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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,

What is the church? It is more than a building or place. It is more than the pastor or any leader(s).

The church is the people of God. We saw that in our own church recently.

While Terry and I visited our daughter and son-in-law in San Francisco, a dear church member, Don Farmer died. Also, Marty Kennedy's father, was in Intensive Care in Johnson City Memorial Hospital.

Special thanks and appreciation to Leigh for her ministry to the Farmer and Kennedy families. It was all the more difficult because Don was there every Wednesday for choir practice and also each Sunday to sing in the choir.

Thanks also to Mike Osborne, for preaching on May 1. It is not easy to preach in one's home church, but God used him. Thanks also to Jim Collie for conducting the funeral service for Don Farmer. This is just one example of his faithful and consistent ministry over many years.

I also appreciate countless others serving behind the scenes. We are very blessed at Wise Baptist Church. It takes all of us to be the church! You are invited to be an active part of our church fellowship.

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

"Armor of God"
May 12

Ballroom Dancing
May 15

Mexican Fiesta!
May 15

Kindred Spirits
May 17

**Gasoline Buy-Down and
Free Car Wash**
May 21

Leadership Team Meeting
May 26

Mission Trip Yard Sale
June 2,3

Vacation Bible School
June 20-23

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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



Join the Mission Committee on
Sunday, May 15 at noon for a
Mexican Fiesta!

All donations will go to support the summer
mission trip to Gainesville, Florida.

Kindred Spirits



Don't miss a fun evening of fellowship, snacks
& crafts on Tuesday, May 17 at 6pm! We will
meet at the church to build birdhouses this month!
Please sign up on the Communication Card in your
bulletin or contact Wendy Adrian. Each participant
will need to bring a snack to share and \$5 to cover
the cost of materials.

Bible Study Wednesday Night



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.

"Overload" by Joyce Meyer taught by Teresa Adkins

"Understanding Islam" taught by Pastor Mike

Join us for this great time of FELLOWSHIP!



GASOLINE BUY-DOWN / FREE CAR WASH

The deacons are sponsoring 2 Servant
Evangelism projects on Saturday, May 21!

Mark your calendar & plan to join us at
1:00 pm that day as we reach out to our community to
share God's love. The Gasoline Buy-Down will take
place at the Valero station on Darden Drive, while the
Free Car Wash will be held at the Valero station near
Lowe's. Please sign up to help at the
buy-down or car wash on your Communica-
tion Card in Sunday's bulletin or contact Dan-
iel Ray.



As you pray, please remember...

Tony Hill, Lois Stallard, the Don Farmer family,
Irene Black, Papa Joe Smiddy, Ray and Carolyn
Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Kim Boggs, Pat
Boggs, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and
Susan Davidson, Hubert Breeding, John and Kay Wright,
Pat and Fred Adkins, Bea Hill, all the cancer patients in our
area, and our men and women in the military.



Hospitalized: Archie Kennedy (Mountain View Long-Term
Care), Kester Kennedy (Johnson City Medical Center)

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).

*Please continue to remember the Farmer family in
prayer. A special thank you to everyone who helped
prepare the meal for the family on Thursday.*

Dishes may be picked up in the Fellowship Hall.

*Just a reminder that in lieu of flowers, the family has
requested that memorials be made to the Wise Baptist
Church general fund.*



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR VBS: **JUNE 20—23**

Our Vacation Bible School theme for
2016 is **"Cave Quest"!**

Children ages 3—Grade 6 will learn how
to become grounded in the rock-solid foundation of
God's love—a love that takes us through life's dark
times.

Please contact Susan Mullins if you would like to help.



Free Men & Women's Health Check-Ups
Friday, May 13, 10am—3pm
Southwest Virginia Cancer Center
Norton

LEADERSHIP TEAM: DINNER MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 6:30 PM
MIKE & TERRY'S HOUSE





From Leigh

It was an emotional week for me personally and professionally. I lost a dear friend. Even more difficult than that was knowing that Donna lost her dad, Bobbie lost her husband of 62 years and Elora and Jayda lost their grandfather. It always hurts to see those we love hurting. Grief is a process and it looks different for all of us. Part of my grief process was planning the choir anthems, choosing a scripture, writing my comments and prayer for the service. I definitely felt God's presence and guidance all along the way.

