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Pastor

Donna Hutchinson
Music Director

WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

June 3, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

POTLUCK Meal
Wed, June 4, 6pm

Bible Study
Wed, June 4, 7pm

Choir Practice
Wed, June 4, 7:30pm

Missions Yard Sale
The Rock
June 6 & 7

Men's Bible Study
Fellowship Hall
Sat, June 7
7-8am

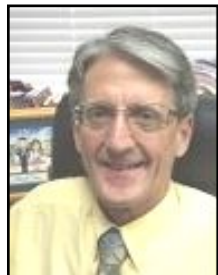
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DEACONS 2024 - 2025

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,

After having spent much time in thought and prayer, I hereby announce my retirement and resignation as pastor of Wise Baptist Church. This will be effective on August 24, 2025. Terry will resign as church secretary at the same time.

This was a hard decision, but I feel God's peace about it. Terry and I have always worked as a team. We have served together in full-time ministry for 44 years. We are sad, but also eagerly anticipate what God has next for us.

We love you very much. Thank you for the opportunity and privilege to serve with you. You have enriched our lives. I would like to add how much I have enjoyed serving alongside Donna Hutchinson, our Music Director, whom I dearly love. We have all done a lot of life together over these last nearly 14 years! You, as a church, have helped me to be a better person, a better Christian and a better pastor. And I am eternally grateful.

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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

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LETTER FROM PASTOR MIKE

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What's next? We plan to continue to live in Wise. Terry and I have paid our funeral expenses. Our cemetery plots are right across the street from Wise Baptist. I bring it up, not because I am thinking as much about death, as I am about life. And how and where we want to spend it.

For example, Terry will continue working at UVA-Wise a couple of days a week. She joined the Garden Club. I plan to remain active in the Wise Kiwanis. I want to teach in the Appalachian School of Theology. This school offers additional education for ministers who have not been to seminary or college. Plus, I would like to train for and run in a few local 5k races.

Terry and I would like to be active members at Wise Baptist. We love serving with you. This time, however, it will be in a different way. More in the background. We want to help with the ministry to college students and mission projects. Maybe lead Marriage Enrichment retreats or teach ballroom dancing. Serve as Camp Bethel staff parents during the summer.

We are praying for the next chapter of the life of Wise Baptist Church, and we ask that you pray for us as well.

The Apostle Paul, as pastor at Philippi, had some words for his congregation. As your pastor, I share the same words with you. "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4)

With much love and affection,

Pastor Mike Winters

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS



JUNE 6 - 7

Immediate need: sorters & pricers

Will need workers on June 6 & 7

Donations may be made on Sundays, right after worship at the Rock or contact Donna or Teresa.

****Please do not leave donations on the porch.***



**(WEEK 1) June 22 - June 27
and
(WEEK 2) June 29 - July 5**

warmer. safer. drier.

This summer, Wise Baptist will be housing 2 work teams of about 60 youth & leaders each for 2 weeks: June 22 - 28 and June 29 - July 5! They will be using our Fellowship Hall, kitchen, bathrooms & classrooms. You can be involved by letting Pastor Mike know you are available to help prepare welcome meals on June 22 & 29 and/or do some supplemental cleaning on June 28 & July 5. In addition, if you have any ideas for welcoming & hosting these folks, please share those with Pastor Mike!



**This Week's
Scripture**

Philippians 4:4

***"Rejoice in the Lord.
I will say it again: Rejoice!"***

As you pray, please remember...



Janes Hughes, Jerry Dew (Terry's mom), Grace Allio, Friends & Family of Ray Jones, Family of Raymond Dale, Brenda Lee, Lloyd & Carlie & Annie Tomlinson, Kathy Helton, Sandy & David Mullins, Jim Sturgill, Mike Strouth's sister Pat, Clyde Vance, Family of Frank Sexton, Billie Harris, 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 & 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).***



**SAVE THE DATES:
JULY 20 & 21!**

WBC has been asked to pack 60 - 70 boxes to be packed on Sunday,

July 20 and delivered on

Monday, JULY 21. Please use the

Communication Card in your

bulletin to indicate your availability to help with this ministry this summer!

Please Contact Billie Sue Harris or

Debbie Collins if you are available to help pack boxes &/or deliver boxes.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!

June 2 Cyndi Newlon
 June 7 Debbie Helton
 Abbey Lancaster
 Dr. Peter Yun
 June 8 Jennifer Sturgill
 Kathy Osborne
 June 9 Isabella Adrian
 June 11 Diane Cornett
 June 12 Suzy Bailey
 June 13 Pam Collie-Price

Happy Anniversary!

