

Rev. Mike Winters, Pastor

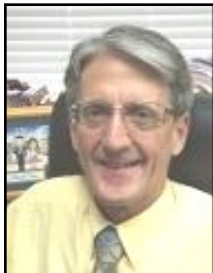
Donna Hutchinson, Music Director

Dr. Ray Jones, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

September 1, 2020



Dear Church Family and Friends,

Loneliness. Are you feeling it? I am. I miss being with my family, church family and friends the way I am used to. I long to see people up close and talk (and hug)! Loneliness is a suffocating ache in our soul. It affects everything.

Loneliness is not about how many people we know or are around, but the depth of our relationships with others. God made us social creatures. After He made Adam, He said, "It is not good for man to be alone." God is saying that He made us to be in relationship...with Him and others.

The Bible affirms that. Exodus presents us with a people who had been slaves for 400 years. No longer was the pharaoh controlling their lives. They needed guidance. God gives the Ten Commandments, guidance for all relationships.

Jesus says in the Great Commandment to "Love God with all your heart, mind and strength...and love your neighbor as yourself." Relationships.

For six months...our relationships have been disrupted! The vaccine is months away. Then: testing, manufacturing, distribution.

That means at least 6 more months (my guess). We cannot wait that long before we find new ways to strengthen our fellowship.

The church is a fellowship of believers. We can't do it alone.

What are some creative ways we can learn to be together? In a way that is safe as possible? Instead of me making suggestions, I am going to ask for yours. The Holy Spirit is in every believer. I need to hear from you. Our church needs to hear from you. Please pass on your suggestions or thoughts to my email address mikewinters@wisebaptist.com.

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

Wed. Bible Study
September 2, 7pm
(WBC Fb Live)

Sunday Message
& Holy Communion
September 6, 11am
(WBC Fb Live)

Bedtime Story
September 7, 9pm
(WBC Fb Live)

Men's Bible Study
September 8, 6:30am
(Zoom)

Senior Ladies' Tea
(Home-Delivery)
September 12

Annual Business Meeting
SUNDAY, Sept. 27
(after worship)

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DEACONS 2019-20

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Jerry Baird	393-0923
Leton Harding	346-6039
Ron Helton	393-6145
Lewey Lee	393-5370
David Mullins	870-0005
John Ponish	870-1593
Oscar Raile	870-0131
Gary Smith	870-1579

Deacons Emeritus:
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill,
Harold Witt

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



With the consensus and recommendation of the Leadership Team and the Deacons, a decision has been made to postpone congregational worship in the sanctuary for the time being.

We will continue to broadcast (Livestream) the service from the sanctuary.



Sunday Morning Worship at Wise Baptist Church on Facebook Live: 11:00 am

Pastor Mike will be preaching this Sunday morning, **September 6**, on "Second Chances: Matthew" (Matthew 9:9-13).

There are 3 ways that you can be a part of WBC's Sunday worship service each week:

- (1) View the service on Facebook Live at 11am go to the Wise Baptist Church Facebook page
- (2) View the service after it has "aired" - go to <https://www.facebook.com/WiseBaptistChurch/videos/246055226605395>

******(This does not require Facebook!)

- (3) Share the service with others by clicking the "share" button.

As you pray, please remember...



Lois Stallard, Donna Hutchinson, Family of Anne Sturgill, Sandy & David Mullins, Ron & Vickie Swindall, Alan & Martha Seidel, Phyllis Hatcher, Peter & Sandy Yun, Peggy & Rudolfo Yanez, Peggy Bowling & family, Lewey Lee & family, Artie Bailey & Lisa Wolf, Pat Boggs, Nancy McDaniel (Marsha Tolbert's sister), doctors, nurses & all medical/pharmaceutical personnel, Glenn Hill, Steve Collins, Pat Adkins & family, Gerry O'Bryan, Royce McNeal, Bessie Vance, Kathy & John Kennedy, John & Kay Wright, Wanda Takahashi (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Ray & Carolyn Jones, law enforcement & emergency personnel, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.

Our Shut Ins: Jeanne Stallard

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



Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 2! Join us for Bible Study!

Do your circumstances determine the level of your joy? If so, you are in trouble. Join us Sept. 2 at 7:00pm as we continue a study of the Book of Philippians and learn how to find joy in any circumstance.

