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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 13, 2022

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

What happens when hate is constantly stoked?

We can learn from Jonah. God called him to urge his worst enemies to turn to God.

Jonah's reaction? He resisted, mightily!

Finally, Jonah gave in. Traveled to Nineveh. Many turned to God. Was Jonah glad? Nope! He was so angry that he decided life was not worth living.

God said to Jonah twice, "Is it right to be angry?"
 "Should I not have concern for Nineveh, in which there are one hundred and twenty thousand people?" (Jonah chapter 4)

The Book of Jonah ends. God's question hung in the air.

It still does...for us.

We are angry! At whoever we think are "enemies". That kind of anger can eat us alive.

Jesus proposed a better way. He said, "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

How will you answer God's question?

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

*Reading the Bible Through
 3-21-22 to 3-20-23*

**Christmas Dinner
 Wed. Dec. 14, 5:30pm**

**Laurels Ministry
 Thurs. Dec. 15, 1:30pm**

**Christmas Cantata
 Sun. Dec. 18, 6:30pm**

**Supper & Christmas
 Caroling
 Wed. Dec. 21, 6pm**

**Candlelight
 Communion
 Sat. Dec. 24, 11pm**

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DEACONS 2021-22

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Jeff Cantrell	275-9427
Jim Collie	393-1710
Jorge Hersel	594-9077
Butch Hutchinson	393-5008
Stan Kunigelis	870-2227
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

*in sympathy
and
friendship*

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jorge Hersel in the death of his mother, Justine Hersel, on December 6. Please continue to remember Jorge, Pam, Nathan & Ben and Jorge's dad in your prayers.

*With Heartfelt
Sympathy*

We are saddened by the loss of Don Pippin on December 6. Please keep Gigi and Scott in your prayers.



*Church
Christmas Dinner*

*Wednesday, December 14
5:30 pm
Camp Bethel*



Laurels Ministry

*Thursday, December 15
1:30pm
* meet at the Laurels*

As you pray, please remember...



Bessie & Clyde Vance, Jorge Hersel & Family, Gigi & Scott Pippin, Pat Boggs, Harold Stallard, Carlie & Lloyd Tomlinson & Family, Mike & Rebecca Osborne & Family, Family of Trevor Easterling, Wendy Adrian & Family, Jerry Baird & Family, Paula Coffey, David Dykes (nephew of Beth Snodgrass), Ella Stewart, Butch Hutchinson, Mike Smith's sister Lynn, Wesley Kennedy, Artie Bailey, Sandy Yun, Adele Plester (Brenda Kunigelis' sister-in-law), Roger Viers & family, Jim & June Dotson, Lorna Wherry & family, (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Natalie Luther, Cooper Carlson, Russell, Miles & Mason Wampler, Lois Stallard, Brenda Lee, Phyllis Hatcher, Seth Harding, Beth Snodgrass, Ray Jones & family, Kathy & John Kennedy, John & Kay Wright, 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

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



**Scripture for
the Week:**

Matthew 5:43-45

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"A Promise Kept"

Christmas Cantata ~ December 18

We invite you to join us for our Christmas Cantata on Sunday evening, December 18 at 6:30pm!

Our choir with the choir from First Baptist Norton will be presenting "A Promise

Kept" Afterwards, everyone is invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall.



Nothing satisfies the heart like loving and serving God, even through our stewardship of Wise Baptist Church.

Your tithes and offerings allow our Church and its programs to be more effective. Through an effective Church, lives are changed. We are thankful for all the joyful stewards of God's work 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.

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." (Gen 2:15)

Christmas
Eve

Candlelight, Carols, Communion
11:00 pm

A Service for All Ages

STAY TUNED...

Our "Sunday Night at the Movies" will resume in January with Season 3 of "The Chosen"!



Calling All
Cookie Bakers
(& eaters)!

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21, 6:00pm

Join us for pizza, salad & a Cookie Exchange in the Fellowship Hall! Please bring 3 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies.

Afterwards, everyone is invited to go caroling at The Laurels!



