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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

February 27, 2018

*A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.*



Dear church family and friends,

Do you have memories that are locked in your mind? One of mine occurred in 2010 when I learned that my great-great-grandfather was a slaveholder. One of his slaves, Charles Crawley, said my great-great-grandfather “had about fifty head of colored people”. He was treated and even thought of himself as livestock.

That was a shock to read that my own family directly participated in slavery. It is easier to be horrified now. It was widely accepted then. It is difficult to accept that slaves were property. People could be bought, sold, and treated however the owner wished with no protection by law.

This meant a slave lived in fear, because their lives were always in jeopardy. Our country has lived in fear since 9-11. Ever since the Twin Towers and the Pentagon were attacked, we have been afraid. National security and terrorism dominate the news and our thoughts.

We cannot live this way. We cannot live as God intends. We cannot control what happens outside us, but we can control what happens in us (with God’s help). Difficult times can cause us to wall up our lives like a fortress. The goal becomes to prevent anything bad from happening to us.

Our focus becomes our fear instead of God. Allow difficult times to drive us to our knees. Allow fear to cause us to trust God more. Allow fear to compel us to be the church...to go to all the world with the love of Jesus.

Today is a great day to be a Christian. Today is a great day to be a light, not hidden under a bushel, but out where all can see.

Let’s be the light of Jesus!

*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**

**Wednesday Night Bible Studies begin Feb. 28 at 7:00pm**

**Children’s Ministry Team March 2, 6pm**

**Deacons’ Meeting March 4, 8:30pm**

**Holy Communion March 4, 11am**

**Church Directory Meeting March 11, 12pm**

**Leadership Team March 15, 6:30pm**

**Craft Day for OCC March 24, 2-4pm**

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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



### West Virginia Mission Trip Opportunity

Weekend Trip: March 16-18  
White Sulphur Springs, WV

*A group of folks will be traveling to West Virginia in March to continue disaster relief efforts in areas affected by flooding in Greenbrier County.*

*Please let Bryon Burton (276-594-0025) know if you are interested in going by MARCH 4 so that arrangements can be made for lodging.*



*As you pray, please remember...*



Sherlene Hall, Noah Hall & family, Izzy Shackelford & family, Billie Sue Harris, Kenny Bowling, Jerry Dew (Terry Winters' mother), Donna Morton, 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

**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).*

Operation Christmas Child  
YEAR-ROUND  
Gift Ideas!

#OCCitemofthemonth

**MARCH**  
**crafts**



**Wed. Night Bible  
Studies**  
**Feb. 28 - Mar. 28**  
**7pm**

Our new Bible studies pick up on the theme of the movie "Risen". We will explore the importance, meaning, and application of the most important events of all time...the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus!

Make plans now to be a part of this important study! A good way to start is with our fellowship meal at 6:00pm.

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

We extend our deepest sympathy to Sherlene Hall in the death of her dad, Otis Ousley, this past week. Please remember Sherlene, Noah, Alex and their family in your prayers.

We also extend our heartfelt sympathy to Izzy Shackelford in the death of her mother. Izzy is like a granddaughter to Joe & Susie Powers. Please keep Izzy, Susie, & Joe in your prayers.



Greetings Everyone!

The sanctuary choir is preparing several selected pieces of music for the upcoming Easter season. This is like a cantata, but it will be broken into weekly presentations, instead of one extended performance. If you are interested in joining us for these presentations, please join us on Wednesday nights at 7:50 p.m. All that is required is that you are willing to make a "joyful noise" with us as we celebrate the fulfillment of God's love towards us.

God bless you all!! Ben

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- February 27 Meisha Addington  
Eric Smith
- February 28 Sam Farmer  
Jessica Hibbitts
- March 3 Michael Allio  
Regina Cantrell  
Nathan Stalnaker
- March 5 Susan Smith
- March 6 Katherine Driver
- March 8 Asheton Campbell  
Heather Kunigelis
- March 9 Gary Stratton
- March 10 Florine Pennington



## Wise Baptist Children's Ministry



Mark your calendars for Sat., Mar. 24! A craft day for Operation Christmas Child is being planned from 2-4pm. Thank you to Tabitha Ray for being the coordinator for this event!

## Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry



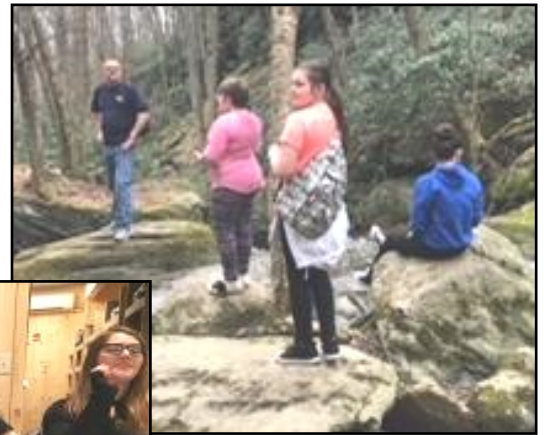
**THANK YOU** to Bryon Burton for coordinating the Winter "Ski" Retreat last weekend! Thank you also to all of the adults who went along to chaperone! Even though the weather was too warm to snow ski, the Flock knows how to have fun wherever they are...Bryon Burton took the group hiking up to a waterfall, exploring a cave, & of course there was lots of time for games!

⇒ Join the youth each Sunday evening at 6pm at the Youth Building for Bible Study, games & dinner!

## The Oreo game ??



# A SNOW-LESS SKI RETREAT!

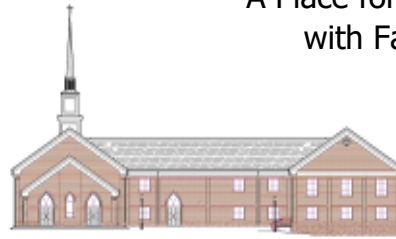


# March 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>B</b> = Birthday <b>A</b> = Anniversary</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</p>			<p>1 GriefShare Group 6-8:30pm</p>	<p>2 Children's Ministry Team Meeting, 6pm</p>	<p>3 B. Michael Allio B. Regina Cantrell B. Nathan Stalnaker</p>
<p>4 Deacons, 8:30am Holy Communion, 11am</p>	<p>5 B. Susan Smith</p>	<p>6 B. Katherine Driver</p>	<p>7 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Children-in-Action 6:45pm Choir 7:50 pm</p>	<p>8 GriefShare Group 6-8:30pm B. Asheton Campbell B. Heather Kunigelis</p>	<p>9 B. Gary Stratton</p>	<p>10 B. Florine Pennington</p>
<p>11 Church Directory Meeting, 12pm B. Clyde Vance</p>	<p>12 B. Amanda Aker</p>	<p>13 A. Oscar &amp; Gloria Raile</p>	<p>14 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 7pm Children-in-Action 7pm Choir 7:50 pm</p>	<p>15 GriefShare Group 6-8:30pm Leadership Team Meeting, 6:30pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 B. Aaron Clark</p>	<p>19 B. Betty Easterling</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 7pm Children-in-Action 7pm Choir 7:50 pm B. Pat Adkins B. Cameron Curtis</p>	<p>22 GriefShare Group 6-8:30pm</p>	<p>23 B. Rick Johnson</p>	<p>24 Operation Christmas Child Craft Day 2-4pm</p>
<p>25 <i>Palm Sunday</i></p>	<p>26 B. Chloe Cantrell</p>	<p>27 B. Nancy Stalnaker</p>	<p>28 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 7pm Children-in-Action 7pm Choir 7:50 pm B. Ashley Farmer B. Deborah Knox B. Christi Lardieri B. Isabella Lardieri</p>	<p>29 B. Matt Collins B. Matt Mullins</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

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### Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	2/25 - 3/3	Ron Helton, Jerry Baird
	3/4 - 3/10	Jim Collie, Jeff Dotson
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome	3/4	Jeff Kiser
	3/11	Jeff Kiser
S.S. Greeters:	3/4	John Ponish
	3/11	Bob & Teresa Adkins
Nursery:	3/4	Abbie Crutchfield, Jessica Crutchfield
	3/11	Landon Elkins, Bonnie Owens
Children's Church:	3/4	Stephen & Julie Large
	3/11	Butch & Donna Hutchinson
Sound System:	3/4	Mike Osborne
	3/11	Oscar Raile
Ushers:	3/4	Youth (teens)
	3/11	Bob Adkins, Kenny Bowling, Jeff Cantrell, Dan Helton, Matt Meade, Johnny Robinson, Jim Sturgill
Tellers:	March	Edgar Owens, Martha Blackburn
	April	Mike Strouth, June Dotson
Wed. Serving Teams:	2/28	Sherry Collie, Brenda Kunigelis
	3/7	Donna Hutchinson, Cyndi Newlon, Rebecca Osborne
Wed. Meals	2/28	Beef Stew, Cole Slaw, Biscuits
	3/7	Potluck
Children-in-Action:	2/28	Julie Large
	3/7	Julie Large

### 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

### Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

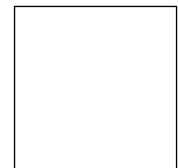
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and at Wise Baptist Youth

**Thought for the Week:**  
**Be the light of Jesus to the**  
**world!**