Graduation is also an emotional time for me because I have invested a lot of time, energy, and love in all of these young people. I have watched them grow physically and spiritually—even leading some of them to a salvation decision and Baptism. I am "Mama Leigh" to a lot of kids—especially those who grew up with Aaron and Anna. Nothing brings me more joy than seeing our youth being encouraged and affirmed by our WBC family.

I hope you enjoyed getting to meet via video on Sunday, Bishop Dixon, Deacon Fred, and Ms. Dee from the Greater Faith Baptist Fellowship. They are wonderful people. This congregation is so excited about our mission team coming to help them with some much needed renovations for their building. Our group is getting excited as well!

Thank you to everyone who donated, bought or sold "treasures" at the Yard Sale. Over \$4000 was raised to help offset our costs for the mission trip. There are not enough words to thank Sherlene Hall for the countless hours she spent pricing, moving and cleaning all of the donations. She had some great helpers! Thank you!

I would also like to especially thank Debbie Collins and Jessica Crutchfield for their leadership with the Bake Sale. Everything looked beautiful and I am sure it was all delicious! So many people donated baked goods—thank you!

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

Blessings, Leigh

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JUNE 19! We will have a special day of music with Papa Joe Smiddy, Joe Frank, and members of our Blue Grass group! Stay tuned for more info!



Happy Anniversary

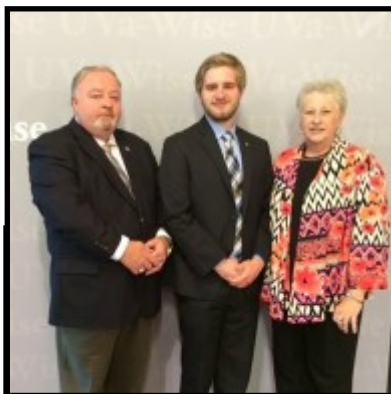
May 11	Ron Swindall
May 12	Jack Tolbert, Jr.
May 17	Celeste Smith
May 18	John Bridges
May 15	Dan and Shan Rose
May 18	Glen and Bea Hill

Former J.J. Kelly pitcher still emphasizes teamwork in NASCAR gasman role

Very nice article in the Bristol paper about our Justin Wilson! We're very proud of you and Stephanie.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JUSTIN WILSON
Justin Wilson, former Wise County baseball star, aims to climb the ranks on the NASCAR circuit.



given to a History Major with "unusual talent and promise".

(Pictured above with his mom & dad, Jeff and Kathy Dotson)

Congratulations to Kevin Dotson for receiving the Heather Markusich Scholarship Award

MISSION TRIP UPDATE

We have a group of 32 youth and adults committed to going on the summer mission trip to Gainesville, FL in July. Please be in prayer for the planning, preparation and the finances needed for the trip. Your support is needed and there will be opportunities for everyone to contribute.

Also be in prayer for Greater Faith Baptist Fellowship and the North Central Florida Baptist Association as they prepare for the arrival of our team.



Special congratulations to the cast and crew of Grease! The 9 o'clock production last week was outstanding. I would especially like to thank all of the WBC members who took time out of their busy schedules to support our FLOCK!

Congratulations to Rachel Porchie for receiving the Coalfield Sports Leadership Award last week—it was well deserved!

Our dinner on Sunday will be provided by Lori Crisp. Be there and bring a friend!

