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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

March 22, 2016



Dear church family and friends,

Did you know that one-third of the Gospel of Luke is fixed on the last week before Jesus' death on the cross? Everything about this week calls for careful reflection. The week hurries on. We come to Friday morning, the day of Jesus' crucifixion. The High

Priest, Temple police, and the Sanhedrin (governing body of the Jews) form an angry mob to take Jesus to Pilate. They hope Pilate will have Jesus executed.

The mob leaves. Pilate and Jesus are alone, face-to-face. Pilate asks a few questions. He knows the truth. The truth is that the mob that brought Jesus to Pilate lied and twisted their charges. Pilate knows Jesus is innocent. Jesus says His kingdom is not of this world and that He came to testify to the truth.

Pilate asks, "What is truth"? He is not asking about the truth or facts of Jesus' legal case. He is asking about something much bigger. This is a spiritual question. Many things can be implied from his one question. Why am I here? How do I keep life from grinding me into pieces? How can I get relief? How can my life mean something? Deep in my heart, I know that everything I have built my life upon is fundamentally wrong.

There is that moment of truth for all of us. It is Jesus and you, alone. In the quiet of those moments, listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. The still, small voice of God's Spirit speaks loudly, persistently, piercingly.

Jesus not only *has* the answer, He *is* the Answer. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except by Him." See you Sunday! ***The truth is...Jesus lives!***

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

Seder Service
March 24

Children's Egg Hunt
March 26

Flowering the Cross
Easter Sunday
March 27

Kindred Spirits
March 29

Business Meeting
March 30

Baby Shower
April 3

BCM Luncheon
April 4

"Armor of God"
April 7

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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

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Seder Service

Thursday - March 24 - 7-8 pm

A reminder to those who have signed up for this special time of worship on **THURSDAY** 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 tell 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.

EASTER CROSS

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



Bring your stone Easter Sunday.

During the Lent season, you were invited to carry with you a small stone as reminder about what God has done in your life. In the Bible, people stacked stones as a memorial to what God had done. Bring your stone this Sunday. During worship you will be invited to bring your stone to stack together to represent our renewed commitment to God.

\$195 has been collected to date for the Hearthwarming Fund. It is never too late to contribute to the Mountain Empire Older Citizens' Emergency Fuel Fund, which makes payments directly to heating oil, kerosene, gas, electricity, wood & coal vendors.



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, Bea Hill, 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).

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 the Egg Hunt. Invite your friends & plan to join us! Be sure to bring your own basket!



VOLUNTEER / SERVICE

APPRECIATION DAY

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a luncheon at Wise Baptist on Tuesday, April 12 (11:30—2:00 pm) for our town & county employees & volunteers. Please contact Sherlene Hall or indicate on the Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin if you would like to help serve that day or are able to donate a side dish, dessert or buns for BBQ.



We will be collecting offerings for North American Missions during the month of March. TO DATE, WE HAVE COLLECTED \$470. 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...



"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 **April 3**, 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.

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.



DON'T MISS WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES



It's not too late to join our two new Bible Studies & bring a friend! Pastor Mike is teaching "Beliefs Important to Baptists" & Mark Clark is 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!

SAVE THE DATE

May 12, 2016



**Southwest Virginia 2016
Economic Forum**

**David J. Prior Convocation Center
UVA-Wise**

- ♦ Discover SW Virginia's current economic status & future potential
- ♦ Connect with individuals & organizations to unify & collaborate similar initiatives & strategies
- ♦ Ignite action & passion for SW Virginia to move forward together with regional strength & momentum
- ♦ To register: www.uvawise.edu/economicforum



PRISCILLA SHIRER
The Armor of God

Where: Wise Baptist Church

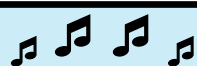
When: Thursdays, April 7-May 19

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 by calling the church office; see Leigh Clark for more information.



From Leigh

By the time you read this article, I will have watched Anna run her first half marathon! I am astounded by her courage and determination. She started training last fall and has steadily increased her distance and her speed. She set a goal, made a plan, sought help and encouragement, geared up with the right equipment and now, she has finished the race.

What a great metaphor for all of us as Christians! Paul encourages us in 1 Corinthians to "Run in such a way as to get the prize." Don't run aimlessly, but with purpose. As Christians, we should set goals, seek help, have a plan, get plugged in to every resource possible and finish the race.

