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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 19, 2023

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

Two bookends. Hold up a row of books. If you have only one bookend, books on the opposite side fall over.

Seems odd to talk about the Second Coming of Jesus during His First Coming (His birth). But the First and Second comings are book ends. Both are needed to tell the whole story.

One bookend is Jesus' birth. He was born for a purpose. To set up the Kingdom of God on earth. When we give our hearts to Jesus, we submit to God as King, Ruler of our lives. The more we love God and people in His name, the more real His kingdom becomes.

The other bookend is Jesus' return. He will finish what He started. People will obey God completely, all the time. Perfect love shown in all directions. No sin. No sorrow. No sickness. Hard to imagine, isn't it?

John captures both "bookends" in the final book of the Bible, Revelation. Jesus said, "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last." (Revelation 1:17)

Merry Christmas!

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

**Christmas Dinner,
 Fellowship Hall
 Wed, Dec. 20, 6pm**

**Christmas Eve Breakfast
 &
 "The Shepherd" film -
 9:30am**

**Fourth Sunday of
 Advent
 December 24, 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 Casserole, Potato Casserole, Sweet Potato Casserole, Pineapple Casserole, Green Beans, Cranberry Salad, Rolls, Assorted Desserts



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

As you pray, please remember...



Emmett Kidd (Karen Ponish's dad), Lu Ellsworth & Family, Gene Bishop, Gil & Martha Blackburn, Family of Chris Rose, Brian, brother of Brenda Kunigelis, Kathy Osborne & Family, Susan Smith & Family, Jim Sturgill, Clyde Vance, Jean Aker, Linda Burgess, Wanda Baird, 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), 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).



There will be no
newsletter on Dec. 26...
production will resume
on January 2!



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



*The church offices will be closed
Dec. 25 - 29 and on Dec. 31. Also, there
will be no activities on Wednesday,
Dec. 27. Merry Christmas to all!*

Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who brought food for the Cantata reception last night, a well-deserved thank you to our choir for their hard work the past few months! Thank you also to those who helped clean up afterwards!



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:

Revelation 1:17-18

"When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. He laid His right hand on me, and said, 'Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last, and the Living One. I was dead, but look - I am alive forever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and Hades.' "



6 days until Christmas...



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!

December 20	Bryan Crutchfield
	Marsha Tolbert
December 22	Dallas Kennedy
	Jon Kennedy
December 23	Sherlene Hall
December 24	Jim Collie
	Carolyn Strouth
	William Sturgill
	Lois Tveit
December 26	Linsay Allio
	Diana Roberts
	Miles Wampler
December 27	Nova Greene
December 30	Paul Maine
January 2	Scott Snodgrass
January 3	Eileen Cantrell
	Caleb Godsey
January 4	Mark Collins



WBC Music Ministry

What a beautiful cantata Sunday Night! Many thanks to Donna Hutchinson & Susan Mullins for their leadership in presenting "Christmas Presence"! Thank you to each choir member & to the narrator Ashlee Taylor for their faithfulness in rehearsing for the cantata since August!



Happy Anniversary!

December 19	Shane & Susan Mullins
December 31	Jeff & Cindy Elkins
January 1	Daniel & Tabitha Ray
	Matt & Andi Sweeny
January 5	Mike & Terry Winters

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

www.EverBless.org

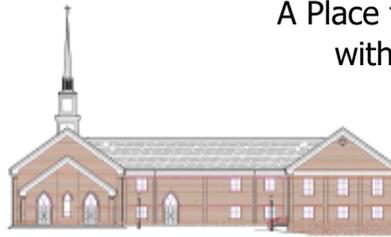
<https://the.college.companion.com>



January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p> <p>HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024</p> <p>A - Daniel & Tabitha Ray A - Matt & Andi Sweeny</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p><u>NO MEALS IN JANUARY</u> 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Eileen Cantrell B - Caleb Godsey</p>	<p>4 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Mark Collins</p>	5	6
<p>7</p> <p>8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - Communion</p> <p>B - Reid Mullins</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Brett Chisenhall B - Seth Harding</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p><u>NO MEALS IN JANUARY</u> 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Ruby Salyers B - Piper Dutton</p>	<p>11 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>12</p> <p>B - Eden Mullins</p>	<p>13</p> <p>B - John Mark Adrian B - Joyce Horne</p>
<p>14 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - DEACON ORDINATION (Debbie Collins)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Piecemakers, 9:30am</p>	<p>16</p> <p>B - Susan Mullins B - Beth Snodgrass</p>	<p>17</p> <p><u>NO MEALS IN JANUARY</u> 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Jim Hughes B - Russell Wampler</p>	<p>18 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>1:30am - LAURELS MINISTRY</p> <p>A - Jeff & Eileen Cantrell A - Dalton & Kara Parker</p>	19	20
<p>21 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Zero Kennedy</p>	<p>23</p> <p>B - Scott Harris B - Ava Mullins</p>	<p>24</p> <p><u>NO MEALS IN JANUARY</u> 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Jim Dotson B - Edgar Owens B - Ali Stuedemann</p>	<p>25 6:30am - Men's Bible Study</p> <p>B - Wanda Baird B - Shirlee Barnette B - Billie Harris B - John Roberts</p>	<p>26</p> <p>B - Ray Jones B - Lulia Maine</p>	<p>27</p> <p>B - Skip Dobis B - Melody Mullins</p>
<p>28</p> <p>10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p> <p>B - Regina Carson B - Lance Collie B - Toni Thacker</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Rebecca Osborne B - Mike Strouth</p>	<p>30</p> <p>B - Andrew Conway B - Brandon Crutchfield</p>	<p>31</p> <p><u>NO MEALS IN JANUARY</u> 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</p>		<p>B = Birthday A = Anniv.</p>

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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	12/17 - 12/23	Stan Kunigelis, Butch Hutchinson
	12/24 - 12/30	Jeff Elkins, Stan Kunigelis
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	December	Debbie Collins
	January	Jeff Elkins
Children's Church	12/24	John Mark & Wendy Adrian
Children's Message	12/31	Terry Winters
Offering Ushers	December	Ron Helton Team
	January	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	December	Matt Meade, Mike Srouth
	January	Jessica Crutchfield, Ruby Salyers
Wed. Night Meals	12/20	Annual Christmas Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	12/27	NO ACTIVITIES
Wed. Serving Teams	12/20	<u>Donna's Team</u> : Debbie Collins, Susan Mullins, Rebecca Osborne, Terry Winters
	12/27	NO ACTIVITIES



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

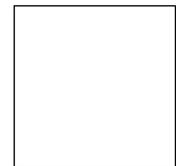
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and at Wise Baptist Youth

Thought for the Week:

*Jesus is the First, the Last,
and Everything in-between.*