

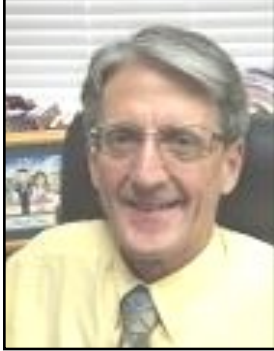
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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

February 20, 2024

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

A Conversation in the Womb:

In a mother's womb were two fetuses. One asked the other: "Do you believe in life after birth?"

The other replied, "Why, of course. There must be something after birth. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later."

"Nonsense" said the first. "There is no life after birth. What kind of life would that be?"

The second said, "I don't know. There will probably be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat with our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now."

The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. Eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after birth is not logical."

The second insisted, "Well I think there is something, and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore."

The first replied, "That's crazy! Moreover, if there is life, then why has no one has ever come back from birth? Birth is the end of life and there is nothing but darkness, silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere."

"Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet the Mother and she will take care of us."

The first replied, "Mother? You actually believe there is a Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?"

The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her, this world would not and could not exist."

Said the first, 'Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist.'

Thus, one hoped while the other despaired.

Days turned into weeks and weeks turned into months. Finally, the time for birth came. When the twins were born, they looked with open-mouthed wonder at their mother, who had been there all the time!

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

Fellowship Meal
Wed, Feb. 21, 6pm

Choir Practice
Wed, Feb. 21, 7:30pm

Men's Bible Study
Thurs, Feb. 22, 6:30am

"The Chosen"
Season 4, Ep. 7-8
Norton Cinema
Sun, Mar. 3
4:45pm

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

We extend our deepest sympathy to Martha Blackburn & Abbie Lancaster in the death of Gil Blackburn on February 10. Please keep Martha & Abbie and their family in your prayers.



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!

Sunday School **Sundays**
10:00 am

As you pray, please remember...



Martha Blackburn & Family, Terry Winters & 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).*

With Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Terry Winters in the death of her aunt, Bobbie Reeves. Please remember Terry, her mom & her cousins in your prayers.



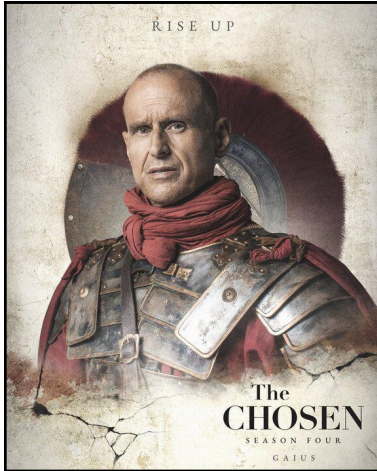
Stewardship, A Divine Responsibility

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



MARCH 3

**Norton
Cinema!**

Join us Sunday
evening,
March 3

Movie begins at 4:45pm.

We will be seeing Episodes 7-8
of Season 4!

Easter 2024

...**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:*

John 11:25-26

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?’”

GRIEF SHARE®

Thursday, Feb. 22

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

Laurels Ministry

Thursday, February 29

1:30pm

***Meet at the Laurels**

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC



Happy Birthday!

February 20	Ben Bolling
February 21	Amy Yun
February 22	Juanita Wells
February 24	Mark Lardieri
February 25	Hunter Farmer
February 26	Amy Beth Bridges
	James Clasby
	Joanne Kennedy
February 27	Meisha Addington
	Eric Smith
February 28	Sam Farmer



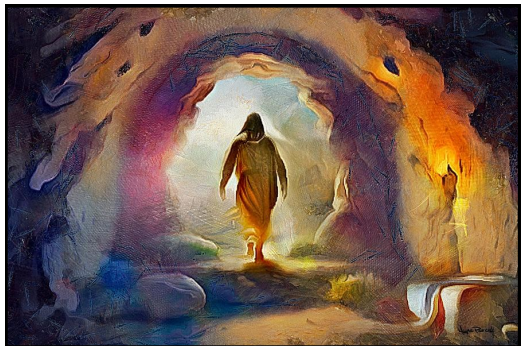
WBC Music Ministry

Continuing on with Pastor Mike's sermon series about science and faith, one of the most powerful tools of our faith is Prayer. Prayer is such a powerful way to communicate with God and receive His grace. It can also bring healing and peace to our bodies, minds, and souls, as we trust in God's will and love for us. As Peter Yun stated in his sermon on Sunday, first we have to believe, then accept and have faith in God. This allows us to have that peace that only comes from God and unspeakable joy.

Prayer for healing is not a magic formula or a guarantee of a miracle. It is a humble and sincere request for God to intervene in our lives and restore what is broken. It is based on the belief that God is the source of all life and health, and that He can heal us in ways that we cannot imagine. God can heal us physically, emotionally, mentally, spiritually, and relationally. He can heal us from diseases, injuries, traumas, addictions, sins, and wounds. He can heal us from the past, the present, and the future.

Prayer is also a way of expressing gratitude to God for His goodness and mercy. We thank God for the healing that He has already done in our lives—this includes not just physical healing, but also healing of our spirit, of our past transgressions and for the healing that He will do in His perfect timing. We praise God for His power and glory, and for His compassion and care. We acknowledge God as our Creator, Redeemer, and Healer.

Joy, Peace and Love, Donna



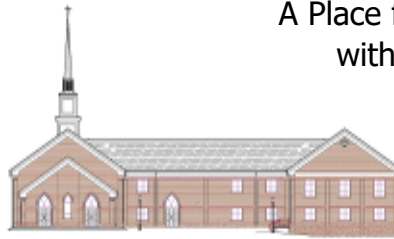
He's ALIVE!
SATURDAY, MARCH 23
FELLOWSHIP HALL
2 - 4 PM

**If you enjoyed Night in Bethlehem,
you will not want to miss the
"He's ALIVE!"**

interactive Easter event this year!

**An event for all ages - please invite your
friends & neighbors!**

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	2/18 - 2/24	David Mullins, Butch Hutchinson
	2/25 - 3/2	Jeff Elkins, Stan Kunigelis
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	February	Donna Hutchinson
	March	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
Children's Church	2/25	Debbie Collins, Vickie Swindall
	3/3	Wendy & John Mark Adrian
Offering Ushers	February	Jerry Baird Team
	March	Ron Helton Team
Tellers	February	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	March	Jeff Kiser, Martha Blackburn
Wed. Night Meals	2/21	Soups, Salads, Sandwiches
	2/28	Breakfast for Dinner
Wed. Serving Teams:	2/21	<u>Donna's Team:</u> Debbie Collins, Susan Mullins, Rebecca Osborne, Sherry Collie
	2/28	<u>Don's Team:</u> John Mark & Wendy Adrian, David & Sandy Mullins, Cyndi Newlon, Terry Winters



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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

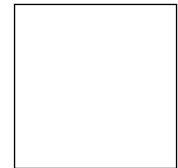
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Thought for the Week:

*We live now and forever
because Jesus lives!*