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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

There is a Celtic phrase called the “thin curtain”. It refers to those times where there seems to be only a “thin curtain” separating us from God. It is about those times where heaven and earth meet. It is about times when God is so near. These are high and holy moments that we never forget. We realize and are reminded that underneath and behind all of life...is God and that nothing else is as important.

What have been those “thin curtain” moments for you? Was it in a retreat, a church camp, a mission trip, or a life crisis where God reassured, comforted and supplied our needs? God may burst into our lives and consciousness in a surprising and even supernatural way.

A couple of common denominators seem to keep showing up. One is giving God a block of our time that allows us to see, hear and experience Him. Our distractions are fewer and God gets more of our uninterrupted time. It is not so much that we get more of God as it is that He gets more of us. When that happens, in those bursts of hours or days, we find out the mighty things that God can do.

Another factor is when we have an extraordinary need. The only way through is by the power, love, and grace of God. Somehow and some way God supplies! We are awed and amazed.

The mission trip was a “thin curtain” moment for me. My prayer is that it will be more than just a fond memory for me and the other 22 participants, but that it will forever change us.

I invite you to the threshold of the “thin curtain” where we can meet God as we let Him love us and then as we express His extraordinary love to a world around us that so desperately needs Him. Pray about how God would have you show His love and serve Him in this coming church year.

Love Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Women’s Clinic

July 18,19

Ram July 19,20,21

Luncheon

July 21, 1:00

VBS July 22-26

Brown Bag Ministry

July 29-Aug 2

Relay for Life

July 26

Church Picnic

Aug 4

S.S. Training

Aug 17

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SPECIAL NOTICE

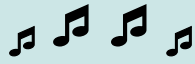
How to Join Wise Baptist Church

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



From Leigh

Jersey Shore Mission Team



It is impossible to put into words all that happened this past week on our mission trip. Every life was impacted—all those we met and especially each of ours. Our days began early and finished late. Sometimes we had the luxury of air conditioning and bathrooms at our worksites and sometimes we did not. Our theme for the week was "One Heart, Many Hands" based on Colossians 3:23.



Each morning our twelve women and youth worked alongside the congregation of Union Church at Lavallette to lead VBS for about 40 children. Our youth prepared skits each day for the story time. We formed very strong bonds with these wonderful people. We had time to talk, share, pray and cry with many over their loss and grief and ongoing needs. We were there to give, but by God's generous design, we also received. They graciously opened their homes to us, fed us and sent us on the road with lots of goodies! Following VBS, this team worked on many projects: painting, yard work, moving furniture, tear out, and hard cleaning.

Our men were divided into two teams. Their work consisted of roofing, tear out, moving furniture, insulation under a house, putting down a kitchen floor, building an outside entry step, laying laminate wood flooring in a small house, and putting up and painting trim work. Over the course of the week, they met many homeowners and neighbors who were so grateful for our presence and our willingness to help.

In Matthew 9, Jesus tells his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." WBC sent out a team of 23 to minister and serve in New Jersey. But, the need is still great. There are multiple opportunities for service in our own community over the next few weeks—VBS, RAM, Ian Boggs Project, and the Brown Bag Ministry just to name a few. I pray that you will answer God's call to serve.

Blessings, Leigh

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ride, Run, & Relax Benefit



On July 27, our church and Lonesome Pine Cycling will be sponsoring a benefit for Ian Boggs. He is a 7 year old Pound boy who was born with a severe deformity of his legs. Our goal is to make his home handicapped accessible. *We could use some help in these areas.*

-Sponsors/Donations. If you/business are willing to help sponsor, we could use the help.

-Aid Stations. I need people to man tables for the 5k run to distribute water.

-General help. I need help with general tasks, that may be unforeseen until event day.

-Participation. Get registered, come out, and have fun. We need all the participants we can get.

We would like to see this become an annual event with the proceeds going to a worthy cause. Donations are also welcome and can be given to the church with the note that it is for the Ian Boggs Project. For more information, go to:

<http://www.lonesomepinecycling.org/ride-run-relax>
Or call Robert England at 276-275-1604

Journey Church

Months ago, our church entered a partnership with Journey church from Midlothian, VA. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Journey Church has withdrawn. Tasks will go forward, though the schedule may be delayed. One of these is the Ian Boggs project. See the newsletter or bulletin for ways you can participate. Stay tuned for details.

