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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

January 2, 2024

*A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.*



*Dear Church Family and Friends,*

2024 already? Maybe we were ready for 2023 to be over! There were things we do not want to go through again. We need a do-over. A fresh start.

A rabbi on his deathbed said:

“When I was young, I set out to change the world. When I grew a little older, I perceived this was too ambitious so I set out to change my state. This, too, as I grew older was too ambitious, so I set out to change my town. When I realized I could not even do this, I tried to change my family. Now as an old man, I know that I should have started by changing myself. If I started with myself, then maybe I would have succeeded in changing my family, my town, my state and who knows, maybe even the world.”



What if you start 2024 with the goal of changing yourself first (with God's help)?

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...” (Rom. 12:2)

*Love, Pastor Mike*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Choir Practice  
 Wed, Jan. 3, 6pm**

**Bible Study  
 Wed, Jan. 3, 7pm**

**Men's Bible Study  
 Thurs, Jan. 4,  
 6:30am**

**Deacon Ordination  
 Sun, Jan. 7, 11am**

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## DEACONS 2023 - 2024

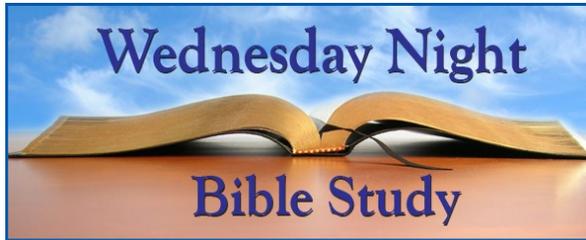
John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Jeff Cantrell	275-9427
Debbie Collins	393-3875
Jeff Elkins	393-5700
Butch Hutchinson	393-5008
Stan Kunigelis	870-2227
Lewey Lee	393-5370
David Mullins	870-0005
John Ponish	870-1593

Deacon Emeritus:  
 Bob Adkins

**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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Even though we are taking a break from our Wednesday evening Fellowship Meals during January, Bible Study will continue at 7pm with Pastor Mike! You are invited to participate onsite or virtually with Facebook Live.



### *Stewardship - Bless and Be Blessed*

*"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." ~ Proverbs 3:6*

May you be blessed, through your caring heart, your desire to reach the lost, your giving attitude ... all through being stewards of God's Work here at Wise Baptist Church.

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, P.O. Box 777, Wise VA 24293, or brought by the Church anytime during open hours.

*As you pray, please remember...*



Pat Winters (Pastor Mike's mom), Emmett Kidd (Karen Ponish's dad), Lu Ellsworth & Family, Gene Bishop, Gil & Martha Blackburn, Family of Chris Rose, Brian, brother of Brenda Kunigelis, Kathy Osborne & Family, Susan Smith & Family, Jim Sturgill, Clyde Vance, Jean Aker, Linda Burgess, Wanda Baird, Jim Dotson, John & Kathy Kennedy, Wendy Adrian & Family, Megan (Burton) Douglas, Rev. Michael Weller, Brenda Lee, Edgar Mullins (Grace's brother), Rowyn Malott (great-niece of Teresa & Billy Glines), Mike Smith's sister Lynn, Beth Snodgrass, Adele Plester (Brenda Kunigelis' sister-in-law), Lorna Wherry & family, (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Natalie Luther, Russell, Miles & Mason Wampler, Ray Jones & family, doctors, nurses & all medical/pharmaceutical personnel, law enforcement & emergency personnel, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men & women in the military.

**Our Shut Ins:** Andrew Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's dad) - Lakeland, FL

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



*January is a great time to grab your afghan, a cup of hot tea & a good book from the Church Library!*

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

### Happy Birthday!

January 2	Scott Snodgrass
January 3	Eileen Cantrell Caleb Godsey
January 4	Mark Collins
January 7	Reid Mullins Brian Wills
January 8	Bret Chisenhall
January 10	Piper Dutton Ruby Salyers
January 12	Eden Mullins
January 13	John Mark Adrian Joyce Horne



### WBC Music Ministry

The New Year is a time of new beginnings and fresh starts. It is a time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the future. For Christians, the New Year is an opportunity to embrace the newness of Christ and renew our faith in Him.

John 1:10-18 says, <sup>10</sup> *He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him.* <sup>11</sup> *He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him.* <sup>12</sup> *Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God—<sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.*

<sup>14</sup> *The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

<sup>15</sup> *(John testified concerning Him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.'")* <sup>16</sup> *Out of His fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.* <sup>17</sup> *For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.* <sup>18</sup> *No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is Himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made Him known.*

In this new year, let us remember that we are children of God and that we have been given the right to become His children. May we walk in His light and follow His ways, trusting in Him to guide us through the year ahead.

