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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear church family & friends,

Packing for a trip is often a daunting task. I often think, when I am on a trip, I won't have something I need. So, to be on the safe side, I overpack. That means extra time and stuff to deal with before, during and after the trip.

Jesus calls several people in Luke 5 to go on a trip. It is a trip of a lifetime: on this side and the other side of eternity. Those He called were lifelong fishermen. Luke 5:11 says they "pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him".

What did they pack for this trip? I believe they packed light. They could only take what they could carry with them. That really boils it down. They were following Jesus. What they needed was to trust that He would provide, and to keep their eyes on Him.

These ideas still apply today. Jesus calls us to be His disciples. While we may not be asked to leave our jobs, we are asked to put Jesus first and put all we are and have at His disposal.

Jesus comes to proclaim good news. There is a new King and new kingdom at hand. He brings hope, forgiveness, peace and life! We need good news and our world needs good news. We have the privilege of proclaiming and showing the world this news.

During April and May, there will be opportunities to express our call from Jesus. We will have several different ministry projects that we will provide to our town and area with no strings attached. It is an expression of grace, a watchword of the new kingdom. You are invited to participate.

I look forward to our serving side-by-side to represent our Lord and spread the "good news".

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

New Small Group Bible Study Previews
March 15, 6:45pm

Celebration of Southwest Virginia Partnership's Permanent Status
March 19

New Small Group Bible Studies Begin
March 22, 6:45pm

Children's Snack-n-Paint
March 25, 10am

Mission Trip Deposits Due
March 26

"Facing the Darkness" movie in Bristol
March 30

Church-Wide Luncheon & Children's Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt
April 9, 12pm

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DEACONS 2016-17

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Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Ron Helton	393-6145
John Kennedy	328-5013
Matt Meade	393-9177
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Edgar Owens	328-6129
Daniel Ray	328-2483

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING for North American Missions

Special offering envelopes are available in the
pew racks & in the foyer.



New Spring Bible Studies

*Wednesday Evenings, 7pm
March 22 - April 26*

*Join us on Wednesday, March 15 to hear
the previews for the new spring Bible
studies.*

*The next rotation of Small Group Bible
studies will begin on March 22 & continue
through April 26.*

*Sign up on the Communication Card in
your bulletin or call the church office:*

- 1) The Gospel of Matthew*
- 2) Max on Life*
- 3) War Room*

**Southwest
Virginia**
PARTNERSHIP



**Celebration of the Southwest Virginia Partnership's
Permanent Mission Status!**

Sunday, March 19 at 3 PM - 5:30 PM

*Join us as we gather to celebrate the goodness of God
and the success He has given and continues to give us
through the outreach of this statewide missions
partnership in Southwest Virginia that is now
permanent. This event will be hosted by First Baptist
Church in Gate City.*

** The main speaker, David Washburn, will also be
speaking at Wise Baptist that morning.*

As you pray, please remember...

Robert & Jennifer England & family, Joanne Kennedy & family, the Irene Black family, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Bea and Glenn Hill, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.



Hospitalized: Wesley Kennedy (Ridgecrest Manor, Duffield, VA)

Our Shut Ins: Elizabeth Davidson (Heritage Hall—Wise), Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, and Florine Pennington (The Laurels).

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



The Children's Ministry at Wise Baptist has several special activities planned to help celebrate Easter this year!

- ✂ March 26-April 16, books about the first Easter will be given to each child.
- ✂ April 9 - Everyone is invited to a potluck lunch (ham provided by the Missions Committee) following morning worship. After lunch an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt will be held for all children.
- ✂ April 9-15 - "You've Been Egged!"...The children will hand out candy-filled Easter eggs with an invitation to attend the Easter Worship Service to neighbors & friends.

BCM Clean-Up Day

Saturday, March 18, 10am—2pm

Volunteers are needed to help with "spring cleaning" at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry building at UVA-Wise in preparation for the Annual Wise Baptist Associational Spring Meeting! If you are available to help, please contact the church office or sign up on your Communication Card. Please bring your lunch, as well as cleaning supplies.



Music is a salve for a wounded soul. This past weekend had me so heavy-hearted. Even though

the England/Hughes family is no longer worshipping at WBC, they have been a big part of our church family for years and their loss has deeply impacted many of us. Please keep them close to your heart and pray for their strength, comfort, healing and peace. This past Sunday, our invitation hymn, "Love Lifted Me" was a reminder that God's love for us will lift us and carry us through any and all of life's hurdles. *"When nothing else can help, LOVE LIFTED ME".*

The Sanctuary Choir is working on several new anthems and many that we have sung before for the Lenten/Easter season and the Children's Choir is preparing some special music (both songs, narration and handbells and maybe even some boomwhackers) to be shared with the congregation. Handbells met on Sunday evening and we are preparing some music to share around Easter.

