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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 7, 2018

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



*Dear Church Family and Friends,*

There are more people in the world than ever before. We know more people than ever before. Yet, people are lonelier than ever before. Loneliness is not about the number of people we know. It is about a lack of depth in those relationships. A deep relationship is one where we can discuss the big things, those things that keep us up at night and cause worry through the day.

The Bible describes the devil as a “roaring lion” who seeks to destroy us. The lion’s strategy is to pick off one member of the herd that strays. The lion’s prey is vulnerable when it is alone.

We are spiritually vulnerable when we are lonely. God made us to be in relationship or fellowship. There is a reason Jesus sends His disciples out two by two. There is safety, wisdom, and companionship in this fellowship. Jesus also says that where two or more are gathered in His name that He is there.

When stress and pressure come, we can pull away from people and “go into the bunker”. The devil tries to “pick us off” like a lion. He magnifies doubts, distorts thinking, exaggerates fears and increases discouragement.

We can combat those tactics with Christian fellowship. We can be warned of blind spots. Someone can listen to our story and pray for us. We can meet Jesus in others.

Fellowship opportunities abound at Wise Baptist. Small groups of all kinds are available. Sunday morning Bible study, Wednesday night Bible studies, ladies’ quilting groups, serving together on projects of all kinds, mission trips, etc.

When you are in a fellowship group, you can receive blessings. You can also be a blessing to others. Do yourself, and others, a favor. Take steps to strengthen your fellowship connections.

*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

**Wednesday Night Meal & Activities Begin August 8**

**“The World of Jesus” Exhibit, Glamorgan August 11, 12-5pm**

**Deacon Nominations August 12, 11am**

**Education Committee August 15, 5pm**

**Laurels Ministry August 16, 1:30pm**

**Piecemakers August 20, 9:30am**

**Education Committee August 22, 5pm**

**Adult II Outing to Natural Tunnel August 25, 5-10pm**

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### DEACONS 2017-18

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Jim Collie	393-1710
Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Ron Helton	393-6145
Mike Osborne	365-0968
John Ponish	870-1593
Gary Smith	870-1579

Deacons Emeritus:  
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill,  
Harold Witt

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Ministries at WBC

*Would you like to be a part of the Education Committee?*

Each week, the newsletter will feature one of the ongoing ministries at Wise Baptist Church. We want you to know what is going on at WBC and how you can get "plugged in" where you would enjoy serving!

This week, we will share about the ministry of the EDUCATION COMMITTEE...please pray for this vital ministry of Wise Baptist Church & ask God to show you if He would like to use you in this area!

This group of folks helps plan our Small Group Bible Studies that are offered on Wednesday evenings throughout the year, as well as secure teachers for each study & order materials.

Teresa Adkins (393-0977) is the one to contact if you have questions or would like to be a part of this group.

*As you pray, please remember...*

Regina Cantrell, Bessie Vance, Kathy & John Kennedy, Donna Morton, Jonah Kelley, John & Kay Wright, Bonnie Rochford & Wanda Takahashi (sisters of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, Shirley Willis (The Laurels), Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Pat and Fred Adkins, Bea and Glenn Hill, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military



Hospital: Bea Hill (Norton Community)

**Our Shut Ins:** Susan Davidson (Heritage Hall), Eddie Culbertson, 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).*



**To all church email subscribers,**

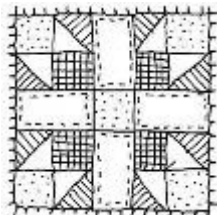
Sharing church news by email has evolved into a challenging array of problems. Certain domains are blocking almost all group emails while others have been very dependable. For the most part, the problem domains are Yahoo, Verizon and AOL. Comcast, Hotmail and Gmail have the best track record as far as delivery reliability. It may be a small hassle but I strongly recommend that all Yahoo, Verizon and AOL users setup a Hotmail or Gmail account in order to receive the church emails. After considerable troubleshooting, I am convinced that this is the only solution unless Yahoo or Verizon changes their criteria regarding group emails. ~ Jerry Baird



If you would like to share a prayer concern with our church family, email: [jerrybaird009@comcast.net](mailto:jerrybaird009@comcast.net)

## Summer Schedule

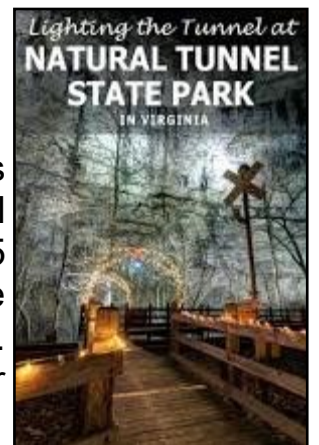
Piecemakers will meet on August 20.



