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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear church family and friends,

How does spiritual growth happen? Sometimes, we think of it as things that happen to us on the outside. If these things occur and support me, I will grow.

When Jesus was getting ready to begin His ministry, the devil intercepted Him. The devil tempted Him three times.

The second temptation was for Jesus to prove that He was Savior by publicly jumping off the Temple over a deep valley. This would force the angels to rescue Him. The devil reasoned that this would "wow" the crowd to follow Him.

What if Jesus had jumped off the temple and angels had swooped down in front of great crowds to rescue Him? They would have been awed, amazed, and overwhelmed. What if hundreds then declared that they were going to follow Jesus?

What, then, would be the basis of their faith? What would they expect as a follow-up? How often would they need or depend on these external miracles to prop up their faith? Would their faith be in the miracle or in Jesus, Himself?

Faith is not blind. There are facts that support our faith. The order and beauty of nature point to God. There is another important fact: the disciples, who ran for their lives before the crucifixion of Jesus, later risked their lives after Jesus' resurrection. There are the facts of our own experiences that point to God. The emptiness of life without God, points to the One Who can fill that emptiness.

But...finally, we must make a decision in our hearts – on the inside. We cannot expect and depend on miracles and big displays of God's power to feed and support our faith. That is not true faith. Faith is risk and trust. It is a daily decision.

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

Deacons' Meeting
April 2, 8:30am

**Wise Baptist Associational
Spring Meeting**
April 2, 3pm

**Baptist Collegiate Ministry
Meal**
April 3, 11am

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

Seder Service
April 13, 7pm

Easter Service
April 16, 11am

Roofing the Rock
April 28-30

Prom Attire Sunday
April 30, 11am

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DEACONS 2016-17

Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Ron Helton	393-6145
John Kennedy	328-5013
Matt Meade	393-9177
Mike Osborne	365-0968
Edgar Owens	328-6129
Daniel Ray	328-2483

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WISE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 2 BCM BUILDING 3PM

Our new UVA-Wise Campus Minister, Mark Dixon will be preaching and refreshments will be served following the meeting. Come & see what is going on in our association!



ROOFING THE ROCK



It's time once again to reconvene and scale the Rock Roof - this will be our first planned weekend (weather permitting) that we begin this year's process of finishing the roofing at the Rock.

Let me know if you are willing and interested so we can make the necessary scheduling arrangements. We are looking for roof and ground people! Final details to follow once we have some firm commitments of manpower - THANKS for all your help.

Breakfast and lunch provided :))))

Please contact me ASAP if interested!

Our 2017 WBC Working Man Poster Model says "I NEED YOU UP HERE!"

~ John Ponish



YOU can be a part of this year's Summer Mission Trip!

If you would like to go to Tarboro, please contact John Ponish. If you are unable to go, please join us for a CHURCH-WIDE LUNCHEON on Palm Sunday...donations towards the meal will go towards the Summer Mission Trip.

* Ham is being provided by the church & side dishes & desserts are being provided by the Summer Mission Team members.

As you pray, please remember...

Ron Swindall, Robert & Jennifer England & family, Joanne Kennedy & family, the Irene Black family, Betty Easterling, Shirley Willis (The Laurels), 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).

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Leigh Clark in the death of her aunt,

Nancy Brown, who passed away on Saturday.



NEW ADDRESS:

Haden Ponish
1000 S. Kentucky Ave.
Winter Park, FL 32789

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY MEAL-

Please contact Teresa Adkins if you would like to help serve or provide food for a taco lunch on Monday, April 3 at the BCM Building.



Troy & Winnie Jones Scholarship

Scholarship applications for the 2017-18 school year will soon be available for those wishing to attend a Baptist college or university. Please see Teresa Adkins for more information. Applications will be due June 1.



Seder Service

Thursday ~ April 13 ~ 7-8 pm

Join us for a special time of worship as we reflect on the meaning of Passover and how Jesus fulfilled God's promises through His death and resurrection.

We will observe a Passover meal from a New Testament point of view. The Passover celebration was an anchor that helped hold the people of God together throughout their history. Every object in the service: the candles, yeast, bitter herbs, unleavened bread, and the four cups are loaded with meaning that beautifully tells the story of God and His people. When Jesus came, He became the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" and thus fulfilled the promises and hope of Passover. **We will need to know by Sunday, April 9 if you plan to attend, so that adequate preparations can be made.** You can contact the church office or indicate this on the Communication Card in your bulletin.



The Lenten season is upon us and as Christians, this season should mean more to us than any other.

Jesus's birth is important, but His death upon the cross and His resurrection is what defines us as followers of the risen Lord.

The music program is continuing on and our handbells, children's choir and sanctuary choir are preparing for a season of musical worship to celebrate our risen Lord.

If you have a desire to participate in any of these, please see me. Beginning handbells will have extra practices in the near future. ~ Peace and Love, Donna



Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry

Last Sunday evening, the youth enjoyed getting together for 4-square, volleyball, Frisbee & wall ball. Thank you to Angela Gervais for providing dinner for the youth last Sunday evening!

