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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

January 9, 2024

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



*Dear Church Family and Friends,*

I witnessed an accident. I was so close that I could see the expression on the victim's face. It wasn't a car wreck. It was a tricycle accident.

My cousin was about 3 years old. His tricycle tipped over. He wasn't hurt, but it startled him. His lower lip quivered. Tears formed.

He looked around. (He did not notice me.) When he realized no one was there to witness it, the quiver stopped. The tears dried up. There was no need to get worked up. He got right back on the tricycle and took off! I could not help but be amused.

You and I are not so different. We are very much aware of and affected by our audience. The philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard, said that when we worship, we often see our role as spectators watching what is happening on the "stage". Truthfully, God is watching the worship we bring to Him. He is the "Audience of One".

Are you more aware of the human or the Divine audience in worship? And what can you do about it?

"You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek You; I thirst for You, my whole being longs for You, in a dry and parched land where there is no water." (Psalm 63:1)

*Love, Pastor Mike*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Guest Speakers  
 Tony & Jan Johnson  
 Sun, Jan. 14, 11am**

**Choir Practice  
 Wed, Jan. 10, 6pm**

**Bible Study  
 Wed, Jan. 10, 7pm**

**Men's Bible Study  
 Thurs, Jan. 11,  
 6:30am**

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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

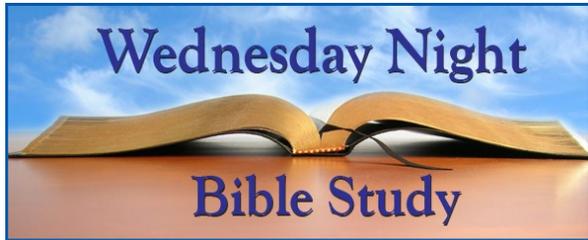
Deacon Emeritus:  
 Bob Adkins

### How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

Express one of the following to the Pastor during the closing hymn:

- † **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

## 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!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jan & Tony Johnson will be joining us for worship on **Sunday morning** (Jan. 14) to share about the ongoing work of the the SWVA Partnership & how we can continue to be a part of these local mission projects.



*Scripture  
for the Week:*

### Psalm 63:1

*"God, You are my God; I eagerly seek You. I thirst for You; my body faints for You in a land that is dry, desolate, and without water."*

### SEASON 4

**Coming to theaters!**

# The CHOSEN

We will be getting a group together to go & see the next season of "The Chosen" - save these dates!

**February 4, 11, 25**



*An adaptation of a piece  
from [lessonslearnedinlife.com](http://lessonslearnedinlife.com)...*

This year, end a quarrel.  
Seek out a forgotten friend.  
Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust.  
Write a love letter. Share some treasure.  
Give a soft answer. Keep a promise.  
Find the time.  
Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy.  
Listen. Apologize if you were wrong.  
Try to understand.  
Examine your demands on others.  
Think first of someone else.  
Be kind; be gentle; appreciate.  
Laugh a little.  
Laugh a little more.  
Express your gratitude.  
Gladden the heart of a child.  
Welcome a stranger.  
Take pleasure in the beauty  
and the wonder of Earth.  
Speak your love.  
Speak it again.  
Speak it yet once again.

*With  
Sympathy*

*We extend our deepest sympathy to Toni Thacker in the death of her brother, Glenn McNeece, on December 28. Please remember Toni & John & family in your prayers.*

**2024**

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

### Happy Birthday!

January 10 Piper Dutton  
Ruby Salyers  
January 12 Eden Mullins  
January 13 John Mark Adrian  
Joyce Horne  
January 16 Susan Mullins  
Beth Snodgrass  
January 17 Jim Hughes  
Russell Wampler



### WBC Music Ministry

The new year is a time to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. It is also a time to celebrate the new life that we have in Christ, who died for our sins and rose again to give us hope and joy.

The Bible says that if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17). This means that when we trust in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we are born again by the Spirit of God and we become part of God's family. We are no longer defined by our past mistakes, failures, or regrets, but by God's grace, love, and forgiveness.

As we enter the new year, let us remember that we have a new life in Christ, and let us live according to His will and purpose. Let us also share the good news of the gospel with others, so that they too may experience the new life that Christ offers. Let us pray that God will bless us, guide us, and use us for His glory in the new year and beyond.

Joy, Peace and Love, Donna



### Happy Anniversary!

January 18 Jeff & Eileen Cantrell  
Dalton & Kara Parker

### Train Display!

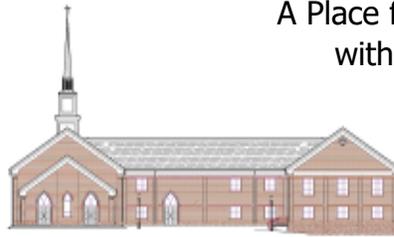


Jim & Sherry Collie invite you to visit their home & see their electric train displays anytime this next week. Just call Sherry ahead of time at 276-328-5133.

## CHILDREN'S Ministry

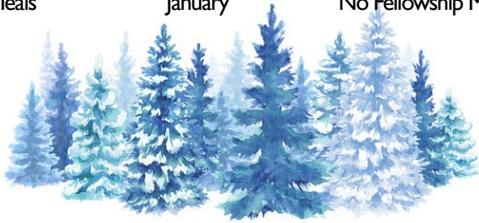
Children, grades K-4 are invited to participate in *Children's Church* each Sunday! At the beginning of the 11am worship service, children will be taken upstairs for a lesson & craft. Thank you to all of our Children's Church teachers who faithfully prepare each week!

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### Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	1/7 - 1/13	Debbie Collins, Jeff Elkins
	1/14 - 1/20	Jeff Cantrell, Lewey Lee
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	January	Jeff Elkins
	February	Donna Hutchinson
Children's Church	1/14	Carlie & Lloyd Tomlinson
	1/21	Susie & Chad Blanton
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

### Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

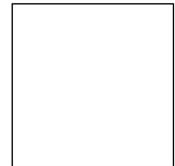
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### Thought for the Week:

*God is our Audience of One  
when we worship.*