Caring Friends will begin meeting again on Sept. 10.

## Sunday School Fellowship

The Adult II Class is gathering at Natural Tunnel on Sat., Aug. 25 for a cookout & the Lighting of the Tunnel. Contact John Ponish for info.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT.



### Wednesday Night Small Group Bible Studies Aug. 8, 6:45pm

- (1) Do you have questions about heaven and eternity? There are many different ideas floating around. What does the Bible actually say? Billy Graham speaks clearly and practically from the Bible in the Bible study, "**The Heaven Answer Book**".
- (2) 2,000 year ago, Jesus' last words commissioned all believers to take His love to the world. Step into the shoes of the early followers of Jesus, who launched out on a mission to heal a broken world. Feel the heartbeat of the early church. This same mission continues today! Join us for the Bible study on the book of Acts, called "**Going Viral, the Birth and Advance of the Church**".
- (3) One out of 5 people will have a mental health issue every year. Still, there is an awkward silence or lack of understanding about mental health in many churches. Matthew Stanford writes a book on the subject, "**Grace for the Afflicted**". He writes as a committed Christian, Deacon & professor at a medical college. Come and learn how we can bring the healing love of Jesus into the lives of people with mental health issues.

### School Supplies Needed

Due to no Community Backpack Give-Away this year, the Family Involvement Committee at Wise Primary is requesting school supply donations from area churches. Our Missions Committee is asking that we donate notebook paper, pencils, large pink erasers and small eraser toppers. Donated items may be place in a box in the hallway near the choir room or given to Debbie Collins by August 2 if possible, or no later than August 29.



### Don't miss the 3rd Annual Ice Cream Social!

Sunday  
August 26, 4pm  
WBC Fellowship Hall

### Deacon Nominations

On **Sunday, August 12th**, members of Wise Baptist Church will have the opportunity to submit nominations for three (3) new active deacons. Jerry Baird, Gil Blackburn, and Ron Helton are rotating off, from active to inactive deacons status, and will not be eligible to serve as active deacons this coming church year. Other current active deacons that will continue to serve the church include John Mark Adrian, Jim Collie, Jeff Dotson, Mike Osborne, John Ponish, and Gary Smith. Please begin praying now for those who will be called to serve.



### Weekend Mission Trip to WV

Looking for interest in going on a small mission trip to West Virginia the weekend of October 5-7.

Need verbal commitments ASAP & solid commitments by Sept. 1

Bryon Burton (594-0025)



### Scripture for the Week:

1 Peter 5:8

"Be sober! Be on the alert! Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a lion, looking for anyone he can devour."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT.

### *Wednesday Night Fellowship*

If you have not been attending the Wednesday night events, you are missing out on fun, fellowship, good food and Bible study!

We will be starting our Wednesday activities on August 8th, but we have a few concerns. We are not taking in enough funds to cover the cost. If we all give a little extra on the meal and help more with cleaning up, serving and desserts, we can make it work. A recommendation of \$5 for kids and minimum of \$6 (some meals are costing more than \$6 per person) for adults will allow us to continue with this wonderful event.

We are also evaluating the feasibility of hiring someone to prep the food and help with dishes. It would really help to have additional help scheduled in the kitchen to allow everyone to attend the Bible studies.

Please sign up for the Wednesday evening meal by TUESDAY NOON of each week if you plan to attend. You may do this by using the Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin, by calling the church office (328-6247) or by texting our church secretary, Terry Winters (870-2712).

In summary, come enjoy the fellowship, food and Bible study!

*Gary Smith*

#### **“The World of Jesus” Exhibit Glamorgan Chapel Sat., August 11, 12-5pm**

See ancient artifacts from 2,000 years ago & the world Jesus knew! U Pike’s Biblical archaeology exhibit director, Tommy Chamberlin, will share artifacts from the time of the New Testament.

