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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

February 13, 2024

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

Have you ever noticed how plants will bend toward the light? If they are not in direct sunlight, they will stretch, twist and turn to get there. Because the life of each plant depends on it.

There is darkness of all kinds in our world. The worst is spiritual darkness. And it is real. The lie of the devil says that's all there is. Therefore, just put your head down and push through life. Get all you can any way you can. You are pretty much on your own.

There is darkness in life, but there is more. Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world". (John 8:12). His "light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." (John 1:5).

And there is more! "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

Life got you down? Bend toward the light! Because your life depends on it!

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

VALENTINE'S DINNER
 Wed, Feb. 14, 6pm
 Please sign up

Choir Practice
 Wed, Feb. 14, 7:30pm

Laurels Ministry
 Thurs, Feb. 15, 1:30pm

Men's Bible Study
 Thurs, Feb. 15, 6:30am

"The Chosen"
 Season 4, Ep. 4-6
 Norton Cinema
 Sun, Feb. 18
 5:30pm

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DEACONS 2023 - 2024

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|------------------|----------|
| 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Valentines Day DINNER

Wed, February 14
6:00pm
Fellowship Hall

MENU: baked chicken, potatoes, 7-layer salad, rolls, desserts!

COST: \$10/adults, \$5/students

*Please **SIGN UP** by calling Terry Winters at 276-870-2712.

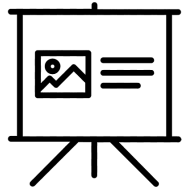
As you pray, please remember...



Martha Blackburn & Family, Paula Dobis' Family, Cyrus Jones, Chelsea & Sutton Polly, Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Jean Aker, Pat Winters (Pastor Mike's mom), Emmett Kidd (Karen Ponish's dad), Lu Ellsworth & Family, Gene Bishop, Brian Plester (brother of Brenda Kunigelis), Kathy Osborne & Family, Susan Smith & Family, Jim Sturgill, 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) - Appalachia, VA

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



Volunteer Needed!

Rebecca & Mike Osborne are leaving the area at the end of March, so we are needing someone to help **CREATE** the slideshows for morning worship & for special occasions such as Graduate Recognition, etc. Training will be provided!

Please contact Rebecca at 276-365-0969 or Terry Winters at 276-870-2712 if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity!

Thank You Wise Baptist Church,

The family of Clercie Sutherland would like to express our gratitude and sincere appreciation for the many prayers for us during our mother's illness and homegoing.

In Christian love, Paula Dobis



Stewardship, A Divine Responsibility

God is the Owner. We are the managers. We must oversee His assets for His benefit. Our prayer is for discernment of what God wants done with His assets and then carry out His will. May we all at Wise Baptist Church give abundantly, sacrificially, and joyfully.

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.

"For everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your own hand." 1 Chronicles 29:14

ANNOUNCEMENTS



FEBRUARY 18

Norton Cinema!

Join us Sunday evening, Feb. 18
at Norton Cinema.

Movie begins at 5:30pm.

We will be seeing Episodes 4-6
of Season 4!



...**Easter** comes early this year - March 31!

March 23

“He’s Alive!” Interactive Event
(similar to Night in Bethlehem)

March 27

Seder (Passover) Celebration

March 31

Easter Cantata



*Scripture
for the Week:*

Psalm 119:105

*“Your word is a lamp for my feet
and a light on my path.”*

GRIEF SHARE[®]

Thursday, Feb. 15

Mt View Freewill Baptist Church

6:00 pm

New Materials!

*“Everyone experiences grief differently. Grief
cannot be rushed. Finding support is crucial”*

- *Join a Griefshare Group*
- *Sign up for daily encouraging emails*
- *Check out the online bookstore*

For more info, contact Jim Collie



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!



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| February 13 | Brandon Osborne |
| February 15 | Megan Burton Douglas |
| | June Dotson |
| | Logan Stewart |
| February 16 | Conner Browning |
| February 17 | Lily Elkins |
| February 18 | Addie Browning |
| | Brandi Cox |
| | Joshua Helton |
| February 19 | Nicolette Cox |
| February 20 | Ben Bolling |
| February 21 | Amy Yun |
| February 22 | Juanita Wells |
| February 24 | Mark Lardieri |



WBC Music Ministry

I was reading a devotional this morning and it was about slowing down and appreciating all the wonderful things that mean something to us: God, family, friends, doing well at our jobs, learning new things, etc.

