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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF **WISE BAPTIST CHURCH**

May 7, 2024



Dear Church Family & Friends.

Who came up with the term, "Christian"? It seems logical to think that followers of lesus came up with it. Because they represented Christ. Turns out this idea is incorrect.

Acts 11:26 says, "The disciples [followers of Jesus] were called Christians first at Antioch." (This was after the great persecution scattered believers far and wide. The lesus movement was just picking up steam. It was also before Paul launched his three great missionary journeys, where he helped establish churches in many nations on several continents.)

It was unbelievers who came up with the name! "Christian" literally means "Christ in one". They saw Jesus alive in believers. So much so that they called them Christians.

Seeing Jesus living in believers is a big reason that people are drawn to Christian faith. So guess the number one obstacle to people coming to faith in Christ? People who claim to follow lesus, but do not live out their faith.

Let that sink in for a few moments...

What do unbelievers say about you, based on your behavior?

Love. Pastor Mike

How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

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

official membership

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Fellowship Meal Wed, May 8, 6pm

Bible Study Wed, May 8, 7pm

> Choir Practice Wed, May 8 7:45pm

Men's Bible Study Sat, May 11, 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

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

> Deacon Emeritus: **Bob Adkins**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

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



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 11
Fellowship Hall
7 - 8 am

As you pray, please remember...

Caitlin & Ethan Rousseau, Jane Hughes & Family, Emily Hersel, Susan Aker, Amanda Aker, Vicki Stephens, Mary Beth Adkins, Matt Meade, Morgan & Brandon Osborne, Martha Blackburn



Our Shut Ins: Andrew Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's dad) -Appalachia, VA

patients in our area, and our men & women in the military.

*If you know of other prayer concerns, please contact the church office (328-6247).

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Dennis Nofsinger who passed away on April 29.

Dennis was the Music Director at Wise Baptist from about 1977-1987.

Please keep his wife, Jeannie, and their family in your prayers.

Scripture for the Week: Acts 11:25-26

"Then he [Barnabas] went to Tarsus to search for Saul, and when he found him he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught large numbers, and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch."

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



Feast of Weeks

Join us on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>May 29 at 6pm</u> 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 similar to the one prepared by the Israelites in the Old Testament & is still prepared by Jewish families today to celebrate one of their 3 most holy festivals of the year.

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



Each year, Wise Baptist Church looks forward to celebrating our graduates—high school, college, grad school! If you know of



anyone in our church family who is graduating, please notify Terry Winters at 276-870-2712 or tllwinters@gmail.com

Thank you!

Dear Wise Baptist family, Thank you for showing us great love always!

> In Christ, Rob & Connie Albright

Sunday,
April 14...
Piper
Dutton &
Isabella
Adrian are
learning
the books of
the New
Testament
by playing
hopscotch!





Sunday, April 28... Pastor Mike & Jeff Baylor

Pastor
Mike is no
longer the
ONLY one
with a pink
sports coat!

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!

May 7 Lin Allio

May 8 Susie Clasby

Rachel Helton

Sarah Helton

Rudolfo Yanez

May 9 Rosemarie Boyle

May 10 Susan Aker Duncan

May 12 Joe Powers

Jack Tolbert

May 13 Dalton Hopkins

May 16 Virginia Ebert
May 17 Celeste Smith

May 18 John Bridges





Stewardship,

A Divine

Responsibility

God is the Owner. We are the managers. We must over-

see <u>His</u> assets for <u>His</u> benefit. Our prayer is for discernment of what God wants done with <u>His</u> assets and then carry out <u>His</u> 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 <u>Wise Baptist Church</u>, 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



Mother's Day is upon us this coming weekend and while I was at my camper I was thinking that this is the second Mother's Day I will celebrate without my mother. I miss her every day, but I do have the assurance of knowing where she is residing today.

I was so very fortunate to have been raised in a loving family, but beyond that, in a wonderful church family. I had so very many women who treated me as their own and loved me, corrected me and taught me how to be a woman of God.

I will forever be thankful for them – Shirley Campbell, Irene Black, Donna Raines (Renee's mother), Dot Graham, Mary Haynes and others. These women were my Sunday School teachers, neighbor women, Acteens leader, friends' mothers and were so involved in most of my childhood and teenage activities. Many of these women are now with Jesus, but a few are still living and I try to keep up-to-date on their wellbeing and make phone calls and/or visits. I have thanked them all for what they did for me during my formative years. I know for a fact that I added to the gray hairs that now cover their heads and I'm really sorry that I gave them worries.

Since these women gave so much of themselves for me, I try to pass that along to my children's friends and acquaintances. I want them to KNOW for a fact that I love them and that I do so because Jesus lives within me. As the song from the late 60's and early 70's goes, "I want to pass it on".

Joy, Peace and Love, Donna



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
B = Birthday A = Anniversary	If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247		l 6pm - POTLUCK 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Prac B - Brie Trick		3	7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall
5 8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Chur - Communion A - Lloyd & Carlie Tomlin		7 B - Lin Allio	8 6pm - Fellowship I 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Pra B - Susie Clasby B - Rachel Helton B - Sarah Helton B - Rudolfo Yanez		IO B - Susan Aker Duncan	B - Lavont Calvert 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall
12 Happy Mother's Bay! 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Messa B - Joe Powers	13 Caring Friends, 9:30am	14	I 5 6pm - Fellowship M 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Prad	eal Laurels	17	18 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall
B - Jack Tolbert 19 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church	B - Dalton Hopkins 20 Piecemakers, 9:30am	21	22 6pm - Fellowship M 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Prac B - Jordan Owens B - Ron Stephens		B - Celeste Smith 24 B - Grace Allio	B - John Bridges 25 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall
B - Khaleesi Criswell 26 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church	27 Caring Friends, 9:30am	A - Josh & Virginia Ebert 28	B - Courtney Makris 29 6:00pm Feast of Weeks Celebration Fellowship Hall	B - John Thacker 30	B - Sarah Means 31 MISSIONS YARD	SALE at the ROCK
B - Charles Maine	B - Jorge Hersel B - Jeremiah Johnson	B - Susan Pharoan	B - Angel Cox	B - Josh Owens A - Bob & Teresa Adkin	s A - Jim & Sherry Coll	e

Volunteers this Week					
Deacons On Call	5/5 - 5/11	Lewey Lee, David Mullins			
	5/12 - 5/18	Debbie Collins, Jeff Elkins			
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass			
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith			
Sunday School Greeters	May	Matt Meade			
	June	Carolyn Strouth			
Children's Message	5/12	Terry Winters			
Children's Church	5/19	Wendy & John Mark Adrian			
Offering Ushers	May	Jerry Baird Team			
	June	Ron Helton Team			
Tellers	May	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth			
	June	Jessica Crutchfield, Ruby Salyers			
Wed. Night Meals	5/8	Meatloaf, Baked Potatoes,			
		Green Beans, Salad, Rolls			
	5/15	Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread			
Wed. Serving Teams:	5/8	Teresa's Team: Linda Burgess,			
		Eileen Cantrell, John Ponish,			
		Susan Smith			
	5/15	Donna's Team: Debbie			
		Collins, Susan Mullins, Karen			
		Ponish, Terry Winters			



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES						
Sunday	Sunday School Worship	10:00 am 11:00 pm				
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd) Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	9:30 am				
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal Bible Study Choir Practice	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 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:

Does your Christian faith draw others closer to Jesus?