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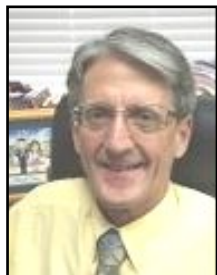
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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

March 25, 2025

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family & Friends,

A comment made to me recently caught my attention. I was at a conference for a couple of days. One young participant spoke to me. He ended with the phrase...“someone of your age”. With a smile on my face, I said, “I must have left my wheelchair in my room.” But that was not the end of the story...

During our free time at the conference, I saw him walking. While I was running... As I passed by him, I said, “How is it going?” I may have even picked up the pace for a few moments. I showed him, I had a bit more energy than he may have thought. Ah, the small triumphs in life!

The bigger question is, “Where do you get your energy for the day?” For life? Is it morning coffee, Red Bull, Mountain Dew, etc.?

The prophet Isaiah says, “those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Fellowship Meal
Wed, Mar. 26, 6pm

Bible Study
Wed, Mar. 26, 7pm

Choir Practice
Wed, Mar. 26, 7:30pm

THE CHOSEN:
SEASON 5
Episodes 1-2 in
theaters Mar. 28

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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 28 (Episodes 1, 2)

April 4 (Episodes 3, 4, 5)

April 11 (Episodes 6, 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).

College Bible Study **SUNDAYS at 12**
Lunch (provided)
+ Bible Study!

* 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.



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
Isaiah 40:31



“but those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint.”



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Thank You!

We would like to thank the church family for all the love and support shown to us not only during Dad's illness, but also at the time of his memorial.

We appreciate everyone who provided such a wonderful fellowship meal for us to enjoy. Our family will always cherish Wise Baptist Church and the many friends and memories we made over the years. Mom and Dad loved all of you so much, and so do we.

*With much gratitude,
Amy Bridges
Dwight Jones
and families*

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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

March 29 * 7 - 8am * Fellowship Hall



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

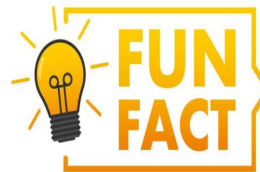
PALM SUNDAY
Palms Processional ~ 11am

April 18

GOOD FRIDAY
Creative Time of Worship ~ 7pm

April 20

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



*Stan Kunigelis shares
a fun fact...*

*Wise Baptist has had
18 pastors during its history
(1899-2025)!*

Judge George W. Kilgore

Rev. J.C. Shipe

Rev. Frank Fuller

Rev. J.F. Cook

Rev. J.B. Thomas

Rev. Robert Riley

Rev. J. Ernest Wrenn

Rev. C.C. Perry

Rev. Carey L. Steele

Rev. R.L. Chadwick

Rev. Richard E. Plyer

Rev. Lynn Dickerson

Rev. Bob F. Smith

Rev. Raymond Allen

Rev. Jerry Welch

Rev. Herschel L. Wright, Jr.

Dr. Ray Jones, Jr.

Rev. Mike Winters

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!

March 26 Chloe Cantrell

March 28 Ashley Farmer

Christi Lardieri

Isabella Lardieri

March 29 Matt Collins

Matthew Mullins

April 1 Cory Farmer

April 2 Frank Bellamy

April 5 Holly Cline



Happy Anniversary!

Marty & MaryBeth Adkins March 14

Jeff & Gail Kiser April 2



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



I was struggling with what to write about for this week's newsletter and Mike knocked on my door and was showing me a book that Stan had lent him about "doubts". We discussed it for a while and really came to no real conclusion. Religious scholars have argued, studied, and written about doubts throughout the centuries. Scientists have done the same thing.

Our Bible says that the earth was created in 7 days and I do believe that, but do I really think it was done in 7 of our days? That's really doubtful, but is probably correct in God's timing of 7 days. I'm sure God does not go by our calendar; therefore, he doesn't go by our clock with 60 seconds in every hour and 24 hours in every day.

