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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,*

The Book of Job corrects the idea that if you obey God, good things always happen to you and if you do not follow God, bad things always happen to you. This does match real life or accurate Bible teaching.

Job had it all. He had a large, healthy, loving family. He was wealthy. He had deep faith in God. Suddenly, he loses his children, his wealth, his health, and the support of his wife.

His friends rush to his side and sit beside him in silence for seven days! Their silence speaks volumes. Unfortunately, when they do speak, they ruin it all. They think after seven days, Job should be "over it". Job's fury about his losses shock his friends. They began to question Job's faith, suggesting this is somehow his fault.

We often feel inadequate in the presence of suffering people. This may cause us to avoid them or try to "fix" their suffering with a spiritual cliché, such as: "It is God's will.", "God does not put on us any more than we can bear.", "They are better off.", "God wants to help you grow spiritually." Honestly, would we find those words helpful to us in difficult times?

So...what DO we say or do? We can start by thinking about what others did or said that helped us. Job's friends got it right at first, when they sat in silence with their friend. Hurting people may not remember what you say, but they will remember you were there.

Remember, your presence counts. Continue to offer that great gift and hurting people will be blessed.

*Love, Pastor Mike*

### 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

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Church Dinner & Bible Studies begin**  
August 2, 6pm

**Mission Committee Meeting**  
August 2, 5pm

**Deacon Nominations**  
August 6, 11am

**SON Golf Tournament**  
August 12, 8am

**Youth Rafting Trip**  
August 12-13

**Youth/Parent Fall Planning Meeting**  
August 20

**Church-Wide Ice Cream Social**  
August 27, 4pm

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### DEACONS 2016-17

Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Ron Helton	393-6145
John Kennedy	328-5013
Matt Meade	393-9177
Mike Osborne	365-0968
Edgar Owens	328-6129
Daniel Ray	328-2483

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Disaster Relief Ministry Opportunity



Looking to see if there's any interest in going to West Virginia to help with disaster relief sometime in September for a weekend. If I can get enough volunteers together, we'll figure out the best time to go. If interested, please call or text Bryon Burton at 276-594-0025.

~ Bryon Burton

*As you pray, please remember...*



Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, Wesley Kennedy, Ron Swindall, Robert & Jennifer England & family, Shirley Willis (The Laurels), Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Bea and Glenn Hill, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military

**Our Shut Ins:** Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, Elizabeth Davidson (Heritage Hall—Wise), Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Betty Easterling (The Laurels), Florine Pennington (The Laurels), Jeanne Stallard

\*If you know of other prayer concerns, please contact the church office (328-6247).

### Fellowship Dinner



It's almost time to re-start our Wednesday night fellowship meals! What a great time to visit with friends & "catch your breath" during the work week!

We are needing folks to volunteer to cook 1 or 2 times during the fall session. We especially need volunteers to be on the serving / dessert teams - the more volunteers there are, the fewer times our teams will serve. Please sign up on the Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin or contact Teresa Adkins at 276-393-0977. Thank you!

~ Teresa Adkins



## August 2 is the night!

Join us as we begin our Wednesday night Fellowship activities at 6pm with a potluck meal! At 6:45pm, we will meet in the sanctuary for preview of the upcoming small group Bible studies:

⇒ **Joshua & Judges**

Join us as we step into the world of Joshua & the Judges. We will be sobered by the consequences of sin & encouraged by these stories of faith that speak directly to our world today.

⇒ **War Room**

Prayer is a powerful weapon! Five inspiring movie clips & five challenging scriptural lessons adapted from the film, "War Room" will be featured.

⇒ **Shaken: Discovering Your True Identity in the Midst of Life's Storms**

Tim Tebow delivers a scripture-packed message about what it means to fix your hope & your identity in a God Who does not change.

Children-in-Action will also be meeting at 6:45pm upstairs & a Nursery will be provided during this time as well. Choir Rehearsal will begin at 7:50pm.



## Church-Wide Ice Cream Social!

**Sun., August 27, 4pm**

Sponsored by the Children's Ministry Team

\* The children will once again be judging the homemade ice cream & cookies and prizes will be awarded! You can sign up to bring homemade ice cream or homemade cookies on the Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin or contact Diana Roberts.

The Missions Committee will meet at 5pm in the Conference Room (across from the choir room) on Wed., August 2.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Deacon Ministry

#### Deacon Nominations ~ August 6

We appreciate so much the servant hearts of our deacons! Each of our deacons serves for 3 years before rotating off. Thank you to John Kennedy, Matt Meade, Edgar Owens, & Daniel Ray for their faithful service - these deacons will be rotating off at the end of August. Jerry Baird, Gil Blackburn, Jeff Dotson, Ron Helton, & Mike Osborne will continue to serve.

On Sunday, August 6, we will nominate 4 deacons. Our Constitution & By-Laws state that deacons must be church members for at least 2 years. Please do not nominate current deacons, deacons who are rotating off or lifetime deacons (Glenn Hill & Harold Witt). Please prayerfully consider your nominations.



#### Fun with Babies & Toddlers!



If you would like to serve in the Nursery during Sunday Morning worship several times this year, please sign up on your Communication Card or contact Susie Clasby at 276-275-8945 or susieclasby@yahoo.com



#### A Time to Serve!

How would you like to serve God this coming church year? There are many avenues of service available through the ministries of Wise Baptist Church! Our prayer is that each person at Wise Baptist will "plug in" and find/explore a place of service this year. Copies of existing ministries are available in the church foyer, as well as in the hall by the elevator. If you would like to become a part of an existing ministry, change your ministry commitment, or have an area of interest for another ministry, please indicate this on the Communication Card in your bulletin or contact one of us! If you do not wish to change your place of service, it is not necessary to contact the Personnel Committee.