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



**Bake
Sale for
the
Mission
Trip!**



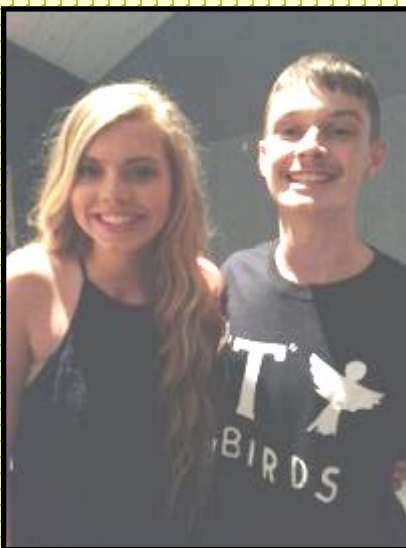
**Chloe Cantrell read the
scripture lesson on
Sunday morning.**

**Kathy Kennedy was a little
cold at the Yard Sale!**



"GREASE"

Central 9 o'clock Club



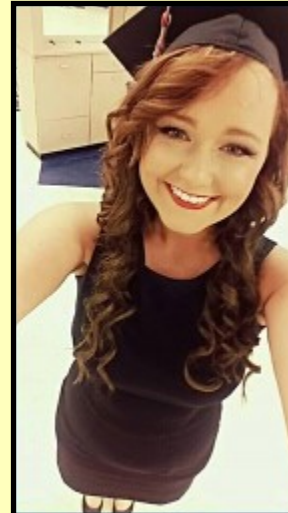
**Mary Steudemann
Noah Hall
Emma Snodgrass
Caroline Mullins
Lily Snodgrass
Ethan Mullins**



**Macey Sheppard
Lily Snodgrass
Reagan Elkins**



2016 GRADUATES



Marty and Marybeth Adkins, Shirlee Barnette,
Mark Clark and Mark Collins, Kaitlin Ponish,
Tricia Cahoon, & Chelsea Polly

GRADUATES

Caitlin Elizabeth Adkins
University of Virginia

Hannah Barnette
Virginia Tech

Joe Cahoon
University of Virginia

Anna Clark
Baylor University

Chelsea Camille Polly
University of Virginia's College at Wise

Kaitlin Faith Ponish
Gardner-Webb University

James Alexander Adkins
Wise Central
University of Virginia

Brooklyn Kate Kennedy
Wise Central
Mountain Empire Community College

Reagan Elkins
Wise Central
Radford University

Lily Snodgrass
Wise Central
University of Virginia

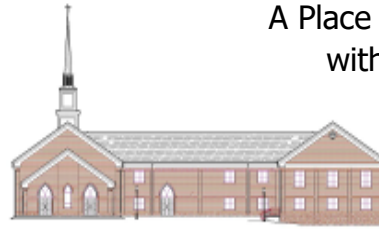
Graduates, we are so proud of you. We love
you and we promise to pray for you.
Blessings,
Your WBC Family



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	5/08-5/14	Jerry Baird, Matt Meade
	5/15-5/21	Lewey Lee, John Kennedy
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:	05/15	Bob & Teresa Adkins
	05/22	Lewey & Brenda Lee
Nursery:	05/15	Regina Carson, Caroline Mullins
	05/22	Kathy Osborne, Emma Snodgrass
Children's Church:	05/15	Debbie Collins
	05/22	Donna Hutchinson
PA:	05/15	Oscar Raile
	05/22	Mike Strouth
Tellers:	May	Edgar Owens, Mike Strouth
	June	June Dotson, David Mullins
Ushers:	05/15	Ron Helton*, Dan Helton^, Scott Snodgrass^, Bob Adkins, Marty Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, Jeff Kiser, John Ponish
	05/22	Jeff Dotson*, Gary Smith^, Clyde Vance^, Gil Blackburn, Steve Horton, Marty Kennedy, Jim Sturgill, Jack Tolbert (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	05/11	Linda Bailey, Linda Burgess, Karen Ponish, Ruby Salyers
	05/18	Teresa Adkins, Jean Aker, Bonnie Owens
Wed. Meal:	05/11	Chicken Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Rolls, (C-Chicken Nuggets)
	05/18	Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Slaw, Baked Beans, Chips
Wed. Nursery	05/11	Kathy Dotson & Children in Action
Children in Action	05/11	Kathy Dotson
	05/18	Kathy Dotson

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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

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and at Wise Baptist Youth

**Thought for the week:
Be the church with us at
Wise Baptist Church.**