Join the youth this Sunday at 6pm at the youth building for dinner (provided by Susan Mullins) & Bible study led by Mark Collins.

Plan to wear your prom attire on Sunday, April 30! We will honor our graduates on Sunday, May 21. Parents, start gathering photos for our senior slide show!



Taken from Children's Letters to God compiled by Stuart Hample & Eric Marshall...



Dear God,

My brother told me about being born but it doesn't sound right.

Marsha

Dear God,

In Sunday School they told us what you do. Who does it when you are on vacation?

Jane

Dear God,

I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it.

Nan

To date, \$590 has been collected for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions.



March 28

Ashley Farmer
Deborah Knox
Christi Lardieri
Isabella Lardieri

March 29

Matt Collins
Matthew Mullins

April 1

Cory Farmer

April 5

Holly Cline

April 7

Alex Maine



WBC Children's Ministry

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

- Morning Worship: Palm Processional, Children's Choir
- Church-Wide Luncheon (sponsored by the Missions Committee; financial donations towards lunch will go towards funding the Summer Mission trip)
- Children's Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt

April 9-15

- "You've Been Egged!"...The Children's Ministry Team will hand out candy-filled Easter eggs with an invitation to attend the Easter Worship Service to neighbors & friends.

April 16

- We encourage children & parents to bring fresh flowers on Easter Sunday morning before worship to help Flower the Cross.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
Children's Ministry Team Clean-Up
Day—April 1

Children's Ministry Team Dinner
Meeting—May 7

Barter Theater—May 30



"One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish!"

Many thanks to Tricia Cahoon for leading our children in a fun "Snack-n-Paint" activity this past Saturday! 15 children attended, ages one to ten! We have quite a few budding artists at Wise Baptist!



More
Snack-n-Paint
moments!




Children's Church is a
busy place! We
appreciate all of those
who help teach during
Children's Church each
Sunday.



April 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
B = Birthday A = Anniversary	If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247					1 Children's Ministry Team Clean-Up Day, 10am B. Cory Farmer
2 Deacons, 8:30am Wise Baptist Associa- tional Spring Meeting, 3pm (BCM Building)	3 BCM Meal 11am - 1pm	4	5 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Children-in-Action 6:45pm Choir 7:50 pm B. Holly Cline	6 Women on Mission, 2pm B. Don Newlon	7 B. Alex Maine	8
9 Palm Sunday Palm Processional, 11am Church-Wide Luncheon 12pm Children's Scavenger Egg Hunt	10 B. Sandy Mullins A. David & Sandy Mullins	11 B. Sue Kennedy B. Karen Ponish	12 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Children-in-Action 6:45pm Choir 7:50 pm B. Sunny Kennedy	13 Seder Service 7pm B. Jeff Cantrell B. Stan Kunigelis B. Sarah Lane B. Hollyn Mullins A. Steve & Debbie Collins	14	15
16 Easter Sunday 	17	18 B. Kate Kunigelis	19 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Children-in-Action 6:45pm Choir 7:50 pm	20 B. Eddie Culbertson B. Matt Johnson	21	22 B. Noah Hall
23 B. Tyler Hopkins	24 B. Don & Cyndi Newlon	25	26 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Children-in-Action 6:45pm Choir 7:50 pm	27 B. Linda Burgess B. Reuben Swindall A. Stan & Brenda Kunigelis	28 ROOFING THE ROCK → April 28 - 30	29
30 Prom Attire Sunday	April Prayer Calendars are available in the foyer & in the hall by the elevator.					

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	3/26-4/01	Jeff Dotson, John Kennedy
	4/02-4/08	Mike Osborne, 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:	4/02	Bob & Teresa Adkins
	4/09	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
Nursery:	4/02	Sandy Mullins, Mary Stuedemann
	4/09	Regina Carson, Noah Hall
Children's Church:	4/02	Daniel & Tabitha Ray
	4/09	Butch & Donna Hutchinson
PA:	4/02	Marty Adkins
	4/09	Mike Osborne
Tellers:	April	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	May	Martha Blackburn, Mike Strouth
Ushers:	4/02	Youth
	4/09	Jim Sturgill*, Bob Adkins^, Kenny Bowling, Matt Meade, Daniel Ray, Johnny Robinson *Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	3/29	Brenda Lee, Susan Smith, Ann Wade
	4/05	Linda Bailey, Karen Ponish, Ruby Salyers
Wed. Meals:	3/29	Nacho Salad, Refried Beans
	4/05	Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread
Children-in-Action:	3/29	Susie Clasby & Sandy Mullins
	4/05	Susie Clasby & Sandy Mullins

Wise Baptist Church General Fund Giving Summary 9/4/16—3/26/17

General Fund Receipts To Date	\$167,719
General Fund Needed To Date	\$179,124
Variance	(\$11,405)
Average Weekly Variance	(\$381)
Weekly General Fund Budget	\$5,971

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

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A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



Like us at: Wise Baptist Church and at
Wise Baptist Youth

Thought for the week:
Faith is a daily
decision.