

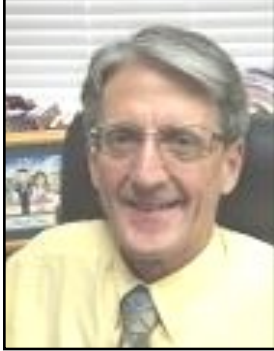
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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 12, 2023

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

How do heaven and earth connect today? We think of heaven as the place where followers of Jesus go when they die. What about now, for all believers who are still alive? Is there more to heaven than that?

Jesus said in the Lord's Prayer... "Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 5:10).

God's will is done perfectly in heaven. Therefore, whenever God's will is done on earth, heaven and earth meet. Every act of obedience brings heaven and earth together.

Jesus announced, during His earthly ministry, that the Kingdom of God was at hand. Kingdom means rule. Our assignment is to live under the rule of God. Our acts of obedience give others a glimpse of heaven. A kingdom where everyone willingly loves God, neighbor and self. Instead of a worldly kingdom ruled by selfishness, greed and hate.

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

- Fellowship Meal, Bible Study, Choir Practice**
Wed, December 13
6pm
- Third Sunday of Advent**
December 17, 11am
- Christmas Cantata**
Sun, Dec. 17, 6:30pm
- Christmas Dinner,**
Fellowship Hall
Wed, Dec. 20, 6pm
- Christmas Eve**
Breakfast &
"The Shepherd" film -
9:30am
Worship - 11am
- Candlelight Communion**
Service
Sun, December 24
11pm

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DEACONS 2023 - 2024

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Jeff Cantrell	275-9427
Debbie Collins	393-3875
Jeff Elkins	393-5700
Butch Hutchinson	393-5008
Stan Kunigelis	870-2227
Lewey Lee	393-5370
David Mullins	870-0005
John Ponish	870-1593

Deacon Emeritus:
 Bob Adkins

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



Annual Christmas Dinner

*Wednesday,
December 20, 6pm
Fellowship Hall*

\$10 per person
**turkey, ham, broccoli, potato casserole,
cranberry casserole, salad, rolls, desserts**

**Please SIGN UP by Dec. 17 by calling Terry
(276-870-2712), or using your
Communication Card on Sunday morning.*



Stewardship - Bless and Be Blessed

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

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 Wise Baptist Church, PO Box 777, Wise VA 24293, or brought by the Church anytime during open hours.

As you pray, please remember...



Lu Elsworth & Family, Gil & Martha Blackburn, Family of Chris Rose, Brian, brother of Brenda Kunigelis, Kathy Osborne & Family, Susan Smith & Family, Savannah Adams, Jim Sturgill, Clyde Vance, Jean Aker, Linda Burgess, Wanda Baird, Family of Jeanne Stallard, Jim Dotson, John & Kathy Kennedy, Wendy Adrian & Family, Megan (Burton) Douglas, Rev. Michael Weller, Brenda Lee, Edgar Mullins (Grace's brother), Rowyn Malott (great-niece of Teresa & Billy Glines), Harold Stallard, Mike Smith's sister Lynn, Beth Snodgrass, Adele Plester (Brenda Kunigelis' sister-in-law), Lorna Wherry & family, (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Natalie Luther, Russell, Miles & Mason Wampler, 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

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

With Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Lu Elsworth in the death of his wife, Phyllis Hatcher on December 10. Please keep Lu, and Phyllis' children, Hunter & Scott, in your prayers.



The Jesse Tree

Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24

During each Sunday of Advent our children will be invited to decorate the Jesse Tree during worship. Each ornament represents people & events that God used to prepare the world for Jesus. Afterwards, during Children's Church, the children are invited to make their own Jesse Tree ornaments that they can use at home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Christmas Eve *Sunday, December 24*

Once every 6 years, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday - this is one of those special years that we all get to be together for several events on Christmas Eve!

Hope you will make plans to join us!

9:30am

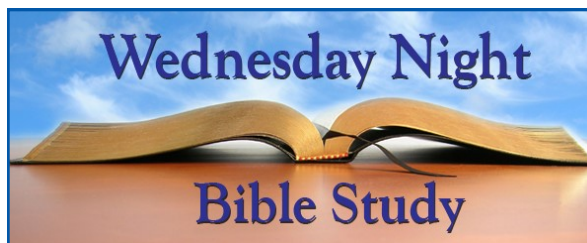
(Fellowship Hall)
Breakfast
"The Shepherd" film
(produced by the creators of
"The Chosen")

11:00am

(Sanctuary)
Worship: Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00PM

(Sanctuary)
Candlelight Communion Service



Join us tomorrow evening for
Meatloaf at 6pm &
Bible Study at 7pm!

