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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

## A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 29, 2023



## Dear Church Family and Friends,

Why is it so hard for people to get along? This problem is everywhere. Always has been.

Ancient hieroglyphs are inscribed everywhere in Egypt. However, for nearly 3000 years, no one could translate them. The voices of Egyptians had been silent all that time!

Finally, in 1798, the code was cracked. Great revelations were expected.

Instead, many messages were very ordinary. Grocery lists. One man complained about work. Said his boss worked him like a pack mule. Etc.

How about today? What are the human issues we have in common? Maybe this is the place to begin as we try to get along better.

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." (Phil. 2:4)

Love, Pastor Mike

#### How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

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

† Transfer of Letter

† Baptism

† Statement of Faith † Watch Care

Transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church Desire to express faith in Christ through baptism Baptized believer not on a membership roll

Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership

**IMPORTANT DATES** 

Fellowship Meal Wed, August 30 6:00pm

Annual Church Business Meeting Wed, August 30 7:00pm

> Choir Practice Wed, August 30 7:45pm

Men's Bible Study Thursday, August 31 6:30am

Bridal Shower for Elora Hutchinson Saturday, September 9 2:00pm

Feast of Tabernacles Friday, September 29

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#### **DEACONS 2022 - 2023**

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

> Deacon Emeritus: Bob Adkins

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# Annual Church Business Meeting

Wednesday August 30, 7pm

Join us as we celebrate was God has done & will do through Wise Baptist!

\* Copies of the Budget & Church Ministries & Volunteers are available in the foyer & the hall.



Have you ever been hungry? Not a real pleasant thing to go through. God has blessed

me much more than I deserve & it is very seldom that I miss a meal. That is not always the case for the people that benefit from our Grab & Go Ministry.

I was told of a time that a worker went into a home & the milk was sitting on the kitchen table, as the people did not have funds to keep the refrigerator running. Additionally, they did not have enough money to buy food. The Grab & Go Ministry can help in such a situation. When social workers go into a home & find folks in need of food, the workers can go to their vehicle & grab food items to give them.

The next time you enjoy a good meal, be mindful of those that might not be as fortunate. If you have items, please bring them to the church so that your

blessings can bless someone less fortunate. Collection bins are near the elevator & at this time they are empty. Please consider bringing nonperishable food items and fill up those bins.

~ David Mullins



#### As you pray, please remember...

Wendy Adrian & Family, Megan (Burton)

Douglas, Mike Strouth, Rev. Michael Weller, J.D. Cantrell, Robert Price, Gladys Maxwell, Dan Helton, Artie Bailey, Jean Aker, Hutchinson, Family of Pat Boggs, Cliff Bowman & Family, Brenda & Stan Kunigelis & Family, Butch Hutchinson, Clyde Vance, Lois Stallard, Gil & Martha Blackburn, Brenda Lee, Wanda Baird, Edgar Mullins (Grace's brother), Haley & Cody Lambert, Donnie & Courtney Jordan & family, Mike Smith, Rowyn Malott (great-niece of Teresa & Billy Glines), 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).



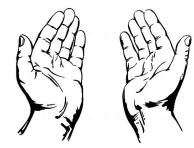
# Scripture for the Week: Philippians 2:4

"Everyone should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."

118 days until Christmas…and only 110 DAYS UNTIL OUR CHRISTMAS CANTATA!

Sunday Evening, Dec. 17

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Stewardship — Bless and Be Blessed

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." ~ Proverbs 3:6

It is a privilege for us to be called as stewards of God's Work at Wise Baptist Church. We experience blessings, a special peace, and happiness through our pure motives and following God's example and instruction of giving.

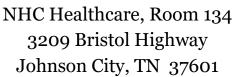
May you be blessed, through your caring heart, your desire to reach the lost, your giving attitude ... all through being stewards of God's Work here at Wise Baptist Church.

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





# Contact information for **Lois Stallard**:



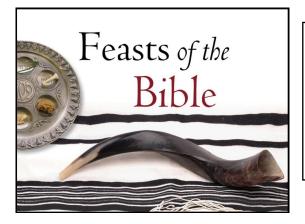


Invite a friend & join us for supper each Wednesday evening at 7pm!

\$7 for adults \$5 for seniors & school age children \$20 for family of 4 or more

\*\* PLEASE REMEMBER that if you use the kitchen, even for just coffee, please clean up, label any food going into fridge, or throw out.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS



Come & celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles with us at Wise Baptist on Friday, September 29!

This year, we are celebrating 3 of the most important Jewish feasts that Jesus faithfully participated in while on earth. You may remember that in May, we celebrated the Feast of Weeks with a meal of traditional Jewish dishes, music & even dancing!

You will not want to miss our next feast—the Feast of Tabernacles!

# What is The Feast of Tabernacles?

Known in Hebrew as "Sukkot", the Feast of Tabernacles (or Feast of Booths) commemorates how the Israelites lived in temporary shelters for 40 years in the desert, & celebrates attitude of joy & that thanksgiving that God wants us to have.