MUSIC, YOUTH, CHILDREN



Happy Birthday!

December 13 Damel Calvert
December 14 Jim Sturgill
December 15 Wesley Kennedy
December 20 Bryan Crutchfield
 Marsha Tolbert
December 22 Phyllis Hatcher
 Dallas Kennedy
 Jon Kennedy



WBC Music Ministry

Christmas is quickly approaching and my days are filled with hunting gifts, wrapping gifts and making sure I have gifts for my kids and each of my nieces and nephews. I am looking forward to our cantata, Christmas Eve service and our Christmas morning celebration at WBC. I am preparing! Preparing to be blessed, preparing to worship, preparing for the family time and all that comes with that. Prepare yourself for the wonderful celebration of Christ's birth.

I hope to see you at our Cantata on Sunday, December 18 at **6:30pm** and the following reception. The time is different, so be aware of that.

~ Joy, peace and love,
Donna Hutchinosn

Flock News (WBC Youth)

Each week...

Wed. - 7pm

Youth Gathering at
Youth Building

Youth Leaders...

Lloyd & Carlie
Tomlinson
276-337-4997



**JOIN
US!**

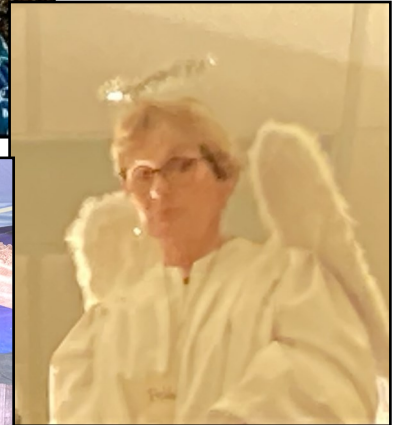
DURING THE HOLIDAYS...Remember our Wise County Food Bank & WBC Grab-n-Go Ministries! Containers for nonperishable foods can be found in the hall by the elevator.

Jim & Sherry Collie invite you to see their train displays through mid-January! Just call them ahead of time at 276-328-5133. ALL ages are invited!



MAKING MEMORIES

Playing hand chimes at the 2022 Town Christmas Tree Lighting!



Our 4th
Night in Bethlehem
welcomed over 100 guests!



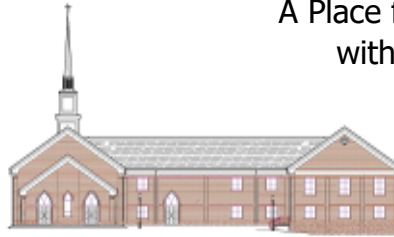
Lighting the Advent candles each of the
5 Sundays leading up to Christmas!

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/11 - 12/17	Stan Kunigelis, John Mark Adrian
	12/18 - 12/24	Jeff Cantrell, Butch Hutchinson
Building Stewards:		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists:		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sound System:		Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile
Jesse Tree & Children's Church	12/18	Ann Wade, Sandy Yun
	12/25	John & Karen Ponish
Offering Ushers	December	Ron Helton Team
	January	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers:	December	Jeff Kiser
	January	Martha Blackburn, David Mullins
Wed. Night Meals:	12/14	Christmas Dinner at Camp Bethel
	12/21	Pizza, Salad, Cookie Exchange
Wed. Night Serving Teams:	12/14	No Serving Team necessary
	12/21	Volunteers to bake cookies



A Place for Faith and Fellowship
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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 pm
	Youth (Grades 7-12)	6:00 pm
	Sunday Night at the Movies	6:30 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
	Learning to Read Music Class	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal (Sept. - May)	6:00 pm
	Bible Study onsite & via Fb Live	7:00 pm
	Youth meet (Grades 7-12)	7:00 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:45 pm
Thursday	Men's Bible Study	6:30 am
	Laurels Ministry (3rd)	1:30pm

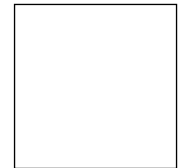
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Like us at: Wise Baptist Church
and at Wise Baptist Youth

Thought for the Week:

*Anger destroys.
Love creates.*