May the Lord bless you and keep you in this new year and may you experience the true meaning of being a child of God. Happy New Year!

*Joy, Peace and Love, Donna*

### Happy Anniversary!

January 5 Mike & Terry Winters

### Train Display!



**Jim & Sherry Collie invite you to visit their home & see their electric train displays anytime until early January. Just call Sherry ahead of time at 276-328-5133.**



### Scripture for the Week:

#### Romans 12:2

*"Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God." "*

# PHOTOS

*Many thanks to everyone who decorated a table for our Christmas Dinner!*

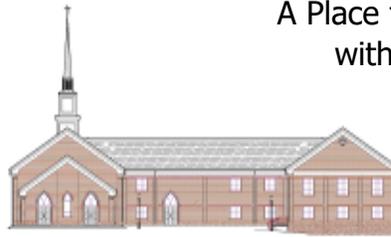




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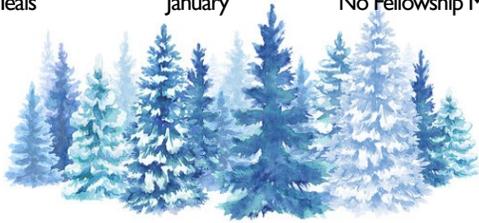
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p> <p><b>HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024</b></p> <p>A - Daniel &amp; Tabitha Ray A - Matt &amp; Andi Sweeny</p>	<p>2</p> <p>B - Scott Snodgrass</p>	<p>3</p> <p><u>NO MEALS IN JANUARY</u> 6pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Bible Study</p> <p>B - Eileen Cantrell B - Caleb Godsey</p>	<p>4 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Mark Collins</p>	<p>5</p> <p>A - Mike &amp; Terry Winters</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - DEACON ORDINATION (Debbie Collins)</p> <p>B - Reid Mullins B - Brian Willis</p>	<p>8 Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Brett Chisenhall B - Seth Harding</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p><u>NO MEALS IN JANUARY</u> 6pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Bible Study</p> <p>B - Ruby Salyers B - Piper Dutton</p>	<p>11 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>12</p> <p>B - Eden Mullins</p>	<p>13</p> <p>B - John Mark Adrian B - Joyce Horne</p>
<p>14 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - Tony &amp; Jan Johnson speak</p>	<p>15 Piecemakers, 9:30am</p>	<p>16</p> <p>B - Susan Mullins B - Beth Snodgrass</p>	<p>17</p> <p><u>NO MEALS IN JANUARY</u> 6pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Bible Study</p> <p>B - Jim Hughes B - Russell Wampler</p>	<p>18 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall  1:30am - LAURELS MINISTRY</p> <p>A - Jeff &amp; Eileen Cantrell A - Dalton &amp; Kara Parker</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p>	<p>22 Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Zero Kennedy</p>	<p>23</p> <p>B - Scott Harris B - Ava Mullins</p>	<p>24</p> <p><u>NO MEALS IN JANUARY</u> 6pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Bible Study</p> <p>B - Jim Dotson B - Edgar Owens B - Ali Stuedemann</p>	<p>25 6:30am - Men's Bible Study</p> <p>B - Wanda Baird B - Shirlee Barnette B - Billie Harris B - John Roberts</p>	<p>26</p> <p>B - Ray Jones B - Lulia Maine</p>	<p>27</p> <p>B - Skip Dobis B - Melody Mullins</p>
<p>28</p> <p>10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p> <p>B - Regina Carson B - Lance Collie B - Toni Thacker</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Rebecca Osborne B - Mike Strouth</p>	<p>30</p> <p>B - Andrew Conway B - Brandon Crutchfield</p>	<p>31</p> <p><u>NO MEALS IN JANUARY</u> 6pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Bible Study</p>	<p><b>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</b></p>		<p>B = Birthday A = Anniv.</p>

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### Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	12/24 - 12/30	Jeff Elkins, Stan Kunigelis
	12/31 - 1/6	Lewey Lee, David Mullins
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	January	Jeff Elkins
	February	Donna Hutchinson
Children's Church	1/07	Ann Wade, Jayda Hutchinson
	1/14	Carlie & Lloyd Tomlinson
Offering Ushers	January	Jeff Dotson Team
	February	Jerry Baird Team
Tellers	January	Jessica Crutchfield, Ruby Salyers
	February	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Wed. Night Meals	January	No Fellowship Meals in January



### WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Choir Practice (during January)	6:00 pm
	Bible Study via Fb Live	7:00 pm
Thursday	Men's Bible Study	6:30 am
	Laurels Ministry (3rd)	1:30pm

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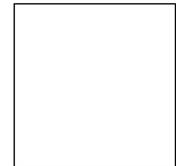
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### Thought for the Week:

*Change yourself first.*