Pastor Mike will be teaching via Facebook Live (on the Wise Baptist Church Facebook page) each Wednesday evening.

*** If you would a study book, please contact Terry Winters or the church office. The suggested cost is \$5.00.**

***If you would like to order a digital book, the link is:** <https://baptistwaypress.org/adults>

Click on the digital copy of "Pure Joy: a Choice to Rejoice".

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With Heartfelt Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Anne Sturgill, who passed away last week. Anne was very active in our Caring Friends & Piecemakers Quilting Groups here at Wise Baptist. Anne was the sister-in-law of Vickie Swindall and the cousin of Jack Tolbert. Please keep these families in your prayers.



Due to these extraordinary times, the Leadership Team has decided that Wise Baptist Church will continue with the previous budget, leaders and officers until September 27, when we have our Annual Church Business Meeting.

Normally, we vote on our annual church budget and list of officers and leaders on the last Wednesday of August. However, extra time is needed this year in order to set up the Business Meeting through Facebook Live. Watch for details.



Being Good Stewards

As we close our Church year, and look to a new one, we must continue to be thankful for God's blessings on our Church, through everyone's faithful giving. While coming up short of our budgeted giving for the 2019-2020 year, the Church was able to make ends meet during these trying times.

As we look to our new budget that will be presented to the Church soon, we are excited about God's work through the Church. And even though the in-person meetings and services are suspended, opportunities still exist, the Church is alive, and ministries are on-going.

Tithes and offerings may continue to be mailed to Wise Baptist Church, PO Box 777, Wise, VA 24293, or brought by the Church during open hours.

Thank you all for being good stewards of Wise Baptist Church.

~ Ron Helton

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WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE?

There are so many great ways to plug into Wise Baptist Church & to be a part of reaching our community with Jesus' love. We welcome & encourage EVERYONE to share your gifts & passion through one of the many ministries at Wise Baptist! Also, if you have an idea for a new ministry, please share that with Pastor Mike!

Youth Ministry * Children's Ministry

Music Ministry * Missions

Laurels Ministry * Live Streaming Ministry

Worship Committee * Sound System Ministry

Education / Discipleship

Church Library Ministry

Building & Facilities Committee

Bereavement Ministry

Baptism Committee * Communion Preparation



Please contact

Gary Smith
(Personnel
Committee)
at 276-870-1579 or
gsmith@pmgllc.biz
to volunteer!



Scripture for the Week

Acts 2:42

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers."



RESCHEDULED: September 27

Our Annual Church Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, Sept. 27 following the morning worship time. This will not be an "in-person" meeting. We will use Facebook Live and try to involve as many people as possible.

We will be voting on the annual budget as well as leaders, teachers and volunteers for the coming church year. This information will be made available soon for your review.

If you would like to take part in this Business Meeting, please notify the church secretary (Terry Winters) at 276-870-2712 or tllwinters@gmail.com

More details coming soon!

T. L. C.

(Tender Loving Care)



Sharing a simple meal can be such a comfort & a blessing!

Join WBC as we start **a new ministry**, the TLC Group... There will be no meetings, just providing one of your delicious meals to those within our church family who may be in need of a little Tender Loving Care from time to time—such as a birth, illness, surgery, loss of a loved one, etc.

If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact **Tammie Harding** (276-608-6196) or **Beth Snodgrass** (276-870-9585).

Happy Birthday!

September 2	Abigail Edmiston
September 3	Renee Robinson
September 4	Johnny Robinson
September 7	Gwen Chisenhall
	Kathy Helton
September 8	Scott Hall
	Butch Hutchinson
	Marty Kennedy
	Nicole Sexton
September 9	Stephanie Wilson



WBC
Music Ministry

"Make Me a Blessing"

Out in the highways and byways of life,
Many are weary and sad;
Carry the sunshine where darkness is reife,
Making the sorrowing glad.
Make me a blessing,
Make me a blessing,
Out of my life may Jesus shine;
Make me a blessing,
O Savior, I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today.

