Rev. Mike Winters Pastor

Donna Hutchinson Music Director

# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

#### A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

#### April 22, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

Dear Church Family & Friends.

"If only would change, then I would be content." How would you fill in that blank? The longer your list, the less contentment. And the less growth you will experience.

Why? Ask yourself how much control you have over those areas?

There is a better way to think about it. Focus on your part. The more you do, the less it matters what happens around you.

And therein lies the power! Then, things are more likely to change around you.

Don't get lost, when the world screams for your attention. Listen to God. Then focus on your assignment. This will change you. And possibly the world around you.

Keep asking, "What is my part?" And do it. You will have a new freedom.

lesus said, "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32)

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

#### Fellowship Meal Wed, April 23, 6pm

**Bible Study** Wed, April 23, 7pm

Choir Practice Wed, April 23, 7:30pm

Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall Sat, April 26 . 7-8am

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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**

Easter 2025



What a beautiful worship service & a beautiful day we had on Sunday! MANY THANKS to all who brought flowers, and to Betty Dotson & Carolyn Strouth for coordinating the flowering of the cross! Every year, it is such a vision of triumph & joy!

Thank you to Ana Marie, Angelina, Maddy & Ashley for carrying the Good Friday cross as well as the flowered cross during the processional & recessional.

We appreciate Donna, Susan, the choir & our musicians for adding so much to worship!





#### 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, nurses all medical/pharmaceutical & personnel, law enforcement & emergency personnel, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men & women the military. in

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 Nou

We appreciate Skip & Paula Dobis, Don Newlon & Betty Dotson for weeding, trimming & cleaning up our flower beds around the church!! There are many folks who quietly take care of our church behind the scenes, and we thank you!



This Week's Scripture

John 8:32

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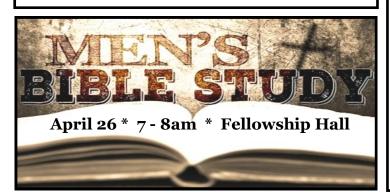
Graduate Recognition Sunday *May* 18 11:00 am



\* The class meets at noon in the first floor classroom next to the church offices & is being taught by Stan Kunigelis, Cindy & Jeff Elkins. Lunch is being provided each week by various individuals. Friends are welcome!

College

**SUNDAYS** at 12 Bible Lunch (provided) Study Bible Study!





April 18, 2025

Thank you to everyone who helped coordinate & prepare for our Good Friday service this year! We appreciate Ron & Kathy Helton providing the materials & creating the special cross that was used during the service! Thank you to Stan Kunigelis for sharing



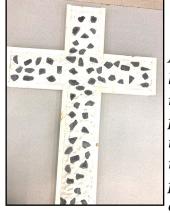


with us the history & the physical aspects of crucifixion.









Afterwards, Pastor Mike led us in a time of scripture meditation reading, & prayer. Each person was then given a stone to represent their sins & pressed these into the clay of the cross, to symbolize

Jesus absorbing our sins on the cross. We closed by singing "Were You There?"

#### BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

### Happy Birthday!

April 22 April 23 April 26 April 27 May 1 May 2 **Roger Viers** 

Noah Hall Tyler Hopkins Carter Collins Linda Burgess **Reuben Swindall** Brie Trick **Mike Winters** 



### 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

Another Easter has come and gone, but lesus is still here! He is alive in all of us and will be coming back soon. The "soon" has been a question since the day He ascended into heaven.

The apostles and Jesus' followers just knew that He was coming back during their lifetime and were ready. The people of the middle ages were positive that Jesus was coming back for them. In the 1700's when America was being settled, they knew that lesus was coming back for them. When the clock struck midnight on the year 2000, so many knew that Jesus was coming back that day and they were ready. I woke up on January I, 2000 and I was still here and I made sure that others were also still here. The Mayans predicted the end of the world, Nostradamus has predicted the end of the world and so on. No one knows! The Bible and lesus tell us that no one but the Father in Heaven knows when Jesus will return to earth and gather up those that were faithful to Him.

I do know that even if Jesus' return to earth is today, tomorrow or next week, year, decade, we still need to be doing His work, serving those in need and loving them all, despite their differences from us. Let us share our faith to others by treating them with humility and grace.

Love to you all, Donna

Volunteers this Week		A Place for Faith and Fellowship with Family and Friends			
Deacons On Call	4/20 - 4/26	Debbie Collins, Lewey Lee	<u> </u>		
	4/27 - May 3	Matt Meade, Ruby Salyers		*	
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass	1010		
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith	There is a real of the local data of the	Paristica	
Sunday School Greeters	April	John Mark & Isabella Adrian	WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES		
	May	David & Sandy Mullins			
Children's Church	4/27	Debbie Collins, Vickie Swindall	Sunday	Sunday School Worship	10:00 am
	5/4	Ann Wade, Jayda Hutchinson		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 Choir Practice	7:00 pm 7:30 pm
Wed. Night Meals	4/23 4/30	BBQ, coleslaw, baked beans Pizza & Salad			7100 p.m
Wed. Night Cook Teams	4/23	Don's Team: the Deacons	Thursday	Laurels Ministry (3rd)	1:30 pm
	4/30	<u>Volunteers</u> : set up, clean up	Saturday	Men's Bible Study	7 - 8 am
Spring			Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information Mailing Address: 8915 Red Maple Dr., Wise, VA 24293 E-mail: mikewinters@wisebaptist.com Phone: 276.328.6247 Cell: 540.280.5598		

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### Thought for the Week:

Freedom is doing your part with all of your heart.