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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

One thing you can count on is change. Recently, we have experienced traumatic change. We have had the most contentious presidential primaries I can remember. Violence has broken out in Dallas, Baton Rouge, Turkey, and France.

Our heads spin. Fear takes over. Fear turns to anger, which can override our thinking and faith. Jesus was no stranger to violence. He witnessed the Roman rule brutalize the people. Jesus' enemies plotted violence against Him.

Jesus had a lengthy meeting with His disciples in John 16. He says something that speaks to us today. We read in John 16:33 – "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart, I have overcome the world."

Take time to let that simmer and sink in. Where do we find peace? Jesus says, **"in me you may have peace."** Lasting peace comes from Jesus.

"In this world you will have trouble". I am often surprised when trouble comes. Why should I be surprised? Jesus predicts it, so expect it. That does not mean we have to be defeated or depressed. Expect it and fortify ourselves to be the church in times of trouble.

"I have overcome the world". Jesus has already overcome the world. His death and resurrection set in motion something that cannot be stopped, even if it appears otherwise.

Jesus and His way seemed defeated on the cross. He was dying and He could have called upon thousands of angels to save Him from an excruciating death. Love seemed to lose. Love seems so frail. Anger and violence seem so powerful.

My brothers and sisters, let us take heart from Jesus' words and be the church every day, especially in troubled times.

Love, Pastor Mike

How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

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

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| † 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

IMPACT VA
July 17–23

R.A.M
July 22–24

Brown Bag Ministry
July 24–29

Children's Ministry Team Meeting
July 24

Back-to-School Goodie Bags Distributed by Children's Ministry Team after Worship
July 31

Annual Business Meeting
August 24

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DEACONS 2015-16

Lewey Lee	328-3845
Dan Helton	328-6086
Edgar Owens	328-6129
John Kennedy	328-5013
Matt Meade	393-9177
Daniel Ray	328-2483
Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Ron Helton	393-6145

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you so much to our church family for the many expressions of love and sympathy shown to us during the recent loss of my father. Special thanks to Pastor Mike for visiting and to all those who sent cards and offered prayers.

~ Peggy Yanez and Family

Wednesday Night Programs

AUGUST 3
IS THE NIGHT!

Join us as we begin our Wednesday night Fellowship Meals at 6pm, followed by activities for all ages:

- 6:00 pm Fellowship Meal
- 6:45 pm Adult Bible Study in sanctuary
- Youth Bible Study in Youth Building
- Children-in-Action upstairs
- Nursery
- 7:45 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

***Small Group Bible Studies will begin in September*



We hope that all of you who participated in the S.O.A.P. Bible study this summer have gained as much from it as we have! God called all of us together because He loves us & to study His word. Together, we learned and shared what God put on our hearts. We all have benefited from this journey together. We would love to continue with this type of study. If you are interested, please let us know that, as well as possible topics you would like to study.

Love & blessings, Diana, Margie, Terry

As you pray, please remember...

Kara Kennedy and family, Tony Hill, Irene Black, Papa Joe Smiddy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Bea Hill, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.



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

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

BROWN BAG MINISTRY

Come & join our **"Packing Party"**! Wise Baptist will be packing lunches for Brown Bag on Sunday evening (July 24) at 7 pm! Anyone & everyone is welcome! If you are available to help deliver lunches on Mon.—Fri. mornings (July 25-29), please contact Kathy or Jeff Dotson (276-393-8417). **Feel free to volunteer 1 day or several days!*

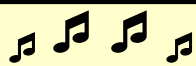


The Children's Ministry Team is putting together 25 **"Back-to-School Goodie Bags"** for our children at WBC. If you would like to be a part of this project, we will be collecting pocket folders, pencils, glue sticks, large erasers, water bottles, crayons, colored pencils, candy, teddy grahams, individual hand sanitizer, & individual sized tissue packets through **July 24**. Please see Susie Clasby if you have any questions.

Special Bible study and Prayer Time Wed. July 20 at 7pm in sanctuary



Due to recent events in Dallas, Baton Rouge, Turkey, and Nice, France, we will gather for focused Bible study and prayer. See you then. Pastor Mike



From Leigh

Shew! It seems everywhere I go it is HOT!

Mark and I were in Memphis last weekend to help move Anna into her new house. It was well into the 90's everyday and the humidity was awful!

But, our visit was wonderful! Anna is embracing the city, her job, the people, and her new church with enthusiasm, grace, and increasing confidence. It is evident that God is paving the way for her transition. Thank you for continuing to pray for her.