If you are interested in participating in any of our choirs or other music programs, please see me at church or contact me through text or email.

Peace and Love, Donna



March 18
March 19
March 21
March 23

Aaron Clark
Betty Easterling
Cameron Curtis
Rick Johnson

With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

We extend our deepest sympathy to Robert, Jennifer, Daniel & Jack England in the loss of Nick last Friday. Please continue to keep this family in your prayers.

WBC Children's Ministry



Invite your friends & neighbors to be involved in Wise Baptist's children's ministry this spring! Some of the upcoming opportunities for fellowship, discipleship and outreach are listed below:

MARCH 25	Snack-n-Paint
APRIL 9	Children's Palm Processional, 11 am Church-Wide Potluck & Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt, 12pm
APRIL 9-15	"You've Been Egged" project
APRIL 16	Singing Sunbeams, 11am worship
MAY 21	Family Hike, Natural Tunnel
TBA	Barter Theater
JUNE 5-9	Vacation Bible School



Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry

Thank you to Lori Crisp for providing dinner for the youth this past Sunday evening! Be sure to join "The Flock" for Bible study & fellowship & dinner this coming Sunday night at 6pm. Terry Winters will be providing supper. Mark your calendars for MARCH 30 - "Facing the Darkness" movie in Bristol. Also, a youth lock-in is in the planning stages - stay tuned for more info.

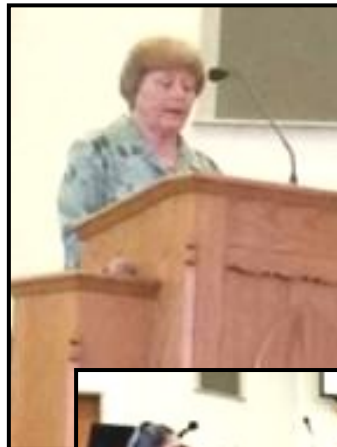


Summer Mission Trip...

June 24—July 1, Tarboro, NC

- * If you are interested in being a part of the 2017 mission team, please contact John Ponish at jponish@atsone.com
- * We will be mainly doing construction (skilled & unskilled labor needed!) as well as coordinating a block party.
- * Each participant will need to turn in a **\$50 deposit** by March 26.

Worship at Wise Baptist...



*Lent Service
March 8, 2017*



We are so busy. We need to put the brakes on everything.



God sets limits (commands) in our lives, not to deny us, but to protect us. Jesus summarizes all of God's commands in the Great Commandment.



This sign tells us areas from which we need to stay away. One way is to focus on the areas we need to avoid, spiritually. Another approach is to focus on where we need to go. This may better serve to keep us out of the spiritual "no parking" areas.



There are many paths we can take in life, but Jesus is the only true way.

Wise Baptist at play and serving others...



Our Co-Ed Volleyball Team took 3rd Place in the Tournament this past weekend!



Cutting up the tree that fell in the Adrian's yard!



Planning for this summer's mission trip to NC.

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	3/12-3/18	Edgar Owens, Ron Helton
	3/19-3/25	Jerry Baird, Matt Meade
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:	3/19	John Ponish
	3/26	David & Sandy Mullins
Nursery:	3/19	Stephen & Julie Large
	3/26	Landon Elkins, Bonnie Owens
Children's Church:	3/19	Mike & Rebecca Osborne, Emma Snodgrass
	3/26	Daniel & Tabitha Ray
PA:	3/19	Oscar Raile
	3/26	Noah Hall
Tellers:	March	Leton Harding, Oscar Raile
	April	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Ushers:	3/19	Jeff Kiser*, John Ponish^, Scott Snodgrass^, Marty Adkins, Leton Harding, Ron Helton, Jorge Hersel
	3/26	Jack Tolbert*, Clyde Vance^, Gil Blackburn^, Dave Belcher, Bryon Burton, Jeff Dotson, Marty Kennedy *Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	3/15	Jessica Crutchfield, Kathy Dotson, Gail Kiser
	3/22	Martha Blackburn, Linda Burgess, Kathy Helton, Susie Powers
Wed. Meals:	3/15	Baked Chicken, Veggies, Rice, Rolls
	3/22	Pork Roast, Baked Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Rolls, Salad
Children-in-Action:	3/15	Susie Clasby & Sandy Mullins
	3/22	Susie Clasby & Sandy Mullins

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
	Singing Sunbeams	4-5 pm
Wednesday	Missions Committee (1st)	5:00 pm
	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Children-in-Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth-Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2-4 pm

Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

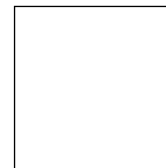
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