

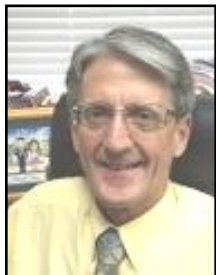
Rev. Mike Winters
Pastor

Donna Hutchinson
Music Director

WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

July 22, 2025



Dear Church Family & Friends,

Tom Hanks starred in the movie, "Castaway". He worked for FedEx. Was flying in a FedEx plane with other employees. His plane crashed near a deserted island. Hanks was the only survivor.

Lots of FedEx packages bobbed in the ocean near the beach. He fished them out of the water. Used anything he could to help him survive. There was one package, however, that he did not open. The address was readable. The package was undamaged.

He made a commitment to deliver it one day.

Finally, after four years, he was rescued. After he had recovered from his ordeal, he set out to deliver his package. As he drove along a dusty, rural road in Texas, an Elvis Presley song played on the radio, "Return to Sender". Hanks' character commented, "That package saved me."

It gave him a purpose and hope that helped keep him alive for those four years.

We have a saving hope and purpose in Jesus Christ. Have you allowed Him to rescue you?

"For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost." (Luke 19:10)

Love, Pastor Mike

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 |

IMPORTANT DATES

Bible Study
Wed, July 23, 7pm

No Wed. evening meals
or Choir Practice during
the summer

Cookie Donations
***needed by July 28**

Deacon Suggestions
Sunday, August 10
11:00 am

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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

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Ministry

On Sunday, **August 10**, the Church will submit suggestions for 3 new deacons for the 2025-2026 church year. As we all prayerfully consider suggestions for deacons, please be reminded of our by-laws description of the general responsibilities of a deacon:

In accordance with the meaning of the work and the practice of the New Testament, Deacons are to be servants of the Church. The tasks of the Deacons are to assist the Pastor and staff by providing lay leadership; to assist with visitation and care for the Church and their families in times of need; to assist as needed with Church ordinances; and to otherwise assist the Pastor and staff in engaging the Church in a fellowship of worship and witness in accordance with the mission of the Church.

More information about the selection process will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Helton at rhelton@t-l.com.

As you pray, please remember...

Mike Smith, Megan Moody, Wendy Adrian, Terry Winters, Skip Dobis, Bonnie Aker, 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

With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mike Smith in the death of his sister Lynn. Please remember Mike and his family in prayer during this time of loss.

Cookies Needed!

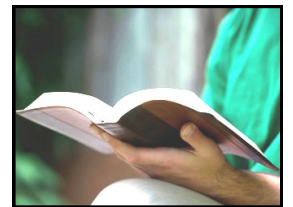
Becky Curtis (coordinator of the Fairgrounds Back to School Giveaway) is requesting donations of large packages of cookies by **JULY 28!**



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

Thank you for your generosity!!

This Week's Scripture: **Luke 19:9-10**



“Today salvation has come to this house,’ Jesus told him, ‘because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.’ ”

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!



July 22	Dave Belcher
July 24	Debbie Collins
	Bonnie Owens
July 25	Susie Blanton
	Oscar Raile
July 26	David Allio
July 27	Allen Cantrell
	Cam Chisenhall
July 28	Ron Helton
	Oliver Ray
July 30	Melissa Blackburn
August 1	Angie Brady
	Greg Hutchinson
	Matt Meade



Happy Anniversary!

Doug & Betty Dotson	July 23
Kenny & Peggy Bowling	July 25
John & Diana Roberts	July 25



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



I am finally back from my vacation and let me tell you how marvelous it was. For the last 15 years, the Hutchinson family has vacationed with the Conkin family from Kingsport. Our kids are about the same age and we were older parents that had adopted our grandchildren. It has been a fabulous friendship. Two years ago, we began planning this vacation, which would have been the first vacation without our kids, since Jayda and Jade have graduated from high school. We would both take our motorhomes to Maine, and we had three different stops along the way.

We all know how plans go awry and with Butch's death, many plans have changed. So instead of taking both motorhomes with only three of us, we all decided to travel together.

We drove about 8 hours, then stopped for the night and then on to our first stop in Maine, Old Orchard Beach. It is such a quaint beach town, nothing like our southern beaches – the water was COLD! The two days that we went to the beach, the water was between 48 and 50 degrees AND there were people swimming and playing in it.

We also hiked at Two Lights State Park and sunned at Crescent Beach State Park.

I am a big lobster lover! My very favorite food. I indulged in lobster EVERY SINGLE DAY! We travelled to the local state parks and hiked to see the local flora and fauna. We averaged between 10,000 and 14,000 steps each day during this trip, but it was magnificent.

Our second stop was Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park. It is amazing! This was my 4th time in Acadia and we did some things that I had not done on my previous trips. We hiked down to Bass Head Harbor light house, went to Pretty Marsh and of course, did Cadillac Mountain and Jordan's Pond.

The scenery was amazing, the food was magnificent and my friends are remarkable. I thank God for giving me these friends who have become an extension of my family and have embraced me and loved me through my grief this past year.

Thank you for praying for me and allowing me the opportunity to go and recharge for the remainder of the year.

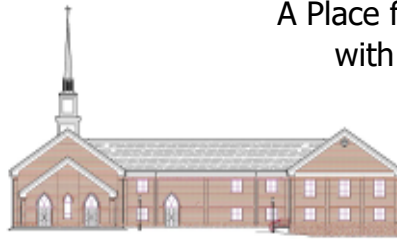
Peace, love & joy, Donna

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	7/20 - 7/26	Stan Kunigelis, Debbie Collins
	7/27 - 8/2	David Mullins, Matt Meade
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	July	Linda Burgess
	August	John Mark & Isabella Adrian
Children's Message	July 27	Terry Winters
	August 3	Teresa Adkins, Kathy Osborne
Offering Ushers	July	Ron Helton Team
	August	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	July	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
	August	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
Wed. Night Meals		Fellowship Meals will begin again on <u>August 6</u> .



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

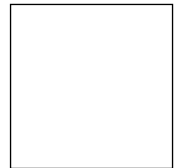
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Thought for the Week:

*Everyone needs saving.
That's why Jesus came.*