

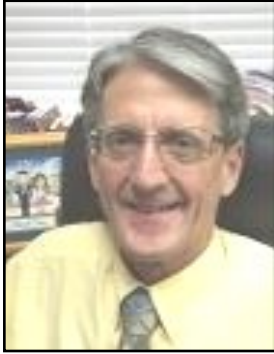
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 Lloyd & Carlie Tomlinson,  
 Youth Directors  
 Dr. Ray Jones, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 1, 2023

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



*Dear Church Family and Friends,*

Twenty-three unfired bullets.

The Battle of Gettysburg was one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. Nearly 16,000 were killed, wounded or captured on

July 1 – 3, 1863.

A dead soldier was discovered on that battlefield with 23 unfired bullets jammed into a single rifle barrel. How is that possible?

Many Civil War rifles were old technology. Required many steps to prepare, load and fire a single shot. A cartridge with powder and bullet was jammed into the top of the barrel with a ramrod. This required either standing or kneeling upright. That position made them a much bigger target. Plus, it took at least 20 seconds to prepare and shoot. Under perfectly calm circumstances.

Imagine trying to follow all of these steps while the enemy is charging you! You can understand the panic that might cause soldiers to end up with many unfired cartridges.

Unfired bullets. Do you have “unfired bullets” in your life? Things you know are important, but have been postponed? What are they? What steps can you take to act on them?

“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” (Psalm 90:12)

*Love, Pastor Mike*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday Night Bible Study via FACEBOOK LIVE August 2, 7pm**

**Handbell Practice Wed, August 2, 7pm**

**Men’s Bible Study Thursday, August 3 6:30AM**

**PICNIC / POTLUCK Wed, August 9 6:00pm**

**Deacon Suggestions Sunday, August 13 11:00AM**

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## DEACONS 2022 - 2023

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Jeff Cantrell	275-9427
Jim Collie	393-1710
Jorge Hersel	594-9077
Butch Hutchinson	393-5008
Stan Kunigelis	870-2227
David Mullins	870-0005
John Ponish	870-1593

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



- On **Sunday, August 13**, the Church will submit suggestions for 3 new deacons for the 2023-2024 church year.
- All suggestions will be received until 2pm on August 13.
- We are asking that each church member suggest 3 qualified church members as new deacons.
- Suggestions will be received in 1 of 3 ways:
  - 1) Suggestion Slips will be provided to all *church members* in attendance at the live service in the sanctuary on August 13.
  - 2) For members who are not in attendance at the live service in the sanctuary on Aug. 13, an email may be sent to John Ponish (jponish@atsone.com) with your 3 suggestions for new deacons.
  - 3) For those who cannot be in attendance on Aug. 13, but would prefer to use a written Suggestion Slip, please contact John Ponish (jponish@atsone.com) or 276-870-1593, and a deacon will deliver a Suggestion Slip to you to be completed at that time.

The following members are not eligible to be nominated as they are either already serving or are rotating off:

- Current deacons who are rotating off this year:  
Gil Blackburn, Jim Collie, Jorge Hersel
- The remaining active deacons are:  
Bob Adkins, John Mark Adrian, Jeff Cantrell, Butch Hutchinson, Stan Kunigelis, David Mullins, John Ponish

*Please be in prayer about the leaders of our church that you may wish to offer as suggestions for deacons.*

*If you have any questions, please contact John Ponish (jponish@atsone.com)*

*As you pray, please remember...*



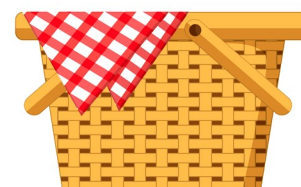
Artie Bailey, Jayda Hutchinson, Family of Pat Boggs, Cliff Bowman & Family, Brenda & Stan Kunigelis & Family, Butch Hutchinson, Clyde Vance, Jean Aker, Lois Stallard, Gil & Martha Blackburn, Brenda Lee, Wanda Baird, Edgar Mullins (Grace's brother), Haley & Cody Lambert, Donnie & Courtney Jordan & family, Mike Smith, Rowyn Renee Adkins (great-niece of Teresa & Billy Glines), Irene Humphries, John & Kathy Kennedy, Harold Stallard, Mike Smith's sister Lynn, Beth Snodgrass, Adele Plester (Brenda Kunigelis' sister-in-law), Roger Viers, Lorna Wherry & family, (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Natalie Luther, Cooper Carlson, Russell, Miles & Mason Wampler, Phyllis Hatcher, Ray Jones & family, 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) - Lakeland, FL, Jeanne Stallard (NC)

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

## Church Picnic-Potluck Arrowhead Park Wed. August 9 6:00 pm

- \* Bring a dish & a chair!
- \* Church will provide drinks & paper goods



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Wednesday Evenings in the SUMMER...

