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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,

Fear is an unwelcome life companion. One way it rears its ugly head is through childhood fears. My own childhood fear was about monsters lurking under my bed. To remain safe, I had to be sure not to dangle an arm or leg over the edge of the bed.

Childhood fears graduate to adult fears. Fear is about a sense of threat and danger. When afraid, our options shrink to just two: fight or flight. There are a few times when those options are helpful. If a car drifts into our path on the highway, we may only have a split-second to react. There is not time to think it through. Our reaction may be life-or-death.

Most of the time fear is a poor guide. Our best thinking and faith can be overrun by fear. Therefore, I am preaching a series on dealing with fear called, "Monsters under the Bed". Topics cover a range of subjects impacted by fear. These include the fear of: God (being afraid of God), rejection, failure, loss of sanity, financial problems, and death.

When the Bible instructs us to fear God, it means to take God seriously. It is about reverence and respect. Sometimes, however, we are a little bit afraid of God. We fear God may not really want the best for us. We fear God's will may mean Him asking us to do something we will absolutely hate.

Paul says in Romans 8:31 that "God is for us." Isn't that a big part of the meaning of the Cross? God is so much for us that He sent what was most precious to Him, His only Son! When doubts creep in, claim the Cross of Christ as proof positive of God's unchanging love!

I look forward to worshipping with you the God Who is for us.

Welcome to Jeff Dotson and Mike Osborne, our new Deacons. An ordination service for Jeff will be announced soon.

*Pastor Mike*

## How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

Express one of the following to the Pastor during the closing hymn:

- |                             |                                                                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| † <b>Transfer of Letter</b> | Transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church                              |
| † <b>Baptism</b>            | Desire to express faith in Christ through baptism                       |
| † <b>Statement of Faith</b> | Baptized believer not on a membership roll                              |
| † <b>Watch Care</b>         | Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership |

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Potluck Fellowship Meal**  
**September 7**

**New Small Group Bible**  
**Studies Begin**  
**September 7**

**Christmas Cantata**  
**Rehearsal**  
**September 7**

**Children's Ministry Team**  
**Meeting**  
**September 11**

**Parents' Day Out**  
**September 17**

**Fall Youth Retreat**  
**September 17-18**

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## DEACONS 2016-17

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John Kennedy	328-5013
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Mike Osborne	365-0968
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Daniel Ray	328-2483

## 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 (donna.hutchinson@usa.net) or call the church office at 276-328-6247.

*As you pray, please remember...*

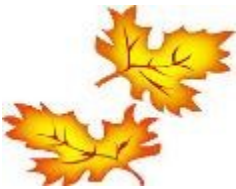
Kara Kennedy and family, Wanda Baird, Tony Hill, Irene Black, Papa Joe Smiddy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Bea Hill, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.



*Hospitalized:* Clifford Bailey, Mountain View

*Our Shut Ins:* Susan Davidson (Heritage Hall—BSG), 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).



### NEW 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 7, 2016\***

6:00 pm Fellowship Meal

6:45 pm New 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!*



\* **Mission Team Meeting**, Wednesday, September 7, 5:00 pm

\* **Women on Mission Meeting**, Thursday, September 8, 2:00 pm, Conference Room

\* **Children's Ministry Team Meeting**, Sunday, September 11, 4:00 pm, Winters' Home

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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!

# Thank You!

Many thanks to all of our talented ice cream makers & cookie chefs who supplied all of the wonderful goodies for our Ice Cream Social on August 28!! Thank you also to Wendy Adrian for coordinating this event, and to Stephanie Carter, Regina Cantrell, & Chloe Cantrell for creating the fun decorations!!



*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!  
See Oscar's article below.

### DOES GOD MOVE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES?

Can you remember a time when God moved in your Sunday School Class? This was one of the questions discussed by your Sunday School teachers in their breakfast meeting on Sunday, August 28. The answer is "Yes!" based on the examples that were shared.

So how does God move in our classes? Let me offer just a few ways:

*God moves by His Spirit opening our eyes to the true meaning of the Gospel.* The small group setting of Sunday School offers time to ask those questions that may not get answers in other settings. God answers those questions through the words of the teacher and through the words of other classmates as the Holy Spirit reveals the truth.

*God moves through the love of His people toward one another.* In our class, there is a sense of being a "family" that cares for each other. We celebrate the good times and support each other through the trials that life brings our way.

*God moves through the prayers of His people.* In a class, we have time to talk and share both praises for what God has done, and prayers for the needs of His people. I know without a doubt that my classmates truly care and pray for each other.

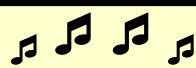
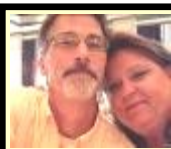
*God moves by speaking to the needs with which we are struggling.* He speaks through the lesson material, through the words the teacher is given by God to share with the class, and through personal testimonies of His faithfulness as experienced by class members.

