

WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Mike Winters, Pastor
Donna Hutchinson, Music Director
Dr. Ray Jones, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

May 21, 2024

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family & Friends,

“Leave No Trace.” So says the motto of the National Park Service. Leave the beauty of nature as you found it. In other words, clean up your mess.

“Clean up your mess.” It is a message you grew up with. Not a bad idea for all of us to practice. Throughout life.

The Bible takes this a giant step further. It is more than just cleaning up our mess while we are in the world. **The Bible challenges us to leave the world better than we found it.**

Heaven is described as a place where there is no sin or sorrow. That means no human conflict. No sickness. No sadness. No poverty. Love, peace and joy all the time.

The theme of Jesus’ ministry was the Kingdom of God (or heaven). God’s kingdom refers to His rule. Jesus stepped it up. Heaven is the finished product.

We are not supposed to wait for the full wonders of heaven on the other side. We are called to bring heaven down to earth *now*.

In other words, leave the world better than we found it.

How? Notice the needs all around you. Help one person at a time. Do it together. With God’s help. Small steps add up. It makes a difference, more than you realize.

How can you start, today?

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Fellowship Meal
Wed, May 22, 6pm

Bible Study
Wed, May 22, 7pm

Choir Practice
Wed, May 22
7:45pm

Men’s Bible Study
Sat, May 25, 7-8am

Feast of Weeks
Wed, May 29, 6pm

Missions Yard Sale
May 31-June 1
The Rock

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DEACONS 2023 - 2024

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Jeff Cantrell	275-9427
Debbie Collins	393-3875
Jeff Elkins	393-5700
Butch Hutchinson	393-5008
Stan Kunigelis	870-2227
Lewey Lee	393-5370
David Mullins	870-0005
John Ponish	870-1593

Deacon Emeritus:
Bob Adkins

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deep Dive Into Scripture



April 1, 2024 -
March 31, 2025

Last year, we read the Bible through. This year, we will dive deep, by looking closely at smaller portions of scripture beginning with Genesis and going through Revelation.

Hope you can be a part of this journey! Please sign up on the Communication Card in your Sun. bulletin or let Pastor Mike know.

As you pray, please remember...



2024 graduates, Caitlin & Ethan Rousseau, Jane Hughes & Family, Emily Hersel, Susan Aker, Amanda Aker, Vicki Stephens, Mary Beth Adkins, Matt Meade, Morgan & Brandon Osborne, Martha Blackburn & Family, Emmett Kidd (Karen Ponish's dad), Cyrus Jones, Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Brian Plester (brother of Brenda Kunigelis), Jim Sturgill, Wanda Baird, Jim Dotson, John & Kathy Kennedy, Wendy Adrian & Family, 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).*



May 31 & June 1

DONATIONS accepted each
Sunday (through May 26)
immediately following worship.

You may also arrange to drop off items at
another time by appointment: contact Teresa
Adkins (276-393-0977) or Donna Hutchinson
(276-393-5004).

Mens Bible Study



*Men of all ages are
invited to join in an
informal time of Bible
Study & Coffee
each Saturday
morning...our next
Bible Study is...*

May 25

Fellowship Hall

7 - 8 am

DON'T MISS OUT!

*Wednesday ~ May 29 ~ 6:00pm
Feast of Weeks Celebration
Fellowship Hall*



Scripture for the Week:

Matthew 6:10

*"Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven."*

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Feast of Weeks

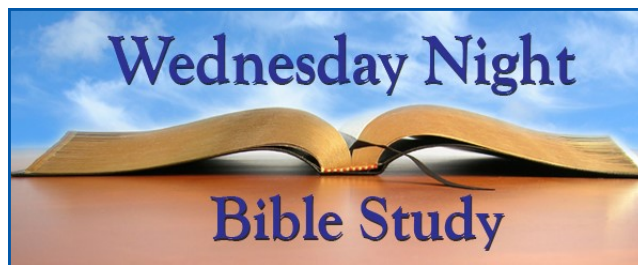
Join us on **Wednesday, May 29 at 6pm** as we once again celebrate the Feast of Weeks, which was celebrated by Jesus and is also referred to as the Feast of Pentecost.

Instead of our usual Wed. night fellowship meal & Bible study, we will be sharing a meal featuring dairy & grain dishes, similar to the one prepared by the Israelites in the Old Testament & is still prepared by Jewish families today to celebrate one of their three most holy festivals of the year.

The meal will be followed by a devotional time about the Feast of Weeks & its significance for us as Christians today.

