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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,

"Our world is worse than ever!" How often have we heard (or said) those very words? If we believe the world is worse than ever, then what? We may think there is nothing we can do. We become discouraged and lose hope.

Moses might challenge the statement that the world is worse than ever. Consider the world into which he was born. For hundreds of years the Hebrew people had been forced into slavery. Pharaoh issued a death sentence for all baby boys.

How would Moses compare his world to ours? The Bible says in Exodus 3:7-8 that the Lord has seen the misery of His people and will rescue them. God will personally intervene. How? In Exodus 3:10 God says, "now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

If Moses could speak with us from our point in time, he might conclude that the world into which he was born was the "worst ever". God saw the suffering of His people and was going to directly intervene. His plan was to work through a person, Moses. Moses was less than excited about this new role. However, as he submitted to the will of God, He used him to save His people!

What can we learn from Moses' story? As bad as the world may seem, there is hope. God sees and cares. God chooses to intervene directly. How? Through people like you and me. Take heart and have hope. God's saving power expressed through His people can make a difference anytime and anywhere!

My friends, let's be the church and allow God's mighty saving presence to change us and our world!

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

**Christmas Cantata
Rehearsal
September 14**

**Parents' Day Out
September 17**

**Fall Youth Retreat
September 17-18**

**Practice Dance
(Ballroom Dancing)
September 18**

**Bridal Shower
for Kaitlin Ponish
October 1**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Let US watch the kids for awhile!

The Children's Ministry Team of Wise Baptist Church would like to extend a "gift" to parents of children ages 0—Grade 6!

On Saturday September 17, from 10am—3pm, there will be activities planned at the church for the children, including lunch, games, recreation & crafts. Plenty of adult supervision will be provided.

If your child(ren) would like to participate, please sign them up on the Communication Card in your bulletin. You may also contact Donna Hutchinson (donnahutchinson@usa.net) or call the church office at 276-328-6247.

As you pray, please remember...

Kara Kennedy and family, Wanda Baird, Tony Hill, Irene Black, Papa Joe Smiddy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, 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.



Our Shut Ins: Susan Davidson (Heritage Hall—Wise), Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Archie Kennedy (Heritage Hall—BSG), 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).



FALL BIBLE STUDIES! SEPT. 7—OCT. 12

♦ The Little Book of Biblical Justice

Everyone has their own ideas of what is just & fair. Mark Clark will explore the more important question of what the Bible teaches about justice & how we can apply that today.

♦ The Gospel of Mark: "People Responding To Jesus"

Join Pastor Mike as he guides us through the Gospel of Mark where we will see Jesus through the eyes of the people Jesus met. Then we will be invited to meet Jesus & walk with Him daily.

♦ Overload

"Nobody is immune to stress..." but "God's not going to let you sink, and He is going to see you safely to the other side." Teresa Adkins will be teaching the second half of Joyce Meyer's book on coping with stress.

Wednesday Night Program

Join us on Wed. nights for a time of fellowship and spiritual renewal!

SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

6:00 pm	Fellowship Meal
6:45 pm	Small Group Bible Studies
	Children-in-Action
	Nursery
7:45 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8:15 pm	Cantata Rehearsal



CHRISTMAS CANTATA CHOIR

Have you ever wanted to sing with the choir at Christmas? Here is your chance! Our 20th annual cantata will be held on December 4 at 7:00 pm. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday evening at 8:15pm. Contact Leigh if you are interested!



Bring a snack & join us for a "Practice Dance" this Sunday evening (September 18) from 5—6ish in the Fellowship Hall, as we review East Coast Swing, Foxtrot, & Waltz steps! We may even learn a new step or two! :)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Wise Baptist Association WMU Fall Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 25 at 3pm at Norton First Baptist Church. All—women, men, youth—are invited! Dr. Joe Frank Smiddy will be speaking about his involvement in missions.

A meal will be provided after the program.

We will be collecting offerings for Virginia Missions during the month of September. Envelopes for the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions are in the pew racks. Thank you to our Women on Mission who faithfully promote this offering and carry out missions in our community, in Virginia and beyond!



You are cordially invited to attend a drop-in Bridal Shower for Kaitlin Ponish and Joseph Collins on Saturday, October 1 from 12—2 pm. The shower will be held in the Wise Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Kaitlin and Joseph are registered at Walmart, Bed Bath and Beyond and Target.

You're Invited!

Join us for fellowship and Bible Study each Sunday morning from 10 - 11 am...there is a place for everyone!



Our **senior ladies** were honored at a Tea Party on Saturday, September 10 at the home of Terry Winters...so much fun and laughter! We are very blessed to have these ladies in our lives!

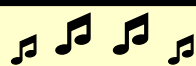
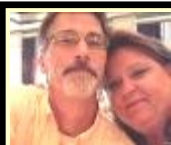


Jerry Dew (Terry's mom), Betty Roberts, Juanita Wells, Lois Stallard, Joyce Horne, Joanne Kennedy, Florine Pennington, Grace Allio



Sandy Mullins shared the history & the "love language" of the handkerchief.