I question why Jesus had to die, but then again, I do accept that He did and that it was required. I question how science and religion have such vast differences in creation, but I do believe God did create our world. I don't really need to know how it was done, because I'm sure I couldn't understand all of the science. Did God really create a woman out of a man's rib? I've got a lot more bones than a rib in my body, but I think that was just a metaphor. Again, I don't understand lots of things about how the body works, but I believe that it does work. I'm living proof that it works!

Do I believe that marching around a city wall and blowing a trumpet made the walls crumble? Not really, but I do believe that since Joshua believed that God would make it happen, it happened, not by man, but by God.

Do I question and doubt things that are told to me in the Bible? What "translation" of the Bible is the right one? Is the KJV the one and only true Bible? Jesus didn't speak in King James' English, so I'm guessing that some man or men had to translate it out of Hebrew or Aramaic into English back in the 1600s. Did they get it perfect? Probably not!

Even though I have my doubts about things of God, I still believe that He is the one true God, He sent a part of Himself to this earth to live a perfect life and that He died on the cross to redeem my sins and your sins, if you only will accept Him and try to emulate Him in your daily living.

Do you have doubts? The best way to answer those doubts is to talk about them.....in Sunday School, with our pastor, with other Christian friends, or by reading books written about those same doubts. Doubting does not mean you are not a "good" Christian, it means that you have human thoughts and are trying to understand.

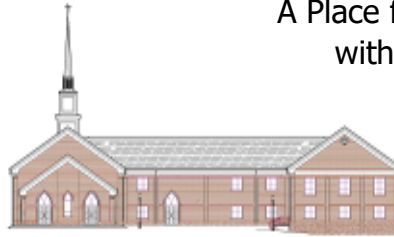
Love to you all, Donna



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>B = Birthday A = Anniversary</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</p>	<p>1</p> <p>B - Cory Farmer</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6pm - POTLUCK Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Frank Bellamy A - Jeff & Gail Kiser</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>“The Chosen”: SEASON 5! Episodes 3 - 5</p> <p>A - Marty & Mary Beth Adkins</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Holly Cline</p>
<p>6</p> <p>8:30am - Deacons' Mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Message - Communion 12pm - College Bible Study + Lunch</p> <p>B - Henley Greene B - Don Newlon</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Alex Maine</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>APRIL 11: B - Ray Cekalla B - Carol Miller B - Karen Ponish B - Ray Spenilla</p> <p>B - Sandy Mullins A - David & Sandy Mullins</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>“The Chosen”: SEASON 5! Episodes 6 - 8</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p><i>Senior Ladies Tea</i> Winters' Home</p> <p>B - Sunny Kennedy</p>
<p>13</p>  <p>10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship / Palm Processional - Children's Church 12pm - College Bible Study + Lunch</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>APRIL 13: B - Jeff Cantrell B - Stan Kunigelis B - Hollyn Mullins A - Ron & Vicki Stephens</p>	<p>15</p> <p>B - Jaylea Eversole</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>B - Kate Kunigelis</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>APRIL 20: B - Billy Glines B - Hudson Rousseau</p>
<p>20</p>  <p>10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Piecemakers, 9:30am</p>	<p>22</p> <p>B - Noah Hall</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Tyler Hopkins</p>	<p>24</p> <p>A - Don & Cyndi Newlon</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Carter Collins</p>
<p>27</p> <p>10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 12pm - College Bible Study + Lunch</p> <p>B - Linda Burgess B - Reuben Swindall A - Stan & Brenda Kunigelis</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Caring Friends, 9:30am</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p>			

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	3/23 - 3/29	Ruby Salyers, Jeff Elkins
	3/30 - 4/5	Stan Kunigelis, Debbie Collins
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	3/30	Martha Blackburn, Abbey Lancaster
Children's Message	4/6	Terry Winters
Offering Ushers	March	Ron Helton Team
	April	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	March	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
Wed. Night Meals	3/26	Hamburger, Fries, Salad
	4/2	POTLUCK Meal
Wed. Night Cook Teams	3/26	<u>Don's Team</u> : Deacons
	4/2	<u>Volunteers</u> for set up, clean up



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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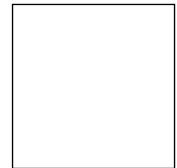
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Thought for the Week:

Where do you get your energy?