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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

July 31, 2012

## Important Dates:

**Tue, July 31st**

**5:00 pm**—Personnel  
Committee Meeting

**6:30 pm**—Conversations  
with the Pastor

**Wed, August 1st**

**5:00 pm**—Finance  
Committee Meeting

**5:30 pm**—Mission  
Committee Meeting

**Sun, August 5th**

**8:00 am**—Deacon  
Meeting

**Sun, August 12th**

**11:00 am**—Holy  
Communion

**5:30 pm**—Church Picnic

## Mark Your Calendars

**Wed, August 29th**

**7:00 pm**—Annual  
Business Meeting

**Sun, September 9th**

**6:00 pm**—"A Time to  
Dance" - Marriage  
Enrichment Bible Study  
and Introductory Ballroom  
Dancing Lessons

*Our heartfelt  
prayers and deepest  
sympathy are  
extended to Ray  
Spenilla and family  
in the death of his  
mother, Thelma, on  
Tuesday, July 24th.*



The recent discovery of the "God particle" has stimulated lots of discussion. It is based on a theory in physics that this "God particle" holds everything in our universe together.

Colossians 1:17 describes Jesus in this way..."He is before all things and in him all things hold together." Something inside believers in Christ says "yes!" each time there is some additional "proof" that God is real.

According to Matthew 22:37, one of our life purposes is to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind". We are to worship God with all our minds. Faith in God is not blind faith. We are called to be thoughtful.

We are also called to love God with all our hearts. Blaise Pascal, a brilliant philosopher, mathematician, and believer in Christ, made an important statement about faith in God. He said "the heart has reasons which reason knows not of." There is a danger that we can try to "prove" God's existence. Maybe we are hoping to silence any doubts once and for all.

Reason and human knowledge can only take us so far. The final step is always a leap of faith. We can never, nor should ever eliminate the leap of faith. Faith means to trust the integrity of God's message through the Bible. It means to trust in Who God says He is, what He has done, and the kind of relationship He wants with us. It means to trust in the witness of the church (however imperfect) for the last 2,000 years.

We do not ever have to fear real science. All real truth is God's truth. Whatever we learn about the universe that God made should bring us a little closer to the One Who made all things. May it move finally to a place of worship and service.

Love in Christ, Mike

*A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.*

## GOOD NEWS

**Vacation Bible School:** Wise Baptist Church had an amazing week of Bible School! Thanks to everyone who helped with Operation Overboard! The children did a wonderful job with "Blessed Be The Name" during worship on Sunday, July 29th.



**Vacation Bible School Mission Project:** Wise Baptist Church collected over 200 back packs to help children in our community with their back-to-school needs. It is great that we can partner with other churches to meet the needs of our community. Thank you to everyone who helped with this project.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Church Picnic

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the annual church-wide picnic on **Sunday, August 12th from 5:30 pm—8:30 pm** at the lake at **Camp Bethel**. The church will provide the main dish, drinks, and paper goods. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Swimming and other activities will be available. If you are able to help with set-up, clean-up, or activities, please contact Teresa Adkins (328.6039) or the church office (328.6247).



### "A Time to Dance"

Mike and Terry Winters will lead a 10-week marriage enrichment Bible study (using Kevin Leman's "Becoming a Couple of Promise") which will also include introductory ballroom dancing lessons. The study will be held on **Sunday nights from 6 – 8 pm beginning September 9th in the Fellowship Hall**. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact the church office.



### Proposed Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws

Proposed changes to the Wise Baptist Church Constitution and Bylaws (pages 10-13) were emailed this week. **Copies of the changes are also available in the church office.** The underlined sentences represent additions and the marked-through words and/or sentences are to be omitted.

**These proposed changes will be voted on at the WBC annual business meeting, Wednesday, August 29th.** Please carefully read these changes and be prepared to ask questions and vote at the business meeting.



### Annual Business Meeting

Wise Baptist Church will hold its Annual Business Meeting on **Wednesday, August 29th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary**. The agenda includes the proposed budget, ministry volunteers for the 2012—2013 church year, and proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws.