Sunday, Dec. 17
6:30pm

CHRISTMAS
Cantata

***SAVE THE DATE!**

**AS WE REFLECT ON HOW VERY
BLESSED WE ARE AT THIS TIME
OF YEAR,
REMEMBER...**

our Wise County Food Bank & WBC
Grab-n-Go Ministries!

Nonperishable items can be placed
in the white

containers by
the
elevator.



*Scripture
for the Week:*

Matthew 5:10

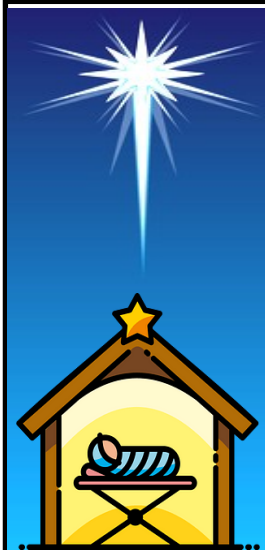
"Blessed are those who are
persecuted for righteousness,
because the kingdom of heaven is
theirs."



13 days until Christmas...



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC



Happy Birthday!

December 13	Damel Calvert
December 14	Jim Sturgill
December 20	Bryan Crutchfield
	Marsha Tolbert
December 22	Dallas Kennedy
	Jon Kennedy
December 23	Sherlene Hall



WBC Music Ministry

On this past Sunday, we got a "sneak peak" at the Christmas Cantata that the choir will present on the evening of December 17. The lyrics to "How Many Kings" are printed below.

HOW MANY KINGS

FOLLOW THE STAR TO A PLACE UNEXPECTED,
 WOULD YOU BELIEVE, AFTER ALL WE'VE PROJECTED,
 A CHILD IN A MANGER?
 LOWLY AND SMALL, THE WEAKEST OF ALL,
 UNLIKELIEST HERO WRAPPED IN HIS MOTHER'S
 SHAWL, JUST A CHILD;
 IS THIS WHO WE'VE WAITED FOR?
 HOW MANY KINGS STEPPED DOWN
 FROM THEIR THRONES?
 HOW MANY LORDS HAVE ABANDONED THEIR HOMES?
 HOW MANY GREATS HAVE BECOME
 THE LEAST FOR ME?
 AND HOW MANY GODS HAVE POURED OUT THEIR
 HEARTS TO ROMANCE A WORLD
 THAT IS TORN ALL APART?
 HOW MANY FATHERS GAVE UP THEIR SONS FOR ME?
 BRINGING OUT GIFTS FOR THE NEWBORN SAVIOR,
 ALL THAT WE HAVE, WHETHER COSTLY OR MEEK,
 BECAUSE WE BELIEVE!
 GOLD FOR HIS HONOR AND
 FRANKINCENSE FOR HIS PLEASURE,
 MYRRH FOR THE CROSS THAT HE'LL SUFFER.
 DO YOU BELIEVE?
 IS THIS WHO WE'VE WAITED FOR?
 ONLY ONE DID THAT FOR ME!

Joy, Peace and Love, Donna

Happy Anniversary!

December 19 Shane & Susan Mullins

ADVENT at WISE BAPTIST



Advent Candles

Jesse Tree

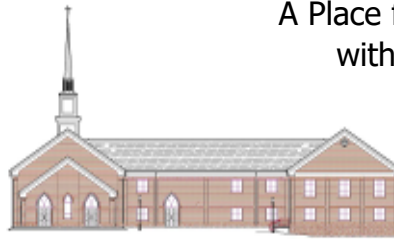


**Messages about
Jesus' First & Second
Comings**



**Poinsettias in Honor
of Others**

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	12/10 - 12/16	Stan Kunigelis, John Mark Adrian
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	December	Debbie Collins
	January	Jeff Elkins
Children's Church	12/17	Jennifer & Cub Mullins
	12/24	John Mark & Wendy Adrian
Offering Ushers	December	Ron Helton Team
	January	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	December	Matt Meade, Mike Srouth
	January	Jessica Crutchfield, Ruby Salyers
Wed. Night Meals	12/13	Meatloaf, Baked Potatoes, Veggies
	12/20	Annual Christmas Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
Wed. Serving Teams	12/13	<u>Teresa's Team</u> : Pat Adkins, Linda Burgess, Eileen Cantrell, Susan Smith
	12/20	<u>Donna's Team</u> : Debbie Collins, Susan Mullins, Rebecca Osborne, Terry Winters



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

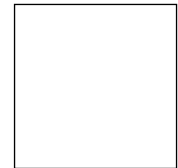
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Like us at: Wise Baptist Church
and at Wise Baptist Youth

Thought for the Week:

*Heaven and earth meet every
time you obey God.*