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Music Director

# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 12, 2025

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Fellowship Meal**  
**Wed, Aug. 13 6pm**

**Bible Study**  
**Wed, August 13, 7pm**

**Annual Church Business Meeting**  
**Wed, August 27, 7pm**

**Christmas Cantata Rehearsals Begin**  
**Wed, Sept. 10, 7:45pm**

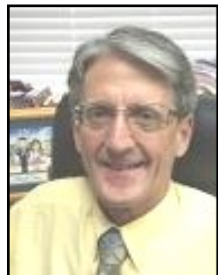
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## DEACONS 2024 - 2025

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



*Dear Church Family & Friends,*

Gospel. It means “good news”. Good news about Jesus. But this only scratches the surface.

The Gospel of Mark opens with “The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.” (Mark 1:1) This verse summarizes all 16 chapters.

Mark deliberately chose the word “gospel” (good news) because it was already being used to describe the Roman Emperor. It was proclaimed all over the Roman Empire (which included Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee). “Good news, the Emperor is coming to visit. Prepare the way.” “Good news, we celebrate the Emperor, who brings peace and prosperity.” “Good news, the Emperor is our savior.”

Another Greek word described the emperor as “lord”. Mark uses the same word to call Jesus Lord.

Mark purposely uses the same words referring to the Roman emperor, to describe Jesus. Mark declares that Jesus Christ is the real ruler. The true Lord. The Prince of Peace, Lord of lords and King of kings. NOT the Roman emperor, Caesar.

There is only room for one true King in our lives. Many people or things compete for that title and priority. Mark says they should not be our highest loyalty.

Only Jesus.

What (or who) competes for that title in your life?

*Love, Pastor Mike*

### How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

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

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|----------------------|---|
| † 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 |

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Thank you

Dear Mike & Wise Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for hosting us and our volunteers this summer! We loved getting to know each of you. Thank you for cooking on Sundays - the food was amazing! We hope you know how much good came from your hospitality - we were able to work on eleven homes this summer, with multiple projects at each! Thanks again & stay in touch!

Reed, David, Cary, Tyler  
Appalachian Service Project

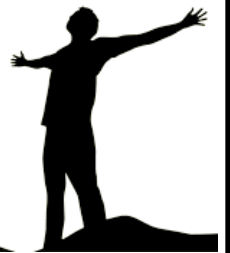
*As you pray, please remember...*



Betty Lyon (Kimberly Lyon's mother-in-law), Brenda Lee, Jerry & Wanda Baird, Alan Adkins, David Luther, Carlie Tomlinson, Irene Humphries, Mike Smith, Megan Moody, Wendy Adrian, Terry Winters, Skip Dobis, Bonnie Aker, David & Sandy Mullins, Frances Sturdavant, Judy Sturgill, Janes Hughes, Grace Allio, Kathy Helton, Jim Sturgill, 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, Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Lorna Wherry & Brian Plester (siblings of Brenda Kunigelis), Beth Snodgrass, 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

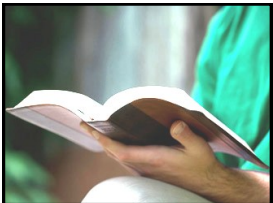
## Giving is an Act of Worship



Our stewardship of God's work at Wise Baptist Church is an opportunity of spiritual sacrifice. Our stewardship is an opportunity for each of us to express our love and gratitude to the One who has given us everything. And our stewardship allows us to be a part of God changing lives and souls.

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, P.O. Box 777, Wise VA 24293 or brought by the Church office anytime during open hours.