Pastor Mike will be teaching about Jesus' miracles via Facebook Live on Aug. 2 at 7pm.

Then on Aug. 9, there will be no Bible Study due to the Picnic/Potluck at Arrowhead Park.

But on Aug. 16, Bible Study will resume onsite, as well as online each Wednesday evening at 7pm.



### Scripture for the Week:

#### Psalm 90:12

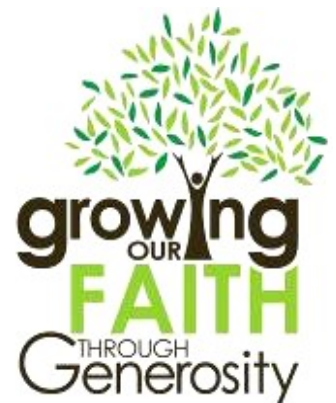
“Teach us to number our days carefully so that we may develop wisdom in our hearts.”

### STEWARDSHIP: Managing God-Given Resources for God's Work

*Stewardship at Wise Baptist Church is utilizing and managing all resources that God provides to us, for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation. We, as Christian stewards, are not only responsible for the financial blessings provided by God, but also the spiritual gifts that are given to us through the Holy Spirit.*

*God wants us to be His stewards in His work at Wise Baptist Church. Thank you for your giving attitude, for yielding to God, and for expressing your love and gratitude for God ... all through your stewardship.*

\* For those who cannot physically attend Sunday morning worship services in the sanctuary, your tithes and offerings may still be mailed to Wise Baptist Church,  
PO Box 777, Wise VA 24293,  
or brought by the Church anytime during open hours.



### SAVE THE DATE! (& your money!)

The Piecemakers & Caring Friends will be holding a small bazaar on Oct. 8-9 to raise funds for making cancer quilts.



*Did you know...?*

*Our church library is the quite the underused treasure!*

*Check out some great finds on the 1st floor across from the nursery!*



## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC



### *Happy Birthday!*

August 1	Angie Brady Greg Hutchinson Matt Meade
August 3	Caroline Wilson
August 5	Maci Cantrell Morgan Meade
August 7	Abbie Crutchfield
August 9	Lotta Stewart
August 10	Ben Duncan Macie Conway Lewey Lee
August 12	Tim Cox



### *WBC Music Ministry*

THE SENSE OF SIGHT is one of the five senses that God has given us to perceive the world around us. But the Bible also teaches us that sight is more than just a physical ability. It is also a spiritual gift that enables us to see beyond the natural, & discern the truth of God.

The Bible contains many examples of people who received sight from God, either literally or figuratively. For instance, God opened the eyes of Hagar, the servant of Abraham, & showed her a well of water when she was in despair in the wilderness. God also opened the eyes of Paul, who was blinded by a bright light on his way to Damascus, & transformed him from a persecutor of Christians to an apostle of Christ. Jesus, the Light of the World, performed many miracles of healing the blind during His earthly ministry. He restored sight to Bartimaeus, a beggar who cried out to Him for mercy. He opened the eyes of 2 disciples who were walking with Him on the road to Emmaus, & made them recognize Him after His resurrection.

But not everyone who had physical sight could see Jesus for who He really was. Many people, especially the religious leaders, were blinded by their pride, prejudice, & unbelief. They rejected Jesus as the Messiah & accused Him of being a sinner & a blasphemer. They could not see the signs & wonders that He did, nor understand the Scriptures that testified about Him.

The Bible instructs us to walk by faith, not by sight. God never intended for our sight, or any of our other senses, to become the sole means to discern the truth. There are many things that are invisible to our natural eyes, such as God Himself, His angels, His kingdom, His promises, & His purposes. We need spiritual sight to see these things & live according to them.

