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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

November 21, 2023

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

There are those moments when we see something truly inspirational. Something that rises above the ordinary. Lifts us to new possibilities. Something deep inside says, "Yes". It is right and true and good.

There is a movie called "Coach Carter". It is about a new basketball coach at a tough, inner-city school. The first practice is chaos. Team members disrespect the new coach, ignore his instructions and physically threaten him.

Over time he wins their respect. He kicked the star player off the team. He was told that if he wanted to return, he had to earn his way back. He was given an impossible list of drills and exercises which he had to finish in a short time. He made a heroic effort, but fell short.

The coach told him he fell short and was still off the team for the year. The player was crushed. While walking out of the gym, another player said, "I'll finish his push-ups. Another said, "I will finish his sit-ups". Each player stepped up to help out.

They completed all of the requirements, so the player was allowed to rejoin them. They became a team at that moment. When they stepped in to help each other.

What would it look like to do more of that in our world today?

"Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Gal. 6:2)

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

NO ACTIVITIES
Wed, November 22

Coffee & Friends
Sun, Nov. 26, 6pm

Birthday Party for Jesus
Sat, December 2
3 - 4:30pm

First Sunday of Advent
December 3
11am

Deacons' Meeting
Sun, Dec. 3, 8:30am

Holy Communion
Sun, Dec. 3, 11am

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DEACONS 2023 - 2024

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Jeff Cantrell	275-9427
Debbie Collins	393-3875
Jeff Elkins	393-5700
Butch Hutchinson	393-5008
Stan Kunigelis	870-2227
Lewey Lee	393-5370
David Mullins	870-0005
John Ponish	870-1593

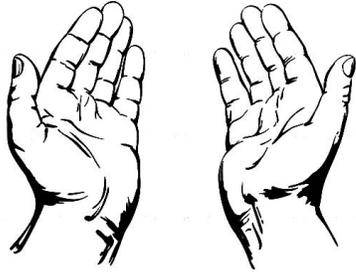
Deacon Emeritus:
 Bob Adkins

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Stewardship – Bless and Be Blessed

*“In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and
He shall direct thy paths.” ~ Proverbs 3:6*

It is a privilege for us to be called as stewards of God’s Work at Wise Baptist Church. We experience blessings, a special peace, and happiness through our pure motives and following God’s example and instruction of giving.

May you be blessed, through your caring heart, your desire to reach the lost, your giving attitude ... all through being stewards of God’s Work here at Wise Baptist Church.

For those who cannot physically attend Sunday morning worship services in the sanctuary, your tithes and offerings may still be mailed to Wise Baptist Church, PO Box 777, Wise VA 24293, or brought by the Church anytime during open hours.

PRAISE *God* FROM WHOM
all blessings flow

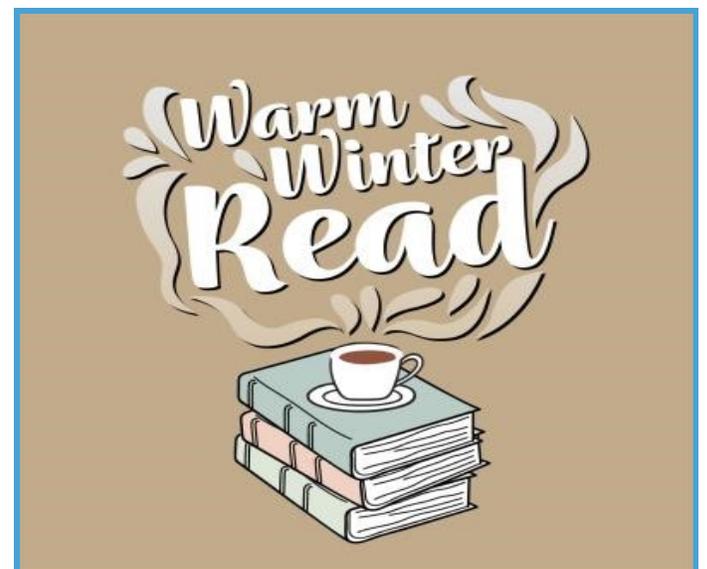
As you pray, please remember...



