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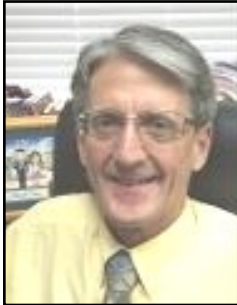
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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

July 23, 2019

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



*Dear Church Family and Friends,*

Terry and I attended a memorial last week for my aunt, who was nearly 102 years old. Aunt Betty was the matriarch of the extended family.

102 years! Think about the changes in the world she experienced in her lifetime. A partial list includes: World War I, the Great Depression, commercial airplane travel, World War II, nuclear weapons and power, the Korean War, space travel, the Vietnam War, the oil embargo, the computer age, conflicts in the Middle East, smart phones and social media.

The entire memorial service reflected Aunt Betty's faith in God: the eulogy, her favorite Scriptures, (read by her grandchildren) and her favorite hymns (sung by the congregation). She had experienced great joy and sorrow, success and failure. The constant and center of her life was following and serving God.

One of her favorite Scriptures read during the service was Isaiah 40:28-31. Verses 30-31 say, "Even youths shall grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not faint."

Words for the ages for people of all ages...

*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

### IMPORTANT DATES

**VBS**  
July 22 - 25  
6 -8:30pm

**Laurels Ministry**  
July 25, 1:30pm

**Baptismal Service for Dalton Hopkins**  
July 28, 11am

**Brown Bag Ministry**  
July 29—August 2

**Deacon Nominations**  
August 4

**Men's Bible Study**  
August 6, 6:30am

**Wed. Night Activities Begin**  
August 7, 6pm

**Mortgage Burning Celebration**  
August 25, 11am

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### DEACONS 2018-19

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| John Mark Adrian | 328-5564 |
| Jim Collie       | 393-1710 |
| Jeff Dotson      | 393-8417 |
| Leton Harding    | 346-6039 |
| David Mullins    | 870-0005 |
| Mike Osborne     | 365-0968 |
| John Ponish      | 870-1593 |
| Gary Smith       | 870-1579 |

Deacons Emeritus:  
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill,  
Harold Witt

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## August August 7 is the night!

Join us as we begin our Wednesday night Fellowship activities at 6pm with a potluck meal! At 7pm, we will meet in the sanctuary for preview of the upcoming small group Bible studies:

Youth Hand Chimes & Children-in-Action will also be meeting at 7pm upstairs & a Nursery will be provided during this time as well.

⇒ **Living Generously** (Rebecca Osborne)

*With a God of such generous grace caring for us & guarding us, how can we not be generous ourselves with our lives & all that we have?*

⇒ **Pillars: Still Standing After Centuries of Change** (Pastor Mike)

*When so much around us seems to be crumbling, the Ten Commandments remain. Explore how they speak to us today.*

⇒ **Just Do Something** (John Mark Adrian)

*Join us as we explore a different approach to discovering God's will.*

As you pray, please remember...

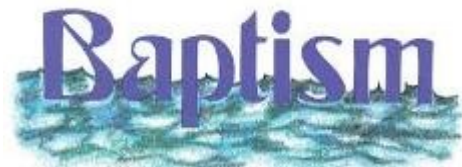


Juanita Mullins, Melanie Davis (friend of Marsha Tolbert), Bonnie & Edgar Owens, Butch Hutchinson, Chuck Maine, Ann Wade & Penny Greenwood & family, Valerie Holdren, Ashley Holdren, Hope Holdren (friends of the Winters), Clifford & Artie Bailey, Tami Banks, Steve Collins, Bill Wampler (Russell Wampler's dad), Brenda Kunigelis, Bessie Vance, Beth Snodgrass, Kyle Gardner (Kim Hall Hodges' dad), Ron Swindall, Gerry O'Bryan, Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill, Kathy & John Kennedy, John & Kay Wright, Wanda Takahashi (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, Shirley Willis (The Laurels), Ray & Carolyn Jones, Pat & Fred Adkins, law enforcement & emergency personnel, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.

