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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 26, 2025

Dear Church Family & Friends,

As I communicate this message to you, I am on my second official day as your new secretary. Some might consider it my second day ALONE, but I am not.

I am physically not alone, as Donna is two doors and a yell away. I am especially grateful for her presence, as my dear friend and my new work sidekick. We have worked together on various projects for quite a few years now, so this is another opportunity for us to do so again. She gives me an earthly peace here in the building.

I am emotionally not alone, as you, the church family, have placed your blessing and trust upon me to do this work. Your prayers and encouragement strengthen me.

I am not spiritually alone, as God has presented this opportunity to serve Him and His church, our church. I am thankful and grateful to wake up knowing I am heading off to a workplace where God reigns. Where there are friends and family. Where I feel like what I am doing matters.

I know there will be THOSE days. Days when the electronics and technology don't cooperate. Days when I don't feel good. Days when there seems to be not enough time and not enough plates to go around. But I will get through it. WE will get through it. TOGETHER.

I might not pen another note in this newsletter, but the space was available and I would be amiss to not take the opportunity to say thank you! Thank you for believing in me, praying for me, and helping me....to be the best I can be, for God and for you.

Special thanks goes to Terry and Pastor Mike. Terry has trained me the past couple of weeks, but has always shown me how to do this job and life with a smile and my heart. That's the teacher in her. Pastor Mike has become more than a Pastor. He has mentored and comforted me. He has become my true friend. They both have.

Special thanks also to my wife Stephanie and son Carter. They have not only been encouraging and supportive, but have also sacrificed time with me to allow me to serve the church. And to my Mom, who brought me to this church as a teenager and has always been encouraging and supportive of my endeavors.

So as you see, I AM NOT ALONE!! I am surrounded by God and His people.

Blessings— Matt

IMPORTANT DATES

Fellowship Meal
Wed, Aug. 27 6pm

Annual Church Business Meeting
Wed, August 27, 7pm

Bible Study
Wed, September 3, 7pm

Christmas Cantata Rehearsals Begin
Sun, Sept. 7, 6:30 pm

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DEACONS 2024 - 2024

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

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 |

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEASE WELCOME
THE NEWEST MEMBER
OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY!**



REID MULLINS

As you pray, please remember...



Wilma Vanover, Greg, Kimberly Lyon, David & Sandy Mullins & family, Brenda Lee, Jerry & Wanda Baird, Alan Adkins, David Luther, Carlie Tomlinson, Irene Humphries, Mike Peak, Megan Moody, Wendy Adrian, Mike & Terry Winters, Bonnie Aker, Frances Sturdavant, Jane Hughes, Grace Allio, Kathy Helton, Jim & Judy Sturgill, 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

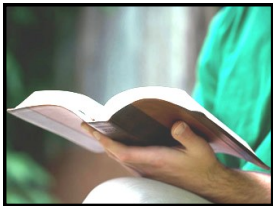
**Giving is
an Act of Worship**



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:*

Habakkuk 3:19

The Sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like those of a deer and enables me to walk on mountain heights!



**COLLEGE
SUNDAY SCHOOL !!!**

A college Sunday School class will be offered here at Wise Baptist Church!

If interested, contact the church office at

276-328-6247 or Cindy Elkins at 276-870-4523.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night

Bible Study

Don't forget, Bible Study will resume Sept. 3 at 7 PM
(following dinner at 6 PM)



BGAV

202nd BGAV Annual Meeting
November 10-12, 2025
Abingdon, VA

Each year, pastors, church staffers, lay leaders, and guests gather at our annual conference for fellowship, networking, and learning opportunities.

This fall, we are gathering in Abingdon, VA, for our annual meeting. This year's theme is Mission Forward based on Philippians 4:13:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Join us as we Decide, Worship, Learn, and Gather around God's mission for our lives, churches, and communities.



**THIS
FALL,
REMEMBER...**

our Wise County
Food Bank & WBC Grab-n-Go Ministries!
Nonperishable items can be placed in the
white containers by the elevator.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Ages 5 - Grade 4

Every Sunday,
during Worship!

