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Pastor

Ben Harding
Music Director

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Pastor Emeritus

WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

November 7, 2017

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

On Sunday, while we worshipped at Wise Baptist Church, the people worshipping at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas had a very different experience. A gunman burst in, killing 26 and wounding 20. As I considered what to write in this column, I first felt at a total loss about where to begin.

Details flooded my mind. How could someone do this? Innocent people, small children, pregnant women? During a church service? So soon after 59 were killed and 515 wounded in Las Vegas? The two worst shootings in America only 36 days apart?

The finger pointing has already begun. Some say the answer is more gun control. Others say the answer is less gun control and better enforcement of existing laws. The solution is not simple. It rarely is.

Something in our system is not working. I don't know exactly what it is or the best political solution. I do know that finger-pointing is not the solution. It is easy to blame someone else. That lets me off the hook about doing my part.

The Bible says Christians should be good citizens. Jesus says to "render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's". Appeal to lawmakers to work together to come up with solutions instead of demonizing the opposing party. We could also create a better political atmosphere by not demonizing other politicians or parties.

Pray for the families who have experienced horrific losses. Be an active, informed private citizen. Also, remember, Jesus said in John 8:12, "I am the light of the world". There is no darkness that can put it out. The Light shows up best in the darkness and calls all people to a better Way.

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

Laurels Ministry
November 9, 1:30pm

Leadership Team Meeting
November 9, 6:30pm

Trip to Noah's Ark Museum
November 11

Children's Snack-n-Paint
November 11, 10am-12pm

Church-Wide Breakfast
November 12, 8:30am

Parent-Child Dedication
November 12, 11am

Handbell Practice
November 12, 5pm

Youth Pack Shoeboxes
November 12, 5pm

**Shoebox Drop-Off Center at
the Rock**
November 13-20

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DEACONS 2017-18

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| John Mark Adrian | 328-5564 |
| Jerry Baird | 393-0923 |
| Gil Blackburn | 328-0046 |
| Jim Collie | 393-1710 |
| Jeff Dotson | 393-8417 |
| Ron Helton | 393-6145 |
| Mike Osborne | 365-0968 |
| John Ponish | 870-1593 |
| Gary Smith | 870-1579 |

Deacons Emeritus:
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill,
Harold Witt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to BEN, KIERA & EZRA HARDING!

Ben & Kiera Harding joined WBC on Sunday! Ben, Kiera & 5-month old Ezra have been very much a part of our church family since June. Ben is serving as our Music Director & we appreciate his ministry so much! If you didn't have time to greet the Hardings on Sunday, please introduce yourself to them.



Pancake Breakfast!

*Everyone is invited to a
breakfast before Sunday
School on November 12 at 8:45am!*

SHOEBOX NEWS!



* Brochures for how to pack your shoeboxes are in the church foyer. You will not need to pay the \$1 to cover the cost of your shoebox this year, as this has graciously been taken care of!

MONDAY, NOV. 13 - MONDAY, NOV. 20 -

Sign up to help at the OCC Drop-Off Center at the Rock. If you are available to help, please contact Rebecca Osborne or sign up on the Communication Card in your bulletin:

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Nov. 13 - 4-7pm | Nov. 17 - 4-7pm |
| Nov. 14 - 4-7pm | Nov. 18 - 12-3pm |
| Nov. 15 - 3-6pm | Nov. 19 - 2-5pm |
| Nov. 16 - 4-7pm | Nov. 20 - 9am-12pm |

SUN., NOV. 19 - Dedication Sunday! Please bring your packed shoeboxes to the sanctuary by Nov. 19. We will dedicate our boxes during morning worship that day.

FRI., DEC. 8 - Trip to Boone, NC Processing Center

As you pray, please remember...



Rev. Ben Murphy, Grace Allio & family, Don Newlon & family, Dave Belcher & family, David Mullins, Bonnie Rochford (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, Wesley Kennedy, Ron Swindall, Robert & Jennifer England & family, 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

Our Shut Ins: Elizabeth Davidson, (Heritage Hall), Susan Davidson (Heritage Hall), Eddie Culbertson, Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Betty Easterling (The Laurels), Florine Pennington (The Laurels), Jeanne Stallard

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

Parent-Child Dedication Service



Sunday, November 12, 11am

** Notify Pastor Mike or the church office if
you would like to participate. (328-6247)*

Wise Baptist is going to visit Noah's Ark!