Mark and I spent part of Saturday visiting the National Civil Rights Museum. I highly recommend it to anyone visiting the Memphis area. It was a powerful, educational, and somewhat emotional experience. As a white person and as a Christian, I felt a sense of shame for many of the experiences and the turmoil of my African-American brothers and sisters. There is no simple solution. Violence against anyone only causes more hurt. I do believe, though, that the church is a place for unity and acceptance for everyone. I also believe that acknowledging that people are hurting, and prayer are crucial for healing and for finding a solution.

We live in troubling times. God is not surprised or shocked or changed by our world. No matter what—God is still God. I pray that we will work harder to let more of the God who is in us serve as our guide and allow Him to shine brightly through our words and our actions.

I would like to especially thank Teresa Adkins, Misty Belcher and Donna Hutchinson for leading worship last Sunday while I and both Susan's were away. We are blessed at WBC with so many talented and willing people!

I give thanks for all of you and for this church. I am praying for you this week; pray for each other, too. Blessings, Leigh



July 19	Wayne Isaac
July 24	Debbie Collins
	Bonnie Owens
July 25	Martha Gilliam
	Sara Hardin
	Oscar Baile
July 26	David Allio



July 25	Kenny & Peggy Bowling
July 27	Mark & Leigh Clark

Worship...July 17

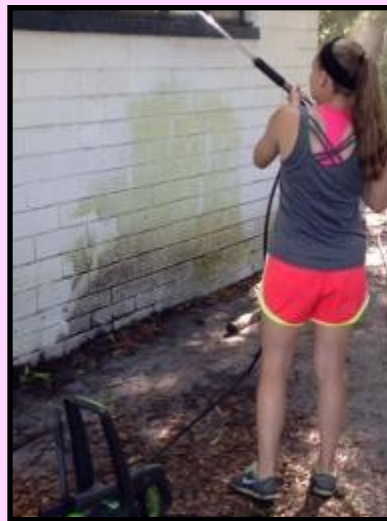


Mission Trip
Testimonies by
Bryon Burton &
Butch Hutchinson

Special Music
by
Misty Belcher



At work and at play, our FLOCK is the best!



IMPACT VIRGINIA is here!

Around 300 teenagers and adult leaders from across Virginia are in Wise County this week to repair damaged homes & minister to homeowners. Wise Baptist is providing lunches for 3 of the 16 work sites. THANK YOU to Sherlene Hall & all of those who are helping prepare & deliver lunches to these folks!



...packing,
...delivering,
...eating!



“Fruit of the Spirit”
was our theme. As a
remembrance of our
new friendship with
the Greater Faith
Baptist Fellowship
Church, we bought
and planted a tangelo
tree at the church.

It is our prayer that
the church will grow
and bear fruit in this
community and
beyond for years to
come.



Above: Jeffrey Haglund, Director of Missions
with the North Central Florida Baptist
Association, Bishop James Dixon, Rev. John
Fairless, Pastor of FBC Gainesville

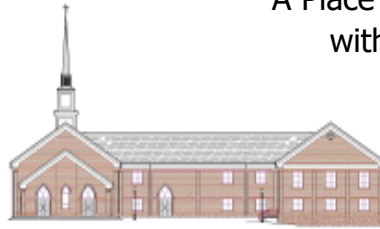
Right: A group picture with Bishop Dixon, his
wife Cheryl and their oldest member, Ms.
Mary.



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	7/17-7/23	Lewey Lee, John Kennedy
	7/24-7/30	Dan Helton, Gil Blackburn
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:	07/24	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
	07/31	Bob & Teresa Adkins
Nursery:	07/24	Regina Carson, Lily Snodgrass
	07/31	Kathy Osborne
Children's Church:	07/24	Lulia Maine
	07/31	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
PA:	07/24	Marty Adkins
Tellers:	July	Edgar Owens, Oscar Raile
	August	Jeff Dotson, Mike Strouth
Ushers:	07/24	David Sheppard*, Kenny Bowling^, Roger Williams^, Dave Belcher, Donnie Bradley, Bryon Burton, Jeff Elkins, Daniel Ray
	07/31	Jerry Baird*, Mark Clark^, Edgar Owens^, Leton Harding, Stan Kunigelis, Roger Viers, Harold Witt
		(*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Meals:		*Fellowship Meals will begin again in August
Children-in-Action		*C.I.A. will begin again in August

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

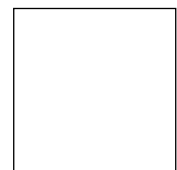
Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
Wednesday	Summer Bible Study (July 6, 13, 20, 27)	7:00 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2--4 pm

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Thought for the week:
Jesus has overcome the
world!