of "Wise Words of Dr. King".

As participation by our college students and Wise County communities grew larger, especially a faith crowd of older folk, we reversed our venues moving the dinner to Wise Baptist and the program to Wise First Church of God in 2018. Now our seniors have easier access to dinner and the program.

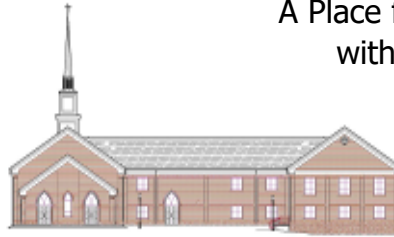
Wow! Has it really been 25 years? It will be so different this year when we cannot meet in person. The march will go on and the Dream of Reverend King will go on. Amen!



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	01/17 - 01/23	David Mullins, Jim Collie
	01/24 - 01/30	Oscar Raile, Leton Harding
Building Stewards:		Ron Helton, Dan Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists:		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sound System:	01/24	Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile
	01/31	Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile
Tellers:	January	Martha Blackburn, Stephen Large
	February	Jessica Crutchfield, Jeff Kiser
Benediction	01/24	Oscar Raile
	01/31	Jorge Hersel

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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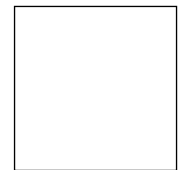
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and at Wise Baptist Youth

Thought for the Week:

Take your doubts to Jesus.