

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

July 30, 2024



*Dear Church Family & Friends,*

All truth is God's truth. There is more truth in some places than others. But it is worth looking for. For example, there was Albert Camus, a French philosopher. He was an atheist and extremely negative about life. However, near the end of his life, Camus wrote:

“Great ideas come into the world...as gently as doves. If we listen attentively, we shall hear, amid the uproar of empires and nations, a faint flutter of wings, the gentle stirring of life and hope.”

To me, this hints at a greater truth. The Holy Spirit is presented in the Bible as a dove. Listen to the flutter of His wings. The great ideas for life and hope. And for the power to carry them out. Even in the uproar of the world.

“as Jesus was coming up out of the water, He saw...the Spirit descending on Him like a dove.” (Mark 1:10)



### 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

**Wednesday Night Bible Study**  
July 31  
7:00pm

**Holy Communion**  
Sun, August 4  
11am

**Deacon Suggestions for 2024-25**  
Sun, Aug. 4, 11am

**“The Chosen” Season 4, Episodes 1 & 2**  
Sun, Aug. 4, 6pm

**Camp Bethel Project**  
Sat, Aug. 17  
8am - 4pm

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### DEACONS 2023 - 2024

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Jeff Cantrell	275-9427
Debbie Collins	393-3875
Jeff Elkins	393-5700
Stan Kunigelis	870-2227
Lewey Lee	393-5370
David Mullins	870-0005
John Ponish	870-1593

Deacon Emeritus:  
Bob Adkins

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



- On Sunday, August 4, the Church will submit suggestions for 3 new deacons for the 2024-2025 church year.
- All suggestions will be received until 2pm on August 4.
- We are asking that each church member suggest 3 qualified church members as new deacons.
- Suggestions will be received in 1 of 3 ways:
  - 1) Suggestion Slips will be provided to all *church members* in attendance at the live service in the sanctuary on August 4.
  - 2) For members who are not in attendance at the live service in the sanctuary on August 4, an email may be sent to John Ponish (jponish@atsone.com) with your 3 suggestions for new deacons.
  - 3) For those who cannot be in attendance on Aug. 4, but would prefer to use a written Suggestion Slip, please contact John Ponish (jponish@atsone.com) or 276-870-1593, and a deacon will deliver a Suggestion Slip to you to be completed at that time.

The following members are not eligible to be nominated as they are either already serving or are rotating off:

- Current deacons who are rotating off this year:  
John Mark Adrian, John Ponish
- The remaining active deacons are:  
Bob Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, Debbie Collins, Jeff Elkins, Stan Kunigelis, Lewey Lee, David Mullins

*Please be in prayer about the leaders of our church that you may wish to offer as suggestions for deacons.*

*If you have any questions, please contact John Ponish (jponish@atsone.com)*

*As you pray, please remember...*



Martha Blackburn, Family of Nancy Baugh, Shirley Willis, Billy & Teresa Glines & Family, Baby Fleenor, Cyrus Jones, Vicki Stephens, Donna Hutchinson & Family, Jane Hughes & Family, Matt Meade, Emmett Kidd (Karen Ponish's dad), Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Brian Plester (brother of Brenda Kunigelis), Jim Sturgill, Wanda Baird, Jim Dotson, John & Kathy Kennedy, Rev. Michael Weller, Brenda Lee, Mike Smith's sister Lynn, Beth Snodgrass, Adele Plester (Brenda Kunigelis' sister-in-law), Lorna Wherry & family, (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Natalie Luther, Russell, Miles & Mason Wampler, Ray Jones, 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).*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
WISE BAPTIST!  
OCTOBER 27**

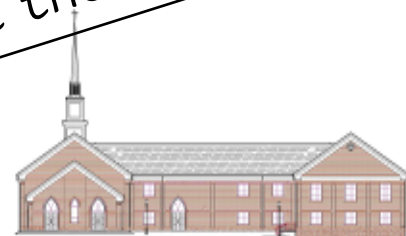


Not only is the Town of Wise celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year...

**WISE BAPTIST is celebrating its  
125th Anniversary!!**

Activities will culminate with a special worship service on **OCTOBER 27**. More details to follow!

**\*Save the date!**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Join us!

**Each Sun.  
Night in  
August,**

we will be  
showing

**Season 4** of  
"The Chosen" in  
the Fellowship  
Hall at  
6pm...bring a  
friend & a snack!

**August 4:**  
**Episodes 1 & 2**



### CAMP BETHEL PROJECT AUGUST 17

You are invited to participate in a workday at Camp Bethel on Sat, August 17! We will begin working on remodeling one of the cabins there. There will be big jobs & little jobs, so all skill levels are welcome!

Join us for great fellowship anytime that day :  
8am - 4pm

## GRIEF SHARE®

*Are you going through a tough time, grieving the loss of a loved one? Do you feel like nobody understands your grief? And there is nowhere to turn for help?*

*If so, I would like to invite you to join us for GriefShare.*

*GriefShare is a Biblically-based and clinically proven support group for those grieving the death of a loved one. I have seen much healing through this group. The first meeting for our Winter series will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2024. We will meet every Thursday from 6pm-8pm. A light dinner will be served. The meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall of Mountain View FreeWill Baptist Church, 5300 Pole Bridge Road in Wise and will run for 13 weeks until Nov. 14. An additional session about Surviving the Holidays will be held on November 21.*

*You can register online at [GriefShare.org](http://GriefShare.org). Or you can contact me, Gail Bryant, for more information: 276-285-6002  
[gbryant76@yahoo.com](mailto:gbryant76@yahoo.com)*



### Scripture for the Week:

**Mark 1:9-11**

*"In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. As soon as He came up out of the water, He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending to Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: You are my beloved Son; I take delight in You!"*

WED, AUGUST 28, 7:00pm

## BUSINESS Meeting

### Wednesday Night

### Bible Study

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

Join us Wednesday evenings for an informal Bible Study with Pastor Mike at 7pm.

