

# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dr. Ray Jones, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

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A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



*Dear Church Family & Friends,*

Perspective. It can be hard to get. But without it, you get lost. Caught up and consumed in the moment(s). Especially in this political season.

The Bible offers life-giving perspective. Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Revelation 22:20 says, "Come, Lord Jesus." All history is sandwiched between those verses.

The love of God, demonstrated in the Cross of Jesus, captures the heart of the Bible's message. It is harder to live that when emotions run high. But all the more important.

Aren't you glad we don't vote on God being King of the Universe every four years?

"I am the Alpha and Omega", says the Lord God, "Who is and was, and Who is to come, the Almighty". (Revelation 1:8)

*Love, Pastor Mike*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Fellowship Meal**  
Wed, Sept. 11, 6pm

**Christmas Cantata Rehearsal**  
Sun, Sept. 15, 6:30pm

**Church-Wide Clean-Up Day**  
Sat, Sept. 28  
8am-4pm

**5th, 6th, 7th Grade Bible Presentation**  
Sun, Sept. 29, 11am

**Deadline for turning in OLD PHOTOS**  
Mon, Sept. 30

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## DEACONS 2023 - 2024

Jeff Cantrell	275-9427
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:

### 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



*Congratulations to Kara & Dalton & big brother, Halen, on the birth of **Bohen Charlie Parker** on September 5! Proud grandparents are Marty & Rose Kennedy!*



## New Hearing Assist Devices Available for Worship!

*We now have new Hearing Assist Devices available for anyone that has need. We have ordered 12 devices so everyone will be able to have their own unit. If you are presently are wearing hearing aids as I do, but still have difficulty hearing, we will have headsets that will go over your hearing aids that provide an additional sound boost.*

*If you would like to use a Hearing Assist Device during worship, please let me or Oscar Raile know, or just come to the sound booth before worship.*

*Kind Regards, David Mullins*

### NEW ADDRESS:

Shirley Willis  
330 Clairemont Lane  
Apt. 321  
Crozet, VA 22932



*As you pray, please remember...*



Carlie Tomlinson, Cyrus Jones, Karen Ponish & Family, Natalie Luther, Jim Collie, Vicki Stephens, Wanda Baird, John & Amy Bridges & Family, Donna Hutchinson & Family, Martha Blackburn, Family of Nancy Baugh, Shirley Willis, Billy & Teresa Glines & Family, Jane Hughes & Family, Matt Meade, Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Lorna Wherry & Brian Plester (siblings of Brenda Kunigelis), Jim Sturgill, Jim Dotson, John & Kathy Kennedy, Rev. Michael Weller, Brenda Lee, Mike Smith's sister Lynn, Beth Snodgrass, 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).*

**OCTOBER 27**

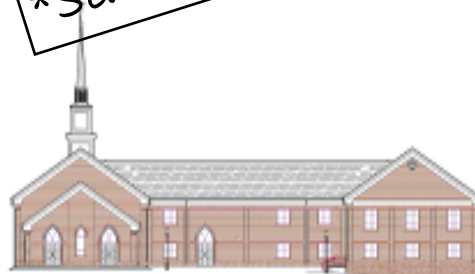
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
WISE BAPTIST!**



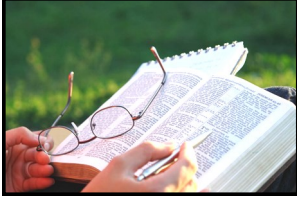
**WISE BAPTIST is celebrating its  
125th Anniversary!!**

Activities will culminate with a special worship service on **OCTOBER 27**. More details to follow!

*\*Save the date!*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Scripture for the Week:

#### Revelation 1:8

*“I am the Alpha and the Omega,’  
says the Lord God, ‘the One who is,  
who was, and who is coming,  
the Almighty.’ ”*



**SATURDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 28!**

**8am - 4pm**

All hands on deck! We hope to spruce up Wise Baptist, inside & outside, for our coming 125th Anniversary Celebration in October! Contact John Ponish if you have availability that day or sign up on the Communication Card in your Sun. bulletin.



