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Pastor Emeritus

WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

January 10, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

**Personnel Committee
Meeting**
January 10, 5:30pm

Leadership Team Meeting
January 12, 6:30pm

Church-Wide Birthday Party
January 15, 12noon

**Martin Luther King, Jr.
Service**
January 16, 7pm

**Deposit Due for Youth
Winter Ski Trip**
January 22

**Children's Ministry Team
Clean-Up Day**
January 29

**"Souper" Bowl Canned Food
Drive**
January 29—Feb. 5

Youth Super Bowl Party
February 5

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DEACONS 2016-17

Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Ron Helton	393-6145
John Kennedy	328-5013
Matt Meade	393-9177
Mike Osborne	365-0968
Edgar Owens	328-6129
Daniel Ray	328-2483

Dear church family and friends,



On Monday night, Clemson defeated Alabama for the NCAA college football championship. After the game, several Clemson players thanked God for the victory. The implication was that it was God's will for Clemson to win.

Did God choose Clemson over Alabama? It raises the question about what God's will is. In last week's message, the main idea was that we can better know God as we worship. As I know Him better, then I better know His will.

We can also know Him better through spiritual growth. Peter challenges us to "grow up in ...salvation". How do you measure that? In a garden, you measure maturity by the fruit. The purpose of seed corn is not just to grow nice, healthy plants. The purpose is to grow ears of corn.

What does maturity look like for the follower of Jesus? Galatians 5:22-23 says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." We can take each of these, one at a time, to measure our progress.

How do we "grow" this spiritual fruit? Again, Scripture guides us. Jesus says in John 15:5, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

The "vine" is the trunk of the grapevine. Nourishment to the grapes comes through the vine to the branches. Jesus is that vine. Only as we remain close to Him do we grow and bear fruit.

Let's grow together toward God in 2017. Invite a friend to grow along with us.

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

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE!!



You are cordially invited to attend a birthday party in your honor on Sunday, JANUARY 15 at 12:00 noon. That's right—we will be celebrating **EVERYONE'S** birthday at once at a church-wide Birthday Party following our morning worship service on Jan. 15.

The Missions Committee will be serving a lasagna, salad & garlic bread lunch to help raise funds for future mission projects. The Children's Ministry Team will provide dessert (Birthday Cake), decorations and entertainment. There will be 12 tables (or more) set up in the fellowship hall - one for each month of the year. **Please sign up by Wed., Jan. 11** by contacting Susie Powers at 276-393-8389 or spowers59@yahoo.com

As you pray, please remember...

Jack & Marsha Tolbert, Greg Lyons, Glenn & Bea Hill, Debbie Collins, Judy Combs, Cheryl Estep & family, Irene Black, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Bea and Glenn Hill, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.



Hospitalized: Wesley Kennedy (Quillen, Johnson City), Elizabeth Davidson (NCH, Norton)

Our Shut Ins: Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Archie Kennedy (Heritage Hall—BSG), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, and Florine Pennington (The Laurels).

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

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

We extend our heart felt sympathy to Jack Tolbert in the death of his mother, Peggy Tolbert, on January 5. Please continue to keep Jack & Marsha in your prayers.



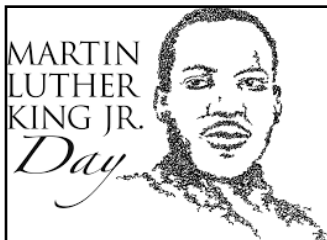
WINTER BIBLE STUDY!

Jan. 4—Feb. 22 at 7pm

"Malachi:

Overcoming Complacency"

Malachi speaks to our natural, human tendency to coast and drift, spiritually. He helps the people overcome doubt and discouragement and find their way back to God. Join Pastor Mike as he leads this timely Bible study.



Join us for the 21st annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance Day and March on Monday, January 16. The evening will begin with a

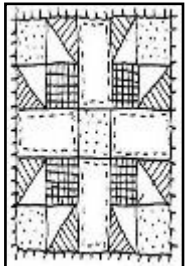
free community dinner at the Church of God at 5:30pm, followed by a candlelight march to Wise Baptist at 6:30pm and a service here at 7:00pm. The guest speaker this year will be Rev. Herbert W. Scott of Morning Star Full Gospel Church.