 **Marsh**
Regional Blood Center

**FRIDAY,
AUG. 29**

11AM-3PM

POWELL VALLEY NATIONAL BANK
WALK-INS WELCOME

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**
Growing in Christ
Together

Make new friends & join old friends for
Bible study & fellowship each
Sunday morning at 10am!

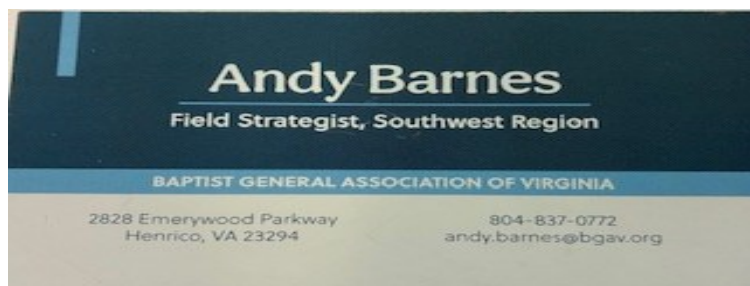
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Aug. 30 * 7 - 8am * Fellowship Hall

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!

August 27	Lainey Addington
August 28	Lisa Blankenbecler Megan Moody
September 2	Abigail Edmiston
September 3	Renee Robinson
September 4	Johnny Robinson
September 5	Cohen Parker
September 7	Gwen Chisenhall



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



WBC Music Ministry



Sunday was a good day. We celebrated Mike and Terry's 40+ years of pastoral service and their 13+ years here at WBC. It was so great to see their friends and family come to celebrate their retirement and to stay for lunch and visit with our church family. I am writing this on Monday morning and the office, even on a Monday with quilting going on, is rather quiet. Change is here, but change is needed to grow.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – **Jeremiah 29:11**

We cannot grow when we are stagnant, but we can grow and become a better church with change. That does not mean that we throw away all that we have been the last 14 years, but we can become more active and not be so dependent on the pastor (or his wife) in doing our serving. We are the church and we are all in this together.

Our pastor search committee is working hard to determine what we need and what God has in his plan for us. We need to be supportive and pray for them, that they will seek God's hand in deciding our future.

We all need to feel and do what God is urging us to do, whether it is to serve in a specific capacity, offer our help in activities and programs in our church, don't wait to be asked. There is always something that you can do other than sit in a pew on Sunday morning. Please get involved!

If you like to cook, volunteer to be on a cook team; if you like to study God's word and you would like to teach, there are several Sunday School classes that still need a teacher; if you like to talk on the phone, we need you to check on some of our shut-ins and people who are sick. I could keep going because there are so many slots that YOU fit in. Our personnel committee is looking for you.

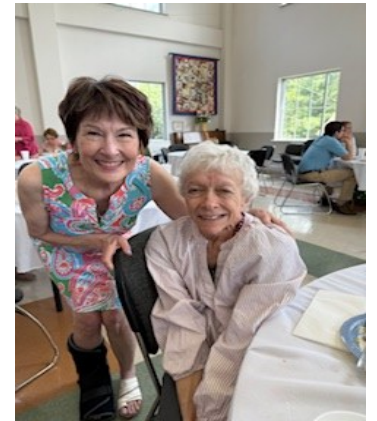
Let's honor what Mike and Terry have done during their pastorate, but let's be ready for some positive changes that will be happening over the next year.

Peace, love & joy, Donna

Happy Retirement



RETIREMENT CELEBRATION MEAL

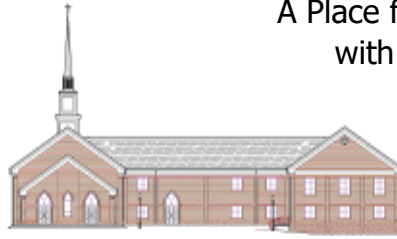


Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	8/24 - 8/30	Ron Helton, Stan Kunigelis
	8/31 --9/6	Lewey Lee, David Mullins
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 31	The Adrian Family
Offering Ushers	August	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	August	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
Wed. Night Meals	8/27	Hamburgers, French Fries
	9/3	Potluck
Wed. Cook Teams	8/27	Don Newlon and Deacons
	9/3	Diane



A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends

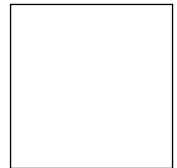


WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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

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Thought for the Week:

