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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 12, 2017

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



Dear church family and friends,

Change is hard, even when it is a good change. It is leaving the known for the unknown. It is stepping out of certainty into uncertainty. Therefore, we often resist change automatically. Unconsciously, the fear lurks that the change may make things worse instead of better. This applies to all of us.

The first heavier-than-air airplane was flown successfully by Wilbur and Orville Wright on Dec. 13, 1903 at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. When news of their flight was communicated to their hometown newspaper in Dayton, Ohio, the editors ignored it. Neighbors thought they were crazy. Other logical supporters, the Scientific American journal and the US War Department, also ignored this breakthrough. There was enormous resistance to this great change.

Ironically, Amos Root, an expert in bees, recognized the Wright brothers' monumental achievement and published a glowing report in the journal, "Gleanings in Bee Culture" in the January 1905 issue. Perhaps, he had greater appreciation of the flight of man after observing the flight of bees.

Growth, by definition, is change. For that reason, we may automatically resist it. However, that is the nature of discipleship. Jesus says in Luke 9:23 to "deny [yourself], take up [your] cross daily and follow me."

So, when the next change faces us in our spiritual life, let's take time to step back, read the Scriptures, think and pray before taking (or not taking) the next step. Another way to think of it is as an adventure. An adventure is going somewhere we have not been before. Think back to all of the changes made in our lives that have been very positive. Don't miss out on what God may want to do next in you and through you!

It is my privilege to share this spiritual adventure with Wise Baptist Church!

Love, Pastor Mike

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Church-Wide Christmas Dinner**  
December 13, 6pm

**Children to See "The Star"**  
Norton Theatre  
December 16

**Jubilation Ringers**  
The Inn at Wise  
December 17, 5pm

**Caroling at The Laurels**  
December 20, 7pm

**Youth New Year's Eve Lock-In**  
December 31

**Mission Committee**  
January 3, 5pm

**Church Directory Meeting**  
January 14, 12 pm

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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

### 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### *Christmas Dinner Wednesday, Dec. 13, 6pm*

Join us for our annual Christmas dinner! Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Meat will be provided.

Please sign up on the Communication Card in your bulletin or notify Teresa Adkins so we can adequately plan.

In the spirit of fun, we will also feature our annual "Tacky Christmas Sweater" contest that evening! Prizes will be awarded for: Tackiest, Most Creative, Cutest, Best Christmas Spirit, Best Family/Group, Best Overall!

*Sunday,  
December 24,  
11pm*



*Wise Baptist Church* Christmas Eve  
COMMUNION

*What a wonderful way to celebrate Jesus  
this Christmas - invite your friends, family  
and neighbors to join us!*



*Wednesday, Dec. 20, 6:45pm*

Join us for soups & sandwiches at our Fellowship Meal on Dec. 20 at 5:45pm\* .

Afterwards, we will board the church bus & go caroling at The Laurels.

\*Note the time change for dinner.

*As you pray, please remember...*



Randy Chisenhall & family, Donna Morton & family, David Mullins, Bonnie Rochford (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, 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

**Hospitalized:** Peggy Yanez

**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).*

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of

Elizabeth Davidson who passed away last week. Please continue to keep Ann Wade, Susan Davidson, Penny Greenwood and their families in your prayers.

**JUBILATION**

**RINGERS CONCERT**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**

**5PM**

**THE INN AT WISE**



Thank you to the choir for providing the beautiful poinsettias in the sanctuary! Thank you also to Pat Boggs for providing two of these in memory of D.L. and Kim.



# MUSIC \* YOUTH \* CHILDREN NEWS



Greetings, everyone!!

I hope that this note finds everyone well and fully engrossed with the Christmas spirit.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for coming out to the cantata this past Sunday. I hope that you were as spiritually enriched as I was in putting this together. Thank you to the choir, thank you to the Susans, thank you to our narrators and thank you to the orchestra for your hard work and dedication in putting this program together.

As we continue through this Christmas season, let us remember...

Through a **distant voice**, taking place on **the midnight clear**,

Mary claimed "I **love you even more**" as Christ's birth drew near.

Shouting throughout the heavens knowing 'tis a **wonderful thing**,

Shepherds and scholars witnessed the birth of the world's true **one King**.

Though a **great mystery** for some but the great truth to tell,

**Emmanuel**, God Incarnate here to dwell!!

I pray that the love and joy of Jesus Christ is with you now, and forever more as we enjoy the fellowship that we experience through our gathering to worship.

Merry Christmas!!

*Ben*

*P.S. ARC TV filmed last night's cantata & has videos available for \$20 each or \$35 for two videos. If interested in purchasing videos, contact ARC TV at: arctelevision@gmail.com*



December 14	Jim Sturgill
December 16	Taylor Gardner
December 17	Alex Knox
December 19	Dana Hall
December 20	Bryan Crutchfield
	Marsha Tolbert
December 22	Dallas Kennedy
	Jon Kennedy
	Rick Mullins
December 23	Sherlene Hall

*Happy Anniversary*

December 19  
Shane & Susan Mullins



**December 31**

**Youth New Year's Eve Lock-In! Contact Bryon Burton if interested: 276-594-0025**



Wise Baptist  
Children's Ministry

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Come & support our children as they ring & sing at the Library on Dec. 12 at 6pm



Sundays, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24

Help decorate the Jesse Tree each Sunday during of Advent during morning worship.



The children's outing to see the movie, "The Star" has been CANCELLED due to other conflicting events.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Holiday Hours

- \* There will be no Wednesday evening activities at the church December 27.
- \* The office will be closed on Dec. 25, 26, 27.



## WINTER BIBLE STUDY!

Wednesdays, Jan. 3 - Feb. 7, 6:45pm

“First Peter:

Living as Strangers in a Secular World”

Sometimes, we expect more support for our Christian faith from our government and culture. If so, we will be constantly disappointed, or even angry. This attitude can cause us to get “stuck” in our faith journey.

On the other hand, resistance to our faith can cause us to rely on God even more. After all, God is bigger than anyone or anything.

The Book of I Peter speaks directly to these issues. Join me & others as we explore how our faith can thrive despite resistance from the world in which we live.

~ Blessings, Pastor Mike



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) or  
John Kennedy (328-5013)



January Dates  
to Remember!

- \* January 3 - Missions Committee, 5pm
- \* January 11 - Leadership Team, 6pm
- \* January 12 - Children's Ministry Team
- \* January 14 - Church Directory Meeting, 12pm
- \* January 28 - Church-Wide Birthday Party



## Kitchenware Sign-Out

So that we may better keep track of kitchenware & linens as used by our congregation for various needs & events throughout the week, the Fellowship Ministry Committee is asking that we sign out items whenever we may temporarily borrow them. Upon returning items, please cross these out on the Sign-Out Sheet in the kitchen. This will let the Fellowship Ministry Committee know that items have been returned & placed back in their proper storage spaces. Thank you!

~ Teresa Adkins, Sherlene Hall, Linda Burgess, Susan Smith

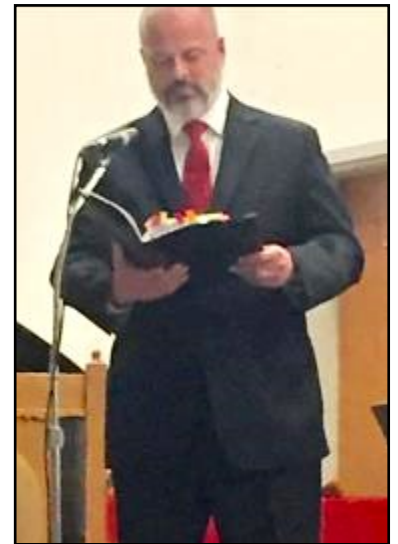
## Grab-n-Go Ministry



The white baskets near the elevator are used to collect non-perishable food items for elderly people who receive assistance from the Social Service Adult Protective Services in Wise County. There is a great need for this ministry. Sherlene Hall gathers the donations and delivers them to Social Services for distribution. Please give generously and please pray for this ministry.

*What a beautiful Christmas Cantata we experienced on Sunday evening! Thank you to Ben Harding, Susan Mullins, our cantata choir and narrators for all of their hard work & sharing of their gifts!*

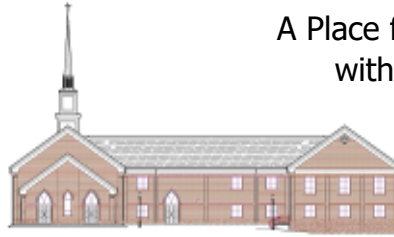
*Thank you also to Teresa Adkins & Sherlene Hall for coordinating the reception afterwards, and to Wendy Adrian for providing childcare during the cantata. Love, Pastor Mike*



## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/10-12/16	Mike Osborne, Gil Blackburn
	12/17-12/23	Gary Smith, John Mark Adrian
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome:	12/17	Oscar Raile
	12/24	Oscar Raile
S.S. Greeters:	12/17	Bob & Teresa Adkins
	12/24	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
Nursery:	12/17	Regina Carson, Rachel Lyall
	12/24	Kim Hall, Mary Stuedemann
Children's Church:	12/17	Regina Cantrell, Caroline Mullins
	12/24	Holly Meade
Sound System:	12/17	Marty Adkins
	12/24	Mike Strouth
Tellers:	December	Teresa Adkins, Stephen Large
	January	Leton Harding, Oscar Raile
Ushers:	12/17	*Gil Blackburn, Dave Belcher^, Bryon Burton, Jeff Dotson, Marty Kennedy, Stephen Large, Jack Tolbert
	12/24	*Jeff Cantrell, Dan Helton^, Matt Meade, Johnny Robinson, Jim Sturgill, Bob Adkins, Kenny Bowling (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	12/13	Christmas Dinner
	12/20	Linda Bailey, Karen Ponish, Ruby Salyers
Wed. Meals:	12/13	Christmas Dinner
	12/20	Soups & Sandwiches (*TIME CHANGE: 5:45pm)
Children-in-Action:	12/13	CIA will not meet (Christmas Dinner)
	12/20	CIA will not meet; (caroling at The Laurels)

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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	6:45 pm
	Children in Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth - Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm

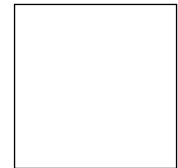
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**Thought for the Week:**  
**Following Jesus can be a**  
**spiritual adventure!**