

# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.*



*Dear Church Family & Friends,*

Our world is wracked with conflict. On every side. Conflict has been with us since the time of Adam and Eve. Can we do anything about it?

An ancient tale from the Middle East described a father who left his sons an inheritance. Half to the oldest, one third to the middle son and one ninth to the youngest.

Problem was that there were **17 camels**. Their inheritance could not be divided evenly. Disagreement escalated to violence.

Their conflict even spilled over into the community. People took sides.

In desperation, the brothers turned to a wise older woman. First, she listened. Gave no advice. Only asked them to reflect on the matter for a day.

The next day, she came back to their tents leading her own camel. Offered it as a gift. Her generosity surprised them so much that they stopped arguing.

Now, they had 18 camels. One brother got half (nine). The middle brother got one third (six). The youngest got one ninth (two). Added up to 17!

Now they had one left over. Which they returned to the wise woman.

I invite you to reflect (and pray) about this for a day (or more)...

*Love, Pastor Mike*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**POTLUCK Meal**  
Wed, September 4  
6:00pm

**Deacons Meeting**  
Sun, Sept. 8  
8:30am

**Holy Communion**  
Sun, Sept. 8  
11am

**Christmas Cantata**  
Practice Begins  
Sun, Sept. 8  
6:00pm

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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

### 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



*Congratulations to Meisha & Zach Addington on the birth of **Lainey Jo Addington** on August 27! Proud grandparents are Tim & Kathy Osborne!*



## 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...*



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).*

*Thank You!*

Many thanks to Billie Harris, Ann Wade & the Friendship Sunday School class for hosting our Donut Fellowship this past Sunday!

*Deep Dive*  
Into Scripture

Apr. 1, 2024 -

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 Sunday bulletin or let Pastor Mike know.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

since 1899

**125**  
YEARS

of ministry through **Wise Baptist Church!**

*October 27, 2024*

*Prior Events*

*10am - 2pm*

\* Clean-Up Day at Church, **Sept. 28**

\* Special Worship Service, 11am

\* Gather Old Photos by **Sept. 30**  
Send or give to Susie Baker, [susie@dsuebaker.com](mailto:susie@dsuebaker.com)

\* Slideshow of Photos from the Past

\* Special Music

\* Old-Fashioned Day, **Oct. 20**

\* Potluck Dinner on the Grounds

**Scripture  
for the Week:**

**Colossians 1:21**



*"Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior."*

**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.



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

*Join us as we celebrate our 5th, 6th 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!*

**Wednesday Night**

**Bible Study**

*...always a mid-week pick-me-up!*

Come on out on Wednesday evenings for supper at 6pm & an informal Bible Study with Pastor Mike at 7pm.

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

### *Happy Birthday!*



September 3	Renee Robinson
September 4	Johnny Robinson
September 7	Gwen Chisenhall
	Kathy Helton
September 8	Scott Hall
	Marty Kennedy
	Nicole Sexton
September 9	Stephanie Wilson
September 14	Cliff Carson
	Jeremy Dotson
	Pam Hersel



### *WBC Music Ministry*



Pastor Mike has been preaching on living our best life and in order to do that, we need to know how to be a Christian. A Christian heart is often described as one that embodies the teachings and love of Jesus Christ. At its core, it is characterized by **compassion, humility, and a deep sense of love for others**. Here are some key aspects that define a Christian heart:

**1. Love and Compassion** Jesus taught that the greatest commandments are to love God and to love others as oneself (Matthew 22:37-39). This love is not just a feeling, but an active commitment to care for others, showing compassion and kindness, especially to those in need.

**2. Forgiveness** A Christian heart is forgiving. Jesus emphasized the importance of forgiveness, teaching that we should forgive others as God forgives us (Matthew 6:14-15). This means letting go of grudges and extending grace to those who have wronged us.

**3. Humility** is another hallmark of a Christian heart. Jesus exemplified humility by serving others and putting their needs above His own (Philippians 2:3-8). A humble heart recognizes its own limitations and relies on God's strength and guidance.

**4. Faith and Trust** A Christian heart is rooted in faith and trust in God. This involves believing in God's promises and trusting Him in all circumstances, even when life is challenging. Faith provides the strength to persevere and the hope that God is always in control.