What a sunset!  
Thank you to Donna Hutchinson for taking a minute to capture this beautiful sunset over Wise on Sunday!

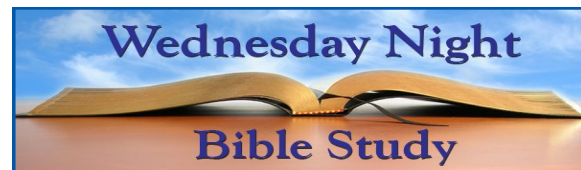
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**Growing in Christ Together**

Join us each Sunday morning at 10am as we study Scripture, share prayer requests, encourage each other & laugh together.



### *Bible Presentation for 5th, 6th, 7th Graders*

*Join us as we celebrate our 5th, 6th and 7th Graders on Sunday, Sept. 29 during morning worship. Each youth will be given a study Bible with their name engraved on it. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall!*



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

Come on out on Wednesday evenings for supper at 6pm & an informal Bible Study with Pastor Mike at 7pm.

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

### *Happy Birthday!*

September 14	Cliff Carson Jeremy Dotson Pam Hersel
September 15	Kathy Dotson
September 17	Wendy Adrian
September 18	Shane Mullins
September 19	Bob Adkins
September 21	Marty Adkins

### *Happy Anniversary!*

September 17	Sam & Cindi Farmer Randy & Carol Miller
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### *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*

### *WBC Music Ministry*



Mike's sermon this coming week is on the "Crowded Heart" and since seeing his sermon title, it has really got me thinking about how crowded my life has become and how I can condense and eliminate many of those things by being thoughtful about my commitments.

A crowded heart is one that is overwhelmed by the cares of this world. Jesus addressed this issue in the Parable of the Sower, where He described seeds falling among thorns, which choked the plants, preventing them from bearing fruit (Matthew 13:22). The thorns represent the worries of life and the deceitfulness of wealth, which can crowd out the word of God from our hearts.

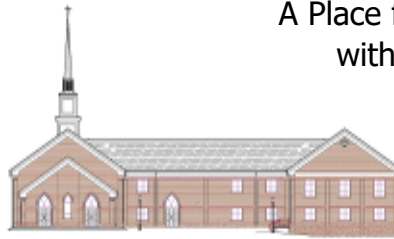
Do you have constant anxiety and stress that can indicate that our hearts are too focused on worldly concerns or are feeling distant from God and are struggling to find joy in spiritual practices or even having difficulty concentrating during prayer, Bible study, or worship services?

To overcome this, we need to eliminate those things that are causing us stress, but we also need to prioritize time with God. Make it a goal to set aside dedicated time each day for prayer and Bible reading. This should help refocus our hearts on what truly matters. We also need to remember that God cares for us and is ultimately in control. Trust in God and He can alleviate the burden of worry.

In doing so, we can experience the peace and joy that comes from a heart fully devoted to Him.

*Joy, peace & love, Donna*

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### Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	9/8 - 9/14	Debbie Collins, Ruby
	9/15 - 9/21	Matt Meade, Stan Kunigelis
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	September	Billy & Teresa Glines
	October	Matt Meade
Children's Church	9/15	Jennifer & Cub Mullins
	9/22	Cindy & Jeff Elkins
Offering Ushers	September	Ron Helton Team
	October	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	September	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	October	Martha Blackburn, Jessica Crutchfield
Wed. Night Meals	9/11	Meatloaf, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans
	9/18	Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread
Wed. Night Cook Teams	9/11	<u>Teresa's Team</u> : Linda Burgess, Trisha Folds-Bennett, Toni Thacker, Ann Wade
	9/18	<u>Donna's Team</u> : Debbie Collins, Billy & Teresa Glines, Susan Mullins, Karen Ponish, Terry Winters

### 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

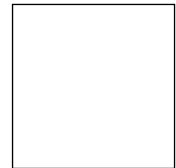
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### Thought for the Week:

*Find perspective in the Bible.*