In His love,

Personnel Committee

Gary Smith, Chairman

Misty Belcher, Gil Blackburn, Susie Clasby, Edgar Owens, Daniel Ray



#### SON GOLF LEAGUE

**Next tournament: August 12**

**Millstone Golf Course, 8:00 am**

*Calling all golfers!* Contact Stephen Large at 393-0433 if you would like to participate!

#### WBC Couples Cruise

*Feb. 18 - 25, 2018*



Please contact Donna Hutchinson if you are interested in participating in a special Wise Baptist couples cruise next February! We will gather daily for a marriage enrichment Bible study. We will travel together to New Orleans where the Norwegian Pearl (Norwegian Cruise Lines) will set sail on Feb. 18, sailing down the Mississippi River & into the Caribbean. Ports of call will include Cozumel, Costa Maya, Belize and Roatan. The cost is \$1,693.28 per couple; a deposit is required, but is fully refundable up to 90 days before cruise.

# MUSIC \* YOUTH \* CHILDREN NEWS



Greetings everyone!!!

It's time!!! Our regularly scheduled choir practices will resume on Tuesday, Aug 2, at 7:50pm in the choir room. We plan on taking a brief look at our Christmas cantata during this rehearsal for anyone who may be interested in joining us. We're looking for a joyful noise and would welcome anyone who can contribute.

I would also like to thank all of you who called or messaged me to check up on me this past Sunday. Dehydration can be rather debilitating and I hope to never experience that feeling again. I did find myself thinking about staying hydrated, and couldn't help recalling the story of the woman at the well. Just as water keeps our bodies hydrated and functioning properly, God's "living water" keeps us spiritually hydrated and spiritually functioning properly. Let us make sure that we are staying hydrated as we enter a new month.

Blessings to you, Ben



- August 1 Angie Gilliam  
Greg Hutchinson  
Matt Meade
- August 3 Becky Curtis
- August 5 Maci Jade Cantrell  
Morgan Meade
- August 7 Abbie Crutchfield
- August 8 Clifford Bailey
- August 9 Benjamin Mullins
- August 10 Ben Duncan  
Macie Conway  
Lewey Lee
- August 12 Tim Cox  
Stephen Large



- August 1 Eddie & Ann Culbertson
- August 2 Jamie & Stacy Hopkins
- August 4 Gil & Martha Blackburn
- August 5 Chuck & Lulia Maine
- August 9 Alex & Deborah Knox
- August 11 Johnny & Renee Robinson



## Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry

Bryon Burton, Stephanie Carter & Mark Collins report that the Youth Christmas-in-July Lock-In was loads of fun & have lived to tell about it! The evening included a trip to Just Jump! & The Escape Room in Bristol, dinner at Zaxby's, hot chocolate & warm cookies at Mike & Terry's house, Sardines & Telestrations!

## COMING UP...

Youth Rafting trip on Lower Gauley,  
West Virginia **August 12-13**



Fall youth/parent planning meeting at the Youth Building (Flock Nest) on Sunday, **August 20, 5pm**

## WBC Children's Ministry



*Don't Miss Out!*

- ⇒ Aug. 2 - Children in Action begins again!
- ⇒ Aug. 6 - Children help take up offering during worship
- ⇒ Aug. 27 - Church-Wide Ice Cream Social
- ⇒ Sept. 3 - New Children's Sunday School Classes Begin!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM MEETING



The Children's Ministry Team & families will be meeting on Sunday, August 13 at Natural Tunnel for a cookout & planning!

# thank you!

Thank you to every one who helped pack & deliver over 2,000 lunches last week

through the Brown Bag Ministry! Many thanks to Kathy Dotson for coordinating our Brown Bag week at Wise Baptist!



## Youth Lock-In Moments from Sunday, July 30...



## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	7/30-8/05	Jeff Dotson, John Kennedy
	8/06-8/12	Mike Osborne, Gil Blackburn
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome Team:		Dave Belcher, Misty Belcher, Jeff Kiser, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray
S.S. Greeters:	8/06	John Ponish
	8/13	David & Sandy Mullins
Nursery:	8/06	Tammie Harding, Sara Johnson
	8/13	Susie Clasby, Emma Snodgrass
Children's Church:	8/06	Johnny & Renee Robinson
	8/13	Misty & Dave Belcher
PA:	8/06	Noah Hall
	8/13	Marty Adkins
Tellers:	August	Leton Harding, Oscar Raile
Ushers:	8/06	Youth & Children
	8/13	Leton Harding*, Ron Helton^, Jorge Hersel, Jeff Kiser, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass, Marty Adkins (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	8/02	Donna Hutchinson, Rebecca Osborne, Cyndi Newlon, Terry Winters
	8/09	Kathy Dotson, Jessica Crutchfield, Gail Kiser
Wed. Meals	8/02	Potluck
	8/09	BBQ, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Chips, Salad
Children-in-Action:	8/02	Susan Mullins, Tabitha Ray
	8/09	Susan Mullins, Tabitha Ray

## Wise Baptist Church General Fund Giving Summary 9/4/16 - 7/30/17

General Fund Receipts To Date	\$258,036
General Fund Needed To Date	\$286,599
Variance	(\$ 28,563)
Average Weekly Variance	(\$ 595)
Weekly General Fund Budget	\$ 5,971

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth (Grades 7-12)	
6:00 pm		
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (in recess during summer)	
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Studies	6:45 pm
	Children in Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth - Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2-4 pm

## Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

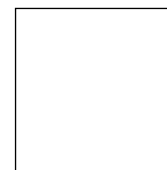
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**Thought for the Week:**  
**Sit with the suffering.**