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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

March 15, 2016



Dear church family and friends,

**What is true friendship and how does it happen?** The question is raised in Luke 23:12 where it says, "That day Herod and Pilate became friends – before this they had been enemies".

Both Herod and Pilate question Jesus. Both fear His arrest will cause civil unrest. What brings them together? Both govern the land. Both want to avoid inciting an uprising. This is more an alliance than a friendship. They have mutual interests. When those interests come to an end, so does their friendship.

What is a true friend? Is it just a mutual interest or alliance? Is it every person who is a "friend" on Facebook? We may know more people than ever before, but how many true friends do we have? A true friend stands by you, even when there is no personal gain. A true friend is revealed through the test of time and life.

Friendship takes time and effort. In order to have a friend, we must first be a friend. Friendship is sharing life's journey and experiences. Friendship is about trust and opening up our lives to one another. It is multiplying the joys and dividing the sorrows.

We can be too busy to cultivate friendships. That is a mistake. Celebrate the friendships with which God has blessed you. Cultivate current friendships and develop a new one. You will be glad you did!

I am blessed to be your pastor! I hope to see you Sunday.

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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| † <b>Transfer of Letter</b> | Transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church                              |
| † <b>Baptism</b>            | Desire to express faith in Christ through baptism                       |
| † <b>Statement of Faith</b> | Baptized believer not on a membership roll                              |
| † <b>Watch Care</b>         | Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership |

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**New Wednesday Night  
Bible Studies Begin  
March 16**

**Fried Apple Pies  
March 19–20**

**Palm Processional  
March 20**

**Seder Service  
March 24**

**Children's Egg Hunt  
March 26**

**Flowering the Cross  
March 27**

**"Armor of God"  
April 7**

**Ballroom Dancing  
April 10**

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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

### Seder Service

Thursday - March 24 - 7-8 pm



Please sign up by Sunday, March 20 to join us for this special time of worship! We will reflect on the meaning of Passover and how Jesus fulfilled God's promises through His death and resurrection as we observe a Passover meal from a New Testament point of view. Please call the church office or sign up on the Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin so we can make adequate preparations.

*As you pray, please remember...*

Irene Black, Papa Joe Smiddy, Jean Aker, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Kim Boggs, Pat Boggs, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, Lois Stallard, Hubert Breeding, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Jerry Reynolds, Ron Swindall, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.



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

*Hospitalized:* Bea Hill, NCH

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



### Easter Egg Hunt!

Children (birth-Grade 6) & Parents

Saturday, March 26 (\*date change!) Meet at church at 11:30. We will take the church bus & eat lunch at McDonald's in Wise before traveling to Natural Tunnel for Egg Hunt. Invite your friends & plan to join us!

### NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES



Two new Small Group Bible Studies begin tomorrow evening, March 16! It's not too late to join us & bring a friend! Pastor Mike will be teaching "Beliefs Important to Baptists" & Mark Clark will be teaching "Questions to All Your Answers".

Each Wednesday begins with a fellowship meal at 6:00pm, followed by Small Group Bible studies for adults, Youth Bible Study and a Children's Mission Program at 6:45. The choir rehearses at 7:50.

**It is a great time of FELLOWSHIP!**

### REMEMBER AND RENEW

During the *Lent Season* we prepare our hearts for Easter. Reflect on the times you met God in 2015 and renew your commitment to God. Pick up a stone from the church foyer or hall to remind you what God **has** done for you and what he **can** do for you.



### "A Time to Dance!"

Join us for fun & fellowship as we learn basic Swing, Foxtrot, Waltz, & Rumba steps on Sunday evenings, April 10—May 29. There will be a "beginners" class from 4:30—5:30, followed by a Devotional & Snack. An "intermediate" class will then be taught from 6:00—7:00 pm. Classes will be held in the Fellowship Hall at church. Please sign up on your Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin or call the church office by March 27, as space is limited.

### Kindred Spirits



Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, March 29**, 6 pm. We will be meeting at the home of Tricia Cahoon, where we will be glazing pottery. Please sign up on the Communication Card in your bulletin or call the church office. Each participant will need to bring \$5 to cover the cost of the pottery.



### Palm Sunday ~ March 20

The children will be leading a Palm Processional at the beginning of the service and The Singing Sunbeams Children's Choir will be presenting special music.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...



We will be collecting offerings for North American Missions during the month of **MARCH**. Envelopes for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering are in the pew racks. Thank you to our Women on Mission who faithfully promote this offering and carry out missions in our community and beyond!

