

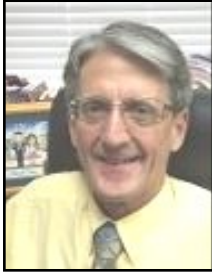
# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

March 24, 2020

Rev. Mike Winters, Pastor  
Donna Hutchinson, Music Director  
Jordan Hughes, Youth Director  
Dr. Ray Jones, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

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



*Dear Church Family and Friends,*

Here is a before-and-after picture of the famous canals in Venice, Italy. Notice the trash in the left photo. The photo on the right is what it looks like now...after being on lockdown because of COVID-19.

The water has cleared. Fish are swimming. New life! The water quality is better than it has been for 60 years!

The COVID-19 virus has turned our world upside down. It also presents an opportunity. One we wouldn't consider otherwise. Let's take an honest look at our lives. What really matters? What's most important? Does my life match up with my answers?

What needs to be discarded (trash)? What needs to change? We have probably known for a long time. Now, it is staring us in the face.

This Bible has a good word for the starting point. It is called confession. It simply means to agree with God. John says in I John 1:9 – "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Sometimes,  
we need to take out  
the trash.

*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

**On-Site Services & Activities cancelled for March 25 and March 29**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study on Revelation**  
March 25, 7pm  
Facebook Live

**Sunday Message**  
March 29, 11am  
Facebook Live

### TO BE RESCHEDULED:

\* **Safety Training**

\* **Celebration of Life for Fred Adkins**

\* **Deacon Ordination: Oscar Raile**

\* **Dinner Reception for Kristen (Osborne) & Dustin Phillips**

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### DEACONS 2019-20

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Jerry Baird	393-0923
Leton Harding	346-6039
Ron Helton	393-6145
Lewey Lee	393-5370
David Mullins	870-0005
John Ponish	870-1593
Oscar Raile	870-0131
Gary Smith	870-1579

Deacons Emeritus:  
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill,  
Harold Witt

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY WORSHIP & WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY CONTINUE...

### BUT WILL LOOK DIFFERENT!

We will meet online, instead of at our church building. This Wednesday, at 7pm Pastor Mike will begin a study of The Book of Revelation. You can find it on Facebook. (Do a search for Mike Winters.) Also, Sunday mornings at 11am - message from Pastor Mike on Facebook Live.

God's church at Wise Baptist goes on! Let's see what God can do during these challenging times!

*Join us!*



**Tuesday  
MAY 5  
6:30am**

**Men**, join us for awesome fellowship and Bible study twice a month (1st & 3rd Tuesdays) from 6:30-7:30am in the church fellowship hall. Bring your breakfast & your Bible! (\*We will cancel for the month of April.)

*As you pray, please remember...*



Ruby Barton & Debbie Peak (sisters of Mike Smith (Peak), Grace Allio & family, family of Pam McKnight, Margaret Craft, Pat Adkins & family, Glenn Hill, Stephanie Lawson, Gerry O'Bryan, Royce McNeal, Pat Boggs, Ann Sturgill, Brandi Cox, Lois Tveit, Ray Spenilla, Phyllis Hatcher, Steve Collins, Bessie Vance, Clifford & Artie Bailey, Kathy & John Kennedy, John & Kay Wright, Wanda Takahashi (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, Ray & Carolyn Jones, law enforcement & emergency personnel, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.

**Our Shut Ins:** Eddie Culbertson, Jeanne Stallard

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

### *Congratulations!*



*Gwyn Carlton is the proud grandmother of newborn granddaughter*

*Isla Kambreigh Dutton.*

*Isla was born on March 19 to Gwyn's son & daughter-in-law, Travis & Alexis Dutton, & big sister Piper.*



### *Church Giving*

Until we are all able to return on Sundays for regular Church services, offerings and tithes may be mailed to Wise Baptist Church (PO Box 777, Wise VA 24293) or brought by the church during open hours. Plates and envelopes will be located just outside of the sanctuary hallway door (next to the kneeling furniture) and also in the hallway outside of the offices. Please understand that the appropriate folks will check on the plates daily and will honor all gifts with confidentiality and security. Thank you for your flexibility.

*~ Ron Helton*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# NORTH Swansboro CAROLINA

## 2020 Summer Mission Trip!

We will once again be joining the North Carolina United Methodist Disaster Ministries to help rebuild homes that were damaged during Hurricane Matthew in October of 2016.

If you would like to be a part of the 2020 Summer Mission Trip, please contact John Ponish at 870-1593.



### Scripture for the Week I John 1:9

*“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*



Wise Baptist Church  
at its finest!

Handicap ramp  
completed for Glenn  
Hill at the home of  
Steve & Debbie Collins!



The Dinner Reception for Dustin & Kristen (Osborne) Phillips that was originally scheduled for Saturday, April 4 is being postponed for now. A new date will be set as soon as we get through the current situation.

Thanks!

Mike & Rebecca Osborne

Many thanks to Matt Collins, John Ponish, Jorge Hersel, Butch Hutchinson, Scott Snodgrass & Cordell Higgins!

