

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,

Church words. We hear them and use them. Often. These words can lose meaning to us.

And be misunderstood by people we want to reach with the gospel.

One of these words is “sin”. To an unbeliever it sounds ancient. Irrelevant.

John Ortberg tells about when he and his wife purchased a couch. Since they had four small children, they knew it would hard to keep it looking nice. So, the kids were warned...

One day a jelly stain appeared! The mother lined up the kids. Questioned them until one was ready to talk. (She blamed her sister!) The father decided he would not be harsh. After all, he was the one who made the stain!

“...Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow...” (Isaiah 1:18)

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Fellowship Meal
Wed, August 21
6:00pm

Wednesday Night Bible Study
August 21
7:00pm

Community Giveaway
Sat, Aug. 24
11am, Main St.

“The Chosen” Season 4, Episodes 7 & 8
Sun, Aug. 25, 6pm

Annual Church Business Meeting
Wed, Aug. 28
7pm

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DEACONS 2023 - 2024

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Jeff Cantrell	275-9427
Debbie Collins	393-3875
Jeff Elkins	393-5700
Stan Kunigelis	870-2227
Lewey Lee	393-5370
David Mullins	870-0005
John Ponish	870-1593

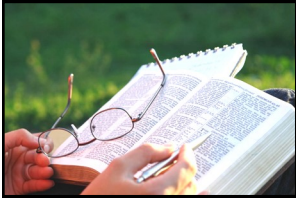
Deacon Emeritus:
Bob Adkins

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



Scripture for the Week:

Isaiah 1:18

“ ‘Come, let us discuss this,’ says the LORD. ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are as red as crimson, they will be like wool.’ ”



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

As you pray, please remember...



Karen Ponish & Family, 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, Baby Fleenor, Cyrus Jones, Jane Hughes & Family, Matt Meade, Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Brian Plester (brother of Brenda Kunigelis), Jim Sturgill, Jim Dotson, John & Kathy Kennedy, Rev. Michael Weller, Brenda Lee, Mike Smith's sister Lynn, Beth Snodgrass, Adele Plester (Brenda Kunigelis' sister-in-law), Lorna Wherry & family, (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Natalie Luther, 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).

OCTOBER 27

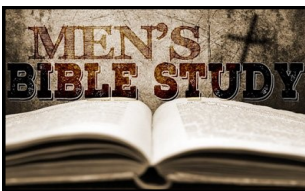
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
WISE BAPTIST!**



**WISE BAPTIST is celebrating its
125th Anniversary!!**

Activities will culminate with a special worship service on **OCTOBER 27**. More details to follow!

***Save the date!**



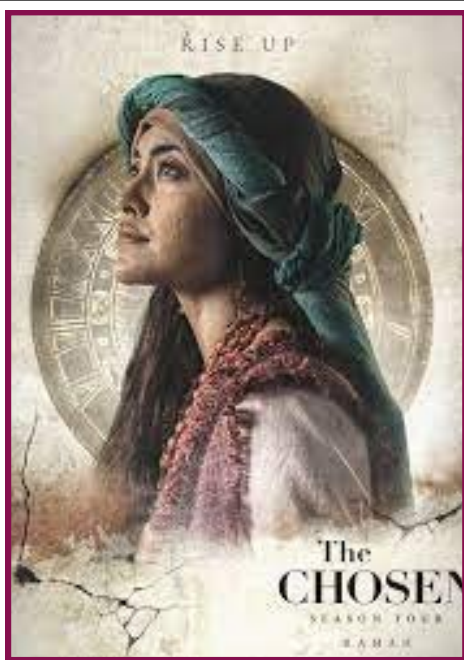
**Aug. 24, Fellowship Hall
7 - 8 am**

Men of all ages are invited to join in an informal time of Bible Study & Coffee

each Saturday morning...

our next Bible Study is August 24!

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Join us!

**Each Sun.
Night in
August,**

we will be
showing
Season 4 of
"The Chosen" in
the Fellowship
Hall at
6pm...bring a
friend & a snack!

**August 25:
Episodes 7 & 8**



Annual Church
Business Meeting

Wed., August 28, 7pm

Join us as we celebrate what God has in
store for us in 2024-25!

*Copies of the proposed 2024-25 budget
are available in the church foyer, as well as
on the hall table near the church offices.

If you would like to help with the **COMMUNITY GIVE-
AWAY** on Sat. Aug. 24, be on the courthouse lawn at 11am
when Mary Beth Adkins will assign volunteer stations.

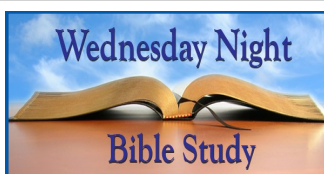


**DO-NUT
MISS OUT!**

You are invited to a **DONUT FELLOWSHIP**
on Sunday, September 1 at 9:30am as we
begin a new church year! Bring a friend &
join us in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to Billie Harris, Ann Wade & The
Friendship Sunday School Class for sponsor-
ing our Donut Fellowship this time!

We also invite you to join us for Sunday
School each Sunday morning at 10am!
Sunday School is more than Bible Study - it is
also a great time of fellowship & prayer.



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

Join us Wednesday evenings for an informal
Bible Study with Pastor Mike at 7pm.

