

Rev. Mike Winters
Pastor

Ben Harding
Music Director

Dr. Ray Jones, Jr.
Pastor Emeritus

WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 4, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

Missions Committee
December 5, 5pm

Night of Christmas Music
December 9, 5:00pm

Jesse Tree
December 9, 16, 23
11am

Children's
Christmas Party
Winters' Home
December 16, 4pm

Youth Trip to Bristol
Speedway in Lights
December 16, 2pm

Caroling at the Laurels
December 19, 6:30pm

Candlelight Communion
December 24, 11pm

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DEACONS 2018-19

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Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Leton Harding	346-6039
David Mullins	870-0005
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John Ponish	870-1593
Daniel Ray	690-0284
Gary Smith	870-1579

Deacons Emeritus:
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill,
Harold Witt

Dear Church Family and Friends,



Incubation. The first time I heard that word was in the second grade. There was a box with chicken eggs and a heating light. A process needed to be completed before the eggs could be hatched.

We watched every day for changes. Nourishment for the chicks was inside the shell and a lamp kept them warm. The chicks grew. Then, we heard a faint pecking sound. Cracks formed in the eggs. Then, a miracle...a little chick hatched!

Faith can "hatch" in our lives. "A Night in Bethlehem" was a good example. Ancient Bethlehem was re-created in our Fellowship Hall. There were the shops: the Bethlehem Bakery, the Scribe's Tent, the Carpentry Shop, the Painter's Hut, the Leathercrafter's Tent, the Pottery Shed and the Village Photographer. There was the stable with Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus. There were angels singing, greeters greeting and shepherds wandering the streets. Each shop offering hands-on experiences. Shopkeepers, angels, shepherds, greeters, census-takers, etc. were all in costume.

There was much preparation. People were invited to help. Plans were made. Tents were set up. Crafts were lined up. Costumes were made and fitted. Prayers were offered up.

Incubation. Spiritual incubation took place in the preparation and carrying-out of "A Night in Bethlehem". Each act was a way of stepping into the world into which Jesus was born. Jesus became more real. The wonder of Christmas gripped us.

Incubation. How can we create conditions for spiritual incubation this Advent season? Read the Christmas story in Matthew 2:1-12 and Luke 2:1-21 several times, slowly. Sing a Christmas Carol each day. Think and reflect on each word and offer the song up as praise to God. Be in regular Bible study and worship. Reach out and invite others to church events. Perform random acts of kindness. Rejoice! Jesus is born!

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

Budget Report

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday, December 9

A Night of Christmas Music & Reception

Wise Baptist Church

5:00 pm

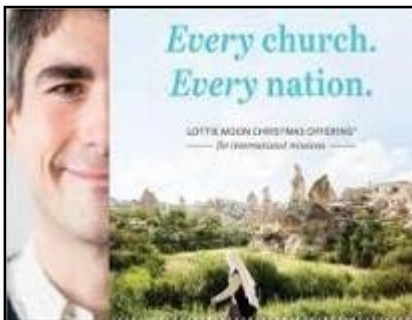


NIGHT OF MUSIC RECEPTION

We will have a reception next Sunday following the Christmas music. Please bring a sweet and/or savory finger food(s) to share. The music begins at 5:00, and you may bring your food by 4:45. Please have your food in a dish ready to serve. We will also need folks to help set up and clean up!

~ Thank you, Teresa Adkins

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions will be collected during the month of December. Special envelopes will be available in the pew racks and/or bulletins.



As you pray, please remember...



Christy Kelley, Tyler Beam (Lee Bogg's son-in-law), Kyle Gardner (Kim Hall's dad), Lewey Lee & Family, Ron Swindall, Gerry O'Bryan, Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill & family, Bessie Vance, Kathy & John Kennedy, Jonah Kelley, John & Kay Wright, Bonnie Rochford & Wanda Takahashi (sisters of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, Shirley Willis (The Laurels), Ray & Carolyn Jones, Artie & Clifford Bailey, Pat & Fred Adkins, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military

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).



Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 6:30am

Men, join us for fellowship and Bible study twice a month from 6:30-7:30am in the church fellowship hall. Bring your breakfast & your Bible! The fellowship is awesome and the Bible Study is uplifting. Invite a friend & join us on

Tues., Dec. 18 at 6:30am!



Scripture for the week:

Isaiah 40:3

"A voice of one crying out: Prepare the way of the Lord in the wilderness; make a straight highway for our God in the desert."

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Children's Christmas Party

(ages Birth – Grade 6)

Sunday, Dec. 16

4:00 pm

Mike & Terry Winters' Home

8915 Red Maple Drive

Wise, VA

RSVP: 276-870-2712 (Terry)



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!*



Wednesdays at Wise Baptist!

Fellowship Meal, 6pm

Bible Study, 6:50pm

Children in Action & Nursery, 6:50pm

Choir Rehearsal, 7:50pm

December 5 - Whole Group Bible Study

December 12 - Whole Group Bible Study

December 19 - Caroling at the Laurels, 7pm



* NOTICE *

TO ALL GMAIL USERS

Several folks are reporting not receiving church emails
& newsletters - please check your "Spam" or "Junk"
folder until this issue can be resolved.

