

WISE BAPTIST NEWS

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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,

The Super Bowl. Did you see it? Terry and I went on a trip. Spent the night in New Orleans. We had a picture taken of the two of us in the wing of our hotel where the Eagles were staying. (I wore my Washington Commanders hat in spite of the risk of being mugged by a crazed Eagles fan!)

All New Orleans mobilized for the Super Bowl. We saw fans wearing Chiefs jerseys. Eagles jerseys. There was a big parade. The entire football season geared up for the Super Bowl. Predictions. Betting. Expensive commercials. Fans spent thousands of dollars on tickets, food, rooms, etc.

When the game finally happened, it seemed to last forever. Endless pre-game analysis. Extra commercial breaks. Long half-time show. Endless post-game analysis.

And this whole cycle will be repeated next year.

How refreshing to hear from some of the participants in the Super Bowl that their whole lives were not consumed by the Super Bowl or professional football. No matter what happens before, during, or after football...there is God.

“But seek first His kingdom and righteousness...” (Matthew 6:33)

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Valentine Meal
Wed, Feb. 12,
6pm



Bible Study
Wed, Feb. 12,
7pm



Choir Practice
Wed, Feb. 12,
7:30pm

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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

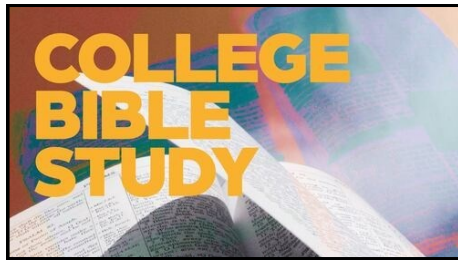
Deacon Emeritus:
Bob Adkins

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



New Class!

SUNDAYS at NOON

Lunch (provided) & Bible Study!

Many thanks to Stan Kunigelis, Jeff & Cindy Elkins who are teaching a Sunday School class for college students each Sunday! The class meets at noon in the first floor classroom next to Donna's office. Lunch is being provided each week by various individuals - you can volunteer to provide lunch one Sunday by signing up on the Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin or contacting Cindy Elkins. Friends are welcome!!

As you pray, please remember...



Sandy Mullins, Mike Strouth's sister Pat, Carlie Tomlinson, Clyde Vance, Kathy Helton, Family of Shannon Scott, Family & Friends & Family of Frank Sexton, Billie Harris, Wanda Baird, Brenda Lee, David Mullins, Susie Clasby, Travis Dutton, Jamie Hopkins, Family & Friends of Ray Jones, Donna Raines, John & Kathy Kennedy, Jordan Joseph (grandson of Virginia Ebert), Jim Sturgill, Natalie Luther, Paula Dobis & Family, Vicki Stephens, Lala Baylor & Family, Robert Price & Family, Rachel Weller & Family, Rick Meade, those affected by Hurricane Helene & Hurricane Milton, Jim & June Dotson, Cyrus Jones, Karen Ponish & Family, 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 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).

With Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Lewey & Brenda Lee in the loss of Lewey's sister-in-law, Linda Lee, on January 23. Please remember Lewey & Brenda in your prayers.



This Week's Scripture

Matthew 6:33-34

[Jesus said,] "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you. Therefore don't worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."



Thank You!

...to Ashlee Taylor for creating this bulletin board for the hall!

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!



February 12	Kristin Trick
February 13	Brandon Osborne
February 15	June Dotson Megan Douglas Logan Stewart
February 16	Conner Browning
February 17	Lily Elkins
February 18	Addie Browning Brandi Cox

Happy Anniversary!

February 13 Jim & June Dotson



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



I'm back! We had such an amazing trip with some amazing friends! New Orleans, the beginning point of our cruise, was a whirlwind with all of the fans, the football players and coaches gearing up for the Superbowl in the Superdome. Our hotel, the Hilton Riverside, was the team hotel for the Philadelphia Eagles. We dined with many of them in the hotel restaurant upon our arrival and we passed them in the hallways going to and from our room to wherever we were headed. They had large black SUVs with the NFL stickers on them (we have pictures). They travelled as a group back and forth to the Superdome that was a few blocks away in yellow "school" buses that were unmarked, but they had a police escort every time they went out. I thought it was cool that they were staying in the same hotel. On Friday evening, I had to run to the car in parking garage. As I was walking back through the convention center, there was a man walking in front of me that had on shorts and a t-shirt. His thighs were about the same circumference as both of my legs put together and his shoulders were very broad. I figured he must be a football player, but I am not really familiar with too many of them since I am a Washington fan. We came to the elevator and it opened and he got on and then I got on behind him. He pushed his floor button and I realized I was on the wrong elevator. I said, "Oh, excuse me, I'm on the wrong elevator". He was very nice and kind and said he had done that, too. I got off and then it hit me who he was... Saquon Barkley, their star running back. I wish I had asked him for a pic, but didn't realize who it was until the door closed.

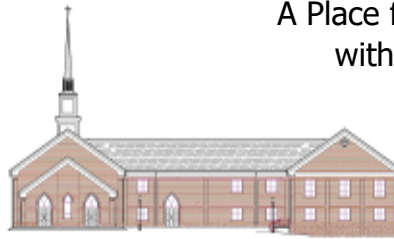
I "googled" him to make sure that was who I had encountered and I was reading some of the reports that had been posted. He is a proud, proclaimed Christian who is trying to exemplify Jesus in all that he does. During one of his latest appearances on a sports channel, he said that this was his best season as a pro. He thinks it's no coincidence that he also tried to "really hone in and grow my faith" this year. "I'm not going to sit here and tell you that I know the Bible, like, in and out. It's something I'm learning, I'm challenging myself to get better at it with my family and my friends. I'm really lucky to have my agent [Ed Berry]. He's a pastor and I'm able to have Bible studies with him. I'm just growing, and I think that's the beautiful thing about it, and I think that's what religion and faith is - having a relationship with God and understanding who Jesus is, and that's what I've been trying to do this year. I'm going to continue to try to get better at it."

Couldn't we all prosper if we would just continue to have studies and work on understanding who Jesus is?

Glad to be back home to the mountains, but it sure was pretty in the Caribbean!

Love to you all, Donna

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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	2/9 - 2/15	David Mullins, Matt Meade
	2/16 - 2/22	Jeff Elkins, Ron Helton
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	February	Linda Burgess
	March	Jeff & Cindy Elkins
Children's Church	2/16	Holly Meade, Ava Mullins
Children's Message	2/23	Terry Winters
Offering Ushers	February	Jeff Dotson Team
	March	Ron Helton
Tellers	February	Martha Blackburn, Jessica Crutchfield
Wed. Night Meals	2/12	Valentine's Dinner: Lasagna, Strawberry Spinach Salad, Garlic Bread
	2/19	Fajitas, Rice, Beans, Salad
Wed. Night Cook Teams	2/12	<u>Teresa's Team</u> : Linda Burgess, Debbie Collins, Susan Smith, Toni Thacker, Ann Wade
	2/19	<u>Donna's Team</u> : Diane Cornett, Trish Folds-Bennett, Susan Mullins, Karen Ponish, Terry Winters



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

Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

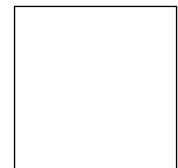
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Thought for the Week:

Is Jesus truly first in your life?