GRIEF SHARE[®]

*Are you going through a tough time, grieving
the loss of a loved one? Do you feel like
nobody understands your grief? And there is
nowhere to turn for help?*

*If so, I would like to invite you to join us for
GriefShare.*

*GriefShare is a Biblically-based and clinically
proven support group for those grieving the
death of a loved one. The first meeting for our
Winter series will be held on Thursday, August
22, 2024. We will meet every Thursday from
6pm-8pm. A light dinner will be served. The
meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall of
Mountain View FreeWill Baptist Church, 5300
Pole Bridge Road in Wise and will run for 13
weeks until Nov. 14. An additional session
about Surviving the Holidays will be held on
November 21.*

*You can register online at GriefShare.org. Or
you can contact me, Gail Bryant, for more
information: 276-285-6002
gbryant76@yahoo.com*

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

BACK

Happy Birthday!

August 20 Teresa Adkins
Cindy Elkins
Holden Osborne

August 21 Suzy Bailey
Cindi Farmer
Sutton Polly

August 22 Alex Hall

August 23 Jeff Sturgill

August 24 Jerry Baird

August 25 Linda Bailey
Brenda Lee

August 28 Lisa Blankenbecler
Megan Moody



WBC Music Ministry



When Butch died, we had a tremendous showing of friends and family both at our house and at the funeral home. It was great to see how many, and to hear stories of the impact he made on their lives. Prior to going to the funeral home, I told both of my girls to not take offense at anything that was said to them because people really didn't know what to say and they were trying to be caring. They were very glad that I did, because saying "He's in a better place" is not really helpful. We know he's in a better place, but we wanted him here with us, not somewhere else. That does give me comfort to know that he's in a better place, but immediately after he has died is not the time to tell me that. I had quite a bit of anger. Several people said "I don't know what to say to you to give you comfort, but I'm here for you", and they have been. This was the most comforting thing - being there after the fact.

Jane Hughes gave me a couple of books and I have been reading on them and one, in particular, helped me a lot and I hope it can help you to better support someone who is grieving. It is "It's OK That You're Not OK" by Megan Devine. Here are my best thoughts on what she has written and I've used her points to help you.

Grief looks different in everyone and you may not see it, you may not feel it, but grief is still with the one left behind. So, what do you do? What can you say?

Grief belongs to the griever. Don't start by telling them how to grieve or what they should be feeling. Any emotions they feel or things they need to do to help them grieve is ok as long as it's not life-threatening.

Stay present and state the truth. Don't try to tell them that this will pass because it won't. It will become a part of who they are and will change them - nothing will ever be the same and it will not pass.

Do not try to fix the unfixable. You cannot take their pain away, so don't even attempt to do that, just let your friend/family learn to live with that pain and be there to help them.

Be willing to witness searing, unbearable pain. Grief is not pretty. Pain is not pretty, but allow them to learn on you; don't try to fix it.

Next week's newsletter article will be a continuation of this week's.

Joy, peace & love, Donna

Happy Anniversary!

August 21 Scott & Beth Snodgrass



*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

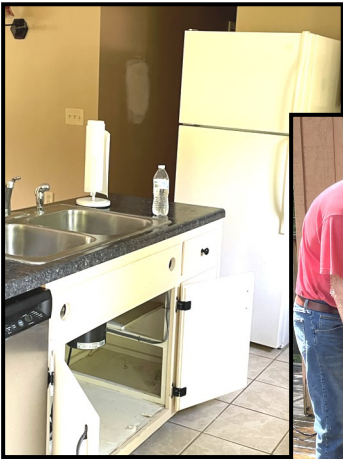
PHOTOS



CAMP BETHEL WORK PROJECT AUGUST 17

MANY THANKS!! to everyone who helped with our Camp Bethel project this past Saturday! As we began work on one of the buildings (past the dining hall), we were able to clean much of the inside of the cabin, pressure-wash the front porch, cut up several large trees & patch the roof where there was once a chimney. Lunch was provided onsite by Susan Mullins!

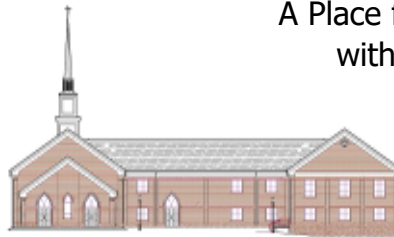
Next, is replacing the roof, finishing the interior cleaning & painting. The next workday will be publicized as soon as it is scheduled. Hope you can make plans to join us!



...Notice
who's
WORKING
on the roof
&
who's...**NOT!**



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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	8/18 - 8/24	Stan Kunigelis, John Mark Adrian
	8/25 - 8/31	David Mullins, Jeff Cantrell
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	August	David & Sandy Mullins
	September	Billy & Teresa Glines
Children's Church	8/25	Lisa Blankenbecler, Carol Miller
	9/1	Karen & John Ponish
Offering Ushers	August	Jerry Baird Team
Tellers	August	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
Wed. Night Meals	8/21	Fajitas, Regried Beans, Mexican Rice
	8/28	Hamburger, Fries, Salad
Wed. Night Cook Teams	8/21	<u>Donna's Team</u> : Debbie Collins, Billy & Teresa Glines, Susan Mullins, Karen Ponish, Jodi Woods
	8/28	<u>Don's Team</u> : Deacons



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	7 - 8 am

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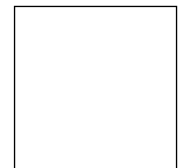
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Thought for the Week:

We are forgiven!