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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

May 20, 2025

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Fellowship Meal**  
**Wed, May 21, 6pm**

**Bible Study**  
**Wed, May 21, 7pm**

**Choir Practice**  
**Wed, May 21, 7:30pm**

**Men's Bible Study**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**Sat, May 24**  
**7-8am**

**Missions Yard Sale**  
**The Rock**  
**June 6 & 7**

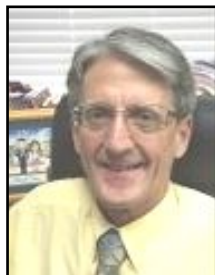
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## DEACONS 2024 - 2025

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,*

Have you ever heard or said, "Young people today...". The main point being? The younger generation is lazy, selfish, etc., etc.

It has been said, "our youth now love luxury, have bad manners, contempt for authority..." Do you agree with that?

**It was said almost 2,500 years ago** by the great philosopher, Socrates. Let that sink in. Are those words really true? Is it helpful to think it? Say it?

Some form of this comment has been repeated by every generation about the younger generation(s). It has most likely been said to you, too. And maybe you have said the same thing.

Everyone has at least thought it. Why is that the case?

Maybe you feel disrespected. For who you are. What you believe. Or what you have done.

Isn't there a better way? What do younger generations need from us? Paul wrote from prison. He knows the day of his execution is near. Below are some of his last words. To a young person. Timothy.

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity." (2 Timothy 4:12).

What do young people need from you?

*Love, Pastor Mike*

### How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

Express one of the following to the Pastor during the closing hymn:

† <b>Transfer of Letter</b>	Transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church
† <b>Baptism</b>	Desire to express faith in Christ through baptism
† <b>Statement of Faith</b>	Baptized believer not on a membership roll
† <b>Watch Care</b>	Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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**

**1 Timothy 4:12**

*"No one should despise your youth; instead, you should be an example to the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."*

**As you pray, please remember...**



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).*

# THANK YOU!

*We thank Grace Allio for making blankets for our high school seniors each year!! This year we gave out 7 blankets! We appreciate you, Grace!*



**SAVE THE DATE:  
JULY 21!**

**Please Contact** Billie Sue Harris or Debbie Collins if you are available to help pack boxes &/or deliver boxes.

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

### Happy Birthday!

May 22	Courtney Makris
	Jordan Owens
	Ron Stephens
May 23	John Thacker
May 24	Grace Allio
	Sarah Means
May 26	Dr. Chuck Maine
May 27	Jorge Hersel
May 28	Susan Pharoan
May 29	Angel Cox
May 30	Joshua Owens



### Happy Anniversary!

Chad & Susie Blanton	May 20
Josh & Virginia Ebert	May 21
Bob & Teresa Adkins	May 30
Josh & Britney Edmiston	May 30
Jim & Sherry Collie	May 31



### 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



PLANS! We all have plans. Butch and I had plans, our plans. Those plans are no longer. I have plans, but sometimes, they have to take a back seat to my responsibilities or things come up to alter those plans.

Life often feels like a winding road, filled with unexpected turns, challenges, and moments of joy. The belief in God's plan provides a sense of comfort and direction, reminding us that there is a greater purpose behind every experience, even when it's not immediately clear.

At its core, God's plan is about trust. It's the understanding that life is not random, but intricately woven with intention and love. While we may not always see the full picture, faith encourages us to believe that every step—whether triumphant or trying—serves a purpose in shaping who we are and guiding us toward something greater.

This divine plan doesn't mean life will be free of hardship. In fact, challenges often play a key role in God's design, teaching us resilience, compassion, and humility. They remind us to lean on Him, to seek strength in prayer, and to grow through adversity. As the Bible says in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

God's plan is also deeply personal. It's not a one-size-fits-all blueprint but a unique path tailored to each individual. Whether it's through relationships, careers, or acts of service, His plan unfolds in ways that align with our gifts and purpose. It's a reminder that we are all part of a larger story, interconnected and called to make a difference in the world.

Ultimately, embracing God's plan is about surrendering control and trusting in His timing. It's about finding peace in the unknown and joy in the journey. While we may not always understand the "why" behind life's events, faith assures us that we are never alone and that every step is leading us closer to the life we are meant to live.

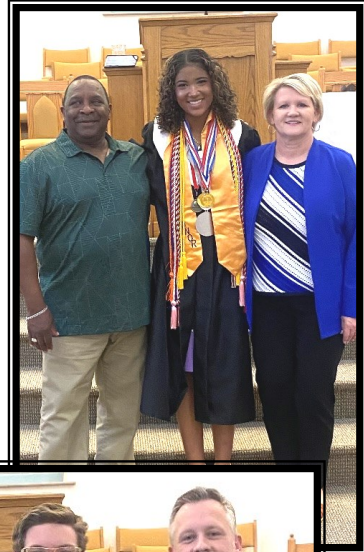
So, as you navigate your own path, remember: God's plan is not just about the destination—it's about the growth, love, and faith you cultivate along the way. Trust in Him, and let His plan guide you toward a life of purpose and fulfillment.

*Peace, love & joy, Donna*



## PHOTOS

# Congratulations Class of 2025!!



### GRADUATE RECOGNITION SERVICE ~ MAY 18

Jordan Mooney, John I. Burton High School  
Chloe Cantrell, John I. Burton High School  
Braden Hall, Central High School  
Luke Collie, Central High School

#### NOT PICTURED:

Jayda Hutchinson, John I. Burton High Sch.  
Dylan Luther, Eastside High School  
Ava Mullins, Central High School  
Emma Snodgrass, DPT. Medical Univ. of SC  
Ali Studemann, MBA, Radford University

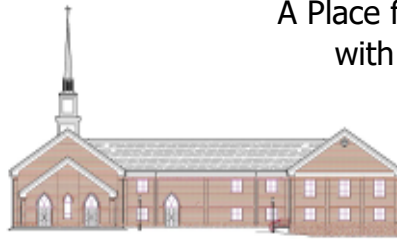


## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	5/18 - 5/24	Ruby Salyers, Jeff Elkins
	5/25 - 5/31	Stan Kunigelis, Debbie Collins
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	May	David & Sandy Mullins
	June	Debbie Collins
Children's Church	5/25	Jessica & Brandon Crutchfield
Offering Ushers	May	Ron Helton Team
	June	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	May	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	June	Martha Blackburn, Jessica Crutchfield
Wed. Night Meals	5/21	Tacos, Refried Beans, Rice
	5/28	Hamburger, Fries, Salad
Wed. Night Cook Teams	5/21	<u>Donna's Team:</u> Debbie Collins, Diane Cornett, Karen Ponish, Terry Winters
	5/28	<u>Don's Team:</u> the Deacons



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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## Thought for the Week:

*Be an encourager  
(not a discourager) of youth.*