Rev. Mike Winters Pastor

Donna Hutchinson Music Director

WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

April 15, 2025

Dear Church Family & Friends.

lesus was God. And man. Does that matter? Yes, it does matter.

The early church grew so much that different interpretations developed about Who Jesus was. Since Jesus was the heart of Christian faith, it was important for the worldwide church to get it right, together.

Was Jesus only God? Man? Or both? The Council of Chalcedon was held in 451 AD to clear it up. They agreed that lesus was as well as God and man.

If Jesus was only God, then He was never one of us. His temptations and suffering? Meaningless.

If He was only a man, how did He not sin? Or do mighty works never done before? Why does the Bible command us to call Him Lord?

It changes everything when we understand that lesus was both God and man.

God made Himself vulnerable to the worst side of humanity, without holding back. He gave His only Son. In order to "speak our language" in a way not otherwise possible.

He was God, but not only God. He was man, but more than just man.

lesus can "empathize with our weakness...yet He did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace..." (Hebrews 4:15-16)

Love. Pastor Mike

How to Join Wise Baptist Church: Express one of the following to the Pastor during the closing hymn:

† Transfer of Letter † Baptism **† Watch Care**

Transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church Desire to express faith in Christ through baptism **† Statement of Faith** Baptized believer not on a membership roll Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership

IMPORTANT DATES

Fellowship Meal Wed, April 16, 6pm

Bible Study Wed, April 16, 7pm

Choir Practice Wed, April 16, 7:30pm

Good Friday Service Friday, April 18, 7pm

Flowering the Cross Sun, April 20 10am

Easter Worship! Sun, April 20 11am

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DEACONS 2024 - 2025

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



<u>Friday, April 18, 7:00 pm</u>

Experience the power of Good Friday in a personal way this year! Join us for a creative worship service in the <u>Fellowship</u>

Hall at 7:00pm on April 18.



EASTER SUNDAY April 20, 2025

FLOWERING the CROSS

Church Courtyard ~ 10:00 - 10:45am

<u>WORSHIP</u>

Sanctuary ~ 11:00am

What a great time to invite friends, neighbors & loved ones to Wise Baptist! Join us as we celebrate that **Jesus is ALIVE!**



As you pray, please remember...

Ray & Jennifer Spenilla, Grace Allio, Friends & Family of Ray Jones, Family of Raymond Dale, Brenda Lee, Lloyd & Carlie & Annie Tomlinson, Kathy Helton, Sandy & David



Mullins, Jim Sturgill, Mike Strouth's sister Pat, Clyde Vance, Family of Frank Sexton, Billie Harris, Wanda Baird, Travis Dutton, Donna Raines, John & Kathy Kennedy, Jordan Joseph (grandson of Virginia Ebert), Natalie Luther, those affected by Hurricane Helene & Hurricane Milton, Jim & June Dotson, Cyrus Jones, Donna Hutchinson & Family, Jane Hughes & Family, Matt Meade, Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Lorna Wherry & Brian Plester (siblings of Brenda Kunigelis), Mike Smith's sister Lynn, Beth Snodgrass, doctors, all medical/pharmaceutical nurses & 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).

Our college students: Helen, Maddy, Grace, Angelina & Ana Marie invite all of our ladies to wear their favorite hats on Easter Sunday!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tenth Annual Senior Ladies Tea



April 12

Mike & I love having our senior ladies over each year! This year, Isabella Adrian (she's 10 now!) was my helper & she was amazing! If you are 80 or older, you are cordially invited to join us each year!







April 13, 2025











This Week's Scripture

Hebrews 4:14-16

"Therefore since we have a great high priest Who has passed through the heavens—Jesus the Son of God—let us hold fast to the confession. For we do not have a high priest Who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who has been tested in every way as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us at the proper time."

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!

April 15	Jaylea Eversole
April 18	Kate Kunigelis 🛛 🗴
April 20	Billy Glines 🛛 😵
	Hudson Rousseau
April 22	Noah Hall
April 23	Tyler Hopkins
April 26	Carter Collins
April 27	Linda Burgess
	Reuben Swindall

Happy Anniversary!

Don & Cyndi Newlon Stan & Brenda Kunigelis April 24 April 27



Being Faithful Stewards

Faithful stewards recognize that God owns it all. Once we accept &

understand this foundation of stewardship, we can grow & mature in gratitude, contentment, patience, generosity, & faith.

May we all long to grow to be faithful stewards of God's work here at Wise Baptist Church.

For those who cannot physically attend Sunday morning worship services in the sanctuary, your tithes & offerings may be mailed to Wise Baptist Church, PO Box 777, Wise VA 24293, or brought by the Church anytime during open hours.

"In all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:6

WBC Music Ministry

Easter....it's not about bunnies, it's not about candy, it's not about eggs. It's about Jesus' love for us that He would allow Himself to come to this world, become a human and experience all of the ups and downs of being a human with a frail body. He willingly was beaten, tortured and killed to offer us forgiveness and a chance to live forever with Him.

With all of that being said, we should not let Easter go by and forget all of that on Monday. We need to live our lives with passion and embrace our faith with a committed spirit. It's not just about attending church services on Sunday morning, nor following rituals of our faith, but about embodying the teachings of Jesus in everything we do in our lives. For us to gain that, we need to have a deep personal relationship with God through prayer, reading and meditating. We need to open our hearts and allow His love to transform us. We need to serve others with love and actively seek opportunities to do that. We need to live with integrity and honesty and be ethical in our actions, both in public and in private. We need to participate actively in our faith community which provides support and encouragement to each of us. We need to share Jesus Christ with others by our actions, but also by speaking of our faith with others.

If we can do all of this, we will be able to make choices that align with His will and avoid things that take us away from Him. Let's all strive to live each day with passion and purpose, reflecting God's love in everything we do.

Happy Easter!

Love to you all, Donna

Volu	nteers this	Week	Ì	A Place for Faith with Family a	•
Deacons On Call	4/13 - 4/19	Jeff Elkins, Ron Helton	<u> </u>		
	4/20 - 4/26	Debbie Collins, Lewey Lee			
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass			
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith	, manual second s		
Sunday School Greeters	April	John Mark & Isabella Adrian	WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES		
	May	David & Sandy Mullins			
Children's Church	4/20	No Children's Church	Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	4/27	Debbie Collins, Vickie Swindall		Worship	11:00 pm
Offering Ushers	April	Jeff Dotson Team	Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd) Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	9:30 am
	May	Ron Helton Team			
Tellers	April	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth	Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	May	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson		Bible Study	7:00 pm
Wed. Night Meals	4/16 4/23	Baked Chicken, Beans, Salad BBQ, coleslaw, baked beans		Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Wed. Night Cook Teams	4/16	Donna's Team: Debbie	Thursday	Laurels Ministry (3rd)	1:30 pm
		Collins, Diane Cornett, Trish Folds-Bennett, Susan Mullins, Karen Ponish	Saturday	Men's Bible Study	7 - 8 am
	4/23	Don's Team: the Deacons			
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Thought for the Week:

God became man so that you can know Him.