From Leigh

9/11 is a day that is etched in the memories and history of all Americans. It was a Tuesday. Pastor Ray and I were at the church in our offices when a call came in from Ms. Carolyn. Ray called out for me to come across the hall into his office. Carolyn was still on the phone telling Ray and I what she was watching on the television as the terror unfolded. I didn't really believe it at first. One of our deacons, Mark Coomer, called to ask if we could have a prayer service at the church. Many believers came together that evening to pray and to share Holy Communion. It was a touching service that reminded us all that we serve The God of Hope even, especially, in times of fear and sadness.

Another significant thing that happened in my life that week was my Ordination service at WBC. On Sunday, September 16, 2001, WBC affirmed my "call" to ministry with a special service of music, testimony, prayer, and blessing (the Laying on of Hands). My parents and sisters all came from Georgia to be a part of the service. I remember the many kind and encouraging words that were whispered in my ear that morning. It is a day I will forever cherish.

I give thanks for each of you and for this church. I am praying for you this week; pray for each other, too.

Blessings, Leigh

Congratulations to Abbie Crutchfield and Ali Stuedemann for being inducted into the National Junior Beta Club at LF Addington last week.



September 14	Cliff Carson
September 15	Kathy Dotson
September 17	Wendy Adrian
September 18	Shane Mullins
September 19	Bob Adkins



September 20 Tim & Kathy Osborne

Gideon Small Group Bible Study
Join us for a Bible study by Priscilla Shirer called "Gideon - your *weakness*.

God's strength". We will begin on Thursday, **September 22 at 7pm** in the youth building. The cost for your book is \$15. Please see Leigh if you have questions and to order your book.

The Singing Sunbeams

The Singing Sunbeams choir (ages K-4th grade) will begin on Monday, September 19 from 4-5pm at the Rock.

(Ms. Debbie is working at WPS and Ms. Donna drives from Norton so choir will begin at 4 instead of 3:45.)

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Our Fall Youth Retreat will be a time of growth and worship and we will also enjoy whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River **September 17-18**. We will leave at 7:30 am on Saturday and return on Sunday evening. See Leigh for all of your paper work if you weren't at youth last night.

Last night we enjoyed chicken alfredo for dinner. The weather was beautiful so we went outside for an exciting game of "SPUD". Our lesson focused on Judas Iscariot. What can we learn from Judas? You can fool others but you can't fool God. And, our words and actions must match up as Christians. Who we are on Sunday morning should be who we are everyday of the week.

Join us on Wednesday for Breakfast for Dinner at 6. Bible study will begin at 6:45 in the youth building.

Wise Baptist is ALWAYS a “happening” place!!



Tabitha Ray organized our children to do the “Welcome” at the beginning of worship on Sunday.

John & Karen Ponish and Nancy Stalnaker led Children's Church on Sunday...Donna Hutchinson faithfully coordinates this meaningful & fun time of Bible learning for children grades K-4 each Sunday.



Julie Large & Kathy Dotson do a fantastic job leading our Children-in-Action missions program each Wednesday night!



Mark Collins led us in a special prayer, remembering September 11, 2001.

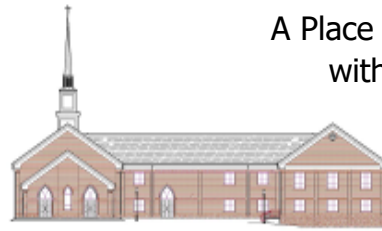


Tea Party for Senior Ladies

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	9/18-9/24	Jeff Dotson, John Kennedy
	9/25-10/1	Mike Osborne, Gil Blackburn
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:	9/18	Billie Harris
	9/25	John Kennedy
Nursery:	9/18	Don & Cyndi Newlon
	9/25	Abbie & Jessica Crutchfield
Children's Church:	9/18	Johnny & Renee Robinson
	9/25	Dave & Misty Belcher
PA:	9/18	Mike Strouth
	9/25	Noah Hall
Tellers:	September	June Dotson, David Mullins
	October	Stephen Large, Oscar Raile
Ushers:	9/18	Bob Adkins*, Marty Adkins^, Jeff Kiser^, Jeff Cantrell, Dan Helton, Ron Helton, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass
	9/25	Gil Blackburn*, Steve Horton^, Jack Tolbert^, Jeff Dotson, Marty Kennedy, Jim Sturgill, Clyde Vance, Roger Viers (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	9/14	Linda Bailey, Karen Ponish, Ruby Salyers
	9/21	Teresa Adkins, Jean Aker, Bonnie Owens
Wed. Meals:	9/14	Breakfast for Supper
	9/21	Chicken Casserole, (Chicken Nuggets), Mashed Potatoes, Corn
Children-in-Action:	9/14	Kathy Dotson, Julie Large
	9/21	Kathy Dotson, Julie Large

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
	Singing Sunbeams	4-5:15 pm
Wednesday	Mission Team Meets (1st)	5:00 pm
	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Youth Bible Study	
	Children-in-Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth-Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2--4 pm

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Thought for the week:
God, through you, can
change the world.