Please be in prayer for our 2020-21 College & Graduate Students:

Pray

Alex Adkins
Rachel Bailey
Megan Burton
Lance Collie
Landon Elkins
Lily Snodgrass Elkins
Noah Hall
Nathan Hersel

Jessica Hibbitts
Tyler Hopkins
Rachel Lyall
Caroline Mullins
Rachel Porchie
Emma Snodgrass
Mary Stuedemann

LET'S PAINT!!

Children's Fall Snack & Paint
Saturday, Nov. 7



Once again, Miss Joni
(Coleman) will be leading
our Snack & Paint via
Facebook Live! Stay
tuned for sign-up details!



WBC Children's Ministry Continues!



Sunday School on
Facebook Live at
10am each Sun.!

Mondays — Bedtime Story
with Miss Terry at 9pm
(Facebook Live on WBC Fb page)
Wear your pj's!



Sat., Nov. 7 —
Virtual Snack & Paint!
Save the Date!!

We love our College & Graduate Students!



Alex Adkins (Lipscomb Univ.)
2011 Richard Jones Rd.
Apt. S-04
Nashville, TN 37215-2811

Rachel Bailey (VT)
1790 October Glory Court
Blacksburg, VA 24061

Megan Burton (MECC)
9321 Atwell Rd.
Wise, VA 24293

Lance Collie (UVA-Wise)
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Wise, VA 24293

Landon Elkins (UVa-Wise)
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Wise, VA 24293

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New Haven, CT 06511

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Wise, VA 24293

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295 Jayne Hill Circle
Gate City, VA 24251

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404 Fairfax St., Apt. P
Radford, VA 24141

Rachel Porchie (MWU)
1013 East Kensington Circle
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Emma Snodgrass (UVA)
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Charlottesville, VA 22903

Mary Stuedemann (Radford)
404 Fairfax St., Apt. P
Radford, VA 24141

SOCIAL DISTANCING SURVIVAL PAGE



Thank you to **Elora Hutchinson** for sharing a blessing she has experienced during this pandemic...

This pandemic has blessed me with time. It's a bit of a blessing in disguise. I hated that there were no extracurricular activities after school for a long while, but that gave me time to get a job and start learning a new instrument. It's also helped me discover some new interests and hobbies.



Thank you to **Brandon Crutchfield** (who has achieved the level of Arrow of Light Webelo) for sharing his recipe for S'Mores!

Who would know better than a Boy Scout? He calls this a "Corecipe" since it is during the Coronavirus!

S'MORES

Set a marshmallow over the fire for about half a minute. Turn it around slowly 'til it is golden brown. If it's not golden brown yet, set it back in there for another 30 seconds. Just be careful. Split a large graham cracker into 2 little graham crackers. Put the marshmallow on one of the little graham crackers & then put chocolate on top of the marshmallow. Then put the other little graham cracker on top. These are yummy.

*Be sure to look for another great scout recipe from Brandon in next week's newsletter!

Flower Photos

Thank you to **Diana Roberts** for sharing this photo from her yard!



Funnies



IF 2020 WAS A MATH PROBLEM

If you're going down a river at 2 MPH and your canoe loses a wheel, how much pancake mix would you need to re-shingle your roof?



Scriptures

Lois Stallard shares one of her favorite scriptures with us this week:

Psalm 118:24

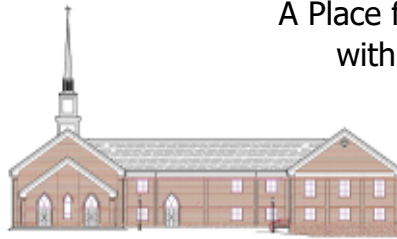
"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call: 8/30 - 9/5 Leton Harding, John Mark Adrian
9/6 - 9/12 Oscar Raile, John Ponish
Building Stewards: Ron Helton, Dan Helton,
Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists: Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sound System: 9/6 Marty Adkins
9/13 Mike Osborne
Tellers: August Jessica Crutchfield, Jeff Kiser



A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

***(These activities are postponed
until further notice)***

Sunday	Truth Rehearsal	4:45 pm
	Youth (Grades 7-12)	6:00 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Children's Choir (Ages 3 - Grade 6)	4:45 pm
	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Youth Hand Chimes	7:00 pm
	Children in Action (Ages 5 - Grade 6)	
	Nursery (Birth - Age 4)	

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Like us at: Wise Baptist Church
and at Wise Baptist Youth

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