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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

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WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Friends,

Being child-like is important, whether we are young, older, or in-between in age. Jesus says in Matthew 18:3 that we must become as little children in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Isaiah 11:6 says "a little child will lead them." Those are strong statements. There is something vitally important for us to learn from children.

Sunday night we were privileged to learn some of these important lessons from our children's choirs. We extend our appreciation and gratitude to our "Joyful Noise" choir directed by Leigh Clark and Susan Mullins, and to the "Singing Sunbeams", directed by Debbie Collins and Carla Sheppard. The Christmas story was beautifully presented in word and song. This Christmas story is not just for one season a year, it is for every month, every week, and every day. The message that "God is with us" is a timeless, eternal message that always applies to any time and any life situation or circumstance.

There is no situation that awareness and response to God's presence cannot help. There is no situation that lack of awareness and response to God's presence cannot make worse.

How do we respond? Take a lesson from our children. Approach life with humility, wonder, openness, and joy. Every moment is brand new, filled with opportunities for God's wondrous grace to break in.

An added blessing is to have a community of faith, our church, in which we can learn to become child-like together!

Love, Pastor Mike

Important Dates:

Wed, December 12th

6:00 pm—Dinner

6:45 pm—Bible Study
for All Ages

7:50 pm—Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal

Thu, December 13th

Noon—Women on
Mission

Sun, December 16th

6:00 pm—Christmas
Dinner @ Camp Bethel

Wed, December 19th

6:00 pm—Dinner

6:45 pm—Christmas
Caroling

Mon, December 24th

11:00 pm—Christmas
Eve Candlelight and
Communion Service

Holiday Schedule

The church office will be
closed on Mon,
December 24th and Tue,
December 25th.

The **last newsletter of
the year** will be published
on Tue, December 18th.

Check your e-mail,
bulletin, or the church
website for updated
announcements
throughout the holidays!

*Our heartfelt
prayers and deepest
sympathies are
extended to
Bryon Burton in the
death of his
grandmother, Inge
Kerting, on Monday,
December 3rd.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Church Christmas Dinner

The annual Church Christmas Dinner will be held on **Sunday, December 16th at 6:00 pm at the Mary Henry Dining Hall at Camp Bethel**. The cost is \$13 per person (ages 11 and up), \$8 per person (ages 5—10) and children under age 5 are free. The menu includes roast beef with gravy, oven fried chicken, twice baked potatoes, broccoli casserole, seven layer salad, fruit salad, hot fudge cake/ ice cream, peach-of-a-pie, rolls, and drinks. **Reservations and payments can be made to Teresa Adkins or Beverly Viers through Wednesday, December 12th.**



Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to go Christmas Caroling on **Wednesday, December 19th** following dinner. We will visit the Laurels and other friends of Wise Baptist who are currently unable to join us for services.



Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service

Everyone is invited to attend the Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight service on **Monday, December 24th** at 11 pm in the Sanctuary.



Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study

Our Wednesday night Dinner begins at 6:00 pm and Bible Study for all ages begins at 6:45 pm. Pastor Mike will continue his Advent Bible Study for all adults. You won't want to miss this time of fellowship and study as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior and Prince of Peace.



Lottie Moon Offering

Engaging people groups in the hard places comes with risk and sacrifice for all who obediently choose to be His heart, His hands, His voice. Giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is also a call to obedience and sacrifice. Pray now for all of the international missionaries and about how you can support the sharing of the Gospel around the world. Offerings for the Lottie Moon Offering will be received throughout the month of December. As of December 9th, **\$877.11** has been given to the offering. Wise Baptist Church's goal is **\$4,700.00**.

GOOD NEWS



What a wonderful day in worship we had at Wise Baptist Church on December 9th! We celebrated baptism with Linda Bailey. Thank you to Billie Sue Harris for offering a prayer of affirmation for Linda.



The children enjoyed learning about the trumpet, the ribbon, the barley, and the Bible—symbols from the Old Testament—representing people in the lineage of Jesus Christ through the Jesse Tree.



Wise Baptist Church welcomed Anne and Ilhami Konur from Faith, SD. Anne and Ilhami are the directors of Windswept Academy, a Christian school for the Native American population in and around Eagle Butte. They talked about how the seeds planted over many summers of mission trips by members of Wise Baptist Church worked in the hearts of the people in the area and provided the desire for parents to have their children obtain a Christian education.



The Jubilation Ringers filled the Sanctuary with the sound of hand bells as they rang *O Come, All Ye Faithful*.



What a wonderful evening of worship we had at Wise Baptist on Sunday! The Singing Sunbeams presented *Away in a Manger*, a children's musical! It was a joyous time of celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The Joyful Noise choir sang and rang songs of the season. Their song, *Where's the Line to See Jesus?*, certainly reminded us of the reason that we celebrate this season.