~ Jerry Baird



Happy Birthday to Everyone!

Mark your calendar for our 4th Annual
Church-Wide Birthday Party!

We will celebrate everyone's birthday at once on
Sunday, January 27 following morning worship!
BE SURE to sign up by calling the church office
(328-6247) & tell us your birthday (month &
day only!). Join others that share your birthday
month at decorated tables & enjoy tasting 12
different birthday cakes!



Holiday Hours



- * There will be no Wednesday evening activities at the church December 26.
- * The office will be closed on Dec. 24 - 28.



If you would like to share a
prayer concern with our
church family, email:
jerrybaird009@comcast.net

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

On Christmas Eve in 1865, Phillips Brooks (1835-93), a gangling young American Episcopalian, rode the perilous journey from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, to assist at the midnight service in the Church of the Nativity. Two years later, back in Massachusetts, he was inspired by the experience to write this carol for his Sunday school. Rev Brooks - 6ft 6in tall and capable of preaching at more than 200 words a minute - was a favorite with children; when one woman told her daughter that he had died, the girl replied: "O how happy the angels will be." ~ Excerpt from "The Story Behind the Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem", The Telegraph

The music to "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was added by his organist, Lewis Redner (1831-1908). Redner recounts the story of his composition: "As Christmas of 1868 approached, Mr. Brooks told me that he had written a simple little carol for the Christmas Sunday-school service, and he asked me to write the tune to it. The simple music was written in great haste and under great pressure. We were to practice it on the following Sunday. Mr. Brooks came to me on Friday, and said, 'Redner, have you ground out that music yet to "O Little Town of Bethlehem"? I replied, 'No,' but that he should have it by Sunday. On the Saturday night previous my brain was all confused about the tune. I thought more about my Sunday-school lesson than I did about the music. But I was roused from sleep late in the night hearing an angel-strain whispering in my ear, and seizing a piece of music paper I jotted down the treble of the tune as we now have it, and on Sunday morning before going to church I filled in the harmony. Neither Mr. Brooks nor I ever thought the carol or the music to it would live beyond that Christmas of 1868." ~ Excerpt taken from Wikipedia



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



December 4 Nathan Lee
December 5 Heath Chisenhall



December 7 Kevin Dotson
December 9 David Sheppard
December 10 Brittany Criswell
December 11 Robert Baird



December 10 Penny Greenwood
December 11 Jessica Crutchfield
December 14 Jim Sturgill
December 15 Wesley Kennedy

Happy Anniversary

December 3—Cub & Jennifer Mullins
December 7 - John & Karen Ponish
December 11—John Mark & Wendy Adrian

WBC Children's Ministry

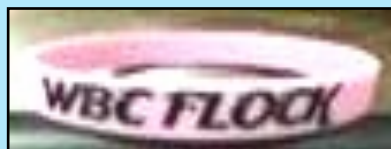


Upcoming Activities...

- Dec. 9, 16, 23 - Decorating Jesse Tree, 11am
- Dec. 9 - Children read Scripture, 11am
- Dec. 9 - Children's Handbell Choir during Night of Christmas Music, 5pm
- Dec. 19 - Caroling at the Laurels, 7pm
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 11pm



WBC Youth Ministry



Sunday, December 16, 2pm

Trip to see Bristol Speedway in Lights!

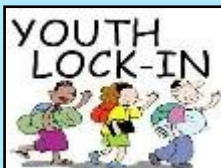
Meet at church at 2pm, bring money for dinner.

Will be traveling by church bus.

New Year's Eve Lock-In!

Contact John Mark
Adrian to sign up.

Stay tuned for
details!



POINSETTIAS



*Thank you to all who purchased poinsettias
to beautify our sanctuary during this Christmas season!*

Bob & Teresa Adkins
In Honor of Irene Humphreys
In Memory of Marlene Adkins

Jean Brown Aker
In Honor of Adrianna Aker & Ben Duncan
In Memory of Ben & Helen Brown

Grace Allio
In Memory of Frank Allio

Jerry & Wanda Baird
In Honor of Mrs. Velma Baird
In Honor of Lewey & Brenda Lee
In Memory of Rev. Ben Baird
In Memory of Rev. & Mrs. Henry Hensley

Shirlee Barnette
In Honor of My Family

Gil & Martha Blackburn
In Honor of Our Parents:
Rufus & Hettie Blackburn
Raymond & Eloise Burke

Pat Boggs
In Memory of D.L. Boggs
In Memory of Kim Boggs

Linda Burgess
In Memory of Veldon & Roxie Dotson

Jim & Sherry Collie
In Memory of Bill Collie
In Memory of Rick Collie

Becky Curtis
In Memory of F. Carl Curtis

Leton & Tammie Harding
In Memory of Hubert & Marie Breeding
In Memory of Leton Harding, Sr.