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10*



*This Week's  
Scripture:*  
**Matthew 7:21**

*"[Jesus said] 'Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord!' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father in heaven.'"*

 **Marsh**  
Regional Blood Center

**FRIDAY,**

**AUG. 29**

**11AM-3PM**

**POWELL VALLEY NATIONAL BANK**

**WALK-INS WELCOME**

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

### *Happy Birthday!*

August 12	Tim Cox
August 15	Cub Mullins
August 16	Ann Culbertson
August 17	John Ponish
August 18	Kim Hodges
August 19	Rose Kennedy
August 20	Teresa Adkins
	Cindy Elkins
	Holden Osborne
August 21	Suzanne Baird
	Cindi Farmer
	Paul Phillips
	Sutton Polly



### *WBC Music Ministry*



As most of you who are reading this are active in our church, you are well aware that our church is going through a new and difficult time with the retiring of Pastor Mike and also his wife Terry, who has been an integral part of his pastorate. I'm here with her and most of you don't have any idea of how much she does do in the life of this church. We need to be grateful for Mike and Terry's season here at WBC. They came in after our beloved Ray and Carolyn retired and those were very BIG shoes to fill. They didn't try to become Ray and Carolyn, but to craft their own spaces in our church and the lives of those of us in it. Our next pastor is out there and will also need our grace while they begin crafting their own spaces in our church.

I am grateful for the friendship that I have developed with Mike and Terry. They see the good in me and sometimes, even the bad. He is a great counselor and she will listen to my concerns and my grievances with a smile. I will miss seeing them in the office when we talk about our weekend and the lives of our children. I hope I won't miss them too much on Wednesday evenings because they will be back, just in a different role.

We will have a season of transition, but we can know without a doubt that our Pastor Search committee is hard at work to find the one God has for us. There will be more than a leadership change, there will also be a spiritual shift that invites us all to honor the past, but embracing what the future has in store for us. We must be excited for this shift and pray for guidance, even if "that's not how we've always done it". WE MIGHT NEED TO SHIFT.

We know that before Mike and Terry arrived, it took us almost 2 ½ years from the time Ray and Carolyn retired. It may not take us quite as long, but it's not like we are going to hire a pastor in a two month span of time. The search process takes lots of work and time.

In the meantime, we need to PRAY! Pray for guidance for our pastor search committee, pray for the leadership of the church who will be taking a more active role, pray for our deacons, and pray for new experiences and opening our hearts to God's will.

*Peace, love & joy, Donna*

### *Happy Anniversary!*

Lewey & Brenda Lee	August 13
Ron & Kathy Helton	August 14
John & Toni Thacker	August 16
Scott & Beth Snodgrass	August 21

### *It's not too late to be a part of our 2025 Christmas Cantata!*

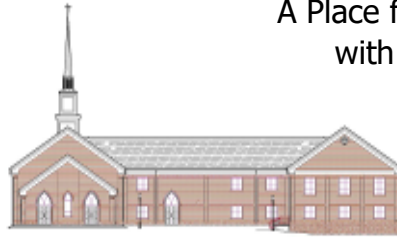


## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	8/10 - 8/16	Debbie Collins, Lewey Lee
	8/17 - 8/23	Matt Meade, Ruby Salyers
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	August	John Mark & Isabella Adrian
	September	David & Sandy Mullins
Children's Church	August 17	Susie & Chad Blanton
	August 24	Lisa Blankenbecler, Ann Wade
Offering Ushers	August	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	August	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
Wed. Night Meals	8/13	Chicken Tenders, Potatoes, Salad
	8/20	Tacos or Fajitas, Rice, Beans
Wed. Cook Teams	8/13	<u>Teresa's Team:</u> Linda Burgess, Susan Smith, Toni Thacker, Terry Winters
	8/20	<u>Donna's Team:</u> Debbie Collins, Trish Folds-Bennett, Susan Mullins



A Place for Faith and Fellowship  
with Family and Friends



## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School Worship	10:00 am 11:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd) Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	9:30 am
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal Bible Study Choir Practice	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm
Thursday	Laurels Ministry (3rd)	1:30 pm
Saturday	Men's Bible Study	6:30 am

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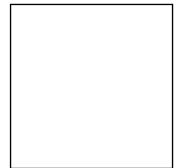
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## Thought for the Week:

*There's only room for one lord/  
Lord in our lives. Is yours Jesus?*