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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

September 12, 2023

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

Trying harder. That seems to be the solution to just about all of our problems. Right?

Some African tribes used an interesting approach to capture monkeys. First, they hollowed out a gourd. Then made a small hole in it. The gourd would be securely attached to a post. Finally, a piece of food was placed through the hole and inside the gourd.

Then, they patiently waited. Soon a monkey showed up. Stuck its hand through the hole. Got the food in hand. Then tried to pull its hand out. The problem was that the monkey formed a fist to hold onto the food. The fist was too large to pull through the hole.

How did the monkey try to solve it? By trying harder to pull its hand out. And keeping on until it was captured.

The trying harder approach assumes we can bend just about anything to our will.

Sometimes the best thing we can do it to release control to God. Trust Him to do things only He can do.

“We live by faith, not by sight.” (II Cor. 5:7) What things do you need to release?

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Fellowship Meal
Wed, September 13
6:00pm

Construction of
Temporary Shelter for
Feast of Tabernacles
Wed, September 13
7:00pm

Choir Practice
Wed, September 13
7:45pm

Men’s Bible Study
Thursday, September 14
6:30am

Feast of Tabernacles
Friday, September 29
6:00pm

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DEACONS 2023 - 2024

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

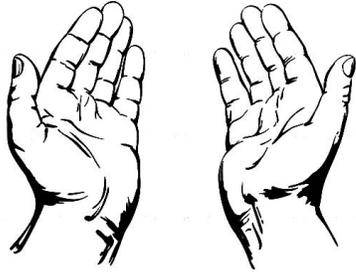
Deacon Emeritus:
 Bob Adkins

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

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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...



Vicki Stephens, Jim Dotson, Gil Blackburn, Kathy Kennedy, Family of Lois Stallard, Family of Artie Bailey, Wendy Adrian & Family, Megan (Burton) Douglas, Mike Strouth, Rev. Michael Weller, J.D. Cantrell, Robert Price, Gladys Maxwell, Dan Helton, Jean Aker, Butch Hutchinson, Brenda Lee, Wanda Baird, Edgar Mullins (Grace’s brother), Rowyn Malott (great-niece of Teresa & Billy Glines), John & Kathy Kennedy, Harold Stallard, Mike Smith’s sister Lynn, Beth Snodgrass, Adele Plester (Brenda Kunigelis’ sister-in-law), Roger Viers, Lorna Wherry & family, (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Natalie Luther, Russell, Miles & Mason Wampler, Phyllis Hatcher, 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, Jeanne Stallard (NC)

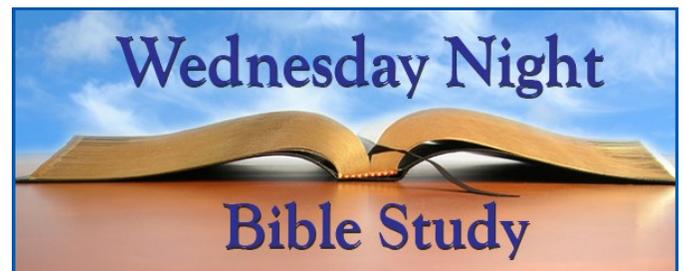
*If you know of other prayer concerns, please contact the church office (328-6247).



Scripture
for the Week:

2 Corinthians 5:7

“for we walk by faith, not by sight”



Invite a friend & join us for supper & Bible Study each Wednesday evening at 7pm!

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You are invited!

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, beginning October 8.

With Covid, it's been awhile since we have had folks over, & we would love to be able to just visit & fellowship together on Sunday evenings from 6-7pm!

Feel free to call us or sign-up on the posters in the foyer & fellowship hall.

Hope you can join us!

Love, Mike & Terry

Fall Bazaar

QUILTING BAZAAR!
OCT. 8-9

The Piecemakers & Caring Friends will be holding a small bazaar at church on October 8-9 to raise funds for making quilts for the cancer center.

What a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping while helping to sustain this wonderful ministry!



Sunday School is more than a Bible lesson—it's a time of laughter & sharing. It's a chance to make new friends as you discuss a Scripture passage, hear others' thoughts, share prayer concerns, & experience others praying for you.

Billie Harris is our Sunday School Director for this year. She reports that we had 39 in Sunday School on Sept. 3, and 44 this past Sunday.

Hope you can join us this coming Sunday!



