

# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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February 4, 2025

*A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.*



*Dear Church Family & Friends,*

“Get your priorities straight!” Ever said that? Or been told that?

Priorities are off. And the behavior proves it.

It is vital to be clear about what matters most. Then, our lives should line up, accordingly. We don’t have time for everything. So, we need to use the time we have wisely.

Some priorities seem obvious. For example, in the days right before Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time, His priorities seemed clear. The most important week of Jesus’ entire earthly life approached. Therefore, He needed to get to Jerusalem as soon as possible.

As Jesus headed toward Jerusalem, a number of parents approached Him. To bless their children. Jesus’ disciples tried to send these parents away. Why? Because Jesus had something much more important to do. Seems logical, right?

Jesus got angry with His disciples. Said the disciples could learn from the children. They needed child-like trust to enter the Kingdom of God.

Imagine the scene. The most important week in all of history. And Jesus stops everything. Cherishes the least important people in the ancient world. The children. Takes His time with each one. Giving hugs and His full attention.

That experience was never forgotten by the children or parents. There is a lesson for all of us, too.

What is important may seem obvious, but it might not be what God wants. Stick close to Him. And act accordingly.

“Let the children come to me! Don’t stop them! The kingdom of God belongs to people like that!” (Mark 10:14)

*Love, Pastor Mike*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**POTLUCK Meal**  
**Wed, Feb. 5, 6pm**

**Bible Study**  
**Wed, Feb. 5, 7pm**

**Choir Practice**  
**Wed, Feb. 5,**  
**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:

† <b>Transfer of Letter</b>	Transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church
† <b>Baptism</b>	Desire to express faith in Christ through baptism
† <b>Statement of Faith</b>	Baptized believer not on a membership roll
† <b>Watch Care</b>	Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## February 12 Menu

*Lasagna*

*Strawberry Spinach Salad*

*Garlic Bread*

*Desserts*

*Come join us for a special meal at 6pm on*

*Wed, February 12, & afterwards for*

*Bible Study at 7pm!*



## VALENTINE DAY TRIVIA

- 1) *In which country is it customary for women to give men chocolate on Valentine's day?*
- 2) *What is the approximate date of the first Valentine ever sent?*
- 3) *What is a well-known romantic Shakespeare play?*
- 4) *Are more flowers or more chocolates purchased on Valentine's Day?*
- 5) *Who was St. Valentine & when did he live?*

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| 1) Japan | 2) 1415 | 3) "Romeo & Juliet" | 4) Chocolates | 5) 3rd century priest or bishop who ministered to persecuted Christians |
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*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).*



## This Week's Scripture

**Mark 10:13-15**

*"Some people were bringing little children to Him so He might touch them, but his disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to Me. Don't stop them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I assure you: Whoever does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' "*

# BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

## Happy Birthday!



February 6	Kara Parker
February 7	Randy Chisenhall
	Kaitlin Collins
	Kathy Kennedy
	Philip Prince
February 8	David Whittaker
February 10	David Mullins
	Adam Sexton
February 12	Kristin Trick
February 13	Brandon Osborne
February 15	June Dotson
	Megan Douglas

## 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



It is Tuesday, February 4, 2025 and my plan is to be sitting out on my balcony of my cruise ship room in the warm Caribbean breeze to welcome in the morning. (I am writing this while looking out at a snow-covered Wise, VA with the temps hovering around 7 degrees). I am in my office, working on things that will need to be done during my time away with family and friends on that cruise. There are 22 of us from in/around Wise and friends from further away that will be joining us on this cruise. Each year for the last 11 years, with the exception of 2021 because of the pandemic, we have cruised with at least 3 or 4 other couples during the month of January or February. It is a bonding time with the others and we do things that we normally wouldn't do here at home like ziplining in a jungle, floating through caves, tasting "foods" that we as Americans wouldn't think of as food, snorkeling in the warm water, playing dominoes and card games, reading several books and so many other activities with friends. It is a break from my routine life and it invigorates me in both mind, body and soul.

What do you do in your life that invigorates you and gives new meaning to your mind, body and soul? Are you so stuck in your routine that you don't "live"? Are you in a rut?

You don't have to travel to the Caribbean to get out of that rut, but I definitely recommend it! Try doing something entirely different than your everyday routine.

Dress warmly and take a walk in the woods or even downtown, read a different genre of books, read your Bible differently that you normally would, try praying 3 times a day, learn a new skill. All of these things will beat the winter doldrums and give you a new outlook on your life.

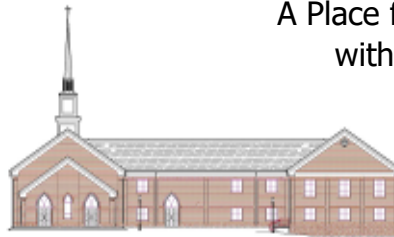
*Love to you all, Donna*

# February 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>B</b> = Birthday <b>A</b> = Anniversary</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</p>					<p>7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Rachel Bailey B - Jamie Hopkins</p>
<p><b>2</b> 8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - Communion</p>	<p><b>3</b> Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Caroline Jessee</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> 6pm - POTLUCK Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>6</b> B - Kara Parker</p>	<p><b>7</b> B - Randy Chisenhall B - Kaitlin Collins B - Kathy Kennedy B - Philip Prince</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - David Whittaker</p>
<p><b>9</b> 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p>	<p><b>10</b> Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>B - David Mullins B - Adam Sexton</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> 6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Kaitlin Collins</p>	<p><b>13</b> B - Brandon Osborne A - Jim &amp; June Dotson</p>	<p><b>14</b> </p>	<p><b>15</b> 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - June Dotson B - Megan Douglas B - Logan Stewart</p>
<p><b>16</b> 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p> <p>B - Conner Browning</p>	<p><b>17</b> Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Lily Elkins</p>	<p><b>18</b> B - Addie Browning B - Brandi Cox B - Joshua Helton</p>	<p><b>19</b> 6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Nicolette Cox</p>	<p><b>20</b> B - Ben Bolling</p>	<p><b>21</b> B - Amy Yun</p>	<p><b>22</b> 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Juanita Wells</p>
<p><b>23</b> 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Message</p>	<p><b>24</b> Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Mark Lardieri</p>	<p><b>25</b> B - Chad Blanton B - Hunter Farmer</p>	<p><b>26</b> 6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Amy Beth Bridges B - James Clasby B - Joanne Kennedy</p>	<p><b>27</b> B - Meisha Addington B - Eric Smith</p>	<p><b>28</b> B - Sam Farmer</p>	

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### Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	2/2 - 2/8	Stan Kunigelis, Debbie Collins
	2/9 - 2/15	
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	February	Linda Burgess
Children's Church	2/9	Wendy & John Mark Adrian
	2/16	Holly Meade, Ava Mullins
Offering Ushers	February	Jeff Dotson Team
	March	Ron Helton
Tellers	February	Martha Blackburn, Jessica Crutchfield
Wed. Night Meals	2/5	POTLUCK Meal
	2/12	Valentine's Dinner: Lasagna, Strawberry Spinach Salad, Garlic Bread
Wed. Night Cookteams	2/5	<u>Volunteers</u> needed for set up & clean up
	2/12	<u>Teresa's Team:</u> Linda Burgess, Susan Smith, Toni Thacker, Ann Wade, 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

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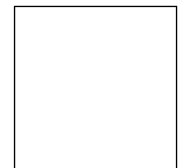
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### Thought for the Week:

*What matters most to me, might  
not matter to God.*