* *It is very important to sign up as soon as possible for this event as it affects food preparation! You can sign up by notifying Donna Hutchinson or Terry Winters, or by using the Communication Card in your bulletin.*

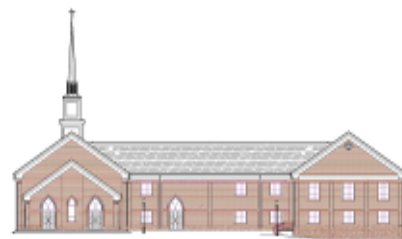
* *We can still use a few more cheesecakes or cream cheese pound cakes. Please let Donna know if you can make one of these for May 29.*



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

Join us each Wednesday evening for supper at 6pm & informal Bible Study with Pastor Mike at 7pm.

Sundays
10:00 am



THIS
SUMMER,
REMEMBER...

our Wise County Food Bank & WBC Grab-n-Go Ministries! Nonperishable items can be placed in the white containers by the elevator.

GRIEF SHARE®

Thursday MAY 23

6:00pm

Mt View Freewill Baptist Church

For info, contact Jim Collie:

276-393-1710

The Garden Club has placed a box for recycling in the Fellowship Hall

for clean plastic bags, etc.

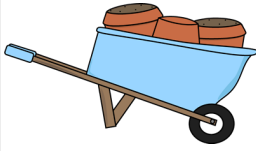
Please bring your plastic bags & other plastic wrappings.

Thank you!



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!



May 22

Jordan Owens
Courtney Makris
Ron Stephens

May 23
May 24

John Thacker
Grace Allio
Sarah Means

May 26
May 27

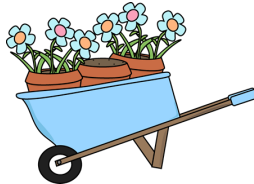
Charles Maine
Jorge Hersel
Jeremiah Johnson

May 28
May 29

Susan Pharoan
Angel Cox

May 30
June 2

Joshua Owens
Cyndi Newlon
Bill Sutherland



WBC Music Ministry

Pastor Mike's sermon this coming Sunday is from Psalm 137 and it got me to thinking about "homesickness" and the fact that we can all be homesick for home, for a time or even the future. Lately, I have been very "homesick" for my parents being with me and in good health. Can you relate? Are you missing someone that made you feel like you were "home"?

Psalm 137 captures the feelings of loss and yearning for their homeland, as well as a commitment to never forget Jerusalem. It's a powerful expression of faith and identity in the midst of adversity.

I was raised to be an independent person, to not get sucked into peer pressure and to be the true me. Sometimes, especially during my teen years, my parents regretted raising me this way, but by the time I married, had a child and began my professional career, they were proud that I was so independent. I was always proud of my Christian upbringing and my identity was formed around that fact.

Have I been disappointed in some things that I and others have done? Yes, but I am still grounded in the fact that Jesus is my Savior, my constant in this world that I am now living. Do I feel homesick for my parents, for my children being small, for Butch being in good health? You betcha, but I have Jesus Who strengthens me, cares for me, and will always be with me.

I hope you have that same feeling that Jesus is with you and watching out for you and will bring you through whatever may occur.

Joy, Peace and Love, Donna

Happy Anniversary!

May 21	Josh & Virginia Ebert
May 30	Bob & Teresa Adkins
May 31	Jim & Sherry Collie



Stewardship,

A Divine

Responsibility

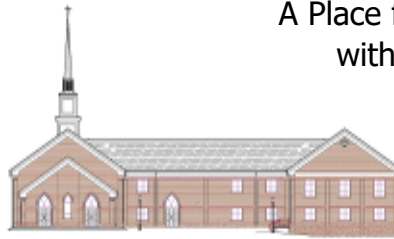
God is the Owner. We are the managers. We must oversee His

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

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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	5/19 - 5/25	Jeff Cantrell, Lewey Lee
	5/26 - 6/1	John Ponish, John Mark Adrian
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	May	Matt Meade
	June	Carolyn Strouth
Children's Church	5/26	Susie & Chad Blanton
	6/2	Cindy & Jeff Elkins
Offering Ushers	May	Jerry Baird Team
	June	Ron Helton Team
Tellers	May	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
	June	Jessica Crutchfield, Ruby Salyers
Wed. Night Meals	5/22	BBQ, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Chips
	5/29	Feast of Weeks
Wed. Serving Teams:	5/22	<u>Don's Team:</u> John Mark Adrian, Sheery Collie, David & Sandy Mullins, Cyndi Newlon
	5/29	<u>Volunteers</u> needed for set up & clean up



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd) Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	9:30 am
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

Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

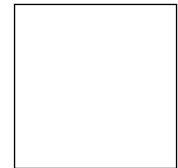
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Thought for the Week:

*Bring a little bit of heaven
to earth, now.*