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC



### *Happy Birthday!*

July 30	Melissa Blackburn
August 1	Angie Brady Greg Hutchinson Matt Meade
August 3	Caroline Wilson
August 5	Maci Cantrell Morgan Meade
August 7	Abbie Crutchfield
August 9	Lotta Stewart
August 10	Ben Duncan Maci Conway Lewey Lee



### *Happy Anniversary!*

August 2	Jamie & Stacy Hopkins
August 5	Chuck & Lulia Maine
August 8	Matt & Stephanie Collins



*Stewardship,  
A Divine  
Responsibility*

God is the Owner. We are the managers. We must oversee His assets for His benefit. Our prayer is for discernment of what God wants done with His assets and then carry out His will. May we all at Wise Baptist Church give abundantly, sacrificially, and joyfully.

For those who cannot physically attend Sunday morning worship services in the sanctuary, your tithes and offerings may still be mailed to Wise Baptist Church, PO Box 777, Wise VA 24293, or brought by the Church anytime during open hours.

*"For everything comes from You, and we have given  
You only what comes from Your own hand."*

*1 Chronicles 29:14*

*WBC  
Music Ministry* 



Do you like to sing  
Christmas music?

You are welcome to sing in  
this year's  
Christmas cantata!

Rehearsals begin Sunday  
evening, Sept. 8 at 6pm.

*Save the date!*

*Sunday Evening, Dec. 15  
Christmas Cantata*

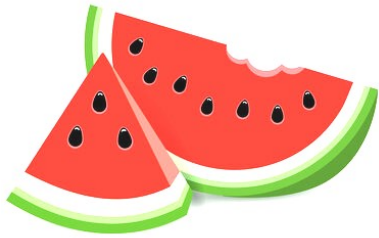
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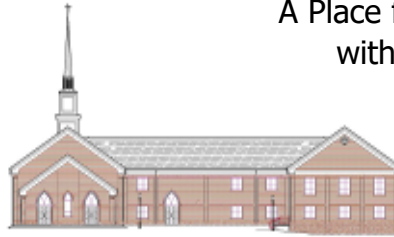
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>B</b> = Birthday <b>A</b> = Anniversary</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is <i>not included</i>, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</p>			<p>1</p> <p>B - Angie Brady B - Greg Hutchinson B - Matt Meade</p>	<p>2</p> <p>A - Jamie &amp; Stacy Hopkins</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Caroline Wilson</p>
<p>4</p> <p>8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - Communion - <b>Deacon Suggestions</b> 6pm - "The Chosen" Season 4, Ep. 1-2</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Maci Cantrell B - Morgan Meade A - Chuck &amp; Lulu</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Norton City Schools Start</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Abbie Crutchfield</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Wise County Schools Start</p> <p>A - Matt &amp; Stephanie Collins</p>	<p>9</p> <p>B - Lotta Stewart</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Ben Duncan B - Macie Conway B - Lewey Lee</p>
<p>11</p> <p>10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 6pm - "The Chosen" Season 4, Episodes 3 - 4</p> <p>A - Johnny &amp; Renee Robinson</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Tim Cox</p>	<p>13</p> <p>B - Nathan Hersel A - Lewey &amp; Brenda Lee</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>A - Ron &amp; Kathy Helton</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Laurels Ministry 1:30pm</p> <p>B - Cub Mullins</p>	<p>16</p> <p>B - Ann Culbertson A - John &amp; Toni Thacker</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - John Ponish</p>
<p>18</p> <p>10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 6pm - "The Chosen" Season 4, Episodes 5 - 6</p> <p>B - Kim Hodges</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Rose Kennedy</p>	<p>20</p> <p>B - Teresa Adkins B - Cindy Elkins B - Holden Osborne</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Suzanne Baird B - Cindy Farmer B - Sutton Polly A - Scott &amp; Beth Snodgrass</p>	<p>22</p> <p>B - Alex Hall</p>	<p>23</p> <p>B - Jeff Sturgill</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Jerry Baird</p>
<p>25</p> <p>10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 6pm - "The Chosen" Season 4, Episodes 7 - 8</p> <p>B - Linda Bailey B - Brenda Lee</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Caring Friends, 9:30am</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - <b>ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MTG.</b> 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Megan Moody B - Lisa Blankenbecler</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p>

## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	7/28 - 8/3	John Ponish, Debbie Collins
	8/4 - 8/10	John Mark Adrian, Jeff Cantrell
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	July	Linda Bailey, Ruby Salyers
	August	David & Sandy Mullins
Children's Church	8/4	Wendy & John Mark Adrian
	8/11	Ann Wade, Jayda Hutchinson
Offering Ushers	July	Jeff Dotson Team
	August	Jerry Baird Team
Tellers	July	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	August	Martha Blackburn, Jeff Kiser
Wed. Night Meals	----	Fellowship Meals will resume when school begins in August



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## 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 (July)	6:00 pm
Thursday	Laurels Ministry (3rd)	1:30 pm
Saturday	Men's Bible Study	7 - 8 am

## Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

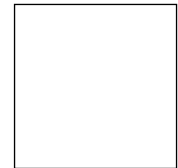
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## Thought for the Week:

*Listen for the flutter of the wings  
of the Holy Spirit.*