\* Read what God says about this celebration in Leviticus 23:42-43 and Nehemiah 8:13-17!

### How & why was the Feast of Tabernacles celebrated in Bible times?

During Biblical times, the Israelites flocked to Jerusalem from every village in Israel. Upon arrival, these pilgrims focused on building their simple shelters, & soon the surrounding fields were filled with thousands of leafy sukkot (shelters). During the 7-day feast, the people brought their offerings to the Temple, read scriptures & told again the stories of the mighty deeds that God performed for His people in the desert.



#### BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC



## Nappy Birthday!

August 22	Alex Hall
August 23	Jeff Sturgill
August 24	Jerry Baird
August 25	Linda Bailey
	Brenda Lee

August 28 Megan Moody

Lisa Blankenbecler

September 3 Renee Robinson
September 4 Johnny Robinson
September 7 Gwen Chisenhall
Kathy Helton

September 8 Scott Hall

Butch Hutchinson

Marty Kennedy Nicole Sexton

September 9 Stephanie Wilson









#### **QUILTING BAZAAR!**

**OCT. 8-9** 

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

What a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping while helping to sustain this wonderful ministry!



# WBC Music Ministry

TOUCH is a significant theme in the Bible. It is seen as a means of blessing, healing, judgment, or defilement, depending on the context & the intention. The Bible uses touch as a metaphor for both spiritual & moral contact.

In the Old Testament, touch is often associated with God's sovereignty & holiness. God created humans by touching the dust of the ground. In the New Testament, touch is often associated with Jesus' ministry & compassion. Jesus touched many people who were sick, blind, deaf, or dead, & healed them by His power and authority. Jesus also allowed people to touch Him, even those who were considered unclean or unworthy, such as lepers, women with bleeding issues, or children. Jesus' touch demonstrated His love and grace for all people, regardless of their status or condition. And Jesus used touch as a sign of His resurrection, inviting His disciples to touch His wounds & see that He was alive.

The Bible also uses touch figuratively to describe spiritual & moral relationships. For example, Paul exhorts believers not to be "unequally yoked" with unbelievers, or to touch anything impure. John warns Christians not to love the world or the things in it, or be defiled by touching idols (I John 2:15-17; 5:21). On the other hand, believers are encouraged to "lay hold of" God by faith & obedience (Hebrews 6:18; Philippians 3:12), & to "touch" one another with love & kindness (Romans 12:10; Ephesians 4:32).

When we humans feel romantic love towards another, touch is one of our ways of showing that love. Jesus taught us that we should love our neighbor, so by reaching out & touching those who need Jesus, need a helping hand, need guidance & assistance, we are reaching out Jesus to them.

Reach out & touch someone today, either literally or at least spiritually.

Joy, Peace and Love, Donna

# September 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>B</b> = Birthday <b>A</b> = Anniv.	If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247				I	2
3 8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Messa - Communion  B - Renee Robinson	4 Piecemakers, 9:30am ge B - Johnny Robinson	5	6 6pm - POTLUCK 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Pract	<ul> <li>6:30am -         Men's Bible Study         Fellowship Hall         ice</li> <li>B - Gwen Chisenhall         B - Kathy Helton</li> </ul>	B - Scott Hall B - Butch Hutchinson B - Marty Kennedy B - Nicole Sexton	9 Bridal Shower for Elora Hutchinson 2pm Fellowship Hall B - Stephanie Wilson
10 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Churc	Caring Friends, 9:30am	12	13 6pm - Fellowship Me 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Pract		J 5 y B - Kathy Dotson	16
17 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church  B - Wendy Adrian B - Charley Gardner	18 Piecemakers, 9:30am	19	20 6pm - Fellowship Me 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Pract	Fellowship Hall	22	23
A - Sam & Cindi Farmer A - Randy & Carol Miller  24  10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church	B - Shane Mullins  25 Caring Friends, 9:30am	B - Bob Adkins  26	A - Tim & Kathy Osborne  27  6pm - Fellowship Me 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Pract	Fellowship	B - Ashlee Taylor  29  FEAST OF  TABERNACLES	B - Vickie Swindall B - Terry Winters  30

#### Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call: 8/27 - 9/2 David Mullins, Butch Hutchinson 9/3 - 9/16 Jim Collie, Jorge Hersel **Building Stewards:** Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass Instrumentalists: Susan Mullins, Susan Smith Children's Message 9/3 **Terry Winters** Children's Church 9/10 Ann Wade Offering Ushers Jeff Cantrell Team August Ron Helton Team September Tellers: August Teresa Adkins, Shirlee Barnette Matt Meade, Mike Strouth September 8/30 BBQ, Slaw, Baked Beans Wed. Night Meals: POTLUCK 9/6 Wed. Serving Teams 8/30 Teresa's Team: Pat Adkins, Linda Burgess, Eileen Cantrell, Susan Smith 9/6 Volunteers needed for set up & clean up



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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### Thought for the Week:

Find common ground when there is conflict.