GUEST SPEAKERS



Jan & Tony Johnson will be speaking about the Southwest Virginia Partnership during morning worship on Sunday, January 15. Offering baskets will be placed by the front doors, if you would like to give to this ministry.

Our **quilting groups** will begin meeting again on Monday, January 16. Piecemakers meet the first & third Mondays of each month at 9:30am; Caring Friends meet on the second & fourth Mondays of each month at 9:30am. New "members" are always welcome! Contact Grace Allio for more information.



LOTTIE MOON INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING...we have collected \$1,006 to date.



A word from our Children-in-Action Leaders, Julie Large & Kathy Dotson...

We wanted to share this email from David Parsons, the missionary that our children sent the "Christmas in August" package to. He highlights some of the accomplishments his team was able to do last year. Our children's gifts may have helped make that possible.

HELLO MINISTRY PARTNERS

We are thankful for all that God is doing and has done and how He has allowed us to partner with Waughtown Baptist Church. Thank You for the blessing of this connection and partnership in the Gospel.

During the month of December 2016 ---

We shared the following in the Waughtown Community & Skyline Mission:

- Clothing with 60 families
- Sharing food & bread with 65 families
- Cooked & Provided meals for 175 families
- Christmas toys for 50 families & 115 children
- 150 winter coats were given out for adults, teens and children
- 60 chickens were shared for Christmas Dinner



We were able to **share the Gospel of Jesus Christ** with each of these families and to pray with these families. Please pray as we **share the Gospel and Live it** with these families . . . **Whatever it takes.**

God has increased our faith in 2016 and the **New Year 2017** has many open doors in **our community** and with other churches in **their community**. **Will you Join us and Follow God . . . Making a "Pathway to the Gospel" for neglected communities, neglected families and neglected children.** Thanks, David & Kathy

David L Parsons

North American Mission Board

WISE BAPTIST CHURCH INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL & BIBLE STUDY

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 and Bible study 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 2:00 pm and will be communicated through email, website, Facebook, and phone calls.

Your safety is most important. Please don't attempt to get out if the weather/conditions are dangerous.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

We will have Sunday School and Worship even during inclement weather. The exception to this will be if our building is without power.

Our Pastor and Building Stewards will make that decision, if necessary.

In the event that our services are cancelled, communication will be sent via email, website, Facebook and phone calls.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

If Wise County Schools are closed or dismiss early due to weather, children's choir will **NOT** meet.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS / SMALL GROUPS

The chairperson or leader of the affected committee or group will make this decision and will be responsible for letting everyone know.



A great big thank you to all of you that have sought me out to thank me for leading the music on Sunday morning and directing the choir. I love music, but I am in no way the musician that Leigh is. I will strive to include all types of music into our worship services and I look forward to what God has planned for us. If you have a favorite hymn that you would like for us to sing in worship, please seek me out. There is nothing better for our souls than music that brings us closer to God.

Have a great week and don't forget to join us on Wednesday night for dinner and the Bible study on Malachi, followed by choir practice at 7:45 pm. We are always looking for new voices in our choir. You don't need a perfect voice, but a willingness to sing to the Glory of God. Please pray on this and join us.

Peace and love, Donna



Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry

13 youth & 4 adults gathered Sunday night at the "Flock Nest" (youth building) for food, games, & fellowship! Thank you to Susan Mullins for providing an amazing meal, and to Mark Collins for leading a great devotional from Hebrews about why we follow Christ & the importance of always presenting ourselves to others as Christians. Thank you, also, to Bryon Burton for his presence & leadership with our youth!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the **Winter Ski Trip**.

- ⇒ Feb. 10-11 at Sugar Mountain
- ⇒ Sign up no later than Sunday, Jan. 22!!
- ⇒ Contact Bryon Burton for more information

Noah Hall is coordinating our "Souper" Bowl Canned Food Drive Jan. 29 - Feb. 5...be collecting items for this ministry.

