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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 5, 2017

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

Paul Harvey used to have a show called “The Rest of the Story”. He told something familiar about a famous person and then provided details that greatly enriched the story.

“Dr. Livingstone, I presume” was a famous statement. It came from a man who found the missing famous Scottish explorer/medical missionary, Dr. David Livingstone, who was presumed dead.

And now...“the rest of the story”. Dr. David Livingstone finished missionary training in 1857. Dr. Robert Moffat, a missionary from South Africa, said he saw “in the morning sun the smoke of a thousand villages where no missionary had been.” This vision captured Livingstone and led him to becoming a missionary in Africa.

However, the “smoke of a thousand villages” he saw was often caused by slave traders who slaughtered natives, captured others, and burned down their villages. As Livingstone saw this up close, he committed himself to ending the slave trade in Africa.

Advent means “coming”. We celebrate the Advent season because of Jesus’ coming. An angel tells Joseph in a dream that Jesus “will save His people from their sins.” How our world needs saving as we witness the “smoke” from the brokenness in and around us!

On Saturday afternoon, we had the privilege of stepping into the world into which Jesus was born in the “Night in Bethlehem”. Thanks to the many who worked tirelessly to make this event happen! There were nearly 200 guests and participants!

We have good news to embrace **and** to share. Our Savior has come. Spread the word. Join in our special Advent events. Invite or bring a friend to Wise Baptist!

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

Handbell Practice
December 7, 6pm

Trip to Boone OCC Processing Center
December 8

Christmas Cantata & Reception
December 10, 7pm

Church-Wide Christmas Dinner
December 13, 6pm

Children to See “The Star”
Norton Theatre
December 16

Jubilation Ringers
The Inn at Wise
December 17, 5pm

Caroling at The Laurels
December 20, 7pm

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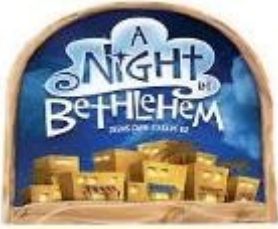
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DEACONS 2017-18

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
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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



Thank you!!

God is so good! Thank you so very much to everyone who made "A Night in Bethlehem" possible! Our costume designers, props & supplies team, Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, photographers, shopkeepers, angels, shepherds, greeters, city gates personnel, cookie-bakers, kitchen staff, technology consultants, set-up crew, clean-up crew, floaters, those who helped publicize, those who loaned &/or donated items, those who invited folks, those who prayed for this outreach event...many thanks to each one of you!!

~ Terry Winters

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY



Join us for Bible Study led by Pastor Mike on Wednesday (Dec. 6) at 6:45pm in the sanctuary! Children in Action will meet at this same time upstairs. Choir rehearsal will follow at 7:50pm.

December 3-10, 2017
Lottie Moon Week of Prayer for
International Missions

As you pray, please remember...



Peggy Bowling, Steve Farmer, Christina Meade & family, Randy Chisenhall & family, Donna Morton & family, Rev. Ben Murphy, David Mullins, Bonnie Rochford (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, Wesley Kennedy, 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: Stan Kunigelis (NHC, Farragut, TN)

Our Shut Ins: Elizabeth Davidson, (Heritage Hall), 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).**



Wednesday Evening December 13, 6pm

Join us for our annual Christmas dinner! Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Meat will be provided.

Please sign up on the Communication Card in your bulletin or notify Teresa Adkins so we can adequately plan.

In the spirit of fun, we will also feature our annual "Tacky Christmas Sweater" contest that evening! Prizes will be awarded for: Tackiest, Most Creative

Cutest, Best Christmas Spirit, Best Family/Group, Best Overall!



Christmas Caroling

Wed., Dec. 20, 7pm

Join us as we will go caroling at The Laurels following the Fellowship Meal on Dec. 20.

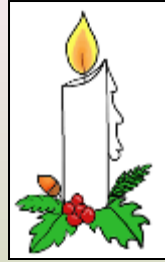
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Jubilation Ringers Concert

Sunday, December 17

5pm

The Inn at Wise



Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

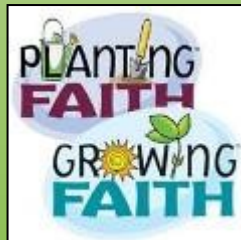
Sunday, December 24, 11pm
Wise Baptist Church

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

Sunday School News

Don't forget Sunday School this month! Our goal is to reach 75 in attendance!

Our focus in most classes is on Jesus as God's Son coming to earth for us. Some adult classes have begun a new study in Acts.



There are classes for all ages join us this Sunday at 10am!

2018

Church Directory



There will be an initial meeting on Sunday, January 14 immediately after worship, to begin organizing for our 2018 Church Directory. If you have signed up on your Communication Card or would like to help with this project, please mark your calendar! For more information, please contact Teresa Adkins at 276-393-0977.



Many thanks to Rebecca Osborne & Jim Collie for coordinating Operation Christmas Child at Wise Baptist again this year! Thank you also to everyone who generously packed shoeboxes! This year, Wise Baptist Church packed 123 boxes (67 of these were packed by the youth!). The Drop-Off Center at the Rock received 2,562 boxes, & Southwest Virginia packed 9,650 shoeboxes!! Pray for those who are traveling to the Boone, NC OCC Processing Center on Friday, December 8 to help prepare the boxes to travel overseas.