**Hospitalized:** Juanita Mullins (Holston Valley Trauma Center), Fred Adkins (Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Kingsport)

**Our Shut Ins:** Geraldine Dickenson, Eddie Culbertson, Florine Pennington (The Laurels), Jeanne Stallard

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



Sunday, July 28

Join us as we celebrate the baptism of Dalton Hopkins during morning worship!

## Brown Bag Ministry July 29—Aug. 2



Please contact Kathy Dotson as soon as possible if you would like to be a part of this rewarding ministry this summer! Folks are needed to fill bags, make sandwiches & donate items. At least 10 delivery people are needed this year.

Contact Kathy Dotson at:  
276-298-4363 or [kathybdotson@gmail.com](mailto:kathybdotson@gmail.com)



## Painting Day at the Youth Building!

Sat., July 27 (9am - 1pm)

Contact John Ponish  
if you would like to help!

870-1593



## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Deacon election is coming up on Sunday, **August 4**. Please think and pray ahead of time about your nominations for this important role in our church.

We will need 4 nominations instead of 3, because one of our current deacons, Daniel Ray (and his family), moved to Alabama. Remember these nominations need to be made by and for church members.

Take time to read I Tim. 3:8-13 as you pray about this.

~ Pastor Mike

Scripture for the Week:  
**Isaiah 40:28-31**



“Do you not know? Have you not heard? Yahweh is the everlasting God, the Creator of the whole earth. He never grows faint or weary; there is no limit to His understanding. He gives strength to the weary and strengthens the powerless. Youths may faint and grow weary, and young men may stumble and fall, but those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint.”

*Refresh your mind and soul  
this summer...*



*Join us for Sunday School  
at 10 am.*



*We have classes for all ages!!*

## Mortgage Burning Celebration! August 25@11am

**On August 25, during our morning worship service, we will celebrate the paying off of our church mortgage with a note-burning.** It is a time to celebrate what God has done in and through Wise Baptist Church. Plans have been made for former pastor, Ray and his wife, Carolyn to be present. Pastor Ray was instrumental in the building process. Our thanks to each person who had a part in the planning, building, and paying off the mortgage! God is good and He always provides! Our church building is a wonderful resource that will continue to enable us to do God's work. Please come and celebrate with us!



Love, Pastor Mike

Dear Church Family,

## Fellowship Dinner

We are recruiting help for cooking and cleaning up on Wednesdays!!!

Sherlene and I will coordinate the Potluck

on the 1st Wednesday, and prepare a meal on the 3rd Wednesday. We need cook teams to shop for the food (church charge at Food City or IGA), prepare the meal AND SALAD, drinks, and clean up on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday nights. Probably 2 to 4 people on the team.

We will still need serving teams to do desserts and help with clean up each week also.

We will have sign-up sheets in the foyer Sunday. Think about doing one or two meals this fall.

~ Teresa Adkins



# MUSIC \* YOUTH \* CHILDREN'S NEWS



## WBC Youth Ministry

Hey Everyone!

This week I wanted to share a thought with you all about just how important it is to discern our thoughts from the truth. John 8:31- 32 tells us that the Word of God is truth and the truth will set us free. If we are overwhelmed by thoughts about certain things, those thoughts tend to consume us. Sometimes the lines between God's promises and what our thoughts keep telling us can be blurry. Thoughts often turn into feelings which brings me to a quote from John Piper:

"My feelings are not God. God is God. My feelings do not define truth. God's word defines truth. My feelings are echoes and responses to what my mind perceives. And sometimes- many times- my feelings are out of sync with the truth. When that happens- I try not to bend the truth to justify my imperfect feelings, but rather, I plead with God: Purify my perceptions of your truth and transform my feelings so that they are in sync with the truth."

So feelings do not equal God. Truth equals God. We get to God and His truth through the Bible.

There are so many times in my life when I am consumed with thoughts about a certain issue, worry, or person. Usually those thoughts develop into a mindset of feelings toward the situation and leave me farther from God than I ever intended.

So next time we are overwhelmed with feelings of anxiety, worry, helplessness, pride, lust, anger, etc., I challenge you to stop, take a step back, and see what God says in His word about whatever feelings you may have. God's promises are for peace beyond understanding, hope, joy and love. We must recognize that although our feelings may be valid, they are not part of the promises of God. Because feelings fade, but the Word of the Almighty will stand for eternity.