Gil & Martha Blackburn, Brian, brother of Brenda Kunigelis, Kathy Osborne & Family, Susan Smith & Family, Savannah Adams, Jim Sturgill, Clyde Vance, Jean Aker, Linda Burgess, Wanda Baird, Family of Jeanne Stallard, Phyllis Hatcher, Jim Dotson, John & Kathy Kennedy, Wendy Adrian & Family, Megan (Burton) Douglas, Rev. Michael Weller, Brenda Lee, Edgar Mullins (Grace’s brother), Rowyn Malott (great-niece of Teresa & Billy Glines), Harold Stallard, Mike Smith’s sister Lynn, Beth Snodgrass, Adele Plester (Brenda Kunigelis’ sister-in-law), Lorna Wherry & family, (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Natalie Luther, Russell, Miles & Mason Wampler, Ray Jones & family, doctors, nurses & all medical/pharmaceutical personnel, law enforcement & emergency personnel, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men & women in the military.

Our Shut Ins: Andrew Johnson (Cyndi Newlon’s dad) - Lakeland, FL

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



Check out the
Wise Baptist Church Library
for all your
reading needs!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*You
are
invited!*

*Coffee & Friends is
always a good idea!*



Dear friends,

We would like to invite you to come over to our house for dessert & coffee (apple cider, etc.) on a Sunday evening of your choosing: Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 10.

We look forward to you joining us on Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30pm!

Feel free to call Terry (276-870-2712) or sign-up on the posters in the foyer, hall & fellowship hall.



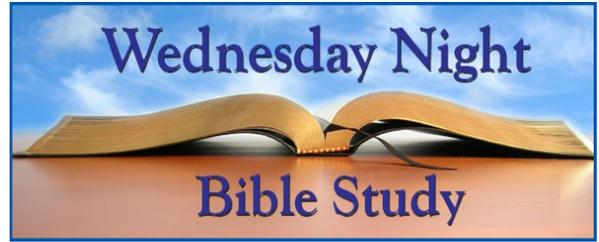
Love, Mike & Terry



*Scripture
for the Week:*

Galatians 6:2

“Carry one another’s burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”



No activities Nov. 22, but join us next Wednesday evening for “breakfast for dinner” at 6pm & Bible Study at 7pm!



AS WE REFLECT ON HOW VERY BLESSED WE ARE AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, REMEMBER...

our Wise County Food Bank & WBC Grab-n-Go Ministries!

Nonperishable items can be placed in the white

containers by the elevator.



34 days until Christmas...



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC



Happy Birthday!

November 21	Dwight Jones
November 22	Daniel Ray
November 23	Dan Helton
November 28	T. Ray Maine
December 1	Jeff Dotson
	Brenda Kunigelis
December 2	Lalah Grace Lyon
December 3	Teresa Glines



WBC Music Ministry

Thanksgiving is over and therefore we move into the Advent season. Advent is a word that has different meanings depending on the context. In general, it means “coming” or “arrival”.

Here are some possible meanings of advent:

Advent is the first season of the Christian church year, leading up to Christmas and including the four preceding Sundays. It is a time of preparation, prayer, and fasting for the celebration of God’s incarnation in Jesus Christ.

Advent is also the name of the period before Christmas, which celebrates the birth of Jesus. It is all about preparing for Christmas Day with joy and anticipation. Advent can also refer to the coming or second coming of Christ.

We, as Christians, need to PREPARE ourselves for the arrival of Jesus. We don’t need to get caught up in the commercialization of Santa, even though our children do need to recognize that there is the Santa of the world, but more importantly, the coming of our Savior.

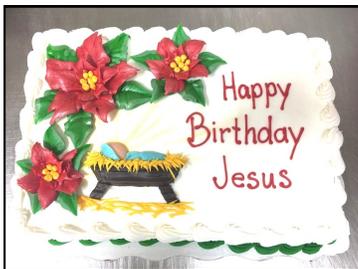
Over the years, I have realized how much thought, money and time I have put into the giving of gifts to my family and friends and have not spent enough time preparing my heart for the coming of the baby Jesus so that He can die. That’s why He came. He came to die as a sacrifice to save ME. He came specifically to save ME.

