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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear church family and friends,

In today's world people are more disconnected than ever. How do we have meaningful fellowship? How do we have fellowship that goes beyond the weather or the latest ballgame. When we lack deeper fellowship, we feel lonely.

God created us to be in relationship. At first, Adam had only the animals for companionship. A favorite pet can provide companionship. However, that only goes so deep.

How do we go deeper? Ross Campbell said that when he wanted to have a conversation with his teenagers, he would drive them somewhere in a car. (I remember when I was a teenager, having an in-depth conversation with my parents was not at the top of my list for the day.)

While Campbell drove, an amazing thing happened. His teenager would talk about things he or she would not otherwise discuss. The secret was that his focus was on driving and not as much on the passenger.

Let's apply that to us. When we are doing something else, conversation flows. When eating together (especially, for Baptists!), our focus is on something else. When in Bible study together, our focus is on something else. When serving together: putting shingles on a roof, painting a wall, pulling weeds, stitching a quilt for cancer patients, etc., our focus is somewhere else.

When we consistently have a relaxed setting, there are opportunities for deeper conversations. We can talk about what matters to us. We can talk about our hurts and our hopes. We can bring God into this fellowship as we pray together.

You are invited to deepen your fellowship with God's people through Sunday morning Bible study, Wednesday night meals and Bible study, children's ministry, youth ministry, music ministry, missions ministry, etc. Find a place and jump in!

Love, Pastor Mike

How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

Express one of the following to the Pastor during the closing hymn:

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| † 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

Q & A with Leadership Team
August 17

Annual Business Meeting
August 24

Breakfast for Sunday School Teachers
August 28

Church-Wide Ice Cream Fellowship
August 28

Parents' Day Out
September 17

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DEACONS 2015-16

Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Dan Helton	328-6086
Ron Helton	393-6145
John Kennedy	328-5013
Lewey Lee	328-3845
Matt Meade	393-9177
Edgar Owens	328-6129
Daniel Ray	328-2483

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Children's Ministry Team is sponsoring a

Church-Wide Ice Cream Social !

Sunday, August 28, 4 pm

Bring your favorite homemade ice cream and/or homemade cookies—our CHILDREN will be the judges & prizes WILL be awarded! Please contact Wendy Adrian, call the church office or sign up on your Communication Card in Sunday's bulletin.



Let *us*
watch the kids
for awhile!

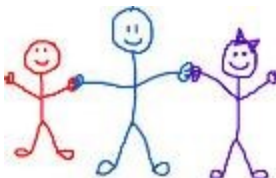
The Children's Ministry Team of Wise Baptist Church would like to extend a "gift" to parents of children ages 0—Grade 6!

On Saturday September 17, from 10am—3pm, there will be activities planned at the church for the children, including lunch, games, recreation & crafts. Plenty of adult supervision will be provided.

If your child(ren) would like to participate, please sign them up on the Communication Card in your bulletin. You may also contact Donna Hutchinson (donna.hutchinson@usa.net) or call the church office at 276-328-6247.

Ministry Opportunity!

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



As you pray, please remember...

Rick Meade & family, Kara Kennedy and family, Wanda Baird, Tony Hill, Irene Black, Papa Joe Smiddy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Bea Hill, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.



Hospitalized: Clifford Bailey, Mountain View

Our Shut Ins: Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Archie Kennedy (Heritage Hall—BSG), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG), and Florine Pennington (The Laurels).

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

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

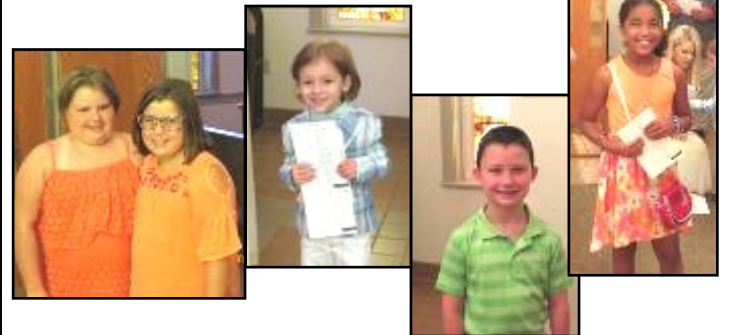
*We extend our deepest love
and sympathy to Rick
Meade in the loss of his brother-in-law, Jerry Dorton.*



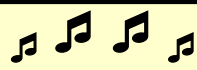
Kara Kennedy is HOME!!! After 35 days in Pikeville Medical Center, Kara was able to come home today! We rejoice with Kara & all of her family at God's faithfulness in her life! Please continue to cover this family with prayer. You can show your support by attending a benefit concert for Kara on August 27 at the Glades.

"For with God nothing will be impossible." Luke 1:37

THANK YOU to our children for helping to greet and hand out bulletins this past Sunday morning!



The 2016–2017 proposed budget information is now available in the church foyer.