Because of YOU

That's right! You can make a difference. There are many ways you can participate in **Relay For Life of Wise County** on July 26th, from 6p.m. until 2 a.m.



- You can form a team to walk
- You can come and support the teams
- You can purchase Luminaires to Honor/Remember
- Survivors can take refreshments
- Survivors can take the survivor lap

For more information on how to register for the relay or the refreshments, call American Cancer Society, Relay For Life of Wise, in Abingdon at 276-739-7780.

Associational Sunday School Training Event

Sunday school teacher training on Sat. Aug.17, right here at Wise Baptist. A team organized and trained by the Virginia Baptist Mission Board will lead the conference.

Saturday, August 17th
10 A.M. – Noon

(Lunch will be served at noon)

Wise Baptist Church

Registration deadline– Aug. 14.

Session 1: How to Energize, Engage and Motivate Your Class
Session 2: Creative Ways to Reach Prospects

Registration Required: Call (276) 328 - 6247 or
email Rose@wisebaptist.com

VBS right around the corner!

Brown Bag Ministry

What could feel better than feeding children?



Many families depend on these Brown Bag Ministries to help out in summer months when children are home from school. How easy is it to make some sandwiches doing God's work and helping make some children's day better? Come on and join us on July 29th—Aug

2nd. To participate, email Kim at: krhall@wise.k12.va.us

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exciting new Wednesday Night Bible Studies for Adults

Our Wednesday Night Program begins on Aug. 7. Supper at 6pm is followed by Bible studies and activities for children and youth. For adults there will be 3 different and exciting series of 3 Bible studies, each lasting 6 weeks. (Sign up on Communication Cards or notify church office).

Series 1 (8/7-9/11)

- "Setting Boundaries with Kids: When to Say Yes, When to Say No to Help your children Gain Control of Their Lives"- Good book for parents or grandparents.
- "Quiet Strength" (study for men) Inspirational book by Tony Dungy, former coach of Super Bowl champions, the Indianapolis Colts.
- "The Girl's Still Got It" (study for women) by Liz Higgs. Walk with Ruth and Naomi as God redeems disappointments in their lives.

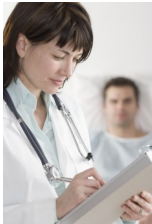
Series 2 (9/18-10/23)

- "Changing Places: A Christian's Guide to Caring for Aging Parents" - by Betty Roberson
- "Setting Boundaries with Kids"
- "Ephesians: Building a Community in Christ" -John Stott

Series 3 (11/6-12/18)

- "So You Want to Be Like Christ?: 8 Essentials to Get You There" -by Charles Swindoll
- "Game Plan" -(study for men) - by Joe Gibbs, former coach of Super Bowl champions
- "Redeeming Love" (study for women) - by Francine Rivers- the love story of Hosea and Gomer set in the Gold Rush days of the Old West

VA Tech Research Study Learn and Talk about Health.



Must be 18 years old. The study will begin in September. You will learn about sugar intake or physical activity. The study will consist of 3 group sessions, 11 calls to help you track your behaviors, and 3 health screenings. All research activities will take place in Wise county. It will happen over a 6 month period with the last screening at the end of 18 months.

For completing the study , you will get a Wal-Mart gift card valued at \$150. To learn more, call or text 540-553-1768.

VBS-There will be a meeting at the church this Thursday at 7:00 pm to finalize plans for VBS. I have t-shirts, schedules, room assignments, etc. I am getting very excited!! I will not be at church as I am out of town this weekend and I work on the 21st. If you need anything or have question please contact me on my cell 276-275-9675. I will get back to you ASAP!! We do this for God's Glory and I thank you all so much ahead of time for your willingness to serve!! Cindy Elkins

Luncheon to support Brown Bag Ministry

Kim Hall is selling tickets for lunch at Wise Primary, catered by Two Sisters. Tickets are \$10. The event will be on Sunday, July 21st at 1:00. Text/call 276-393-0163, or email her at krhall@wise.k12.va.us



GOOD NEWS!

