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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

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WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

Jesus' earthly ministry lasted three years. During that time He spent time with individuals, His disciples, and larger crowds. The majority of His time was spent with twelve people, His disciples.

Why did Jesus invest so much time in twelve people? Weren't there more pressing issues at hand? There were sick who needed healing, people who were hungry, a nation being oppressed by the Romans.

Yet, Jesus chose to spend His time with a few, the same few. Why? What happened during that time? For three years, the disciples lived with Jesus, ate with Him, slept beside Him, and learned from Him.

They got to absorb our Lord's mind and heart in the most personal and direct way. He taught, they listened, they practiced what He taught, and then they talked about it afterwards. They watched Jesus' relationship with His Heavenly Father. They heard Him pray. They watched Jesus perform miracles. They heard His voice. They felt His touch.

Jesus was preparing them to be the church. The New Testament places a high value on the church. Part of Jesus' mission on earth was to birth the church. There was an urgency. There was limited time. Three years...so much to do...so much to teach. Jesus had three years to prepare the disciples to be the church.

When Jesus physically left this earth, the church was to be His physical body, His hands and feet. **The church is the one organization Jesus left behind.** That is why the church matters. We represent Christ to the world. We embody His Spirit. Paul tells us in II Cor. 5:20 that we are "Christ's ambassadors".

You are invited to join me on this journey. We will explore our place in the local church at Wise Baptist. On Sunday mornings for the next few weeks, I will be preaching a series called "Connecting through the Local Church". Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 14, I will be teaching a 4-week Bible study called, "I Am a Church Member".

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Mission Committee Meeting
January 7

January Youth Skating Trip
January 11

New Adult Wed. Night Bible Study
January 14

Education Committee Meeting
January 14

Martin Luther King Jr Program
January 19

Leadership Meeting
January 22

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Adult Wednesday Night Bible Study



A new Bible study will begin on **Wednesday, Jan 14**. This 4-week study, "I Am a Church Member," will be taught in the sanctuary at 6:45 by Pastor Mike. It has some powerful ideas. Pick up your copy and begin reading. Plan to join us at 6 each week for dinner. There are classes for our children and youth each week as well.

To our Church Family
Please know that our hearts were touched and overwhelmed by your gift of love to our family. You have lifted us for eighteen months with your cards, calls, meals, gifts and especially prayers. To say that I am forever grateful is an understatement. Marty can rest and heal without the worry for his family's needs. We thank God for all of you!

Love, Marty, Rose and family.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY COMMUNITY SERVICE

The annual MLK community worship service at Wise Baptist Church is on January 19th. There will be a dinner served at 5:30 at the Church of God before the march to Wise Baptist at 6:30 and service in the Sanctuary at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome!

MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

January 7, 5 pm

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

January 14, 5 pm

LEADERSHIP MEETING

January 22, 6:30 pm

Pastor Mike's Home

Wise Inn

Join with us in a stay at the newly—renovated **Wise Inn!!** See Sandy Mullins to sign up to stay on Friday night, January 16th. Thirteen rooms are already taken! Her e-mail address is sdmullins@verizon.net.

As you pray, please remember...



Papa Joe and Reba Smiddy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Kim Boggs, Pat Boggs, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, Jim and Sherry Collie, Irene Black, Hubert and Ida Breeding, John and Kay Wright, Wanda Baird, David Mullins, Danny Keith, Marty Kennedy, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.

Hospitalized: Wanda Baird, Cleveland Clinic

Our Shut Ins: Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, and Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG)

If there are other known prayer concerns or shut-ins, please let us know.

LET'S HELP THE HUNGRY

Two white baskets are available for the ongoing collection of nonperishable food items. These will help people in our community who struggle to feed themselves and/or their families. Please contribute occasional items throughout the year that can help feed those in need.

"Eternal God, we are grateful for the love You show us in Jesus Christ. May we reflect that love in our concern and compassion for others. Amen"

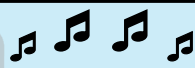
Deacon Ordination for Daniel Ray to be announced.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Wise Primary School, I would like to thank you for your generous donation to the Christmas Angel Program.