### EASTER CROSS

Bring fresh flowers with you on Easter morning for our annual "Flowering of the Cross".



PRISCILLA SHIRER  
*The Armor of God*

Where: Wise Baptist Church

When: Thursdays, April 7-May 19

Time: 7:00-8:30 pm

Cost: \$15

The Bible study will be held in the youth building each Thursday.

Please sign up by March 23 on the Communication Card or see Leigh Clark for more information.

It's a GIRL!!

You are invited to attend a  
Baby Shower  
for

Brittany (Osborne) & Trevor Criswell

**Sunday, April 3, 2016**

3:00 pm

In the Fellowship Hall

Brittany is registered at Walmart.com.



**WOMEN on MISSION** meet at church on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm. Pictured above: Kathy Kennedy, Sherlene Hall, Linda Burgess, Bessie Vance, Brenda Kunigelis, Brenda Lee

### CHILDREN IN ACTION

is our children's Missions Group (Grades K-6) that meets each Wed. night at 6:45. Children have fun learning about missions, but more importantly, they are involved in hands-on mission projects. We also have a nursery for younger children during this time. Thank you to Kathy Dotson, Cyndi Newlon, Jessica Crutchfield, Suzy Bailey, Martha Blackburn, & Linda Bailey for leading this important ministry!

Pictured: Elora Hutchinson taking part in a missions skit during Worship.



A brief **BUSINESS MEETING** will be held following the Fellowship Meal on **March 30** to approve additional church leaders.

### Mission Committee Fried Apple Pie Project

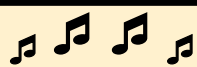


The Mission Committee of WBC is going to make and sell **homemade fried apple pies**!

Call the church office, contact a member of the mission committee (Kathy K., Sherlene, Donna) or call the church office no later than Friday, March 18.

The pies will be available for pick up after 3pm on **March 19** in the Fellowship Hall or at church on Sunday, **March 20**.

The pies are \$2 each. All proceeds will be used by the committee for mission projects.



*From Leigh*

Worship yesterday was awesome! Even though I was tired because of the time change and very sore from some overdue yardwork! It was a wonderful day.

What a blessing to have Katie Elswick share her gift of music with us. She is a wonderful flute player. She has been playing with our Cantata orchestra for the past couple of years. Katie lives and teaches in Grundy. I hope we can have her back again real soon!

The stage was full of musicians for TRUTH! What a blessing to have Kristen home for spring break these past two Sundays! It is always great to have Macey and Carla singing with us as well!

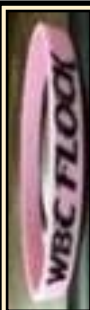
There are not enough words to describe the choir anthem yesterday! What a powerful message. Mark and I have actually seen the *Pieta* sculpture by Michelangelo at the Vatican in Italy. It is amazing and heart wrenching. The idea of watching your child suffer and die with no power to do anything at all is unfathomable to me. May God continually remind me that He is willing to give up everything for me (not because I deserve it or because I am worthy) but because He is my Creator and my Shepherd. *Amen!*

I am praying for all of you this week; pray for each other, too.

Blessings, Leigh

\*The "Armor of God" Bible study will begin on April 7. Everyone is welcome!

\*This Sunday, March 20, is Palm Sunday. Our children are invited to be a part of the annual Palm Processional. The Singing Sunbeams will help lead us in worship.



Thank you, Debbie and Angela for a wonderful meal last night. It is wonderful to have parents and friends interested in our youth and willing to do special things for them! If you are interested in providing a meal for our youth, contact Cindy Elkins or Leigh. Jessica Crutchfield will provide our meal on March 20.

Last night our youth examined role models, guides and leaders in our lives. We spent a good deal of time reading Psalm 23 and John 10. Jesus says, "I am the good Shepherd". As sheep, our job is to listen, trust, and obey. Pray for our young people as they make difficult decisions and as they seek approval and advice. My prayer is that they will know *the Lord as their Shepherd* and they will not want for anything more.

I look forward to seeing everyone this week for Bible study!



March 18

Aaron Clark

March 19

Betty Easterling

March 21

Cameron Curtis

March 23

Rick Johnson

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Our summer mission trip will take place July 2-9.** Our tasks will center around service, outreach, and light to moderate construction projects. If you are interested in participating, a **\$50/person deposit is due by March 16.**

We had a great turn out for the interest meeting yesterday. The final deadline to join the trip is March 31. Please see Leigh Clark if you have questions.