Other good news...the Women on Mission collected 602 packs of peanut butter crackers and packed over 300 bags of cereal for RAM. Thank you!



Thank you, Anna and Kaitlin, for the beautiful music in worship on Sunday morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED



Updates for Jon Kennedy
Jon has a Caring Bridge website. For updates, you need to have a caring bridge account. After you have signed up, You can go to

www.caringbridge.org/visit/jonkennedy/

Symphony of the Mountains

By the Lawn of the Lake at UVA, on July 27 at 8 p.m., there will be a free concert. Even if it rains, they will take the event into the David Prior Convocation Center. They are offering a boxed meal for \$10. You can order that by calling 376-4520. Support Pro-Art. This event is sponsored by UVA-Wise, Pro-Art, and Maroia & Marvin Gilliam Jr. foundation.



Back to School Community Kick-Off



Cavalier Pharmacy is hosting a Back to School event at the Big Glades, on Friday, August 2nd. Items are provided by Local Churches and businesses. Contact Christy Greear at 328-9141, or email

cavalier.pharmacy@yahoo.com

Free Admission Free Activities

Free Refreshments Free School supplies

Our Church Mission project for VBS is to collect backpacks for this event.

Deacon Nominations

On Sunday, August 4th, members of Wise Baptist Church will have the opportunity to submit nominations for three new active Deacons. Edgar Owens and Gary Smith are rotating off and will not be eligible to serve as an active Deacon this coming Church year. Phil Mullins, who would have been in this rotating group, left our Church earlier this year. Other current active Deacons include Jerry Baird, Gil Blackburn, Mark Clark, Ron Helton, John Ponish, and Bill Sutherland. Please begin praying now for those who be called to serve.



As you pray, please remember...

Lois Stallard and family,
Pat and Fred Adkins, George and Shirlee Barnette, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Lynell Wells, Wanda Baird, Glenn Hill, Lawrence Black, Jon, Marty and Rose Kennedy
All of the cancer patients in our area
Our men and women in the military

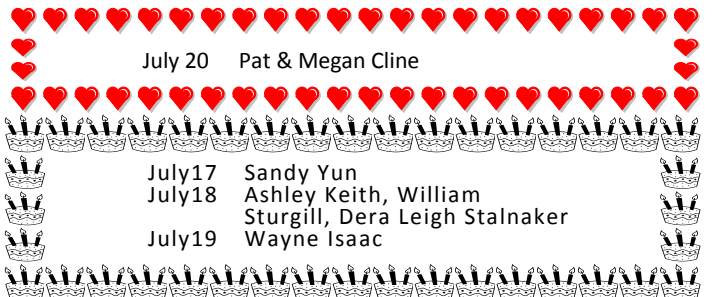
Hospitalized:

Jack Tolbert, Sr. (Heritage Hall—BSG Rehab)

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.



July 20 Pat & Megan Cline

July 17 Sandy Yun

July 18 Ashley Keith, William Sturgill, Dera Leigh Stalnaker

July 19 Wayne Isaac

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	7/21-27	Ron Helton, John Ponish
	7/28-8/3	Jerry Baird, Gil Blackburn
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Worship Welcome Team		Cindy E., Jason M., Oscar R., Daniel R., and Wendy A.
SS Greeter	7/21	John Ponish
	7/28	Lewey and Brenda Lee
Nursery	7/21	Bonnie Owens, Jason and Vanessa Mullins
	7/28	Rose and Brooklyn Kennedy, Cyndi Newlon and Chelsea Polly
Children's Church	7/21	Beverly Viers
	7/28	Holly Meade
PA	7/21	Mike S.
	7/28	Wayne
Tellers	JULY	David Mullins, Debbie Helton
Ushers	7/21	Youth
	7/28	Gary Smith, Bill Sutherland, Mike Strouth, David Mullins, Matt Meade, Ron Swindall, Lewey Lee, Bob Adkins
Offertory Prayer	7/21	Youth
	7/28	Gary Smith

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Summer Weekly Opportunities

Sunday	Sunday School Worship	10:00 am 11:00 am
Monday	Caring Friends (July 8,22,29)	9:30 am

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Thought For The Week:

"I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame." ~ Psalm 138:2 NIV