From Leigh

First, let me share my thoughts on "We Believe" by LIGHT on Sunday in worship. I thought it was powerful and moving. Lily did an awesome job of reflecting the words through the choreography. I reminded the FLOCK early on Sunday that this interpretive dance is a testimony of their personal faith and their unity of belief in God's power to save through the resurrection of Christ. Our young people are an inspiration.

I would like to thank the Snodgrass family for their testimony regarding the mission trip on Sunday. It was a tough ask. With Lily leaving for school this week, their emotions are shot. But, I also know the powerful impact doing missions as a family has had on all of their lives and I wanted them to share that with all of you. Beth said it best, "There is never a perfect time to go as a family. But, you should go anyway." Begin praying now about your involvement next summer!

On Thursday afternoon, eight of us left for West Virginia to lend a hand or whatever was needed, to the folks impacted by the recent floods where 23 people lost their lives. The SBC Disaster Relief and many other organizations have been a tremendous help in providing food, shelter, financial relief, and volunteers to haul debris and clean out mud. But more importantly, they have offered hope and encouragement, comfort, a shoulder to cry on and a hand to hold.

Our group had the privilege of meeting some of the home owners and hearing their stories. Their loss and grief is real. Their gratitude for our help was also real. We gave Bibles to them, shared prayers and many hugs. We were blessed beyond measure because God is good and because we willingly gave of ourselves and of our time. *To God be ALL Glory!*

I give thanks for each of you and for this church. I am praying for you this week; pray for each other, too.

Blessings, Leigh



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



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



Unfortunately, the floor project that was planned for the BCM building at UVA-Wise was postponed because the materials had not arrived. So, hopefully we will get that project rescheduled very soon. The FLOCK met for dinner, fellowship and Bible study at the youth building. We had a great turn out and we celebrated Austin's 18th birthday! (see pictures!) Join us on Sunday at 6! Carla Sheppard will provide our meal.

Our lesson focused on John, the "disciple whom Jesus loved". We learned how John grew from an immature follower to one that Jesus entrusted with the care of His own mother. John learned about humility, responsibility and love. God's love for us is the foundation of our faith because it is unchanging.

LIGHT did a beautiful interpretation of "We Believe" in worship on Sunday morning.

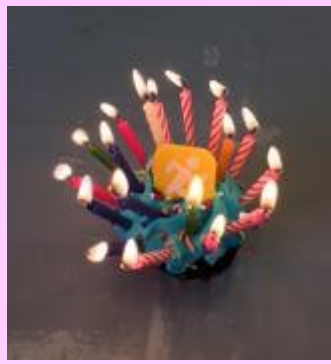




Disaster Relief Trip to WVA

Team members: Rachel Bailey, Stephanie Carter, Bryon Burton, Jim Porchie, Julie and Stephen Large, Mark and Leigh Clark.

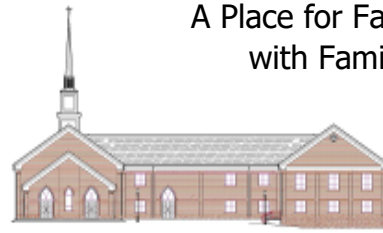
Jobs included nail removal, spraying the wood and fogging underneath houses for mold. We met several home owners, gave them a Bible and had the opportunity to pray with them. We also met wonderful volunteers like Chuck Thacker with the SBC Tennessee Disaster Relief organization.



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	8/14-8/20	Matt Meade, Lewey Lee
	8/21-8/27	John Kennedy, Dan Helton
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:	08/21	John Kennedy
	08/28	Lewey & Brenda Lee
Nursery:	08/21	Susie Clasby, Bonnie Owens
	08/28	Tammie Harding, Sara Johnson
Children's Church:	08/21	Karen & John Ponish
	08/28	Daniel & Tabitha Ray
PA:	08/21	Noah Hall
	08/28	Marty Adkins
Tellers:	August	Jeff Dotson, Mike Strouth
	September	June Dotson, David Mullins
Ushers:	08/21	Youth
	08/28	Lewey Lee*, David Mullins^, Ron Swindall^, Bob Adkins, Stan Kunigelis, Matt Meade, Gary Smith, Mike Strouth (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	08/17	Donna Hutchinson, Cyndi Newlon, Rebecca Osborne
	08/24	Jessica Crutchfield, Kathy Dotson, Angela Gervais, Gail Kiser
Wed. Meals:	08/17	Baked Turkey Breast, Mixed Vegetables, Baked Baked Potatoes, Salad
	08/24	Hamburgers, French Fries
Children-in-Action:	08/17	Kathy Dotson, Julie Large
	08/24	Kathy Dotson, Julie Large

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Youth Bible Study	
	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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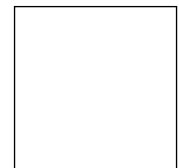
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Thought for the week:

The answer to loneliness is
deeper fellowship with God and
people.