Thank you to Donna Hutchinson for feeding the guys well!



## Easter 2020...

- ✂ You can give to **North American Missions** through the **Annie Armstrong Offering** from now through Easter...envelopes are in the pew racks.
- ✂ All children are invited to participate in the **Palm Processional** on April 5. Please meet in hall by the sanctuary at 10:45 that morning.
- ✂ Bring fresh flowers & help **flower the cross** on Easter morning before 11am.



# Happy Birthday!



March 26 Chloe Cantrell  
 March 28 Ashley Farmer  
 Deborah Knox  
 Christi Lardieri  
 Isabella Lardieri

March 29 Matt Collins  
 Matthew Mullins  
 April 1 Cory Farmer  
 April 2 Frank Bellamy  
 April 5 Holly Cline  
 April 6 Don Newlon  
 April 7 Alex Maine



## WBC

### Youth Ministry



Although our Flock get-togethers are on hold for the time being, please stay in touch with each other & pray for each other!

We will keep you posted as to when Youth Bible Study will begin again!

\* You can reach Jordan Hughes at:

276-219-2244

## WBC Children's Ministry



Children!

Check your mailboxes!

There may be mail for you over the next few weeks from members of the Children's Ministry Team!



I don't know about you, but I am assuming that most people are in the same shape I am. Too much indoor time, too much news & too much cooking, so therefore, too much food, too much of everything! I am so looking forward to warmer, drier conditions so I can at least sit outside my house. I miss seeing my family, I miss talking to my friends in person, I miss going to Walmart! (I can't believe I said that since I haven't darkened the doors since October or whenever they opened up "Pickup"), but I just miss the sense of community. Running into friends that you haven't seen in a while & catching up while dodging people in the aisles. I miss my church family - Wednesday nights are one of my favorite things. I love to come a bit early & talk to everyone as they come in & see what's new with them. This is always my suggestion to new members: Come to Wednesday night meals because you can actually TALK to others instead of just saying hi & bye on Sunday mornings. I miss seeing my children & youth in children's choir & hand chimes. They can be a handful, loud & sometimes rowdy, but they are joyful & I can't wait to get back to hugging & loving on them. I miss worship. I miss that corporate worship experience, but we are working on some creative ways to make that a possibility for us all. Yes, I miss that. So, what can we do?

We can call each other & check to see how folks are doing, & if they need something that you can supply. We can pray for each other - specific prayers for their individual needs. We can look for REAL pertinent information from good sources, such as the CDC, NIH & our local health departments. We can study our Bibles, find a Bible study or prayer guide online. We can be the church! We can be the hands, feet and VOICE of Jesus to our community.

Peace and Love, Donna

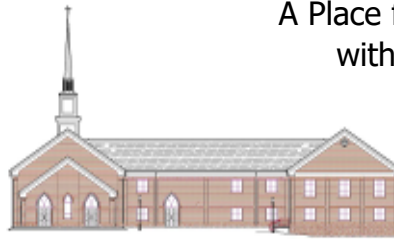
## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call: 3/22 - 3/28 John Mark Adrian, Lewey Lee  
 3/29 - 4/4 Oscar Raile, John Ponish  
 Building Stewards: Ron Helton, Dan Helton, Scott Snodgrass  
 Instrumentalists: Susan M., Susan S.

*\*These are the volunteers who are scheduled if we have services:*

Worship Welcome	4/5	Jeff Kiser
S.S. Greeters:	4/5	Sherlene Hall, Ruby Salyers
Nursery:	4/5	Regina Carson, Susie Clasby, Julie Large, Stephen Large
Children's Church:	4/5	Chuck & Lulia Maine
Sound System:	4/5	Mike Strouth
Ushers:	4/5	Youth (teens)
Tellers:	April	Teresa Adkins, Shirlee Barnette
	May	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Youth Meal:	4/5	Jessica Crutchfield
Wed. Serving Team	4/1	Brenda Lee, Vickie Rasnick, Susan Smith, Ann Wade, Sandy Yun
Wed. Meal	4/1	POTLUCK Meal
Children's Choir	4/1	Donna Hutchinson, Renee Robinson
Children in Action	4/1	Kathy Dotson, Julie Large
Youth Hand Chimes	4/1	Donna Hutchinson
Wed. Night Nursery	4/1	Wendy Adrian, Linda Bailey, Martha Blackburn

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## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

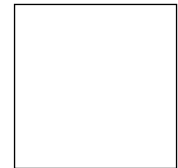
Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Truth Rehearsal	4:45 pm
	Youth (Grades 7-12)	6:00 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study (1st & 3rd)	6:30 am
Wednesday	Children's Choir (Ages 3 - Grade 6)	4:45 pm
	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Studies	7:00 pm
	Youth Hand Chimes	
	Children in Action (Ages 5 - Grade 6)	
	Nursery (Birth - Age 4)	

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**Thought for the Week:**  
**God forgives!**