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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 21, 2017

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

The Christmas story includes many familiar places and people. It includes Bethlehem, the inn, the stable, the manger, the baby Jesus, the shepherds, angels, wise men, etc. The Christmas story only makes sense when seen as one part of a bigger story of God's love for us all.

The Christmas story is not the whole story. It is not the beginning or the end of the story. It is one part of a story stretching from the beginning to the end of time. It is about God inviting us to be in a relationship with Him, forever. It is about God inviting us to be a part of His kingdom and His kingdom work.

The Christmas story is in the middle of the story. It leads to the Passion Week story, where Jesus dies for the sins of the world. The Passion Week story leads to the Easter story, where Jesus defeats sin and death. The Easter story leads to the Pentecost story, telling us that Jesus can be with us anywhere, any time, and any place. The Second Coming story tells us that Jesus will return to establish His kingship for all time. All who have trusted Him will live in His presence forever.

We are born in the middle of this Story of stories of God's great love expressed to us all. Keep listening to the Story. Keep telling the Story. Keep living the Story. That's my story and I'm sticking to it!

Merry Christmas! May God's love in Jesus come to you in a special way this day and every day!

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

**Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Service
December 24, 11pm**

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

**Mission Committee Meeting
January 3, 5pm**

**Deacons' Meeting
January 7, 8:30am**

**Leadership Team Meeting
January 11, 6pm**

**Children's Ministry Team
January 12**

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

**Church-Wide Birthday Party
January 28, 12pm**

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Sunday,
December 24,
11pm
Wise Baptist Church*

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



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

As you pray, please remember...



Family of Elizabeth Davidson, 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).



Holiday Hours



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



Happy Birthday to Everyone!

Mark your calendar for our 3rd Annual Church-Wide Birthday Party!

We will celebrate everyone's birthday at once on Sunday, January 28 following morning worship! BE SURE to sign up on the Communication Card in your bulletin or call the church office & tell us your birthday (month & day only!). Join others that share your birthday month at decorated tables & enjoy tasting 12 different birthday cakes!

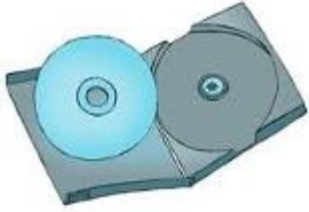


Save the Date!

Senior Adult Valentine Banquet

Saturday, February 17, 2018
Wise Baptist Fellowship Hall

MUSIC * YOUTH * CHILDREN NEWS



CHRISTMAS CANTATA DVD'S

ARC TV filmed our December 10 Christmas cantata & has DVD's available for \$20 each or \$35 for two DVD's.

If interested in purchasing videos, you may bring a check made out to ARC TV to the church office or contact ARC TV at: arctelevision@gmail.com



December 22	Dallas Kennedy Jon Kennedy Rick Mullins
December 23	Sherlene Hall
December 24	Jim Collie Carolyn Strouth William Sturgill
December 25	Lilyanna Harden
December 26	Linsay Allio Diana Roberts Miles Wampler
December 27	Bea Hill
December 29	Patsy Boggs
December 30	Paul Maine
December 31	Gabriella Collins

Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry



December 31

Youth New Year's Eve Lock-In!
Contact Bryon Burton for more information: **276-594-0025**



December 31
Jeff & Cindy Elkins



WBC
February 1, 2018

Many grieving people find that they are only beginning the work of healing when friends & family have returned to their daily life routines. Whether your bereavement experience is recent or not so recent, you will find encouragement, comfort & help in being around others who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief, & that you do not need to live in bondage to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life & renewing your hope for the future.

GriefShare is a Biblically-based program that offers Christ-centered teaching focusing on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts & the real-life stories of real people, followed by a small group discussion.

To register, please contact Gail Bryant at 275-6002 by January 19. The program will take place Feb. 1—May 10 in the WBC Fellowship Hall. A light dinner will be served.



Wise Baptist Children's Ministry

Sundays, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24

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



Children's Ministry Team
Planning Meeting for 2018!
Friday, Jan. 12, Winters' home

Tacky Christmas Sweater Contestants Amaze Even the Most Seasoned Judges!



Don't Miss the
Collie's Christmas
Trains Display!

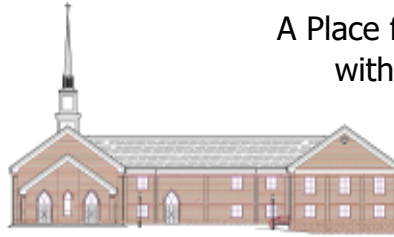


Jim & Sherry Collie graciously open their home each year for folks to come & see their 2 rooms full of electric trains! They invite you to come anytime from now through January. Just give them a call at 393-1710 or 393-3788 to make sure they are at home.

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/17-12/23	Gary Smith, John Mark Adrian
	12/24-12/30	Ron Helton, Jerry Baird
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome:	12/24	Oscar Raile
	12/31	Oscar Raile
S.S. Greeters:	12/24	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
	12/31	John Kennedy
Nursery:	12/24	Kim Hall, Mary Stuedemann
	12/31	Ben Hersel, Pam Hersel
Children's Church:	12/24	Holly Meade
	12/31	Scott & Beth Snodgrass
Sound System:	12/24	Mike Strouth
	12/31	Mike Osborne
Tellers:	December	Teresa Adkins, Stephen Large
	January	Leton Harding, Oscar Raile
Ushers:	12/24	*Jeff Cantrell, Dan Helton^, Matt Meade, Johnny Robinson, Jim Sturgill, Bob Adkins, Kenny Bowling
	12/31	Edgar Owens*, Gary Smith^, John Thacker, Roger Viers, Harold Witt, Jerry Baird, Stan Kunigelis (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	12/20	Linda Bailey, Karen Ponish, Ruby Salyers
	12/27	No Activities
Wed. Meals	12/20	Soups & Sandwiches (*TIME CHANGE: 5:45pm)
Children-in-Action:	12/20	CIA will not meet; (caroling at The Laurels)
	12/27	No Activities

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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

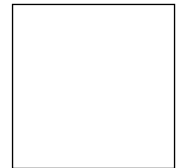
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Thought for the Week:
Immerse yourself in the
Christmas story!