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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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



Dear church family and friends,

Consider the mouse. No, not the furry little creature that skitters through your house. I am talking about the computer mouse. The “mouse” was an important development for the personal computer.

There are two big ideas about computers. One idea is that computers are artificial intelligence, a super-brain that might replace people and jobs. Another idea is that computers can be a personal extension of people to make the world better.

One stage of the personal approach was accelerated by the invention of the computer mouse. Previous computers had awkward, clunky keyboard arrows used to point and select on the computer screen. Then, Douglas Englebart invented a small device with wheels underneath, which could easily move and point in any direction. The cord attached to its back was like a tail, which led to it being named a “mouse”.

The bigger story is the “why” of the mouse. It allows people to personally use computer technology as a tool. As with any tool, it can be used for good or evil.

Common abuses are: flood of negativity in the news media, computer hacker theft, fake news and malicious gossip. On the other hand, some constructive uses of computer technology which have saved or changed lives are: medical information, storm warnings, online support groups and church information (prayer needs, events, schedules, etc.).

We have an unprecedented opportunity to use the tool of computer technology for good. We can show and tell the good news of Jesus Christ faster and farther than ever before. Let’s use this tool for good to advance the Kingdom of God!

*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

**Laurels Ministry**  
January 18, 1:30pm

**Church-Wide Birthday Party**  
January 28, 12pm

**Deacons’ Meeting**  
February 4, 8:30am

**Holy Communion**  
February 4, 11am

**Ash Wednesday Service**  
February 14, 7pm

**Senior Adult Valentine Banquet**  
February 17, 5pm

**“Risen” Movie at WBC**  
February 21, 6:30pm

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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



### WINTER BIBLE STUDY!

Wednesdays, Jan. 3 - Feb. 7, 6:45pm

“First Peter:

#### Living as Strangers in a Secular World”

Sometimes, we expect more support for our Christian faith from our government and culture. If so, we will be constantly disappointed, or even angry. This attitude can cause us to get “stuck” in our faith journey.

On the other hand, resistance to our faith can cause us to rely on God even more. After all, God is bigger than anyone or anything.

The Book of I Peter speaks directly to these issues. Join me & others as we explore how our faith can thrive despite resistance from the world in which we live. ~ Blessings, Pastor Mike

*As you pray, please remember...*



Family of Elizabeth Davidson, Randy Chisenhall & family, Donna Morton & family, David Mullins, 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).*



WBC

February 1, 2018

*Many grieving people find that they are only beginning the work of healing when friends & family have returned to their daily life routines. Whether your bereavement experience is recent or not so recent, you will find encouragement, comfort & help in being around others who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief, & that you do not need to live in bondage to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life & renewing your hope for the future.*

*GriefShare is a Biblically-based program that offers Christ-centered teaching focusing on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts & the real-life stories of real people, followed by a small group discussion.*

Happy Birthday to  
Everyone!



#### 3rd Annual Church-Wide Birthday Party!

We will celebrate everyone's birthday at once on Sunday, January 28! Following morning worship, The Missions Committee will be serving a pasta meal (lasagna, baked spaghetti, salad, breadsticks) prior to our birthday celebration. Donations towards the meal will be used for future the Southwest VA Partnership. BE SURE to sign up on the Communication Card in your bulletin or call the church office & tell us your birthday (month & day only!). Join others that share your birthday month at decorated tables & enjoy tasting 12 different birthday cakes!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



***Saturday, February 17, 5pm***

*We would like to honor our Senior Adults in a special way this February by inviting you to a special dinner, complete with entertainment!*

*\* We ask those who are 70 and older & would like to attend & be hosted, to please R.S.V.P. by Jan. 28 in one of 3 ways:*

- 1) *Contact the church office (328-6247)*
- 2) *Fill out the insert in your Sunday bulletin*
- 3) *Contact John Ponish (870-1593 or [jponish@atsone.com](mailto:jponish@atsone.com))*

*\* If you are under 70 & would like to host/treat a special guest or couple, we ask that you also R.S.V.P.*

*\* To host a senior adult(s), you may do anything you would like to honor them & show them how special they are, such as: invite them to the banquet, offer to pick them up, sit with them, pay for their meal(s), etc!*



### Guest Speakers

Tony & Jan Johnson will share about the ministry of the Southwest Virginia Partnership during our morning worship service on January 28.



### MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY...

A group from Wise Baptist is going over to the Laurels on Jan. 18 at 1:30pm to minister to the residents through music and a brief devotional.

Contact Sherlene Hall at 275-0059 or [sherlenehall@gmail.com](mailto:sherlenehall@gmail.com) if you would like to be a part of this ministry!



### Church Building Repairs Update

We have made good progress in building repairs and putting things back together from the water line damage. Thank you all for your flexibility. Sometimes these times of chaos and change are good for our soul.

Waterlines have been repaired, insulation, drywall and ceiling repairs are well underway. Carpet is due in the latter part of week and installation will begin immediately. Hopefully we will be back in sanctuary before long.

Please try to stay clear of the work zone, as there are floor obstacles, electrical and HVAC loose ends everywhere. Thanks again for everyone's patience and flexibility.

~ Ron Helton

Remember our Grab-n-Go Ministry as you do your grocery shopping! You can place non-perishable food items in the white baskets by the elevator. These are given to Social Services for the elderly.





*Greetings everyone!!*

It has been an absolute whirlwind here lately with the drastic changes in weather we have been experiencing. Going from sub-zero temperatures to early spring-like weather, then 2 inches of snow (with more in other places), now being followed by more powder scheduled to fall from the sky - all while making the best of the situation with our sanctuary repairs.

Though we have physically experienced a drastic change in seasons, we metaphorically experience change in our lives, as well. Whatever may come, we have the promise of Christ's love that carries us through it all. Let us focus on sharing that love with everyone we encounter.

You are more than welcome to join us at choir practice on Wednesday nights at 7:50pm. Come make a joyful noise with us!!

*God bless you all.  
Ben Harding*



**Wise Baptist Church  
Youth Ministry**



Join us each Sunday evening at 6pm at the Youth Building for Bible Study, games, and supper!

**Stay tuned for information about an upcoming ski trip!**



- January 16 Susan Mullins  
Beth Snodgrass
- January 17 Steve Collins  
Russell Wampler
- January 22 Zero Kennedy
- January 23 Scott Harris
- January 24 Jim Dotson  
Carolyn Jones  
Edgar Owens  
Gary Smith  
Ali Stuedemann
- January 25 Wanda Baird  
Shirlee Barnette  
Billie Harris  
John Roberts



- January 17 Ray & Carolyn Jones
- January 18 Jeff & Eileen Cantrell



**Wise Baptist  
Children's Ministry**

**Upcoming Children's Activities!**

January 21

Children do welcome & announcements during worship

February 14

Valentines will be mailed to all children

March 24

Craft Day for Operation Christmas Child

April 1

Resurrection Eggs Presentation during worship



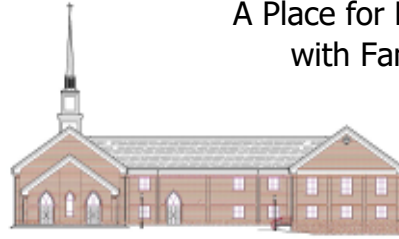
**January 14...**  
**Worshipping in the Fellowship Hall**



## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	1/14-1/20	Gil Blackburn, Gary Smith
	1/21-1/27	John Mark Adrian, Ron Helton
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome	1/21	Misty Belcher
	1/28	Misty Belcher
S.S. Greeters:	1/21	Bob & Teresa Adkins
	1/28	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
Nursery:	1/21	Linda Burgess, Ruby Salyers
	1/28	Don & Cyndi Newlon
Children's Church:	1/21	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
	1/28	Daniel & Tabitha Ray
Sound System:	1/21	Mike Osborne
	1/28	Oscar Raile
Tellers:	January	Leton Harding, Oscar Raile
	February	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Ushers:	1/21	Dave Belcher*, Bryon Burton^, Jeff Dotson, Marty Kennedy, Stephen Large, Jack Tolbert (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	1/17	Donna Hutchinson, Cyndi Newlon, Rebecca Osborne
	1/24	Jessica Crutchfield, Kathy Dotson, Gail Kiser
Wed. Meals	1/17	Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad
	1/24	Ham, Green Beans, Potato Casserole
Children-in-Action:	1/17	Terry Winters
	1/24	Tabitha Ray

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## 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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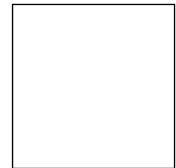
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## Thought for the Week:

**Computer technology can be used to  
spread the love of God,**