

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Dear Church Family & Friends,*

Ted Williams, one of the greatest professional baseball players of all time, arranged for his body to be frozen after he died in 2002. It is preserved in liquid nitrogen.

He seemed fearless in life. As a player. And as a Marine, who served as a fighter pilot in combat missions during the Korean War.

But when it came to death, he was terrified. His hope was that in the future, there would be technology to bring him back to life. He put his hope in something very uncertain.

Fear of death has haunted mankind since the very beginning.

Jesus spoke directly to that concern. After Lazarus died, He said to his grieving sisters, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." (John 11:25).

In what or who do you place your greatest hopes?

*Love, Pastor Mike*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Fellowship Meal**  
Wed, Sept. 18, 6pm

**Christmas Cantata Rehearsal**  
Sun, Sept. 22, 6:30pm

**Church-Wide Clean-Up Day**  
Sat, Sept. 28  
8am-4pm

**5th, 6th, 7th Grade Bible Presentation**  
Sun, Sept. 29, 11am

**Deadline for turning in OLD PHOTOS**  
Mon, Sept. 30

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## DEACONS 2024 - 2025

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Jeff Cantrell  | 275-9427 |
| Debbie Collins | 393-3875 |
| Jeff Elkins    | 393-5700 |
| Ron Helton     | 393-6145 |
| Stan Kunigelis | 870-2227 |
| Lewey Lee      | 393-5370 |
| Matt Meade     | 393-9177 |
| David Mullins  | 870-0005 |
| Ruby Salyers   | 870-0590 |

Deacon Emeritus:

### 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

## Laurels Ministry

Thursday, Sept. 19

1:30pm

\*Meet at the Laurels

As you pray, please remember...



Carlie Tomlinson, Cyrus Jones, Karen Ponish & Family, Natalie Luther, Jim Collie, Vicki Stephens, Wanda Baird, John & Amy Bridges & Family, Donna Hutchinson & Family, Martha Blackburn, Family of Nancy Baugh, Shirley Willis, Billy & Teresa Glines & Family, Jane Hughes & Family, Matt Meade, Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Lorna Wherry & Brian Plester (siblings of Brenda Kunigelis), Jim Sturgill, Jim Dotson, John & Kathy Kennedy, Rev. Michael Weller, Brenda Lee, Mike Smith's sister Lynn, Beth Snodgrass, Russell, Miles & Mason Wampler, Ray Jones, 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) -  
Appalachia, VA

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



## New Hearing Assist Devices Available for Worship!

We now have new Hearing Assist Devices available for anyone that has need. We have ordered 12 devices so everyone will be able to have their own unit. If you are presently wearing hearing aids as I do, but still have difficulty hearing, we will have headsets that will go over your hearing aids that provide an additional sound boost.

If you would like to use a Hearing Assist Device during worship, please let me or Oscar Raile know, or just come to the sound booth before worship.

Kind Regards, David Mullins

## NEW ADDRESS:

Shirley Willis  
330 Clairemont Lane  
Apt. 321  
Crozet, VA 22932



## Church Trivia...

*How well do you know Wise Baptist?*

- 1) How many pastors have served at WBC?
- 2) Which pastor served the longest?
- 3) When was our first building erected?
- 4) By what other names has Wise Baptist Church been known?
- 5) How many stained glass windows are in our present sanctuary & foyer?

\*ANSWERS on p. 3

**125th Anniversary**

**\*OCTOBER 27!**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### *Bible Presentation for 5th, 6th, 7th Graders*

*Join us as we celebrate our 5th, 6th and 7th Graders on Sunday, Sept. 29 during morning worship. Each youth will be given a study Bible with their name engraved on it. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall!*



**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 28!**

**8am - 4pm**

**All hands on deck! We hope to spruce up Wise Baptist, inside & outside, for our coming 125th Anniversary Celebration in October! Contact John Ponish if you have availability that day or sign up on the Communication Card in your Sun. bulletin.**



### **Scripture for the Week:**

#### **John 11:25-26**

*“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me, even if he dies, will live. Everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die - ever. Do you believe this?’”*

#### **ANSWERS to**

**Church Trivia Questions on p. 2...**



- 1) 18
- 2) Dr. Ray Jones, Jr.
- 3) 1902
- 4) The Missionary Baptist Church, First Baptist Church & The Union Church
- 5) 12 (or 14, depending on how you count the Buford door window!)