As we ready ourselves for Christmas, let us focus on the baby Jesus that came and saved us all.

Joy, Peace and Love,
Donna

Happy Anniversary!

December 3 Cub & Jennifer Mullins



**SATURDAY
DEC. 2
3-4:30pm**

JESUS

“the Reason for the season”

Everyone is invited to celebrate the coming of Jesus at Wise Baptist Church—we are having a BIRTHDAY PARTY!

The activities will begin after the Wise Christmas Parade. Stop by between 3:00–4:30 for games, crafts, refreshments.

~ Karen Ponish

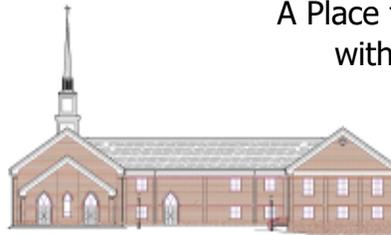
This is how much I love you!

December 2023



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					B - Jeff Dotson B - Brenda Kunigelis	Birthday Party for Jesus 3 - 4:30pm Fellowship Hall B - Lalah Grace Lyon
3 8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Jesse Tree - Children's Church - Communion 6pm - Coffee & Friends B - Teresa Glines A - Cub & Jennifer Mullins	4 Piecemakers, 9:30am B - Nathan Lee	5 B - Kevin Dotson	6 6pm - POTLUCK 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice B - Brittany Criswell A - John & Karen Ponish	7 6:30am - Men's Bible Study B - Brittany Criswell A - John & Karen Ponish	8	9 B - Robert Baird
10 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Jesse Tree - Children's Church 6pm - Coffee & Friends B - Penny Greenwood B - Jane Hughes	11 B - Jessica Crutchfield A - John Mark & Wendy Adrian	12	13 6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice B - Damel Calvert	14 6:30am - Men's Bible Study B - Jim Sturgill	15	16
17 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Jesse Tree - Children's Church 6:30pm - CHRISTMAS CANTATA	18	19 A - Shane & Susan Mullins	20 6:00 pm  Christmas Dinner B - Bryan Crutchfield B - Marsha Tolbert	21 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall B - Phyllis Hatcher B - Dallas Kennedy B - Jon Kennedy	22 B - Phyllis Hatcher B - Dallas Kennedy B - Jon Kennedy	23 DEC. 23: B - Sherlene Hall DEC. 24: B - Jim Collie B - Carolyn Strouth B - William Sturgill B - Lois Tveit
24 9:30am - Donuts & Coffee - The Chosen Christmas Special 11am - Worship onsite/online - Jesse Tree - Children's Church 11pm - CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION B - Linsay Allio B - Diana Roberts B - Miles Wampler	25 Christmas Special  MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 B - Linsay Allio B - Diana Roberts B - Miles Wampler	27 NO ACTIVITIES B - Nova Leigh Greene	28 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall	29	30 B - Paul Maine
31 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Message A - Jeff & Cindy Elkins					B = Birthday A = Anniv.	If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247

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with Family and Friends



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	11/19 - 11/25	John Ponish, Debbie Collins
	11/26 - 12/2	Lewey Lee, Jeff Cantrell
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Children's Church	11/26	Jennifer & Cub Mullins
	12/3	Karen & John Ponish
Offering Ushers	November Team	Jerry Baird Team
	December Team	Ron Helton Team
Tellers	November	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
	December	Matt Meade, Mike Srouth
Wed. Night Meals	11/22	No Wednesday activities
	11/29	Breakfast for Dinner
Wed. Serving Teams	11/22	No Wednesday activities
	11/29	<u>Don's Team:</u> Jim Collie, Sherry Collie, Cyndi Newlon, John Ponish, Vicki Stephens + Ron Helton & Edgar Owens



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Bible Study via Fb Live	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:45 pm
Thursday	Men's Bible Study	6:30 am
	Laurels Ministry (3rd)	1:30pm

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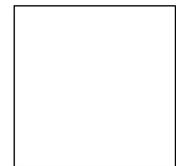
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and at Wise Baptist Youth

Thought for the Week:

*The world notices when they
see true unselfishness.*