So, I believe that Sunday School is a special part of our church life where we study, minister to each other and see God move. If you are not a part of a Sunday School Class, I would encourage you to consider joining a class and experience this for yourself.

**~ Oscar Raile, Sunday School Director**

*There are classes for everyone...*

BIRTH - PreK (downstairs, Nursery II)	GRADES 7 - 12 (upstairs, #4)	FRIENDSHIP CLASS/women (downstairs, #2)
K - GRADE 1 (upstairs, #14)	YOUNG ADULTS (upstairs, #10)	SENIOR MEN (downstairs, #3)
GRADES 2 - 4 (upstairs, #6)	ADULT II (upstairs, #11)	SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS/women (upstairs, #12)
GRADES 5 - 6 (upstairs, #13)	WISE MEN & WOMEN (upstairs, #8)	



*From Leigh*

Last Tuesday, a group of 13 youth and adults from WBC went to see the movie, "The Insanity of God", produced by Lifeway and the International Mission Board. It is basically a documentary on the lives of Nik and Ruth Ripken. They are from rural Kentucky and served as foreign missionaries for over 30 years in some of the most remote areas of the world. After the death of their son and the murders of some of their closest friends and fellow Christians, they began to wonder, "Is Jesus worth it?" So, Nik travelled the world over interviewing and asking Christians who have been persecuted for their faith if Jesus is worth it. He personally interviewed and recorded over 600 Christians from China to Russia to Somalia and beyond. Their stories are gripping and heart wrenching. The price paid for their faith (imprisonment, beatings, isolation, and sometimes death) is unimaginable to most of us.

The movie was powerful and unsettling and at times disturbing because it reveals our lack of urgency and need as Americans to share the Gospel. We are "free" to keep the Sabbath holy and to worship wherever and whenever we want, which often results in us choosing not to do these things. Nik said that around 90% of American Christians will never share their faith with another person. In China, Christianity has grown exponentially over the last 30 years despite the persecution of Christians. The American church is slowly dwindling away.

It is good to be kind and loving—we should be all of that and more! But, is it enough? I pray that God will give us courage through the Holy Spirit to not only live as Christians, but to also share the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Special thanks to Lori Sturgill, Bruce Cahoon and Marty Kennedy for their help with our call to worship on Sunday! I love having talented and willing musicians leading worship.

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

Mark your calendars:

"Night of Music" on Sunday, October 23. Stay tuned for more info soon!

"Let There Be Christmas" presented by the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra on Sunday, December 4!



September 7	Gwen Chisenhall
	Kathy Helton
September 8	Scott Hall
	Butch Hutchinson
	Marty Kennedy
	Nicole Sexton
September 9	Stephanie Wilson
September 14	Cliff Carson
September 15	Kathy Dotson



September 7 Roger & Beverly Viers



## 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.

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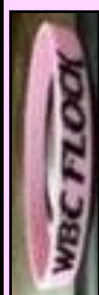
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Our Fall Youth Retreat will be a time of growth and worship and we will also enjoy whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River **September 17-18**. We will leave early on Saturday and return on Sunday evening. For more information on what to bring, departure time, etc., please contact Leigh. (If you have not turned in your deposit, please do so as soon as possible).



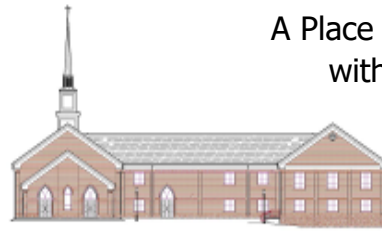
Join us this Wednesday and Sunday evenings for food, fellowship, and Bible study. Our Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal begins at 6. Hope to see everyone there! Our meal on Sunday evening will be chicken alfredo. Invite a friend!



## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	9/04-9/10	Edgar Owens, Ron Helton
	9/11-9/17	Jerry Baird, Matt Meade
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:	9/11	John Ponish
	9/18	Billie Harris
Nursery:	9/11	Butch & Donna Hutchinson
	9/18	Cyndi Newlon
Children's Church:	9/11	Debbie Collins, Nancy Stalnaker
	9/18	Johnny & Renee Robinson
PA:	9/11	Oscar Raile
	9/18	Mike Strouth
Tellers:	September	June Dotson, David Mullins
	October	Stephen Large, Oscar Raile
Ushers:	9/11	Edgar Owens*, Jerry Baird^, Roger Viers^, Dan Helton, Ron Helton, John Ponish, Snodgrass
	9/18	Bob Adkins*, Marty Adkins^, Jeff Kiser^, Jeff Cantrell, Dan Helton, Ron Helton, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	9/07	Brenda Lee, Susan Smith, Ann Wade, Vickie Wells
	9/14	Linda Bailey, Karen Ponish, Ruby Salyers
Wed. Meals:	9/07	Potluck
	9/14	Breakfast for Supper
Children-in-Action:	9/07	Kathy Dotson, Julie Large
	9/14	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)	
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:**  
**The light of Jesus lessens**  
**the darkness of fear.**