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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

April 8, 2025

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family & Friends,

Jesus says, "Be perfect, therefore as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:48). Perfection. It is an impossible standard. What do you do about it?

Does God expect perfection? If it is impossible to meet, then you will constantly be frustrated. And discouraged about your faith journey.

A better way to understand what the Bible means here is maturity. Full-grown. An ear of corn is never perfect. When you buy a fresh ear of corn, do you expect perfection? Where every kernel is perfectly shaped? Of course not. Perfection just means mature. Full-grown. That is your goal.

Therefore, it is not about making zero mistakes. It does mean, "Are you growing? Maturing in your faith?" God does expect that. That is a necessary and reachable goal.

How can you position yourself so you are most likely to keep maturing in your faith? It will help you better represent Jesus to the world.

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

*Fellowship Meal
Wed, April 9, 6pm*

*Bible Study
Wed, April 9, 7pm*

*Choir Practice
Wed, April 9, 7:30pm*

**THE CHOSEN:
SEASON 5**
*Episodes 6-8 in theaters
April 11*

*Good Friday Service
Friday, April 18, 7pm*

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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



Easter 2025

What a great time to invite friends, neighbors & loved ones to Wise Baptist! Join us as we celebrate that **Jesus is ALIVE!**

April 13

PALM SUNDAY
Palms Processional ~ 11am

April 18

GOOD FRIDAY
Creative Time of Worship ~ 7pm

April 20

EASTER SUNDAY
Flowering the Cross ~ 10-11am
Worship ~ 11am

As you pray, please remember...



Ray & Jennifer Spenilla, 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).



Theater Release Dates for
"The Chosen", Season 5
April 11 (Episodes 6, 7, 8)

If you are interested in attending with others, please call the church office or contact Pastor Mike.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 18, 7:00 pm

Experience the power of Good Friday in a personal way this year! Join us for a creative worship service in the Fellowship

Hall at 7:00pm on April 18.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations!

to several of our Wise Baptist family!

Madison Luther & Natalie Luther

2nd in the State Forensics Competition
for "Serious Duo"

Mary Beth Adkins

2024 Wise County Chamber of Commerce
Distinguished Service Award

Bob Adkins

2024 Wise County Chamber of Commerce
Citizen of the Year Award

Wednesday Night

Bible Study

...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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Growing in Christ
Together

Make new friends & join old friends for
Bible study & fellowship each
Sunday morning at 10am!

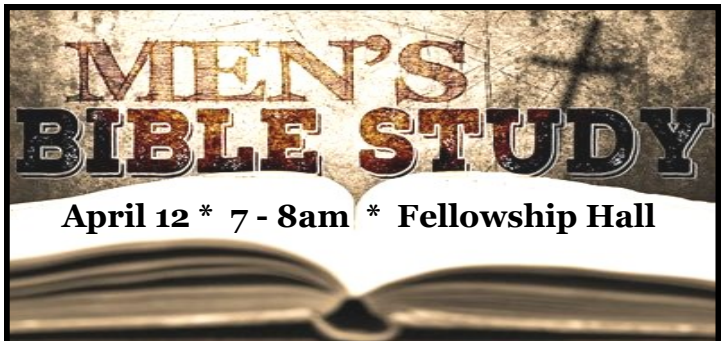


* The class meets at noon in the first floor
classroom next to the church offices & is
being taught by Stan Kunigelis, Cindy & Jeff
Elkins. Lunch is being provided each week
by various individuals.
Friends are welcome!

College
Bible
Study

SUNDAYS at 12

**Lunch (provided)
+
Bible Study!**



"Let the beauty
of the
our God be
upon us:"
Psalm 90:17, NKJV

This Week's
Scripture
Matthew 5:48

*"Be perfect, therefore, as your Heavenly
Father is perfect."*

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!

April 10 Sandy Mullins
April 11 Ray Cekalla
Carol Miller
Karen Ponish
Ray Spenilla
April 12 Sunny Kennedy
April 13 Jeff Cantrell
Stan Kunigelis
Hollyn Mullins
April 14 Lillianah Sweeny
April 15 Jaylea Eversole
April 18 Kate Kunigelis



Happy Anniversary!

David & Sandy Mullins April 10
Ron & Vicki Stephens April 13



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



On Sunday, the choir sang a song called "Then Came the Morning". It was written from the point of view of Jesus' followers after His death on the cross. The first verse is about His disciples and the second verse is from His mother, Mary's point of view. It features the star, the Magi, the wedding and water to wine, then Him being taken and how she had watched Him die on the cross, but somehow, she knew in her heart that He would live again.

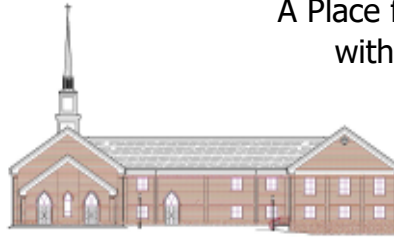
Have you ever really considered how Mary, his Mother, the chosen one of God, suffered right along with her Son? Most of us are parents and to watch our child be convicted of something we know for certain that they are not guilty of and then put to death in such a public, horrendous way must have been excruciating. Then, while on the cross, Jesus made sure that His mother was taken care of after He was gone. What must she have thought? Did she know that He would live again? Had God given her insight into this? Did she know that He would be raised from the dead? Did she think God had abandoned her and His own Son?

I have spent many hours contemplating this lately. Even if God had told her what was to happen, did she remember it during her time of grief, did she understand the reason why? I have read and studied and talked to God about this very thing. I have found that throughout Jesus' life, He taught His mother and other family members, as well as His disciples, about different things, even things that would occur in God's time. His mother did not go with the other women to the tomb on the third day, was it because she knew He would no longer be among the dead? That is real faith!

I would like to say that I have the faith of Mary (wouldn't we all like to think that), but as hard as I strive, I am not there yet. Join me as we strengthen our faith so that we can walk our road of life with the faith of Mary.

Love to you all, Donna

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	4/6 - 4/12	Ron Helton, Matt Meade
	4/13 - 4/19	Jeff Elkins, Ron Helton
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	April	John Mark & Isabella Adrian
Children's Church	4/13	Susie & Chad Blanton
Offering Ushers	April	Jeff Dotson Team
	May	Ron Helton Team
Tellers	April	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
	May	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Wed. Night Meals	4/9	Soup Beans, Kraut, Weiners Baked Chicken, Beans, Salad
	4/16	
Wed. Night Cook Teams	4/9	<u>Teresa's Team:</u> Linda Burgess, Susan Smith, Toni Thacker, Ann Wade, Terry Winters
	4/16	<u>Donna's Team:</u> Debbie Collins, Diane Cornett, Trish Folds-Bennett, Susan Mullins, Karen Ponish



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

Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

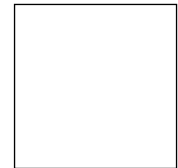
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Thought for the Week:

*"Perfect" means:
continuing spiritual growth.*