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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

The Bible testifies that God is personal and speaks directly to us. My current sermon series is about what God says through the dreams of certain people. These people include Jacob, Joseph (Old Testament), Daniel, Solomon, Joseph (New Testament) and Pilate's wife.

God spoke to Jacob in his dream. Jacob dreamed about a ladder connecting heaven and earth with angels going up and down that ladder. Angels are messengers from God. God wanted to communicate with Jacob; He wants to communicate with us as well.

The truth that God wants to communicate with us, however, does not guarantee that we want to hear from Him. Jacob was always on the run, always manipulating, always deceiving. Perhaps the only way God could get through to him, was while he was asleep. What barriers do we put between ourselves and God?

Finally, we learn that God came directly to Jacob, when he was at his worst. He had cheated his own brother, Esau, out his most precious earthly possessions and he had lied and schemed against his father to pull it off. Even while at his worst, when he seems beyond saving, God says in so many words, "Jacob, I love you and I have plans for you".

Those are encouraging words for us. God wants to know us. But, we have barriers in the way. Finally, when we are at our very worst, when we are the least lovable, God comes to us and says, "I love you and I have big plans for you!"

Take heart my brothers and sisters. I look forward to us taking this journey together.

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

SON Golf Tournament
Millstone Golf Course
August 12, 8am

Youth Rafting Trip
August 12-13

Children's Ministry Team
Cookout/Planning
Meeting
August 13, 2pm

Youth/Parent Fall
Planning Meeting
August 20, 5pm

Church-Wide
Ice Cream Social
August 27, 4pm

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

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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



Looking to see if there's any interest in going to West Virginia to help with disaster relief sometime in September for a weekend. If I can get enough volunteers together, we'll figure out the best time to go. If interested, please call or text Bryon Burton at 276-594-0025.

~ Bryon Burton

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



Hospital: Jim Collie (UVA), Beverly Viers (HealthSouth Rehab, Kingsport)

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).



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.



WBC is the Wednesday night place to be!

Join us as we begin our Wednesday night Fellowship activities at 6pm with a potluck meal! At 6:45pm, we will meet in the sanctuary for preview of the upcoming small group Bible studies:

⇒ **Joshua & Judges**

Join us as we step into the world of Joshua & the Judges. We will be sobered by the consequences of sin & 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.



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!

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SON GOLF LEAGUE

Next tournament: August 12

Millstone Golf Course, 8:00 am

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



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 a 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



Years ago, 8-year old Danny Dutton of Chula Vista, California was given a homework assignment by his third grade teacher: Write an essay explaining God.

These are some excerpts from his essay. Thank you to Beverly Viers for sharing this!

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die so there will be enough people to take care of things here on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way, He doesn't have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk, He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV on account of this. Since He hears everything, not only prayers, there must be a terrible lot of noise in His ears, unless He has thought of a way to turn it off."

"Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified Him. But He was good and kind like His Father and He told His Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK. His Dad (God) appreciated everything that He had done and all His hard work on earth so He told Him He didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven So He did."

"If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim very good and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids. But you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back anytime He pleases. And that's why I believe in God."



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM MEETING

The Children's Ministry Team & families will be meeting on Sun., August 13, 2pm at Natural Tunnel for a cookout and planning! Please see Donna Hutchinson about what to bring.



MUSIC * YOUTH * CHILDREN NEWS



Greetings, everyone!!

Wednesday night, the choir had a blast with the new music we're learning!! I hope that it will be as spiritually moving and enriching for you, as I believe it is for us to rehearse it. Of course, you would be more than welcome to join us, if you'd prefer!!

This past 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 you experienced on Sunday, 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 of our burdens will be lifted.

God bless you all!!

Ben



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 16	Ann Culbertson



August 9	Alex & Deborah Knox
August 11	Johnny & Renee Robinson
August 13	Lewey & Brenda Lee
August 14	Ron & Kathy Helton
	Stephen & Julie Large
August 16	John & Toni Thacker

WBC Children's Ministry



Thank you to Chloe Cantrell for saying the offertory prayer during worship this past Sunday morning & thank you to all of the children & youth who helped to take up the offering!



Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry

Thank you to our amazing youth for helping assist and teach our young children how to be involved in taking up the offering during worship this past Sunday morning!

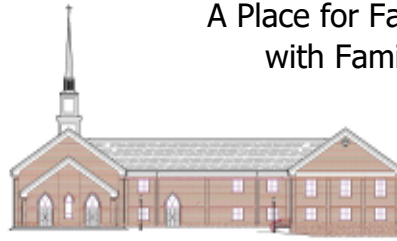
Mark your calendar!

⇒ **August 12-13...**Youth Rafting trip on Lower Gauley, West Virginia; If you are interested in going, please contact Bryon Burton or Stephanie Carter ASAP!

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



A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	8/06-8/12	Mike Osborne, Gil Blackburn
	8/13-8/19	Daniel Ray, Edgar Owens
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:	8/13	David & Sandy Mullins
	8/20	Bob & Teresa Adkins
Nursery:	8/13	Susie Clasby, Emma Snodgrass
	8/20	John Mark & Wendy Adrian
Children's Church:	8/13	Misty & Dave Belcher
	8/20	Stephen & Julie Large
PA:	8/13	Marty Adkins
	8/20	Mike Osborne
Tellers:	August	Leton Harding, Oscar Raile
Ushers:	8/13	Leton Harding*, Ron Helton^, Jorge Hersel, Jeff Kiser, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass, Marty Adkins
	8/20	Bryon Burton*, Jeff Dotson^, Marty Kennedy, Jack Tolbert, Clyde Vance, Gil Blackburn, Dave Belcher (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	8/09	Kathy Dotson, Jessica Crutchfield, Gail Kiser
	8/16	Kathy Helton, Martha Blackburn, Susie Powers, Linda Burgess
Wed. Meals	8/09	BBQ, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Chips, Salad
	8/16	Chicken Tenders, Baked Potatoes, Broccoli, Salad
Children-in-Action:	8/09	Susan Mullins, Tabitha Ray
	8/16	Susan Mullins, Tabitha Ray

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

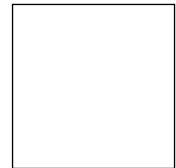
Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth (Grades 7-12)	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (in recess during summer)	
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Studies	6:45 pm
	Children in Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth - Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir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

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Thought for the Week:
**When we are at our
worst, God wants the best
for us!**