The Mission Trip Yard Sale is scheduled for May 4, 5 & 6 at the Rock. Clean out your garage and storage building, your attic and your closet! Sherlene Hall needs your stuff! Remember: your "trash" is someone else's "treasure"!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

† To Caroline Mullins for her recent accomplishments at the VHSL State Swim meet: 13th place finish in the 200m Freestyle Relay, and 16th place in the 100m Backstroke!



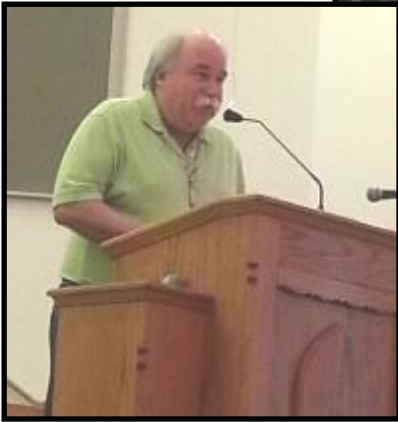
† To Lily and Emma Snodgrass for their First Place finish in Humorous Duo at the Region Forensics competition. They will compete at State on April 2. The Central Forensics team won Regions!



Our youth are involved in so many academic and extra curricular activities this spring (track, baseball, softball, tennis, chorus, band, soccer, 9 o'clock club, etc.). Pray for them; encourage them; get out and watch them! The FLOCK loves WBC and they love your support and prayers.

# Morning Worship March 13, 2016

Special Music by TRUTH



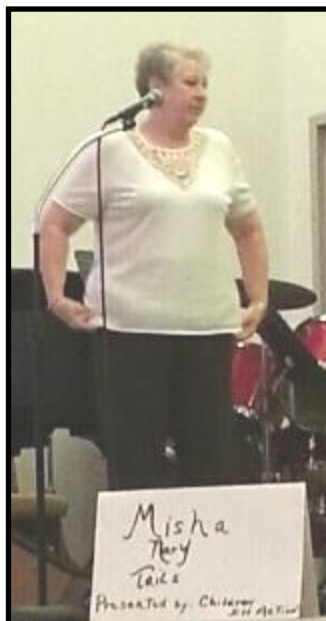
Greeting  
Jeff Kiser



Flute  
Katie Elswick



Izzy Shackelford  
& other children  
help with offering.



Thank you to  
Children in Action  
for presenting a skit  
during morning  
worship!



Izzy Shackelford



Brandon  
Crutchfield



Oliver Ray



Noah Gervais

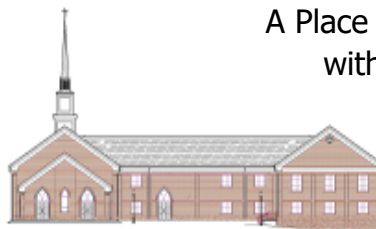
We have over 20 folks who help  
teach our children during  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
each Sunday morning. Many thanks to each of you  
for your faithfulness & ministry to our children!



## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	3/13-3/19	John Kennedy, Lewey Lee
	3/20-3/26	Gil Blackburn, Dan Helton
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:	03/20	Billie Sue Harris
	03/27	John Kennedy
Nursery:	03/20	Cari Braddock, Reagan Elkins
	03/27	Susie Clasby, Mary Steudeman
Children's Church:	03/20	Lulia Maine
	03/27	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
PA:	03/20	Oscar Raile
	03/27	Mike Osborne
Tellers:	March	David Mullins, Oscar Raile
	April	Teresa Adkins, Jeff Dotson
Ushers:	03/20	Dave Belcher*, Donnie Bradley^, David Sheppard^, Kenny Bowling, Bryon Burton, Jeff Elkins, Daniel Ray, Roger Williams
	03/27	Harold Witt*, Jerry Baird^, Edgar Owens^, Mark Clark, Leton Harding, Stan Kunigelis, Roger Viers
		(*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	03/16	Teresa Adkins, Jean Aker, Bonnie Owens
	03/23	Sherry Collie, Brenda Kunigelis, Sandy Mullins, Beverly Viers
Wed. Meal:	03/16	Baked Chicken, Veggies, Rice, Rolls
	03/23	Pork Roast, Baked Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Rolls

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 & Caring Friends (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Singing Sunbeams	3:45 pm
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Sanctuary Choir	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission(2nd)	2--4 pm

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**Thought for the week:**  
**Be a friend.**