

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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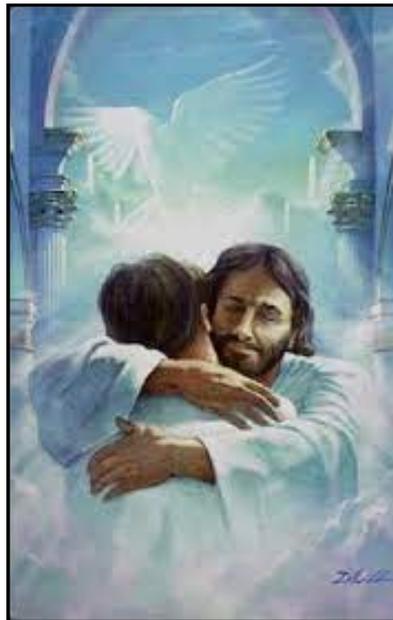
Dear Church Family & Friends,

Meeting the President of the United States face to face.

The highlight of Joe Stowell's life was about to happen. As Joe waited in the receiving line to see the President, he rehearsed what he would say.

When he finally got to the President, an associate to the President whispered Joe's name. The President interrupted what Joe had planned to say. He said, "Way to go, Joe!" as Joe was hurried through the line.

There is One greater than even the President of the United States. One day, God will have all the time in eternity with us. He will say to His followers, "Well done, good and faithful servant." (Matthew 25:23)



Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Fellowship Meal
Wed, Sept. 25, 6pm

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

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

Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
Sun, Sept. 29, 6:30pm

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:
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

Join us for great fellowship anytime that day from 8am - 4pm.



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



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).

Church Trivia...

How well do you know Wise Baptist?

- ✎ Our church first organized with how many members?
- ✎ When did our church first organize?
- ✎ Where was the first location of our church?
- ✎ How many times has our church moved locations?
- ✎ We have 2 quilting groups—which group makes quilts for the Cancer Center in Norton?

*ANSWERS on p. 3

125th Anniversary

*OCTOBER 27!



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

Join us as we celebrate our 5th, 6th and 7th Graders on Sunday, September 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:

Matthew 25:23

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Growing in Christ
Together

Join us each Sunday morning at 10am as we study Scripture, share prayer requests, encourage each other & laugh together.

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.

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

- 1) 9
- 2) 1875
- 3) “the Hurricane church house”
- 4) 4: Hurricane to Gladeville back to Hurricane to Wise Court House (Wise) to 2003 building in Wise
- 5) Caring Friends



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!



September 27	Kristen Phillips
September 28	Jonathan Whittaker
October 1	Misty Belcher
	Gloria Raile
October 2	Annika Addington
	Ann Wade
October 4	Brandon Winters

Happy Anniversary!

October 5 Rick & Holly Meade



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



In recent years, there has been growing concern about the perceived decline of kindness within Christian communities. Historically, Christianity has been synonymous with compassion, charity, and love for one's neighbor. However, many observers and believers alike have noted a shift away from these core values.

Several factors contribute to this perceived decline. One significant factor is the increasing polarization within society. Political and social divides have seeped into religious communities, often leading to judgment and exclusion rather than understanding and acceptance. This polarization can overshadow the fundamental Christian teaching of loving one's neighbor, regardless of differences.

Social media has also played a role in this shift. While it has the potential to connect and uplift, it often amplifies negative behaviors. Online interactions can lack the empathy and nuance of face-to-face conversations, leading to misunderstandings and conflicts. Christians, like everyone else, can fall into the trap of engaging in unkind behavior online, forgetting the teachings of patience and kindness.

Despite these challenges, there is a strong call within many Christian communities to return to the core values of kindness and compassion. Leaders and laypeople alike are advocating for a renewed focus on the teachings of Jesus, emphasizing love, forgiveness, and service to others. Initiatives such as community service projects, interfaith dialogues, and kindness campaigns are being promoted to rekindle the spirit of compassion.

The path forward involves a conscious effort to embody the teachings of Christianity in everyday actions. It requires a commitment to understanding and empathy, both online and offline. By focusing on the core values of love and kindness, Christians can work towards healing divisions and fostering a more compassionate world.

While there are challenges, the call to kindness remains strong within Christianity. By returning to the fundamental teachings of love and compassion, Christians can help create a more inclusive and understanding community.

BE KIND!

Joy, peace & love, Donna



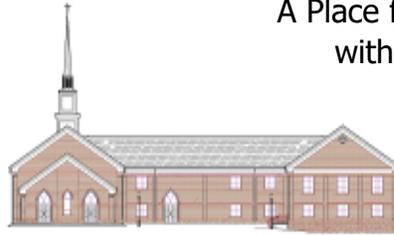
October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>B = Birthday A = Anniversary</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</p>	<p>1</p> <p>B - Misty Belcher B - Gloria Raile</p>	<p>2 (NO Potluck as the FH floors are being waxed)</p> <p>7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Annika Addington B - Ann Wade</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>B - Brandon Winters</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>A - Rick & Holly Meade</p>
<p>6</p> <p>8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - Holy Communion 6:30pm - Cantata Practice</p> <p>B - Tony Harris B - Mason Wampler</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Debbie Caudill</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>A - Cliff & Regina Carson</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Adrianna Aker B - Chelsea Polly</p>
<p>13</p> <p>10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 6:30pm - Cantata Practice</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Margie Horton A - Bill & Erra Sutherland</p>	<p>15</p> <p>A - Billy & Teresa Glines A - Brian & Elizabeth Wills</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>17</p> <p>B - Randy Miller</p>	<p>18</p> <p>B - Edna Hedden</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8am - 4pm Camp Bethel Work Day</p> <p>B - Mike Osborne</p>
<p>20 OLD FASHIONED SUNDAY!</p> <p>10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Charlie Maine B - Maggie Maine B - Carla McCoy</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Sherry Collie B - Hadley Smith B - Kinley Smith</p>	<p>24</p> <p>B - Katie Carson</p>	<p>25</p> <p>B - Shanna Parish</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Emma Snodgrass</p> <p>OCTOBER 27: B - Paula Dobis B - Canaan Godsey B - Kimberly Lyon</p>
<p>27 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF WISE BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p>10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 12pm - Dinner on the Grounds 6:30pm - Cantata Practice</p> <p><i>Celebrate with us!</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p>Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Cyndia Cekalla B - Stephanie Collins</p>	<p>29</p> <p>B - Judy Sturgill</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>31</p> <p>B - Odin Collins</p>		



6:30pm - Cantata Practice

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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	9/22 - 9/28	Ron Helton, Jeff Cantrell
	9/29 - 10/5	Lewey Lee, David Mullins
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	September	Billy & Teresa Glines
	October	Matt Meade
Children's Church	9/29	Debbie Collins, Vickie Swindall
	10/6	Renee & Johnny Robinson
Offering Ushers	September	Ron Helton Team
	October	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	September	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	October	Martha Blackburn, Jessica Crutchfield
Wed. Night Meals	9/25	Breakfast for Dinner
	10/2	NO Fellowship Meal as Fellowship Hall floor is being waxed
Wed. Night Cook Teams	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

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Thought for the Week:

*God has all the time
in the world for us.*