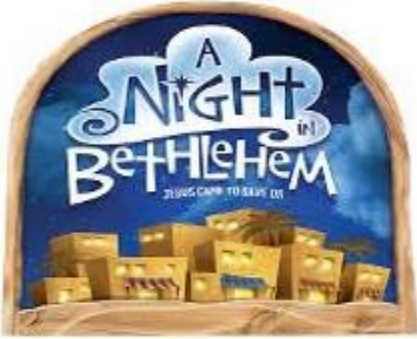


Saturday, November 11, 2017

www.arkencounter.com

Wise Baptist Church has coordinated a Church Bus Trip to Williamsburg, Kentucky to see **Noah's Ark Museum**. This will be an ALL Day trip up and back on Saturday. Tickets are purchased once on site. Contact John Ponish (276-870-1593) for more information and to reserve your spot. Seating on the bus is limited – Remaining Bus seats available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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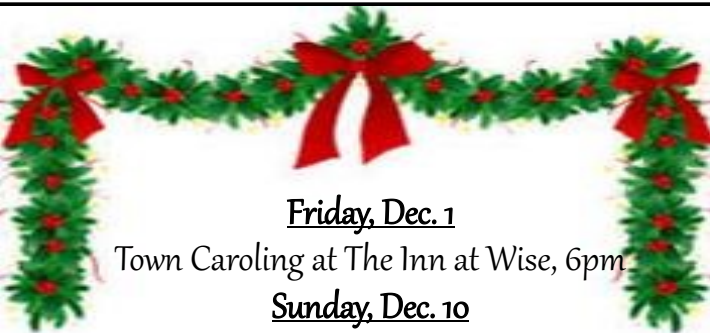
*Begin now
to invite
your
friends!*

**Saturday, December 2
(4 – 6 pm)**

WBC will be transformed into the town of Bethlehem where you can walk through the village, visit the local shops, meet Mary, Joseph, & the newborn Jesus, & talk with the shepherds & angels! You will be greeted outside by local residents of Bethlehem & there will be hands-on activities at each of the village shops.

This church-wide event is for ALL AGES, families, friends & neighbors! If you would like to help or be involved, please contact Terry Winters at 276-870-2712 or tllwinters@gmail.com

Come & experience Bethlehem on the night that Jesus was born!



Friday, Dec. 1

Town Caroling at The Inn at Wise, 6pm

Sunday, Dec. 10

Wise Baptist Christmas Cantata, 7pm

Sunday, Dec. 17

Wise Baptist Handbells
at The Inn at Wise, 5pm



It's time for an
update!!

Interested in helping with
a **2018 Church Directory?**
Contact Teresa Adkins at
276-393-0097!



**Wise Baptist is the
NOVEMBER 8**

Place to Be!

Join us for...

Dinner at 6:00pm

Bible Studies at 6:45pm

Cantata Rehearsal at 7:50pm

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at 8:20pm



We had **71** in Sunday School this past Sunday—a new high for this church year! Our goal is 75, but we can surely exceed even that! Please come on out this Sunday for our Pancake Breakfast at 8:30am & join us for Bible Study afterwards at 10am.

~ Teresa Adkins, Sunday School Director

UPDATE:

ALMA HUNT OFFERING FOR VIRGINIA MISSIONS

\$728 collected!

Thursday, November 9

Leadership Team Meeting

6:30pm, Youth Building

Monday, November 13

Children's Ministry Team

Meeting, 5:30pm

Wednesday, November 15

Education Committee Meeting, 5pm

6:30pm, Youth Building



MUSIC * YOUTH * CHILDREN NEWS

Wise Baptist Church Children's Ministry

**Children's
"Snack-n-Paint"!**
Saturday, November 11
10am - 12pm



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| November 7 | Forrest Stalnaker |
| November 8 | Reagan Elkins |
| November 9 | Rachel Lyall |
| November 10 | Judy Combs |
| November 12 | Peter Yun |
| November 13 | Harold Witt |
| November 15 | Donnie Bradley |
| | Leigh Clark |
| November 16 | Robbin Arnold |
| | Luke Collie |

Wise Baptist Church



We are so proud of our youth!



Nathan Hersel and the Union High School Cross Country Team took 2nd Place last week in the Regional Cross Country Meet at Lebanon! They advance to the State competition at The Plains, Virginia, on Nov. 11. Nathan's time was 17:47.

Central High School's One Act Team won the Mountain District 7 Theatre competition on Oct. 28, after performing "These Shining Lives"! The team will compete at CHS on Nov. 18 for the regional title & the opportunity to compete once again at the State Theatre Festival in December. **Emma Snodgrass** played one of the 4 women in the play & **Mary Stuedemann** was the sound and lighting tech!



Caroline Mullins coached the Stallion soccer team this fall: 14 nine & ten year olds, 11 of whom had never played soccer before? Caroline reports that they won some & lost some, but "most importantly, each & everyone of them improved 200%. They learned to play as a team & had fun doing it!"



November 7
Jorge & Pam Hersel

November 11
Edgar & Bonnie Owens



Greetings everyone!!

WOW!!! What a great run the choir had on Sunday after our morning worship service. There may have been a few minor glitches as we rehearsed, but I am thankful for the work and dedication that everyone who is singing in the cantata with us is putting forward. I am absolutely positive this will be an emotionally and spiritually moving experience for everyone involved and for those who will attend. December 10 at 7PM.....Don't miss it!!!

