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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 15, 2017

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

The eyes of the world were on Charlottesville, VA this past weekend. A march took place that included white supremacy groups such as the KKK, neo-Nazis, etc. They were protesting the removal of a statue of Robert E. Lee. Counter-protesters gathered to oppose them. Tragically, violence broke out. People were injured. Lives were lost.

Finger-pointing and post-event analyzing began immediately. What is the answer? Solutions have been suggested: tighter regulation of marches, greater authority for law enforcement, or leaving certain Civil War statues in place.

These solutions do not go deep enough. We have tried political solutions, social solutions, law enforcement solutions, etc. Human solutions will not fix these problems. We cannot "save" ourselves. We need saving. The Bible tells us that sin is part of the human DNA. The Apostle Paul says in Rom. 3:23 – "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God". Sin is simply putting what I want ahead of everyone else.

Sin leads to selfishness, hatred, and many kinds of destructiveness. The forces of sin and hate conspired to execute Jesus. When He died on the cross, it seemed those forces had won. But, on the third day, we know that Jesus rose from the dead! Sin and hate did not have the last word. Love had the last word. That is still true today.

The cross of Jesus is a living testimony that God's love is stronger than hate, no matter how things appear! Jesus summarizes the message of the Bible in Matthew 22:37-39 - "Love God...neighbor [and]...self" (Matthew 22:37-39). The theme? God's love. His love is the answer, the only answer! As we are captured by His love, and live it out, little by little, we, and our world are changed.

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

Youth/Parent Fall Planning Meeting
August 20, 5pm

Annual Church Business Meeting
August 23, 7pm

Church-Wide Ice Cream Social
August 27, 4pm

Sunday Night Youth Bible Study Begins
August 27, 6pm

New Sunday School Year/Classes Begin
September 3, 10am

BCM Meal
September 4

SON Golf Tournament
September 16, 8am

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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
Deacons Emeritus:	
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill, Harold Witt	

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Disaster Relief Ministry Opportunity

Bryon Burton is organizing a disaster relief trip to West Virginia the weekend of October 6-8. If you are interested in participating, please call or text Bryon Burton at 276-594-0025.

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL:

September 3

10:00 - 10:50 am

Join us on September 3 for Bible Study at 10am as we begin a new church year & a new Sunday School year! There are classes for ALL ages (birth - 102!). Start your week with Bible study & fellowship with friends & family who love you!

As you pray, please remember...

Debbie Collins, Ella Breeding, 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).



Wise Baptist... the Wednesday night place to be!

Join us on Wednesday nights at 6pm for our Fellowship Meal, followed by small group Bible studies at 6:45pm:

⇒ **Joshua & Judges**

As we step into the world of Joshua & the Judges, we will be sobered by the consequences of sin and 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.

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SON GOLF LEAGUE

**Next tournament: Sept. 16
Tri-Cities Golf Course, 8am**

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

Budget

The proposed budget for our next church year (Sep 1, 2017 - Aug 30, 2018) is available in the church foyer. You are welcome to pick up a copy at any time. The budget will be discussed and acted upon at upcoming August 23 business meeting.

Jump Rope Project!

The Children's Ministry Team will be coordinating a project that involves using t-shirts to make jump ropes. These jump ropes, will then be put into our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes this year! Please begin now to go through your drawers & bring your gently used t-shirts to Tabitha Ray, who is coordinating this project. Tabitha will set up a day or evening in September for gathering to make the jump ropes. Stay tuned for more details.



We would love to deliver a meal to our shut-ins or those unable to attend our Wednesday night services because of illness or other complications.

Please call by 12pm on Wed:

Church office (328-6247) or
Edgar Owens (328-6129, 275-9607)

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 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



Fellowship Meal

We would love for everyone to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6pm for our fellowship meals! It is very important, however, for you to sign up by noon on Tuesdays so that we can adequately prepare for all! You can do this by using the Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin or by calling the church office at 328-6247.



Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry

⇒ Sunday, August 20, 5pm...Fall Youth / Parent Planning Meeting at the Youth Building (Flock Nest); your input & ideas are welcome & needed!



Aug. 12-13 Youth Rafting Trip to WV...



August 16	Ann Culbertson
August 17	John Ponish
August 18	Kim Hall
August 19	Rose Kennedy
August 20	Teresa Adkins
	Cindy Elkins
August 21	Suzanne Baird
	Sutton Polly
	Betty Roberts
August 22	Alex Hall
August 23	Jeff Sturgill
August 24	Jerry Baird



August 16	John & Toni Thacker
August 21	Scott & Beth Snodgrass

WBC Children's Ministry

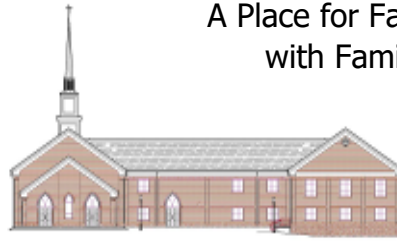


Ice Cream Judges Needed!

Calling all children! Ages birth to Grade 6 are needed to judge the homemade ice cream & cookies at our Church-Wide Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 27 at 4pm in the fellowship hall. There will also be games & activities! Please contact Diana Roberts at 275-7817!



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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	8/13-8/19	Daniel Ray, Edgar Owens
	8/20-8/26	Ron Helton, Jerry Baird
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:	8/20	Bob & Teresa Adkins
	8/27	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
Nursery:	8/20	John Mark & Wendy Adrian
	8/27	Abbie Crutchfield, Jessica Crutchfield
Children's Church:	8/20	Stephen & Julie Large
	8/27	Joe & Susie Powers
PA:	8/20	Mike Osborne
	8/27	Oscar Raile
Tellers:	August	Leton Harding, Oscar Raile
	September	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Ushers:	8/20	Bryon Burton*, Jeff Dotson^, Marty Kennedy, Jack Tolbert, Clyde Vance, Gil Blackburn, Dave Belcher
	8/27	Daniel Ray*, Jim Sturgill^, Johnny Robinson, Bob Adkins, Kenny Bowling, Matt Meade (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	8/16	Martha Blackburn, Linda Burgess, Kathy Helton
	8/23	Brenda Lee, Susan Smith Ann Wade
Wed. Meals	8/16	Chicken Tenders, Baked Potatoes, Broccoli, Salad
	8/23	Hamburger & French Fries
Children-in-Action:	8/16	Susan Mullins, Tabitha Ray
	8/23	Children in Action will not meet; Annual Church Business Meeting

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

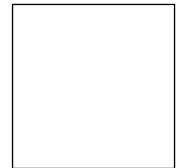
Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth (Grades 7-12)begins Aug. 27	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (in recess during summer)	
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Studies	6:45 pm
	Children in Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth - Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2-4 pm

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than hate.