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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

July 15, 2025

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Special Called Business Meeting**

**Wed, July 16, 7pm**

**No Wed. evening meals  
or Choir Practice during  
the summer**

**Cookie Donations  
\*needed by July 28**

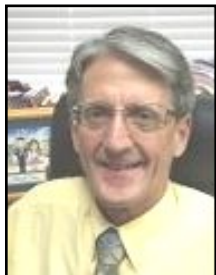
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### DEACONS 2024 - 2025

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



*Dear Church Family & Friends,*

A few weeks ago, a terrible event happened at Camp Mystic in Texas. Flooding caused the death of 27 campers and counselors.

We need to pray for the grieving and suffering. Steps also need to be taken to minimize or prevent such tragedies in the future.

We know that flooding will happen in a flood plain. We just don't know exactly when. Therefore, it requires preparation, in advance.

Likewise, we know that Jesus is coming back. We just don't know exactly when. The Bible is clear that we won't know until He actually shows up. Then, it is too late to prepare. We must be ready.

What does being ready mean? It means doing what God already wants us to do. "Love God with all your heart, mind and strength. And love your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

Are you ready?

*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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**WEDNESDAY , JULY 16**

**7:00pm**

*There will be a  
special called business meeting  
in the sanctuary  
to elect & commission  
a Pastor Search Committee.  
Please plan to attend.*

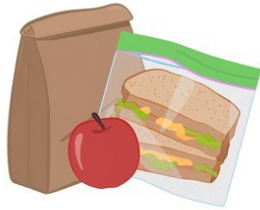
*As you pray, please remember...*



Wendy Adrian, Skip Dobis, Carlie Tomlinson, David & Sandy Mullins, Frances Sturdavant, Judy Sturgill, Janes Hughes, Grace Allio, Brenda Lee, Kathy Helton, Jim Sturgill, Wanda Baird, Travis Dutton, Donna Raines, 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), 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,*

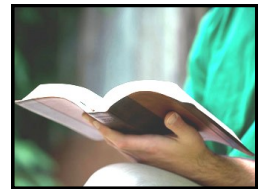


### **JULY 20 & 21!** **BROWN BAG** **MINISTRY**

WBC will be packing 60 - 70 food boxes on Sunday, July 20 and delivering these to homes in Wise County on Monday, JULY 21.

Please contact Billie Sue Harris or Debbie Collins if you are available to help **deliver** boxes or pack them!

### *This Week's* *Scripture:* **Luke 10:27**



*"He answered, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' "*

## **SUNDAY** **+ SCHOOL** **Growing in Christ** **Together**

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

### **Cookies Needed!**

Becky Curtis (coordinator of the Fairgrounds Back to School Giveaway) is requesting donations of large packages of cookies by **JULY 28!**

Cookies can be placed in the box in the hall near the elevator.

Thank you for your generosity!!

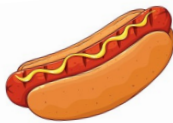


## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

### *Happy Birthday!*



July 15	Ayden Browning Lily Sexton
July 16	Cheryl Estep Elora Hutchinson Thompson Landon Whittaker
July 18	Charlie Hibbitts Will Sturgill
July 19	Wayne Isaac
July 20	Ashton Taylor Carlie Tomlinson
July 21	Vickie Stephens
July 22	Dave Belcher
July 24	Debbie Collins Bonnie Owens



### *Happy Anniversary!*

Adam & Nicole Sexton	July 16
Ethan & Lily Elkins	July 18
Doug & Betty Dotson	July 23



### *Being Faithful Stewards*

*Faithful stewards recognize that God owns it all. Once we accept & understand this foundation of stewardship, we can grow and 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***

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### *WBC Music Ministry*



The last 3 weeks, my articles have been on how to continue growing as a Christian in your older years. The last 3 points are: Read and/or Listen to Scripture, Take Leadership, and Pray.

As Christians, we should always be reading scripture, even if it is only one verse each day. We need to set a time apart from our regular day to accomplish this. It might take a while to make it a habit, but if we really concentrate on it, it can be done. The Bible reads a little differently to you as an older adult than it did when you were a child, teen or even young adult.

If you haven't participated in the different activities we've had over the years of Reading the Bible Through in a Year or the Deep Dive study of highlighted passages that Pastor Mike has done, there are many programs that will help you with that. If your eyesight limits your reading, or you are driving to/from somewhere, listen to the Bible. You can access it on your cell phone, iPad, Kindle or other reading device, or tune in to different Biblical podcasts on your favorite listening device.

Take a leadership role in different programs within and outside of our church. It gets really old for the same people to HAVE to lead when there are so many within our ranks that could just as easily lead if they would just step up to do so. It's good to have different people in those leadership roles, not just because they are the only ones who can do it, but are the only ones who will. Take Leadership! Pick something you are interested in and get involved, volunteer.

With all of these ways to continue to grow, the most important is to pray. Pray for God to give you the opportunity to lead, to share your faith, to grow your faith, to be involved with people or a different generation, who were raised differently than you, to have opportunities arise that you can serve, that you can invest both emotionally and financially. God will open pathways for you to be your best self.

As our church prepares to seek out a new shepherd, may we all continually pray that God will send us this shepherd to lead His flock through the next chapter.

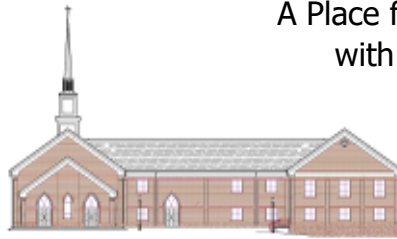
*Peace, love & joy, Donna*

## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	7/13 - 7/19	Ruby Salyers, Jeff Elkins
	7/20 - 7/19	Stan Kunigelis, Debbie Collins
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	July	Linda Burgess
Children's Church	July 20	John Mark & Isabella Adrian
Children's Message	July 27	Terry Winters
Offering Ushers	July	Ron Helton Team
	August	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	July	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
	August	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
Wed. Night Meals		NO Fellowship Meals during the summer



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 <i>(will resume in the fall)</i>	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice <i>(will resume in the fall)</i>	7:30 pm
Thursday	Laurels Ministry (3rd)	1:30 pm
Saturday	Men's Bible Study <i>(will resume in the fall)</i>	7 - 8 am

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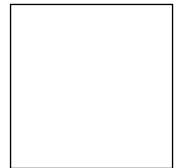
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## Thought for the Week:

*A good neighbor shows mercy  
to the one in need.*