Spiritual sight is not something that we can achieve by ourselves. It is a gift that God gives us when we repent of our sins and believe in Jesus as our Lord & Savior. Let us use our sense of sight wisely & faithfully, both physically & spiritually, for His glory & our good.

*Joy, Peace and Love, Donna*

### *Happy Anniversary!*

August 2	Jamie & Stacy Hopkins
August 4	Gil & Martha Blackburn
August 5	Chuck & Lulia Maine
August 8	Matt & Stephanie Collins
August 11	Johnny & Renee Robinson



*Choir Practice begins 7:45pm on Aug. 16!*

*Cantata Practice begins on Sept. 6!*

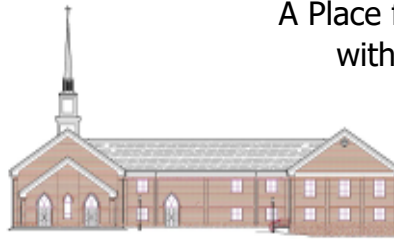


# August 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>B</b> = Birthday <b>A</b> = Anniversary</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</p>	1	<p>2 <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study via FaceBook Live <u>7pm</u> - Bell Practice</p> <p>B - Greg Hutchinson B - Matt Meade A - Jamie &amp; Stacy Hopkins</p>	<p>3 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Caroline Wilson</p>	4	<p>5</p> <p>B - Maci Cantrell B - Morgan Meade A - Chuck &amp; Lulia Maine</p>
<p>6 8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - Communion</p>	<p>7 Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Abbie Crutchfield</p>	8	<p>9 <u>6pm</u> - PICNIC at Arrowhead Park (Potluck)</p>  <p>B - Lotta Stewart</p>	<p>10 6:30am - Men's Bible Study</p> <p>B - Ben Duncan B - Macie Conway B - Lewey Lee</p>	11	<p>12</p> <p>A - Johnny &amp; Renee Robinson B - Tim Cox</p>
<p>13 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - <b>Deacon Nominations</b></p> <p>B - Nathan Hersel A - Lewey &amp; Brenda Lee</p>	<p>14 Caring Friends,</p> <p>A - Ron &amp; Kathy Helton</p>	15	<p>16 <u>6pm</u> - Fellowship Meal <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study <u>7:45pm</u> - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Ann Culbertson A - John &amp; Toni Thacker</p>	<p>17 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>1:30pm - Laurels</p> <p>B - John Ponish</p>	18	<p>19</p> <p>B - Rose Kennedy</p>
<p>20 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p> <p>B - Teresa Adkins B - Cindy Elkins B - Holden Osborne</p>	<p>21 Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Suzanne Baird B - Cindi Farmer B - Sutton Polly A - Scott &amp; Beth Snodgrass</p>	22	<p>23 <u>6pm</u> - Fellowship Meal <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study <u>7:45pm</u> - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Jeff Sturgill</p>	<p>24 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Jerry Baird</p>	25	<p>26</p> <p>B - Linda Bailey B - Brenda Lee A - Jim &amp; Jane Hughes</p>
<p>27 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p>	<p>28 Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Megan Moody B - Lisa Blankenbecler</p>	29	<p>30 <u>6pm</u> - Fellowship Meal <b><u>7pm</u> - Annual Business Mtg.</b> <u>7:45pm</u> - Choir Practice</p>	<p>31 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p>		

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## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	7/30 - 8/5	John Ponish, Gil Blackburn
	8/6 - 8/12	John Mark Adrian, Jeff Cantrell
Building Stewards:		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists:		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Children's Church	8/6	Wendy & John Mark Adrian
	8/13	Karen & John Ponish
Offering Ushers	August	Jeff Cantrell Team
	September	Ron Helton Team
Tellers:	August	Teresa Adkins, Shirlee Barnette
Wed. Night Meals:	8/9	PICNIC / POTLUCK at Arrowhead Park



## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School Worship	10:00 am 11:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd) Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	9:30 am
Wednesday	Bible Study via Fb Live Choir Practice	7:00 pm 7:45 pm
Thursday	Men's Bible Study Laurels Ministry (3rd)	6:30 am 1:30pm

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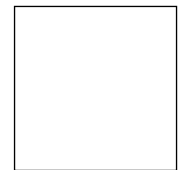
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## Thought for the Week:

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