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Getting to Know Your Church: Deacons

Wise Baptist Church has nine deacons who are entrusted by our church members to serve the Church body. Acts of service include assisting with visitation and care for the Church and their families in times of need, following up with guests in worship, and to otherwise assist the Pastor and staff in engaging the Church in a fellowship of worship and witness. Our active deacons are: Jerry Baird, Gil Blackburn, Mark Clark, Ron Helton (chair, pictured), Phil Mullins, Edgar Owens, John Ponish, Gary Smith, and Bill Sutherland.





From Leigh

Thank you to everyone who came out on Sunday evening to encourage our children in their Christmas program. It was a wonderful night of worship and fellowship. All of the children were excited and prepared to speak, sing, and ring. It was a glorious night. I would especially like to thank Debbie Collins, Carla Sheppard, and Susan Mullins for their commitment of time and talent to the young people of our wonderful church.

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 19. Following dinner, we will go Christmas Caroling to The Laurels and to shut-ins from our congregation. We take for granted the opportunities we have to be "out and about" during the holidays to enjoy the music and the greetings. Our shut-ins miss a lot of that activity and they can feel very isolated and forgotten. So, I encourage you and your family to make caroling a gift that you choose to give this Christmas.

Blessings, Leigh



We will continue to have dinner and Bible Study on Wednesdays throughout December. However, because of other scheduled events, we will not meet on Sundays.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, Dec. 15 (TBA) Dinner and *The Hobbit Movie* and then dessert at the Winters' home.

Wednesday, Dec. 19—Christmas Caroling

CONGRATULATIONS!



Alex Hall and Jasmine Vance are members of the Central Warrior One Act Drama Team that won the State Competition on December 4! Way to go!!!

As you pray, please remember...

Pat and Fred Adkins, George Barnette, Bobbie Farmer, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Michelle Hunter, Jayda Hutchinson, Jeff Adkins, and Roger Williams

All of the cancer patients in our area
Our men and women in the military

Hospitalized:

Anna Jessee (Johnson City Medical Center)
Steve Collins (Mountain View)

Our Shut Ins:

Jewell Bradley, Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Jeanne and Debbie Stallard, Vernoy Bolling, and Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG)

If there are other known prayer concerns and/or shut-ins, please let us know.



December 11 Jessica Crutchfield

December 14 Jim Sturgill

December 16 Irene Black

December 17 Alex Knox



December 11

John Mark & Wendy Adrian



Unclaimed Dishes

Thank you to everyone who provides dishes for our meals at the church. There are a number of unclaimed dishes located in the Fellowship Hall and kitchen. Please stop by to see if one may belong to you!



"Caring for Others" - Food for The SWVA Regional Cancer Center

Margie Horton is coordinating meal items for patients of the SWVA Regional Cancer Center and their families. Please consider donating homemade food items on Monday – Thursday of each week with enough food for a family of four. Some suggested items are casseroles, candies, cakes, soup and cornbread. They really do appreciate anything you take but advise staying away from spicy foods. Anyone interested in helping with this project, please e-mail Margie at margiehorton@comcast.net.

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	12/9-12/15	Gil Blackburn; Gary Smith
	12/16-12/22	Phil Mullins; Edgar Owens
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Worship Welcome Team		Jason Mullins, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray, and Wendy Adrian
SS Greeters	12/16	Jim & Sherry Collie
	12/23	Billie Sue Harris
Nursery	12/16	Russell & Vanessa Cyphers; Marybeth and Alex Adkins
	12/23	Bonnie Owens; Mingkwan Collins; Jason & Vanessa Mullins
Children's Church	12/16	Debbie Helton
	12/23	Beverly Viers
PA	12/16	Oscar Raile
	12/23	Mike Strouth
Tellers	Dec	Mike Strouth and Lee Ann Adkins
Ushers	12/16	Dan Helton*, Ron Helton, Mark Clark, Jeff Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, John Ponish, and Scott Snodgrass
	12/23	Senior Youth *Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	12/12	Teresa A., Brenda L., Cyndi N., Gina C., and Edna H.
	12/19	Sherry C., Ruby S., Rebecca O., and Artie B.
Menu	12/12	Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cornbread, and Salad
	12/19	Soups, Cornbread, and Salad

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
	TRUTH	7:45 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	In Recess
	Caring Friends (2nd, 4th, & 5th)	In Recess
	Children's Choirs	3:45 pm
Wednesday	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bible Study (All Ages)	6:45 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women On Mission (2nd)	Noon

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CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH ~ 6 PM ~ CAMP BETHEL

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Thought For The Week:

"Bethlehem Ephrath, you are one of the smallest towns in the nation of Judah. But the Lord will choose one of your people to rule the nation—someone whose family goes back to ancient times." ~ Micah 5:2 (CEV)