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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

March 18, 2025

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family & Friends,

Remember when you learned to drive? What advice did you receive? "Check your mirrors. Check fuel gauge. Be aware of surroundings. Drive according to weather conditions." Etc., etc.

I was told to keep my eyes in the center of my lane. Otherwise, I would drift toward wherever I was looking.

Think of life as having three lanes. **Your lane** (right lane). **Shared lane** (center lane). Sometimes, we need to share lanes. **Others' lane** (left lane). It is important to **stay in your lane**.

The temptation in life is to look more at others' lanes than yours. If you do, what will happen? How can you get back in your lane? Be aware of "traffic" in other lanes with your peripheral vision, while focusing on your lane.

The Apostle Paul says to keep our minds on these thoughts (lanes). Focus on whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent or praiseworthy. (Philippians 4:8-9)

Figure out your lane. Stay in it. It will improve your life.

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Fellowship Meal
Wed, Mar. 19, 6pm

Bible Study
Wed, Mar. 19, 7pm

Choir Practice
Wed, Mar. 19, 7:30pm

THE CHOSEN:
SEASON 5
Episodes 1, 2, 3 in
theaters Mar. 27

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DEACONS 2024 - 2025

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:
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



Theater Release Dates:

March 27 (Episodes 1, 2, 3)

April 3 (Episodes 4, 5, 6)

April 10 (Episodes 7, 8)

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

As you pray, please remember...



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).



*Congratulations,
Holly Cline!*

Holly, daughter of Megan Moody & granddaughter of Roger Viers was just promoted to Chief of Staff of the Virginia Department of Corrections! We celebrate with Holly, Megan, and Roger!



For those who have taken stained glass classes with me in the past, would you be willing to dig your tool boxes out of the closet and loan them to the WBC for use by our College Student Class? They will begin a simple angel project at the end of March.

Many thanks, Stan Kunigelis

This Week's
Scripture
Matthew 20:16



[Jesus said,] "So the last will be first, and the first last."

Wednesday Night

Bible Study

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!

March 18 Dylan Luther
March 21 Pat Adkins
March 26 Chloe Cantrell
March 28 Ashley Farmer
Christi Lardieri
Isabella Lardieri
March 29 Matt Collins
Matthew Mullins



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."

*WBC
Music Ministry*



In my continuing article on why churches are losing their dominance in society, we covered *With Our Words* and *Complaining, Entitlement, Short-Sightedness, Self-absorption* and *Judging*. This week, we are talking about *Unrealistic Expectations of Our Leaders, People Pleasing* and *Pew Warming*.

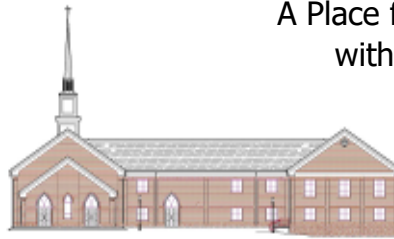
Unrealistic Expectations of Our Leaders Our pastors and ministry leaders are expected to do all things within the church and that is just not realistic. The pastors/leaders can't be everything to everyone. Most pastors, whether full-time or part-time, put in more hours in their "work week" than any of us have ever done on our jobs. They are expected to be in the office from 9-5 Monday thru Friday, visit the sick, answer phone calls, visit families in the community, invite people to their homes, take care of the church building, serve on every committee, meet with other pastors in the community, take part in community events, and the list continues. In addition to these administrative duties, they are expected to have a new and exciting Bible study, post articles on social media and have a dynamic sermon on Sunday mornings. All of these things are expected by church members and are in fact, a part of the job, but pastors are people too, with lives outside of the church like we all have. They have families and obligations to not only God, but to others. We should pray continuously for our leaders that God will direct them on the right path, not on the path we would choose them to travel.

People Pleasing Do we do things within our church to make us look good or to try to appease others in our church? Do we attempt to do too much or too little? Do we look to others for the gratification instead of God? When we serve because of God's prompting, He will ignite us and lead us and give us the ability to complete the assignment. If we just take it upon ourselves without God's prompting, we are tempting burn-out and failure. That doesn't mean that when called upon, we should decline, but that we seek God's prompting before accepting.

Pew Warming We all have spiritual gifts. God has told us we have spiritual gifts and we need to learn what those gifts are and use them. If you aren't sure what your gifts are, there are many places that you can go to on the web to determine exactly what your gifts are. Do you like to sing? Are you an organizer? Leader? Teacher? Get involved. God wants you to be active in your church; He wants you to connect with others; He wants you to live your life fully, and serving His kingdom is a large part of that. Don't just come to worship on Sunday and warm your pew, reach out and warm your heart to what God is asking you to do.

Love to you all, Donna

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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	3/16 - 3/22	Lewey Lee, David Mullins
	3/23 - 3/29	Ruby Salyers, Jeff Elkins
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	March	Jeff & Cindy Elkins
	April	John Mark & Isabella Adrian
Children's Church	3/23	Lisa Blankenbecler, Betty Dotson
	3/30	Martha Blackburn, Abbey Lancaster
Offering Ushers	March	Ron Helton Team
	April	Jeff Dotson
Tellers	March	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
Wed. Night Meals	3/19	Chicken Casserole, Veggies, Mac & Cheese, Salad
	3/26	Hamburger, Fries, Salad
Wed. Night Cook Teams	3/12	<u>Donna's Team:</u> Debbie Collins, Diane Cornett, Trish Folds-Bennett, Susan Mullins, Karen Ponish
		<u>Don's Team:</u> Deacons



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

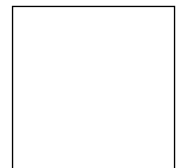
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Thought for the Week:

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