**5. Service to Others** Service is a natural outflow of a Christian heart. Jesus taught that greatness in God's kingdom is measured by our willingness to serve others (Mark 10:43-45). This means using our time, talents, and resources to help those around us.

**6. Joy and Peace** A Christian heart experiences joy and peace that come from a relationship with God. This joy is not dependent on external circumstances, but is a deep-seated contentment and peace that comes from knowing and trusting God (Philippians 4:7).

A Christian heart is one that reflects the character of Jesus Christ. It is marked by love, forgiveness, humility, faith, service, and a profound sense of joy and peace. Cultivating these qualities helps Christians live out their faith in a way that honors God and blesses others.

*Joy, peace & love, Donna*



### *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."*

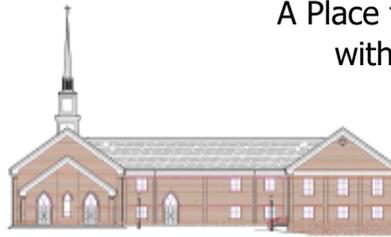
*1 Chronicles 29:14*

# September 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - Holy Communion	<b>2</b>  B - Abigail Edmiston	<b>3</b> B - Renee Robinson	<b>4</b> <u>6pm</u> - POTLUCK Meal <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study <u>7:45pm</u> - Choir Practice B - Johnny Robinson	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall B - Gwen Chisenhall B - Kathy Helton
<b>8</b> 8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - Communion <u>6pm</u> - FIRST Cantata Practice	<b>9</b> Caring Friends, 9:30am <b>SEPT. 8:</b> B - Scott Hall B - Marty Kennedy <b>SEPT. 9:</b> B - Stephanie Wilson	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <u>6pm</u> - Fellowship Meal <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study <u>7:45pm</u> - Choir Practice	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall B - Cliff Carson B - Jeremy Dotson B - Pam Hersel
<b>15</b> 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church <u>6:30pm</u> - Cantata Practice B - Kathy Dotson	<b>16</b> Piecemakers, 9:30am	<b>17</b> B - Wendy Adrian A - Sam & Cindi Farmer A - Randy & Carol Miller	<b>18</b> <u>6pm</u> - Fellowship Meal <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study <u>7:45pm</u> - Choir Practice B - Shane Mullins	<b>19</b> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <i>Laurels Ministry</i>              1:30pm           </div> B - Bob Adkins	<b>20</b> A - Tim & Kathy Osborne	<b>21</b> 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall B - Marty Adkins
<b>22</b> 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church <u>6:30pm</u> - Cantata Practice B - Ashlee Taylor	<b>23</b> Caring Friends, 9:30am B - Vickie Swindall B - Terry Winters	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <u>6pm</u> - Fellowship Meal <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study <u>7:45pm</u> - Choir Practice	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> B - Kristen Phillips	<b>28</b> 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY</b> </div> B - Jonathan Whittaker
<b>29</b> 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - 5th, 6th, 7th Grade Bible Ceremony <u>6:30pm</u> - Cantata Practice	<b>30</b> Piecemakers, 9:30am <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>DEADLINE for bringing in old photos for 125th Church Anniversary</b> </div>				<b>B = Birthday</b> <b>A = Anniv.</b>	If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247

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### Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	8/25 - 8/31	David Mullins, Jeff Cantrell
	9/1 - 9/7	Jeff Elkins, Lewey Lee
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	September	Billy & Teresa Glines
	October	Matt Meade
Children's Church	9/1	Karen & John Ponish
	9/8	Martha Blackburn, Abbey Lancaster
Offering Ushers	September	Ron Helton Team
	October	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	September	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	October	Martha Blackburn, Jessica Crutchfield
Wed. Night Meals	9/4	POTLUCK Meal
	9/11	Meatloaf, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans
Wed. Night Cook Teams	9/4	<u>Volunteers</u> needed for set up & clean up
	9/11	<u>Teresa's Team:</u> Linda Burgess, Susan Smith, Toni Thacker, Ann Wade, Terry Winters



### 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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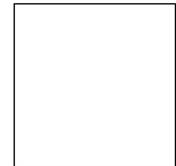
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### Thought for the Week:

*Managing conflict starts with  
managing ourselves.*