Special presentations by exhibit director at 1pm & 3:30pm. Free admission, but donations are appreciated.



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. We will, however, need family members to pick up these meals between 5:45pm & 6:00pm.

The suggested donation per carry-out meal is \$6. There will be *no* carry-outs available on Potluck nights, due to the unknown quantity of food on those nights.

*Please call by 12pm on Tues:*

Church office (328-6247)

**MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY...** A group from Wise Baptist is going to the Laurels on Aug. 16 from 1:30-2:30pm to minister to the residents through music and a brief devotional. Contact Sherlene Hall at 275-0059 if you would like to be a part of this ministry!







Greetings!

This week, school started back for Wise County, and will soon be doing so for several other regional school districts, as well. The new year for the church is also approaching. As we are about to experience, a new season is around the corner. New beginnings are all around us everywhere we look. However, the one thing that remains constant is God's love for us regardless of whatever season or situation we may be in. All we need to do is to come unto him, and all our burdens will be lifted.

God bless you all!!, Ben

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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 13 Nathan Hersel

August 14 Austin Bordlee



August 15 Cub Mullins

August 16 Ann Culbertson

August 17 John Ponish



August 18 Kim Hall

WBC Youth Ministry



Sunday, August 12

- \* Youth Bible Study begins!
- \* Meet at the Youth Building at 6pm for food, fellowship & fun!
- \* Thank you to Bryon Burton for providing the meal this week!

September 8-9

- \* Nantahala River, near Bryson City, NC
- \* Rafting, 1pm Sat.
- \* Ziplining, 10am, Sun.

Questions?

Contact Lori Crisp at 708-6221



Happy Anniversary

August 11 - Johnny & Renee Robinson

August 13 - Lewey & Brenda Lee

August 14 - Ron & Kathy Helton

August 14 - Stephen & Julie Large

August 16 - John & Toni Thacker

WBC Children's Ministry



Upcoming Children's Ministry Events:

Aug. 8, 7pm - Children in Action begins!

Aug. 12, 11am - Children will be reading the scripture during worship

Aug. 26, 4pm - Ice Cream Social

Sept. 16, 11am - 5th/6th Grade Recognition Service & Reception

# Brown Bag Ministry 2018



# Youth Trip to Asheville, NC: Laser Tag!





## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	8/5-8/11	Jerry Baird, Jim Collie
	8/12-8/18	Jeff Dotson, John Ponish
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome	8/12	Oscar Raile
	8/19	Oscar Raile
S.S. Greeters:	8/12	John Ponish
	8/19	David & Sandy Mullins
Nursery:	8/12	Susie Clasby, Emma Snodgrass
	8/19	John Mark & Wendy Adrian
Children's Church:	8/12	Daniel & Tabitha Ray
	8/19	John & Karen Ponish
Sound System:	8/12	Mike Osborne
	8/19	Oscar Raile
Ushers:	8/12	Jerry Baird, Stan Kunigelis, Edgar Owens, Gary Smith, John Thacker, Roger Viers, Harold Witt
	8/19	Marty Adkins, Leton Harding, Ron Helton, Jorge Hersel, Jeff Kiser, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass
Tellers:	Aug.	Mike Strouth, Martha Blackburn
	Sept.	June Dotson, Edgar Owens
Youth Bible Study	8/12	Meal: Bryon Burton
	8/19	Meal: Pam Hersel
Wed. Serving Team	8/15	Sherry Collie, Brenda Kunigelis, Sandy Mullins, Toni Thacker
	8/22	Wanda Baird, Donna Hutchinson, Cyndi Newlon, Rebecca Osborne
Wed. Night Meal	8/15	Chicken Tenders, Baked Potatoes, Broccoli
	8/22	Hamburger & French Fries
Children-in-Action:	8/15	Kathy Dotson, Julie Large
	8/22	Susie Clasby, Julie Large

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## 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 (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Studies	7:00 pm
	Children in Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth - Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm

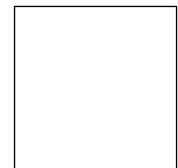
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and at Wise Baptist Youth

**Thought for the Week:**  
**Meet Jesus as we fellowship**  
**with others.**