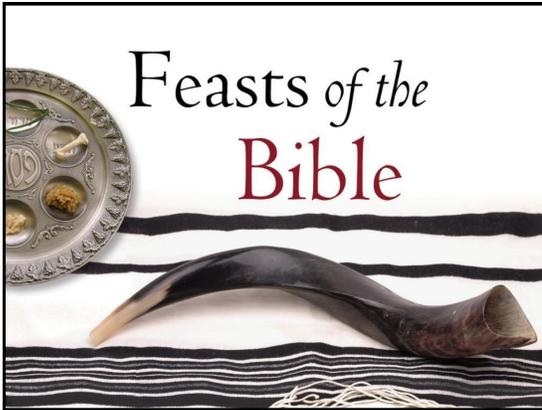
REMEMBER...

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

**Nonperishable items can be placed in
the white containers by the elevator.**



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Feasts of the Bible

*Come & celebrate the
Feast of Tabernacles with us
at Wise Baptist on
Friday, September 29!*

This year, we are celebrating 3 of the most important Jewish feasts that Jesus faithfully participated in while on earth. You may remember that in May, we celebrated the Feast of Weeks with a meal of traditional Jewish dishes, music & even dancing!

You will not want to miss our next feast—the Feast of Tabernacles!

What is the significance of the Feast of Tabernacles for Christians today?

Like God's people in Bible times, we too need to remember, tell & celebrate the mighty deeds that God performed for His people in the desert, and His faithfulness to us during our "desert times" !

How can YOU participate in our celebration at Wise Baptist?

Sept. 13 - You are invited to bring branches (at least 6 feet in length) to the courtyard where we will construct a "temporary shelter" to be used in our celebration on Sept. 29

Sept. 29 - Invite others to join us in the courtyard at 6pm for a simple meal & devotional. Please bring canned foods for a special offering. You will also need to bring your Bible.



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC



Happy Birthday!

September 13	Cordell Higgins
September 14	Cliff Carson Jeremy Dotson Pam Hersel
September 15	Kathy Dotson
September 17	Wendy Adrian Charley Gardner
September 18	Shane Mullins\
September 19	Bob Adkins
September 21	Marty Adkins
September 22	Ashlee Taylor
September 23	Vickie Swindall Terry Winters



WBC Music Ministry

Last Sunday morning, John Ponish, our Sunday school teacher, made a comment about how when we become Christians, we are given an inheritance from God. This inheritance is a promise of heaven, and of being with God eternally. He went on to comment that every time we participate in worship and read scripture, it is like a re-reading of that will. Stop and think about that for a couple minutes.

Every time we worship, we are learning more about what is in our inheritance from God. How cool is that?

God has offered me eternal life, a place in heaven with others that have gone before me, like my parents and grandparents, and an unending worship service with the God that I believe sent His Son to die on the cross, to save my soul. The only thing I have to do is accept that with my heart. Absolutely nothing else! I just have to follow Him until my last breath.

Join me on this walk.

*Joy, Peace and Love,
Donna*

Happy Anniversary!

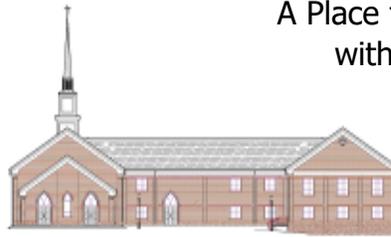
September 17	Sam & Cindi Farmer Randy & Carol Miller
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CHILDREN'S Ministry

Thank you to Lisa Blankenbecler, Susie Blanton, Jennifer Mullins, Susan Mullins, Karen Ponish & Terry Winters for serving on this year's Children's Ministry Team! Plans for a Snack & Paint in November & a special Easter event on March 23 are already in the works. Stay tuned for other children's activities in the coming weeks & months.



A Place for Faith and Fellowship
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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	9/10 - 9/16	Jeff Cantrell, Lewey Lee
	9/17 - 9/23	John Ponish, Debbie Collins
Building Stewards:		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists:		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Children's Church	9/17	Holly Meade, Ava Mullins
	9/24	Chad & Susie Blanton
Offering Ushers	September	Ron Helton Team
	October Team	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers:	September	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
	October Team	Jeff Kiser, Martha Blackburn
Wed. Night Meals:	9/13	Soup Bean, Cornbread, Fried Potatoes, Kraut, Weiners
	9/20	Parmesan Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Roated Veggies
Wed. Serving Teams	9/13	<u>Teresa's Team</u> : Pat Adkins, Linda Burgess, Eileen Cantrell, Susan Smith
	9/20	<u>Donna's Team</u> : Debbie Collins, Susan Mullins, Rebecca Osborne, Terry Winters



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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

Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

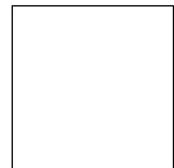
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and at Wise Baptist Youth

Thought for the Week:

*Release control of your life
to God.*