Handbell Ringers!! We will practice at 5pm on Sunday, Nov 12, in preparation for a few Christmas performances we will have. All who have and all who would like to are invited to attend as we begin!! We have been invited to play at The Inn at Wise on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 5pm.

Thank you for the love and support that you have shown my family while we have been here at WBC. It made our decision to move our membership that much easier when we decided to do so.

God bless you all, Ben

Sunday, November 5, 2017...a beautiful fall day in Wise!

We are truly blessed!

Beth Snodgrass welcomes the congregation & our youth & children participate in taking up the offering.



Ben & Kiera Harding join our WBC family!



The youth spent the afternoon at Jim & Sherry Collie's raking leaves.



The youth had a successful shopping trip for Operation Christmas Child Sunday evening! \$800 in donations!



The youth would like to invite all parents and anyone else that would like to help next Sunday evening (Nov. 12) to help with the packing of boxes. We will meet at the Youth Building at 5pm.

WISE BAPTIST CHURCH
INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

(Revised January 2015)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL AND BIBLE STUDY

If the Wise area is experiencing inclement weather, i.e. snow, ice, on a Wednesday, a decision will be made by the Pastor as to whether our meal and Bible study will be held as usual or cancelled.

We will **NOT** automatically cancel our activities because Wise County or Norton City schools are closed.

The decision to cancel our activities will be made no later than 2:00 pm and will be communicated through email, website, Facebook, and phone calls.

Your safety is most important. Please don't attempt to get out if the weather/conditions are dangerous.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

We will have Sunday School and Worship even during inclement weather. The exception to this will be if our building is without power.

Our Pastor and Building Stewards will make that decision, if necessary.

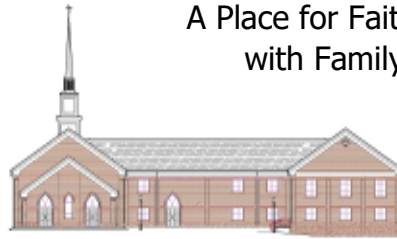
In the event that our services are cancelled, communication will be sent via email, website, Facebook and phone calls.

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Volunteers this Week

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| Deacons On Call: | 11/5-11/11 | John Ponish, Mike Osborne |
| | 11/12-11/18 | Gil Blackburn, Gary Smith |
| Building Stewards: | | Ron, Dan, Scott S |
| Instrumentalists: | | Susan M., Susan S. |
| Worship Welcome: | 11/12 | Beth Snodgrass |
| | 11/19 | Beth Snodgrass |
| S.S. Greeters: | 11/12 | Bob & Teresa Adkins |
| | 11/19 | Mike & Rebecca Osborne |
| Nursery: | 11/12 | John Mark & Wendy Adrian |
| | 11/19 | Stephen & Julie Large |
| Children's Church: | 11/12 | Johnny & Renee Robinson |
| | 11/19 | Dave & Misty Belcher |
| Sound System: | 11/12 | Oscar Raile |
| | 11/19 | Marty Adkins |
| Tellers: | November | June Dotson, Edgar Owens |
| | December | Teresa Adkins, Stephen Large |
| Ushers: | 11/12 | Kenny Bowling*, Jeff Cantrell^, Dan Helton, Matt Meade, Johnny Robinson, Jim Sturgill |
| | 11/19 | Stan Kunigelis*, Edgar Owens^, Gary Smith, John Thacker, Roger Viers, Harold Witt, Jerry Baird (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers) |
| Wed. Serving Teams: | 11/8 | Donna Hutchinson, Cyndi Newlon, Rebecca Osborne |
| | 11/15 | Jessica Crutchfield, Kathy Dotson, Gail Kiser |
| Wed. Meals | 11/8 | Italian (Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad) |
| | 11/15 | Soups, Baked Potatoes, Cornbread, Salad |
| Children-in-Action: | 11/8 | Kathy Dotson, Julie Large |
| | 11/15 | Kathy Dotson, Julie Large |

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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| Sunday | Sunday School | 10:00 am |
| | Worship | 11:00 am |
| | Youth (Grades 7-12) | 6:00 pm |
| Monday | Piecemakers (1st & 3rd) | 9:30 am |
| | Caring Friends (2nd & 4th) | |
| Wednesday | Fellowship Meal | 6:00 pm |
| | Adult Bible Studies | 6:45 pm |
| | Children in Action (Grades K-6) | |
| | Nursery (Birth - Preschool) | |
| | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 7:50 pm |

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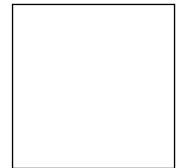
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Thought for the Week:
Be a good citizen.
(Matthew 22:21)