

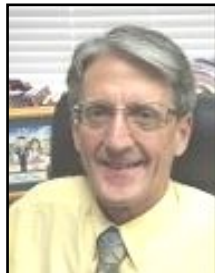
WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dr. Ray Jones, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

January 28, 2025

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family & Friends,

Think about your best friend. You have a long history of shared life. Now imagine, you ask your friend every day whether he or she is still your friend. Your friend says, "Of course". (This assumes no major event has changed in your relationship.) Still, you keep asking. Daily. For months. Nothing your friend says convinces you.

Your friend becomes annoyed. Offended. It eats away at your friendship. If your friend has been trustworthy (not perfect), then what is the problem? Whose problem is this?

If you keep asking God for proof of His love, you say to God that He is not trustworthy. God does give us evidence about Who He is. How He feels about us. What He expects of us. (The exception to asking for signs would be those few occasions where God instructed Gideon, etc. to ask for a sign.)

The greatest evidence of God and His love is the Cross. God showed up in the most personal way and demonstrated it to us all when Jesus died on our behalf. Can we honestly ask for Him to do more?

This is where faith kicks in. Can God be trusted? The Cross says yes! God has moved toward us in Jesus. Our part is to move back toward Him. To embrace Him by faith. Trust Him. Then take up our own crosses and follow Jesus.

"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

Love, Pastor Mike

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Pizza
Wed, Jan. 29,
6pm

Bible Study
Wed, Jan. 29,
7pm

Choir Practice
Wed, Jan. 29,
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night

Bible Study

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

Come on out on Wednesday evenings for supper at 6pm & an informal Bible Study with Pastor Mike at 7pm.

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!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Growing in Christ Together

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

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

Romans 5:8

"But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us!"



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!



January 28	Regina Carson Lance Collie Toni Thacker
January 29	Rebecca Osborne Mike Strouth
January 30	Andrew Conway Brandon Crutchfield
February 1	Rachel Bailey Jamie Hopkins
February 3	Caroline Jessee
February 6	Kara Parker
February 7	Randy Chisenhall Kaitlin Collins Kathy Kennedy Philip Prince
February 8	David Whittaker
February 10	David Mullins Adam Sexton

WBC Music Ministry



I have begun doing a couple of different devotions each day and one of my devotions was on the “most important commandment”: loving God and loving your neighbor. That is a friend of mine’s personal statement and I can see how that is the commitment of every Christian. Sometimes, it’s so very hard to do, but I try to do this in all of my interactions with friends, my tenants and others that I come in contact with. I do fail at this on occasion! My mouth moves before my brain fully kicks in and I am so blunt that it hurts people’s feelings. This is something that I work on constantly, but I sure haven’t perfected it.

Loving God is easy, but that last part about my neighbor is where I really, really struggle. It is easy to do when they are nice and kind to me, but when they are hateful to me or don’t agree with my beliefs, that’s when the struggle really kicks in.

Tenants that complain about problems in their residence because of their lack of responsibility with upkeep, teenage drama and other daily occurrences in my life make me work harder at “loving” than I would have ever thought possible.

I started thinking about how we can show that “love” and even if you are not able to get out and “do” for others, you can still do something: a phone call, a note in the mail, an email or text. Check on others, especially during this extreme weather we have been having.

Love to you all, Donna



Proverbs 3:6

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. (NKJV)

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.

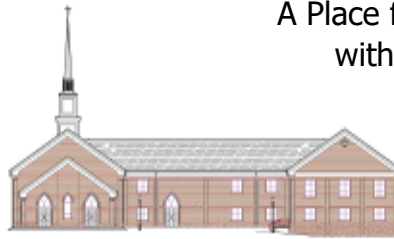
***“In all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.”
Proverbs 3:6***

February 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>B = Birthday A = 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>2 8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - Communion</p>	<p>3 Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Caroline Jessee</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 6pm - POTLUCK Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>6 B - Kara Parker</p>	<p>7 B - Randy Chisenhall B - Kaitlin Collins B - Kathy Kennedy B - Philip Prince</p>	<p>8 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - David Whittaker</p>
<p>9 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p>	<p>10 Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>B - David Mullins B - Adam Sexton</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Kaitlin Collins</p>	<p>13 B - Brandon Osborne A - Jim & June Dotson</p>	<p>14 HAPPY Valentine's Day</p>	<p>15 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - June Dotson B - Megan Douglas B - Logan Stewart</p>
<p>16 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p> <p>B - Conner Browning</p>	<p>17 Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Lily Elkins</p>	<p>18 B - Addie Browning B - Brandi Cox B - Joshua Helton</p>	<p>19 6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Nicolette Cox</p>	<p>20 B - Ben Bolling</p>	<p>21 B - Amy Yun</p>	<p>22 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Juanita Wells</p>
<p>23 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Message</p>	<p>24 Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Mark Lardieri</p>	<p>25 B - Chad Blanton B - Hunter Farmer</p>	<p>26 6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Amy Beth Bridges B - James Clasby B - Joanne Kennedy</p>	<p>27 B - Meisha Addington B - Eric Smith</p>	<p>28 B - Sam Farmer</p>	

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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	1/26 - 2/1	Ruby Salyers, Jeff Elkins
	2/2 - 2/8	Stan Kunigelis, Debbie Collins
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	February	Linda Burgess
Children's Church	2/2	Karen & John Ponish
	2/9	Wendy & John Mark Adrian
Offering Ushers	January	Ron Helton Team
	February	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	January	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	February	Martha Blackburn, Jessica Crutchfield
Wed. Night Meals	1/29	Pizza
	2/5	POTLUCK Meal



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
	Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday	Laurels Ministry (3rd)	1:30 pm
Saturday	Men's Bible Study	7 - 8 am

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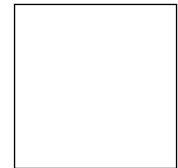
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Thought for the Week:

*The best sign of God's love
is the Cross.*