## MEETING REMINDERS

### Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 31st at 5:00 pm in the Youth Building.

### Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 1st at 5:00 pm in the Wise Women and Men's Sunday School Classroom.

### Mission Committee

The Mission Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 1st at 5:30 pm in the Men's Sunday School Classroom.

### Kindred Spirits

Kindred Spirits will meet on **Tuesday, August 14th at 6:30 pm** at the home of Wendy Adrian (209 Birchfield Rd., Wise). Craft supplies and drinks will be provided. Please bring a sweet or salty snack to share. RSVP to Wendy at 328.5564.



*From Leigh*

What an exciting week at "the little brick church in the county seat town"! There were so many bodies swarming around this building every evening—adults and children—wow, what a week. Cindy Elkins did a marvelous job planning and coordinating our VBS. Reagan told me that her mom had been working on VBS since December; I am not surprised. Cindy does a wonderful job incorporating people in places that builds on their strengths—that is great leadership! Thank you to everyone who said, "yes, I will help", when Cindy asked. I pray that you are considering other ways that you can help throughout the year.

Our Wednesday night program will begin on August 15. There will be classes for all ages—nursery through adult. It is a wonderful way to "refuel" for the week. A wonderful meal will be served, your children will be taken care of and learning more about the love of Jesus, and you will get to fellowship and grow with other adults in our church. I pray that you will make this activity a priority in the life of your family—you will not regret it!

Our various musical groups will begin their rehearsals soon. I hope you will consider being a part of our music ministry. Please contact me anytime to talk about the opportunities.

I covet your prayers this week as Mark and I deliver our children to the College of Charleston and Baylor University.

Blessings, Leigh

## As you pray, please remember...

Pat and Fred Adkins, George Barnette, Kim Boggs, Carolyn Jones, Patsy Boggs, Michelle Hunter, Clayton and Shirley Willis, Glenn and Bea Hill, Michelle Sisson, Sherry Collie, Ron Swindall, and Rita Isaac  
All of the cancer patients in our area  
Our men and women in the military

### 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.***



**August 1** Matt Meade  
Angie Thacker  
Greg Hutchinson

**August 3** Becky Curtis

**August 4** Bianka Wills

**August 5** Morgan Meade

**August 6** Jewell Bradley



**August 1**  
Eddie & Ann Culbertson

**August 5**  
Charles & Lulia Maine



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

|           |           |                                      |
|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| August 12 | 5:30 pm   | Back to School Picnic at Camp Bethel |
| August 19 | 6-7:30 pm | Sunday Night Youth                   |
| August 26 | 6:00 pm   | Parent/Youth night                   |



### New Wednesday Evening Bible Studies Coming Soon!

We will kick-off our Wednesday evening Dinner and Bible Studies once again on **August 15th**. Everyone is invited to come out for a great time of fellowship and discipleship. Remember, there are classes for all ages. Stay tuned for more details!!

## VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

|                      |                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Deacons On Call      | 7/29-8/4<br>8/5-8/11 | Jeff Adkins; Jerry Baird<br>Gary Smith; Edgar Owens                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Building Stewards    |                      | Ron, Dan, Scott S.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Instrumentalists     |                      | Susan, Susan, Gigi                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Worship Welcome Team |                      | Jason Mullins, Oscar Raile,<br>Daniel Ray, and Wendy Adrian                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| SS Greeters          | 8/5<br>8/12          | Bob and Teresa Adkins<br>Jim and Sherry Collie                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Nursery              | 8/5<br>8/12          | Rose & Brooklyn; Marybeth &<br>Caitlin, Cyndi & Chelsea<br>Cory & Ashley Dotson; Rita &<br>Wayne Isaac                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Children's Church    | 8/5<br>8/12          | Holly Meade<br>Jill Jessee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| PA                   | 8/5<br>8/12          | Mike Strouth<br>Wayne Isaac                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Tellers              | August               | Kim Coomer and Mike Strouth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Ushers               | 8/5<br>8/12          | John Hedden*, Harold Witt, Mark<br>Clark, Jerry Baird, James Clasby,<br>Edgar Owens, Roger Viers, and<br>Stan Kunigelis<br>Matt Meade*, Ron Swindall, David<br>Mullins, Lewey Lee, Bob Adkins,<br>Gary Smith, Bill Sutherland, and<br>Mike Strouth<br>* Offertory Prayer |

Our Wednesday night fellowship and Bible Study will resume on August 15th!!