This is Holy Week. Christ went from being "hailed King" to being mocked as the "King of the Jews" as He was being crucified. The disciples went from jubilation that Jesus was coming in to His reign to despair because the One they had put all of their hope in was dead. Can you imagine how distraught they were? Everything was over...or so they thought.

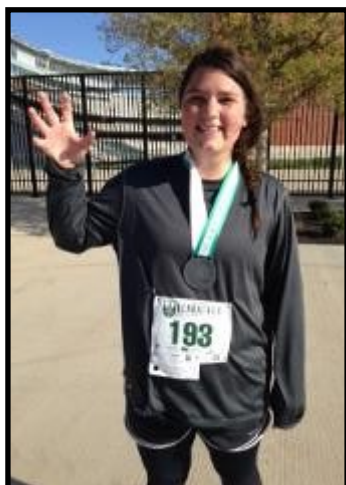
We live on the other side of Easter! We know the ending! We know of the Resurrection and the hope of Eternal life with Christ. I pray that we can take time each day this week to remember that God's "goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives". Who can we share that **Good News** with today? This week? Next week?

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

Special thanks to Donna, Debbie, Susan, Susan, and Mark for leading worship in my absence. I look forward to seeing all of you on Easter morning!

*Remember to bring your flowers for the Easter Cross!

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



Team Anna!



March 26	Chloe Cantrell
March 27	Nancy Stalnaker
March 28	Ashley Farmer
	Deborah Knox
	Christi Lardieri
	Isabella Lardieri
March 29	Matt Collins
	Matthew Mullins

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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"!

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

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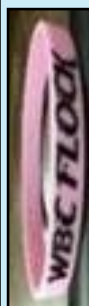
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Thank you, Jessica for providing a meal for the FLOCK on Sunday evening. Also, special thanks to Mark Collins for his ongoing leadership with our youth. He is a great friend and resource for our young people. I am blessed to have his assistance in our youth ministry. The FLOCK will not meet on Easter.

I look forward to seeing everyone this week for Bible study on Wednesday and Sunday!



Palm Sunday



"God bless Him who comes in
the name of the Lord!"
Matthew 21:9



Isabella Adrian & Papa Joe Smiddy
Fellowship knows no age
boundaries!



Quilting Show in Pigeon Forge



HOW TO MAKE A FRIED APPLE PIE...



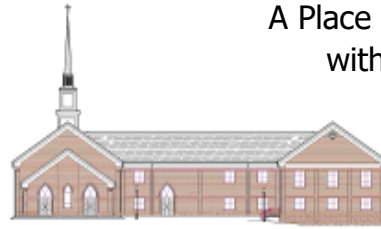
Mission Committee Fried Apple Pie Project

The Mission Committee of WBC collected over \$1,000 from selling Fried Apple Pies this past weekend! All proceeds will be used by the committee for mission projects, including repairing the roof on the Rock, as well as the 2016 summer mission trip. Thank you to everyone who helped bake pies, buy pies & eat pies!

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	3/20-3/26 3/27-4/2	Gil Blackburn, Dan Helton Edgar Owens, Daniel Ray
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:	03/27 04/03	John Kennedy Brenda & Lewey Lee
Nursery:	03/27 04/03	Susie Clasby, Mary Steudeman Rose Kennedy, Bonnie Owens
Children's Church:	03/27 04/03	Mike & Rebecca Osborne Carolyn Strouth
PA:	03/27 04/03	Marty Adkins Mike Osborne
Tellers:	March April	David Mullins, Oscar Raile Teresa Adkins, Jeff Dotson
Ushers:	03/27 04/03	Harold Witt*, Jerry Baird^, Edgar Owens^, Mark Clark, Leton Harding, Stan Kunigelis, Roger Viers Dan Helton*, Marty Adkins^, Jeff Kiser^, Jeff Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, Ron Helton, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	03/23 03/30	Sherry Collie, Brenda Kunigelis, Sandy Mullins, Beverly Viers Donna Hutchinson, Cyndi Newlon, Rebecca Osborne
Wed. Meal:	03/23 03/30	Pork Roast, Baked Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Rolls Beef Stew, Cole Slaw, Biscuits

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

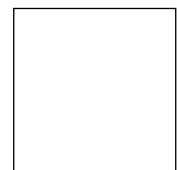
Sunday	Sunday School Worship Youth	10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers & Caring Friends (1st & 3rd) Singing Sunbeams	9:30 am 3:45 pm
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal Bible Study Sanctuary Choir	6:00 pm 6:45 pm 7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission(2nd)	2--4 pm

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Thought for the week:
Remember what God has
done and renew your faith.