A quote from Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu "In pursuit of the end goal, don't miss the joy along the way.", really spoke to me. It got me to pondering on the story of Mary and Martha. Martha, the older sister, was a whirlwind of activity. Her hands were never idle, her apron stained with flour and sweat. She cooked, she cleaned, she hosted, and she served. Her heart beat in rhythm with the ticking clock, always chasing after the next task. The house buzzed with her energy, and the aroma of freshly baked bread filled every corner.

Mary, on the other hand, moved with grace. Her eyes held a quiet wisdom, and her steps were deliberate. She sat at the feet of her Teacher, Healer, Friend, Jesus. His words were like honey, dripping into her thirsty soul. She listened, enraptured, as He spoke of love, forgiveness, and eternal life. The world outside faded away, and time stood still.

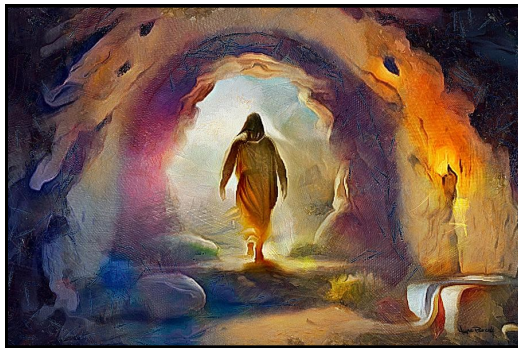
When Martha chastised Mary for doing nothing, Jesus told Martha that SHE was the one that needed to come and be given the "good portion" of His word.

How many times do we find ourselves so caught up in getting something done and moving on to the next thing that we don't enjoy or even remember what we were doing? Take some time with Jesus and receive His "good portion" and just BE STILL.

Joy, Peace and Love, Donna

Happy Anniversary!

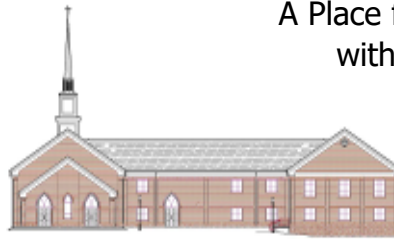
February 13 Jim & June Dotson



He's ALIVE!
SATURDAY, MARCH 23
FELLOWSHIP HALL
2 - 4 PM

If you enjoyed Night in Bethlehem,
you will not want to miss the
"He's ALIVE!"
interactive Easter event this year!

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



Volunteers this Week

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| Deacons On Call | 2/11 - 2/17 | Stan Kunigelis, John Mark Adrian |
| | 2/18 - 2/24 | David Mullins, Butch Hutchinson |
| Building Stewards | | Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass |
| Instrumentalists | | Susan Mullins, Susan Smith |
| Sunday School Greeters | February | Donna Hutchinson |
| | March | Mike & Rebecca Osborne |
| Children's Church | 2/18 | Wendy & John Mark Adrian |
| | 2/25 | Debbie Collins, Vickie Swindall |
| Offering Ushers | February | Jerry Baird Team |
| | March | Ron Helton Team |
| Tellers | February | Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson |
| | March | Jeff Kiser, Martha Blackburn |
| Wed. Night Meals | 2/14 | VALENTINE'S DINNER |
| | 2/21 | Soups, Salads, Sandwiches |
| Wed. Serving Teams: | 2/14 | <u>Teresa's Team:</u> Linda Burgess, Eileen Cantrell, Susan Smith |
| | 2/21 | <u>Donna's Team:</u> Debbie Collins, Susan Mullins, Rebecca Osborne, Terry Winters |



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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| Sunday | Sunday School Worship | 10:00 am 11:00 pm |
| Monday | Piecemakers (1st & 3rd) Caring Friends (2nd & 4th) | 9:30 am |
| Wednesday | Fellowship Meal Bible Study Choir Practice | 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30pm |
| Thursday | Men's Bible Study Laurels Ministry (3rd) | 6:30 am 1:30pm |

Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

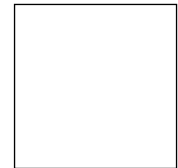
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Thought for the Week:

Bend toward the Light.