The Youth Super Bowl Party will be held on Feb. 5 at the Youth Building—invite your friends!



January 10
January 12
January 13
January 15
January 16

January 17

Ruby Salyers
Eden Mullins
Joyce Horne
EVERYBODY!
Susan Mullins
Beth Snodgrass
Steve Collins



January 17
Ray & Carolyn Jones

January 18
Jeff & Eileen Cantrell

"Let There Be Christmas"

ARC-TV made a video recording of the Christmas Cantata. DVD's are available for purchase (\$20). Call 276.679.4000 to place your order.



WBC Children's Ministry

*** BIRTHDAY PARTY**

DON'T MISS the church-wide Birthday Party on January 15! Sign up by Jan. 11 so that you have a seat at your birth month table. Contact Susie Powers (276-393-8389) or call the church office (276-328-6247) to sign up!

*** SINGING SUNBEAMS**

The Singing Sunbeams Choir will begin meeting again on Monday, January 16 from 4 - 5pm. All children ages 4 - Grade 5 are welcome. Bring your friends!



*** THANK YOU!**

Oliver Ray did a fantastic job of doing the Welcome during worship this past Sunday! Thank you, Oliver!



Even though the
high for Sunday
was only
19 degrees,
it was warm inside!



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	1/8-1/14	Edgar Owens, Ron Helton
	1/15-1/21	Jerry Baird, Matt Meade
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome Team:		Dave Belcher, Misty Belcher, Jeff Kiser, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray
S.S. Greeters:	1/15	David & Sandy Mullins
	1/22	Bob & Teresa Adkins
Nursery:	1/15	Regina Carson, Noah Hall
	1/22	Kathy Osborne, Ali Stuedemann
Children's Church:	1/15	Debbie Collins, Nancy Stalnaker
	1/22	Stephen & Julie Large
PA:	1/15	Mike Osborne
	1/22	Oscar Raile
Tellers:	January	Martha Blackburn, David Mullins
	February	Stephen Large, Edgar Owens
Ushers:	1/15	Jeff Dotson*, Marty Kennedy^, Jack Tolbert^, Clyde Vance, Gil Blackburn, Dave Belcher, Bryon Burton
	1/22	Matt Meade*, Daniel Ray^, Johnny Robinson^, Jim Sturgill, Bob Adkins, Kenny Bowling Steve Horton
		*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	1/11	Sherry Collie, Brenda Kunigelis, Sandy Mullins, Beverly Viers
	1/18	Donna Hutchinson, Cyndi Newlon, Rebecca Osborne, Terry Winters
Wed. Meals:	1/11	Tacos, Refried Beans, Rice, Chips, Salsa
	1/18	Soups, Sandwiches, Salad
Children-in-Action:	1/11	Kathy Dotson, Julie Large
	1/18	Kathy Dotson, Julie Large

Wise Baptist Church General Fund Giving Summary 9/4/16 - 12/25/16

General Fund Receipts To Date	\$ 101,219
General Fund Needed To Date	\$ 101,504
Variance	(\$ 285)
Average Weekly Variance	(\$ 17)
Weekly General Fund Budget	\$ 5,971

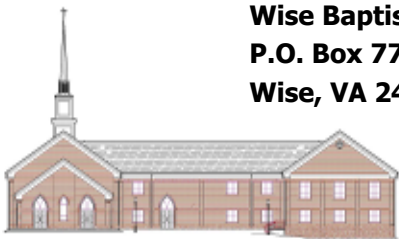
WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (starts again 1-16-17)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (starts again 1-9-17)	
	Singing Sunbeams (starts again 1-16-17)	4-5 pm
Wednesday	Mission Ministry Team (1st)	5:00 pm
	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Youth Bible Study	
	Children-in-Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth-Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2-4 pm

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A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



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Wise Baptist Youth

Thought for the week:
The measure of spiritual
maturity is the fruit of the
Spirit. See Galatians 5:22-23.