Love and Blessings, Hannah Grace



July 24

Debbie Collins  
Bonnie Owens

July 25

Sara Hardin  
Oscar Raile

July 26

David Allio  
Peggy Yanez

July 27

Allen Cantrell  
Angela Gervais  
Vickie Rasnick

July 28

Ron Helton  
Oliver Ray

July 30

Melissa Blackburn

August 1

Angie Gilliam  
Greg Hutchinson

## Happy Anniversary

July 25

Kenny & Peggy Bowling  
Matt & Sara Johnson

July 29

John & Diana Roberts

August 1

Shaun & Sara Lane

August 2

Eddie & Ann Culbertson

Jamie & Stacy Hopkins

## WBC Children's Ministry



**thank  
you!**

Thank you to Isabella Adrian for reading scripture during worship on July 14!

Thank you to Brandi Cox for coordinating the children's pool party on July 14! We appreciate Wayne Isaac graciously opening his pool to us!

The Children's Ministry Team will meet briefly on Sunday, Aug. 11 after worship.



## WBC Music Ministry

We have some exciting things coming up with music at Wise Baptist Church! The first is the **Children's Choir** which will begin on Wed.,

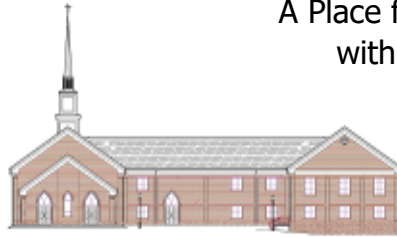
August 7 at 4:30 p.m. and **Hand Chimes** for youth seventh grade and up at 7:00 p.m. **TRUTH** will

become a more integral part of our worship, and our sanctuary choir will continue leading us each Sunday. The **Christmas Cantata** ("Hope!") for this year is already in the works. Other programs will begin during the new church year, so keep your eyes peeled for those announcements!

Love & Peace, Donna



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## Volunteers this Week

|                    |             |   |
|--------------------|-------------|---|
| Deacons On Call:   | 7/21 - 7/27 | Jeff Dotson, Leton Harding  |
|                    | 7/28 - 8/3  | John Mark Adrian, Jim Collie  |
| Building Stewards: |             | Ron, Dan, Scott S.  |
| Instrumentalists:  |             | Susan M., Susan S.  |
| Worship Welcome    | 7/28        | Hannah Grace Mullins  |
|                    | 8/4         | Hannah Grace Mullins  |
| S.S. Greeters:     | 7/28        | Hutchinson Family   |
|                    | 8/4         | Grace Allio, Shirlee Barnette   |
| Nursery:           | 7/28        | Susie Clasby, Mary Stuedemann   |
|                    | 8/4         | Landon Elkins, Caroline Mullins   |
| Children's Church: | 7/28        | Holly Meade   |
|                    | 8/4         | Beth Snodgrass, Emma Snodgrass  |
| Sound System:      | 7/28        | Rachel Lyall  |
|                    | 8/4         | Mike Strouth  |
| Ushers:            | 7/28        | Bob Adkins, Kenny Bowling, Jeff Cantrell,<br>Dan Helton, Matt Meade,<br>Johnny Robinson, Jim Sturgill |
|                    | 8/4         | Children & Youth  |
| Tellers:           | July        | Martha Blackburn, Stephen Large   |
|                    | August      | Jessica Crutchfield, Jeff Kiser   |

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

|           |                                 |          |
|-----------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Sunday    | Sunday School                   | 10:00 am |
|           | Worship                         | 11:00 am |
|           | Truth Rehearsal                 | 5:00 pm  |
|           | Youth (Grades 7-12)             | 6:00 pm  |
|           | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal       | 6:00 pm  |
| Monday    | Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)         | 9:30 am  |
|           | Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)      |          |
| Wednesday | Fellowship Meal                 | 6:00 pm  |
|           | Adult Bible Studies             | 7:00 pm  |
|           | Children in Action (Grades K-6) |          |
|           | Nursery (Birth - Preschool)     |          |

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**“Those who hope in the Lord**  
**will renew their strength.”**

**Isaiah 40:31**