A Place for Faith and Fellowship  
with Family and Friends



## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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

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**WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ON AUGUST 15TH!**

**Wise Baptist Church**

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### Thought For The Week:

"The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd. By faith, we see the world called into existence by God's word, what we see created by what we don't see."

~ Hebrews 11:1—3 (The Message)

# August

## 2012



August Flower — Gladiolus

| Sun                                                                                                                         | Mon                                                                                        | Tue                                                                                                | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Thu                                                                                                                          | Fri                                                              | Sat                                            |
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| B=Birthday<br>A=Anniversary                                                                                                 | If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office. (328.6247) |                                                                                                    | <b>Finance Committee Meeting—5:00 pm</b> <sup>1</sup><br><br><b>Mission Committee Meeting—5:30 pm</b><br><br><u>B:</u> Matt Meade, Angie Thacker, Greg Hutchinson<br><u>A:</u> Eddie & Ann Culbertson | 2                                                                                                                            | 3                                                                | 4                                              |
| <b>Deacon Meeting—8:00 am</b> <sup>5</sup><br><br><u>B:</u> Morgan Meade<br><u>A:</u> Charles & Lulia Maine                 | 6<br><br><u>B:</u> Jewell Bradley                                                          | 7                                                                                                  | 8<br><br><u>B:</u> Clifford Bailey                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Women on Mission—Noon</b> <sup>9</sup><br><br><u>B:</u> Payton Johnson, Benjamin Mullins<br><u>A:</u> Alex & Deborah Knox | 10<br><br><u>B:</u> Lewey Lee, Macie Conway                      | 11<br><br><u>B:</u> Adam Kennedy               |
| <b>Holy Communion</b> <sup>12</sup><br><br><b>Church Picnic 5:30 pm</b><br><b>Camp Bethel Lake</b><br><br><u>B:</u> Tim Cox | 13<br><br><u>A:</u> Lewey & Brenda Lee                                                     | 14<br><br><u>A:</u> Ron & Kathy Helton                                                             | 15<br><br><b>Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study Resume</b>                                                                                                                                        | 16<br><br><u>B:</u> Sam Austin, Ann Culbertson<br><u>A:</u> John & Toni Thacker, Rick & Caryn Johnson                        | 17<br><br><u>B:</u> John Ponish<br><u>A:</u> Sam & Debra Wharton | 18<br><br><u>B:</u> Kim Hall                   |
| 19<br><br><u>B:</u> Hardon Kennedy, Rose Kennedy, Harold Kennedy                                                            | 20<br><br><u>B:</u> Teresa Adkins, Cindy Elkins                                            | 21<br><br><u>B:</u> Betty Roberts, Suzanne Baird, Sutton Polly<br><u>A:</u> Scott & Beth Snodgrass | 22<br><br><u>B:</u> Alex Hall                                                                                                                                                                         | 23<br><br><u>B:</u> Gina Chisenhall, Jeff Sturgill, Tracy Wills                                                              | 24<br><br><u>B:</u> Jerry Baird                                  | 25<br><br><u>B:</u> Brenda Lee, Rita Longworth |
| 26<br><br><b>Parent/Youth Night 6:00 pm</b><br><b>Youth Building</b>                                                        | 27                                                                                         | 28<br><br><u>B:</u> Megan Cline, Vanessa Mullins                                                   | 29<br><br><b>Annual Business Meeting 7:00 pm</b><br><b>Sanctuary</b>                                                                                                                                  | 30                                                                                                                           | 31                                                               |                                                |



## BACK TO SCHOOL WORD SEARCH



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