Merry Christmas,

Miracle Coffee, Wise Primary



From Leigh

I will remember 2014 as a positive turning point in my life. I began the year with the book "One Word That Will Change Your Life" by Jon Gordon. The premise of the book is to choose a word to view your life through; a prism for your decisions, your relationships, your actions and attitudes. One Word is easier to maintain than a list of New Year's resolutions. My word for the year was "healthy". I tried to think, "Will this choice be *healthy*?" "Is this relationship or this conversation *healthy*?" And, it worked! One Word in combination with The Daniel Plan became the formula for positive change in my life. I ended 2014 much healthier physically, emotionally, and spiritually than I started.

I am going to continue to use The Daniel Plan and the One Word plan for 2015. My word for this year is **FORWARD**. I want to consider my actions and decisions as a way to move my life *forward*—not looking back and regretting, but looking and moving forward to being more healthy, more productive, more positive, closer in my relationships especially my relationship with God.

Any progress or success I have is because of God's grace and His mercy. Hard work or tons of hours in my own power are fruitless. God is the difference maker in all things and I give Him all the glory for anything and everything good in my life.

I pray that 2015 will hold many wonderful and inspiring moments for all of us as individuals and as a church family. There is no better time than now to examine your relationship with God and with the church and to make a commitment to be more involved in worship, Sunday School and Bible study. If you are interested in the music and/or youth ministries at WBC and want to be involved, don't hesitate to give me a call or stop by the office. There is a place for you!

Happy New Year!

Blessings, Leigh

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



January 7	Brian Wills
January 8	Bret Chisenhall
	Reba Smiddy
January 10	Ruby Salyers
January 12	Eden Mullins



CONGRATULATIONS!

To the Central Lady Warriors Basketball team for winning the Disney championship at ESPN in December! What an accomplishment. We are proud that Reagan Elkins is a part of that team!

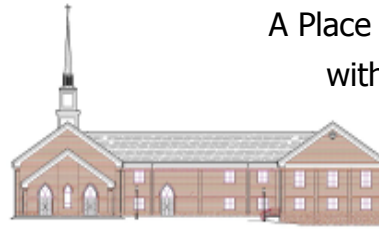
Many of our youth are involved in winter sports. Hope you can take a night or two and get out to support them in their activities.

ICE SKATING

The youth will go ice skating on Sunday, January 11. We will be at the church at 1:30. We will eat and shop and stuff in the Tri-Cities after skating. Friends are always welcome! Let Leigh know if you plan to participate!

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	1/04-1/10	Lewey Lee, John Kennedy
	1/11-1/17	Dan Helton, Bill Sutherland
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Eva, K. Susan S.
Worship Welcome Team:		Dave Belcher, Misty Belcher, Jeff Kiser, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray, Carla Sheppard
S.S. Greeters:	1/11	John Kennedy
	1/18	Lewey & Brenda Lee
Nursery:	1/11	Heather Wilson (N1), Anthony Wilson
(N2),		Rachel Porchie (Floater)
	1/18	Kathy Osborne,(N1) Tabitha Ray(N2), Emma Snodgrass (Floater)
Children's Church:	1/18	Beth Snodgrass
PA:	1/11	Mike Strouth
	1/18	Wayne Isaac
Tellers:	Jan.	Mike Strouth, David Mullins
Ushers:	1/11	Jeff Elkins, Bryon Burton, Daniel Ray, John Adrian, Travis Jessee
Mark		Stan Kunigelis, Jeff Dotson, Harold Witt, Hutchinson, Mark Clark, Jerry Baird, Edgar Owens, Roger Viers
Butch	1/18	*Offertory Prayer
Wed.-Serving Team:	1/14	Teresa Adkins, Jean Aker, Linda Bailey
	1/21	Martha Blackburn, Regina Cantrell, Gina Chisenhall, Sherry Collie
Wed. Night Meal:	1/14	Potluck
	1/21	Pizza King, Salad



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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
Monday	Caring Friends(1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Piecemakers (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Dinner & Bible Study will begin January 14th	
Thursday	Women on Mission(1st)	Noon

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Thought for the week:

A commitment to Christ is a
commitment through the local
church.