## *Deep Dive* Into Scripture

**Now through Mar. 31, 2025**

*Last year, we read the Bible through. This year, we are diving deep, by looking closely at smaller portions of scripture beginning with Genesis and going through Revelation.*

*Hope you can be a part of this journey! Please sign up on the Communication Card in your Sun. bulletin or let Pastor Mike know.*

## **CAMP BETHEL**

**WORKDAY**

**OCTOBER 19**



You are invited to participate in a workday at Camp Bethel on Sat, October 19! This will be a roofing only day, but we do need workers on the ground to help with clean up!

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC



|              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| September 17 | Wendy Adrian     |
| September 18 | Shane Mullins    |
| September 19 | Bob Adkins       |
| September 21 | Marty Adkins     |
| September 22 | Ashlee Taylor    |
| September 23 | Vickie Swindall  |
|              | Terry Winters    |
| September 27 | Kristen Phillips |

### *Happy Anniversary!*

|              |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|
| September 17 | Sam & Cindi Farmer   |
|              | Randy & Carol Miller |
| September 20 | Tim & Kathy Osborne  |



### *Stewardship, A Divine Responsibility*

God is the Owner. We are the managers. We must oversee His assets for His benefit. Our prayer is for discernment of what God wants done with His assets and then carry out His will. May we all at Wise Baptist Church give abundantly, sacrificially, and joyfully.

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.

*"For everything comes from You, and we have given  
You only what comes from Your own hand."  
1 Chronicles 29:14*

### *WBC Music Ministry*



*With all the divisiveness that is rampant in our country during this election year cycle, I have been thinking about how we can "take back" our world by loving others and showing how much we care and the only way to do that is through LOVE. Loving an individual doesn't mean we have to agree with every thought they have, nor do we have to support their ideals. It means that we love the individual, and we support their right to have their own thoughts.*

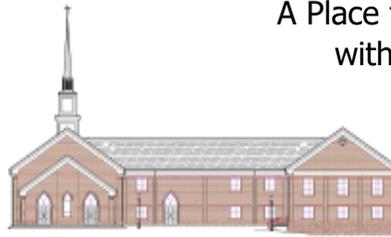
*I have seen lots of postings on Facebook and other social media places about how to bring God back into our country by voting for this one or that one. I don't think either party is the "for God" party, but I do believe that we can faithfully serve God by praying about who God wants us to support and vote for.*

*I think God wants us to reflect His love and teachings by caring for one another, no matter what party they are supporting. I think we need to extend a helping hand to those in need, show empathy to the hurting, and protect our environment. We embody the love Jesus has for humanity with acts of service, whether big or small, and these become expressions of our faith and devotion.*

*In essence, loving the world is a tangible way to demonstrate our love for Jesus. It's through our actions and interactions that His love is made visible and impactful in the lives of others. Let's strive to make the world a better place, one loving act at a time.*

*Joy, peace & love, Donna*

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### Volunteers this Week

|                        |             |   |
|------------------------|-------------|---|
| Deacons On Call        | 9/15 - 9/21 | Matt Meade, Stan Kunigelis  |
|                        | 9/22 - 9/28 | Ron Helton, Jeff Cantrell   |
| Building Stewards      |             | Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass   |
| Instrumentalists       |             | Susan Mullins, Susan Smith  |
| Sunday School Greeters | September   | Billy & Teresa Glines   |
|                        | October     | Matt Meade  |
| Children's Church      | 9/22        | Cindy & Jeff Elkins   |
|                        | 9/29        | Debbie Collins, Vickie Swindall   |
| Offering Ushers        | September   | Ron Helton Team   |
|                        | October     | Jeff Dotson Team  |
| Tellers                | September   | Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson   |
|                        | October     | Martha Blackburn, Jessica Crutchfield   |
| Wed. Night Meals       | 9/18        | Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread  |
|                        | 9/25        | Breakfast for Dinner  |
| Wed. Night Cook Teams  | 9/18        | <u>Donna's Team</u> : Debbie Collins, Billy & Teresa Glines, Susan Mullins, Karen Ponish, Terry Winters |
|                        | 9/25        | <u>Don's Team</u> : Deacons   |



### WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

|           |                            |          |
|-----------|----------------------------|----------|
| Sunday    | Sunday School              | 10:00 am |
|           | Worship                    | 11:00 pm |
| Monday    | Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)    | 9:30 am  |
|           | Caring Friends (2nd & 4th) |          |
| Wednesday | Fellowship Meal            | 6:00 pm  |
|           | Bible Study                | 7:00 pm  |
|           | Choir Practice             | 7:30 pm  |
| Thursday  | Laurels Ministry (3rd)     | 1:30 pm  |
| Saturday  | Men's Bible Study          | 7 - 8 am |

### Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

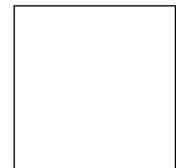
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### Thought for the Week:

*You don't need to fear death.*