Montana Hill
In Memory of Bill Hill

Steve & Margie Horton
In Memory of Norsie Conley & Bea Hill

Joanne Teague Kennedy
In Memory of the Ernest & Gladie Kennedy
Family
In Memory of the Robert & Nelle Teague
Family

Rose Kennedy
In Memory of Thomas Estep

David & Sandy Mullins
In Honor of Kimberly Mullins Lyon
In Honor of Matthew Mullins

Don & Cyndi Newlon
In Honor of Norma Johnson, Cyndi's mother
In Honor of Don Newlon, Sr.

Edgar & Bonnie Owens
In Memory of Toy Owens
In Memory of Zella Owens
In Memory of Eulene Radziewicz
In Memory of Daniel Boone Sutherland

John & Karen Ponish
In Honor of Kaitlin Collins
In Honor of Hayden Ponish
In Honor of Kristin Trick

Joe & Susie Powers
In Memory of Bernice Pedneau
In Memory of Bill Pedneau

Oscar & Gloria Raile
In Memory of Cortez Brown
In Memory of Oscar Raile, Sr.

Vickie Rasnick

Johnny & Renee Robinson
In Honor of Robert & Donna Raines
In Memory of Buford & Orlena Robinson

Jack & Marsha Tolbert
In Honor of Landon Tolbert

Elizabeth Wills
In Honor of Harriet Stilwell
In Honor of Peggy Stilwell
In Memory of Papa Joe Smiddy
In Memory of Reba Smiddy
In Memory of Rosebud Smiddy
In Memory of Ralph Stilwell

Mike & Terry Winters
In Honor of Ray & Carolyn Jones
In Honor of Jamesanna Rogers
In Honor of Dave & June Trone

Harold Witt

Sandy Yun
In Honor of Jean Forsythe
In Memory of Richard Forsythe

Bethlehem...4 B.C.

People Crowd Into City for
Caesar Augustus' Census



Shopkeepers
Experience
Surge in
Crowds &
Sales



This just in! Shepherds claim
to have seen angels in sky
above Bethlehem



Herod Greatly Disturbed
About Rumored Birth of
King Somewhere in City



THANK YOU!!

MANY THANKS to everyone
for a wonderful "Night in
Bethlehem"!! It takes a
whole church family to put together this
event. Planning together & working together
has been a joy & has hopefully ministered to
our community as well as deepened our
own joy & wonder at what God did for us on
that night in Bethlehem so long ago! Merry
Christmas! In His love, *Terry Winters*

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/2-12/8	Jeff Dotson, Daniel Ray
	12/9-12/15	Mike Osborne, John Mark Adrian
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome	12/9	Jeff Kiser
	12/16	Jeff Kiser
S.S. Greeters:	12/9	Bob & Teresa Adkins
	12/16	David & Sandy Mullins
Nursery:	12/9	Ben Hersel, Pam Hersel
	12/16	Susie Clasby, Mary Stuedemann
Children's Church:	12/9	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
	12/16	John & Karen Ponish
Sound System:	12/9	Rachel Lyall
	12/16	Mike Strouth
Ushers:	12/9	Marty Adkins, Leton Harding, Ron Helton, Jorge Hersel, Jeff Kiser, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass
	12/16	Dave Belcher, Bryon Burton, Jeff Dotson, Marty Kennedy, Stephen Large, Jack Tolbert
Tellers:	Dec.	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	Jan.	Martha Blackburn, Edgar Owens
Youth Bible Study	12/9	NO Youth
	12/16	Bristol Speedway in Lights
Wed. Serving Team	12/5	Donna Hutchinson, Cyndi Newlon, Rebecca Osborn
	12/12	Eileen Cantrell, Jessica Crutchfield, Kathy Dotson, Gail Kiser
Wed. Night Meal	12/5	Baked Chicken, Baked Potatoes, Vegetable Medley
	12/12	Potluck
Children-in-Action:	12/5	Regina Cantrell, Terry Winters
	12/12	Regina Cantrell, Terry Winters
Wed, Nursery	12/5	Wendy Adrian, Carlie Clark
	12/12	Linda Bailey, Kiera Harding

Wise Baptist Church General Fund Giving Summary 9/1/18 - 11/30/18

General Fund Receipts To Date	\$62,451
General Fund Needed To Date	\$72,324
Variance	(\$ 9,873)
Designated Giving to Building Fund:	\$ 2,830
Bldg. Loan Principal Balance	\$47,311

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

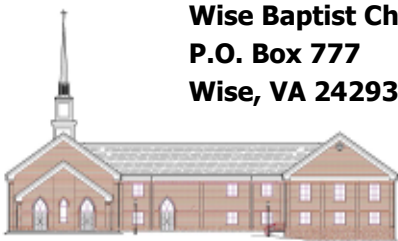
Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth (Grades 7-12)	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Studies	7:00 pm
	Children in Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth - Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm

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with Family and Friends



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

Thought for the Week:
Prepare your hearts for the
Christmas Season.