

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

November 19, 2024



*Dear Church Family & Friends,*

It is hard to keep focused on important things when we are in the middle of a crisis.

In December of 1943, the world was ablaze with World War II. It was still unclear how it was going to turn out. The top 3 leaders of the Allied nations met. Stalin of the Soviet Union, Churchill of England and Roosevelt of the United States.

One purpose for their meeting was to continue to press the war effort, together. Another reason was their hopes for maintaining peace after the war. Amazing! They were in a life and death struggle in the moment. But they were able to look beyond the present and plan for the future. It was a future where they hoped nations would find ways to work together and avoid the horrors of war.

The prophet Isaiah paints a beautiful picture. It is about a day when the nations will “beat their swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks; nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.” (Isaiah 2:4)

That is a day when the Kingdom of God, which Jesus set in motion, will be completely fulfilled! Don’t get lost in conflict which may surround you. Keep your focus on making the Kingdom of God more real every day to the world around you.

*Love, Pastor Mike*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Wed. Fellowship Meal**  
Wed, Nov. 20, 6:00pm

**No Activities**  
Wed, Nov. 27

**Advent begins!**  
Sun, Dec. 1, 11:00am

**Town Tree Lighting**  
Mon, Dec. 2, 6:00pm  
(WBC Handbells will be playing)

**Christmas Cantata**  
Sun, Dec. 15, 7pm

**Annual Christmas Dinner**  
Wed, Dec. 18, 6pm

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## DEACONS 2024 - 2025

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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

### 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

## WBC TIMELINE

1899 → 2024

**Is your name on the  
Wise Baptist TIMELINE?**

Be sure to check out the church timeline posted on the hall wall near the kitchen door! There are watercolor markers available, so you can add your name & when you first started coming to Wise Baptist.



Christmas

**Special Events.....!**

**Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 11:00 am**

*Jesse Tree, Advent Candles*

**Dec. 2, 6:00pm**

*Handbells at Town Tree Lighting*

**Dec. 15, 7:00 pm**

*Christmas Cantata*

**Dec. 18, 6:00 pm**

*Annual Christmas Dinner*

**Dec. 22, 9:30 am**

*Christmas Breakfast & Film  
(no Sunday School)*

**Dec. 24, 11:00 pm**

*Candlelight Communion Service*

*As you pray, please remember...*



Brenda Lee, Jamie Hopkins, Hallie Chinault, Ray Jones, Donna Raines, Phil Henry, John & Kathy Kennedy, Jordan Joseph (grandson of Virginia Ebert), Jim Sturgill, Natalie Luther, Billie Harris, Paula Dobis & Family, Vicki Stephens, Lala Baylor & Family, Robert Price & Family, Brandon Winters, Rachel Weller & Family, Rick Meade, those affected by Hurricane Helene & Hurricane Milton, Jim & June Dotson, Cyrus Jones, Karen Ponish & Family, Wanda Baird, 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).



**Scripture  
for the Week:**

***Isaiah 2:4***

*"He will settle disputes among the nations and provide arbitration for many peoples. They will turn their swords into plows and their spears into pruning knives. Nations will not take up the sword against other nations, and they will never again train for war."*

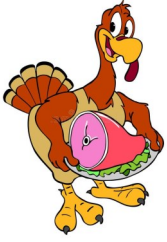
**Laurels Ministry**

Thursday, November 21

1:30pm

\*Meet at the Laurels

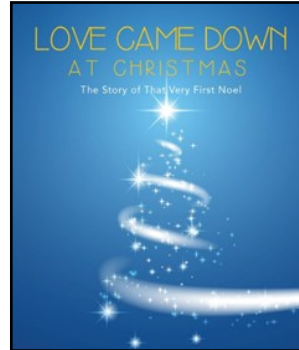
## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC



### *Happy Birthday!*

November 20 Caitlin Rousseau  
November 21 Dwight Jones  
November 22 Daniel Ray  
November 23 Dan Helton  
November 28 T. Ray Maine

### *WBC Music Ministry*



*Christmas Cantata*  
*Sunday*  
*December 15*  
*7:00 pm*

The cantata is coming together and you won't believe how FABULOUS it sounds! Love Came Down at Christmas is a 30-minute musical and 36 of us have been working hard to learn and feel the music. Wise Baptist has such a good and faithful choir, and we thought it would be good to invite other churches that don't have choirs, but have some great singers, to join us.

This year, we have eight (8) different churches represented: WBC, Norton-FBC, Coeburn-FBC, Freedom of Worship Church, Pound Presbyterian, Trinity United Methodist Church, Glamorgan Chapel and Pennington Gap UMC.

We began practicing in September and added our instrumentalists this past Sunday and it is sounding amazing. The songs are so varied and different from very reflective songs to praise and worship hymns. Some songs will be familiar and some are entirely new, written for this specific cantata.

With all of the churches participating, we will be offering the cantata three different times on December 15, 2024; 11:00 am worship time at FBC-Norton, at 2:30 pm in Coeburn at the FBC and then again here in our sanctuary at 7:00 pm in the evening, followed by a reception.

If you have someone that you know that is "on the fence" about attending church, this is a great time to invite them to come with you. It's non-threatening and there is food involved.

*Joy, peace & love, Donna*



**Directed by Dallas Jenkins  
of "The Chosen"**



### *Stewardship, A Divine Responsibility*

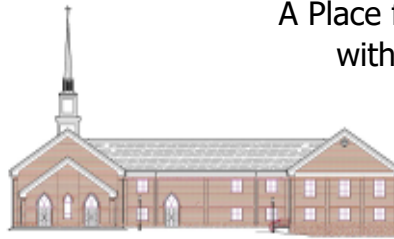
God is the Owner. We are the managers. We must oversee His assets for His benefit. Our prayer is for discernment of what God wants done with His assets and then carry out His will. May we all at Wise Baptist Church give abundantly, sacrificially, and joyfully.

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	11/17 - 11/23	Ron Helton, Stan Kunigelis
	11/24 - 11/30	Lewey Lee, David Mullins
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	November	David & Sandy Mullins
	December	Ashlee Taylor
Children's Message	11/24	Terry Winters
Children's Church	12/1	Karen & John Ponish
Offering Ushers	November	Ron Helton Team
	December	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	November	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
	December	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
Wed. Night Meals	11/20	Soups, Sandwiches, Salad
	11/27	No Activities
Wed. Night Cook Teams	11/20	<u>Donna's Team</u> : Debbie Collins, Trish Folds-Bennett, Susan Mullins, Karen Ponish
		No Activities

### WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 pm
	Christmas Cantata Rehearsal	6:30 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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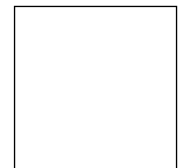
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### Thought for the Week:

*Focus on making the Kingdom of  
God real to the world.*