Robert & Suzanne Baird June 2
 Marty & Rose Kennedy June 2



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



Yesterday was a very emotional day at Wise Baptist with Pastor Mike and Terry offering up their plans to retire in August. I am so tickled that they CAN retire, but I am so concerned about the upcoming upheaval at our church. Change is HARD!

Change is an inevitable part of life. It can be exciting, daunting, or even painful, but the Bible offers profound wisdom and encouragement for navigating life's transitions with faith and grace.

One of the most comforting truths in Scripture is that while the world around us shifts, God remains constant. Malachi 3:6 declares, *"For I the Lord do not change."* This assurance reminds us that no matter how uncertain life feels, we can anchor ourselves in God's unchanging character—His love, mercy, and faithfulness.

The Bible often portrays change as a catalyst for spiritual growth. Romans 12:2 encourages believers to be *"transformed by the renewal of your mind."* This transformation is a process of becoming more like Christ, often through seasons of change. Whether it's a new opportunity, a loss, or a challenge, God uses these moments to refine us, deepen our faith, and draw us closer to Him.

Jeremiah 29:11 offers hope in times of uncertainty: *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."* Even when change feels overwhelming, we can trust that God is sovereign and His plans are for our ultimate good.

With all of that being said, we need to: **Pray for Guidance and Seek** His wisdom and peace as you navigate change.

Lean on Community Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 highlights the strength found in companionship. Surround yourself with supportive, faith-filled individuals who can encourage you.

Focus on God's Promises Meditate on Scriptures that affirm God's presence and provision, such as Isaiah 41:10: *"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God."*

Change, though often challenging, is an opportunity to grow in faith and trust in God's perfect plan. By leaning on His unchanging nature, embracing transformation, and seeking His guidance, WBC can face life's transitions with courage and hope.

Peace, love & joy, Donna



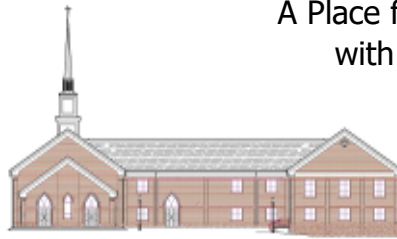
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Holy Communion	2 Piecemakers, 9:30am B - Cyndi Newlon A - Robert & Suzanne Baird A - Marty & Rose Kennedy	3	4 <u>6pm</u> - POTLUCK Meal <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study NO Choir Practice during June	5	6 JUNE 7 birthdays: B - Debbie Helton B - Abbey Lancaster B - Dr. Peter Yun	7 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall
<div> MISSIONS YARD SALE 8:30am - 2:30pm, at the Rock </div>						
8 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church B - Jennifer Mullins B - Kathy Osborne	9 Caring Friends, 9:30am B - Isabella Adrian	10	11 NO Fellowship Meal during the summer <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study NO Choir Practice during June B - Diane Cornett	12 B - Suzy Bailey	13 B - Pam Collie-Price	14 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall
15 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	16 Piecemakers, 9:30am B - Landon Elkins B - Nathan Swindall B - John Thacker, Jr.	17 B - Bryon Burton	18 <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study B - Abi Maine B - Haden Ponish B - Michelle Sisson B - Mary Stuedemann A - Mike & Carolyn Strouth	19 B - Elizabeth Wills A - Dan & Debbie Helton	20 A - James & Susie Clabby	21 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall A - Dr. Peter & Sandy Yun
22 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church	23 Caring Friends, 9:30am B - Landon Elkins B - Nathan Swindall B - John Thacker, Jr.	24	25 <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study	26	27	28 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall
<div> Appalachian Service Project </div>						
		B - Avery Cox A - Mike & Rebecca Osborne	B - Emma Hawkins B - Aaron Lee	B - Shirley Willis	B - Martha Blackburn A - Jerry & Wanda Baird	B - Holly Meade
29 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church	30 Piecemakers, 9:30am B - Steve Horton A - Lloyd & Regina Cantrell				B = Birthday A = Anniv.	If your birthday <i>or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</i>
<div> Appalachian Service Project </div>						

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	6/1 - 6/7	David Mullins, Matt Meade
	6/8 - 6/14	Jeff Elkins, Ron Helton
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	June	Debbie Collins
Offering Ushers	June	Jeff Dotson Team
	July	Ron Helton Team
Tellers	June	Martha Blackburn, Jessica Crutchfield
	July	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
Wed. Night Meals	6/4	POTLUCK Meal
	6/11	NO Fellowship Meals during the summer
Wed. Night Cook Teams	6/4	<u>Volunteers Needed</u> for set up & clean up
	6/11	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	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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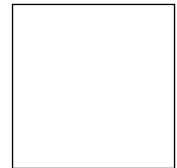
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Thought for the Week:

*Christians who have joy in the
Lord, stand out!*