MUSIC * YOUTH * CHILDREN NEWS



Christmas Cantata

You will not want to miss our annual WBC Christmas Cantata on **THIS COMING SUNDAY EVENING, December 10!** The Sanctuary choir and orchestra will present "The First Noel" at 7:00 pm. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Deacons will be available to provide transportation for those unable to drive at night.

Childcare will be provided for babies & toddlers.

Your help with the reception is always appreciated! Please contact Teresa Adkins if you are able to bring food or help with the clean-up.

Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry



* Be sure to join us on Sunday evenings at 6pm in the Youth Building for Bible Study!



* December 31
New Year's Eve
Lock-In! Contact
Bryon Burton if in-
terested:



December 5 Heath Chisenhall
Elizabeth Davidson
Kevin Dotson
David Sheppard
December 7 Brittany Criswell
December 9 Robert Baird
December 10 Penny Greenwood
December 11 Jessica Crutchfield
December 14 Jim Sturgill



December 7
John & Karen Ponish
December 11
John Mark & Wendy Adrian



Wise Baptist Children's Ministry

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Come & support our children as they ring & sing at the Library on Dec. 12 at 6pm.



Saturday, Dec. 16

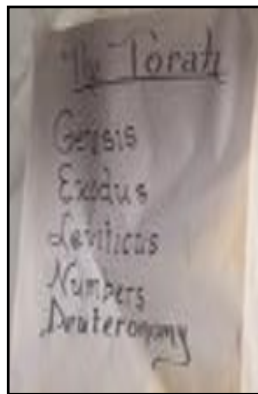
THE STAR Children's outing to see the movie, "The Star" at Norton Cinemas. Cost: \$7.50, includes popcorn & drink. Time: TBA (matinee)

Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24



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

Welcome to Bethlehem, 4 B.C.



Jesus is born!



Visitors, registering for the census, crowded the streets of Bethlehem.





December 3
First Sunday
of Advent



The word "advent" means "coming". We celebrate Advent because of the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Each week of the Advent season takes us on a spiritual journey...On the first Sunday of Advent, the Hutchinson family read the scripture Isaiah 7:14 & lit the "Hope" candle, representing the hope we have in Jesus.

Kim Hall & Diana Roberts are teaching our children about the heroes of the faith that pointed the way to Jesus' coming. Each week, they lead the children in decorating our Jesse Tree, named for Jesse, the father of King David.

Sherlene Hall reminds us of the great needs of those around the world who do not yet know Jesus, and the opportunity we have to give to international missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

WISE BAPTIST CHURCH
INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

(Revised January 2015)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL AND BIBLE STUDY

If the Wise area is experiencing inclement weather, i.e. snow, ice, on a Wednesday, a decision will be made by the Pastor as to whether our meal and Bible study will be held as usual or cancelled.

We will **NOT** automatically cancel our activities because Wise County or Norton City schools are closed.

The decision to cancel our activities will be made no later than 2:00 pm and will be communicated through email, website, Facebook, and phone calls.

Your safety is most important. Please don't attempt to get out if the weather/conditions are dangerous.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

We will have Sunday School and Worship even during inclement weather. The exception to this will be if our building is without power.

Our Pastor and Building Stewards will make that decision, if necessary.

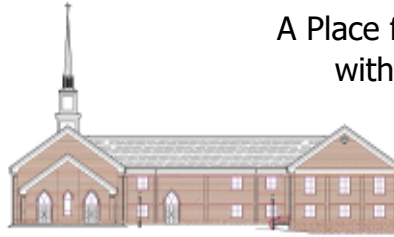
In the event that our services are cancelled, communication will be sent via email, website, Facebook and phone calls.

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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/3-12/9	Jeff Dotson, John Ponish
	12/10-12/16	Mike Osborne, Gil Blackburn
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome:	12/10	Oscar Raile
	12/17	Oscar Raile
S.S. Greeters:	12/10	David & Sandy Mullins
	12/17	Bob & Teresa Adkins
Nursery:	12/10	Landon Elkins, Bonnie Owens
	12/17	Regina Carson, Rachel Lyall
Children's Church:	12/10	Joe & Susie Powers
	12/17	Regina Cantrell, Caroline Mullins
Sound System:	12/10	Oscar Raile
	12/17	Marty Adkins
Tellers:	December	Teresa Adkins, Stephen Large
	January	Leton Harding, Oscar Raile
Ushers:	12/10	Children
	12/17	*Gil Blackburn, Dave Belcher^, Bryon Burton, Jeff Dotson, Marty Kennedy, Stephen Large, Jack Tolbert (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	12/6	Brenda Lee, Susan Smith, Ann Wade
	12/13	Christmas Dinner
Wed. Meals	12/6	Pizza & Salad
	12/13	Christmas Dinner
Children-in-Action:	12/6	Kathy Dotson, Julie Large
	12/13	CIA will not meet

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



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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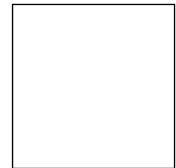
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Thought for the Week:
**“He will save His people from
their sins.” Matthew 1:21**