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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

January 2, 2018



Dear church family and friends,

A new year stretches out in front of us. How can we make 2018 better than 2017? I have a suggestion. Manage our exposure to the “bad news” of the world. Increase our exposure to the “Good News” of Jesus Christ.

We absorb more bad news than good news. The drumbeat of bad news comes from many sources. Media, technology, how events are interpreted and people around us spread bad news. The world seems to be “evangelistic” about the bad news.

The unmistakable message is: The world is worse than it has ever been. The world is getting worse. The world will never get better.

Bad news can steal our hope, but Jesus came to announce the Good News:

Good news! We have a hope bigger than any bad news from the world.

Good news! We are forgiven!

Good News! We have a reason to get up in the morning!

Good News! We can make a difference in our world!

Good news! God's love is stronger than hate!

Good news! All who know God will live forever with Him!

For 2018, I suggest two things. One, manage exposure to the “bad news”. Choose the type and amount of information we receive through media. Two, be proactive about absorbing the “Good News” of Jesus Christ. Read your Bible. Pray. Position yourself to grow spiritually (worship, Bible study, etc.). Serve the Lord through Wise Baptist Church. Share God's love. Be the church. Be the Good News!

Managing the “news” we receive means to see the world accurately and to acknowledge that the “news” about Jesus is bigger.

Love, Pastor Mike

How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

Express one of the following to the Pastor during the closing hymn:

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| † 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

Mission Committee Meeting
January 3, 5pm

Deacons' Meeting
January 7, 8:30am

Leadership Team Meeting
January 11, 6pm

Children's Ministry Team
January 12

Church Directory Meeting
January 14, 12 pm

**Martin Luther King, Jr.
Service**
January 15, 7pm

Church-Wide Birthday Party
January 28, 12pm

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

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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

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Train Display

Jim & Sherry Collie graciously open their home each year for folks to come & see their 2 rooms full of electric trains! They invite you to come anytime from now through the end of January. Just give them a call at 393-1710 or 393-3788 to make sure they are at home.



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

Hospitalized: Peggy Yanez

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).*



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

CHRISTMAS CANTATA DVD'S



ARC TV filmed our December 10 Christmas cantata & has DVD's available for \$20 each or \$35 for two DVD's.

If interested in purchasing videos, you may bring a check made out to ARC TV to the church office or contact ARC TV at: arctelevision@gmail.com



Happy Birthday to Everyone!

Mark your calendar for our 3rd Annual Church-Wide Birthday Party!

We will celebrate everyone's birthday at once on Sunday, January 28 following morning worship! 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!



Save the Date!

Senior Adult Valentine Banquet

Saturday, February 17, 2018, 5pm
Wise Baptist Fellowship Hall

MUSIC * YOUTH * CHILDREN NEWS



Greetings Everyone!!

I hope this note finds you well-rested after a wonderful Christmas holiday and enjoying the first couple of days of your New Year in 2018. Though it may be cold outside, we have the unique opportunity to feel and share the warmth that is the love of Jesus Christ. Let us then resolve to keep Him in the center of any and everything that we do.

With our Wednesday night activities starting up again this week, I would like to remind everybody that choir rehearsal will also resume. We will begin as close to 7:50 as we can, and I encourage anyone who feels like they may be interested in joining us to do so. The only requirement we have is that you wish to make joyful noise... we can help you handle the rest!

God bless you!! Ben



January 1 - Tricia Cahoon
January 2 - Scott Snodgrass
January 3 - Eileen Cantrell
Canaan Godsey
January 4 - Mark Collins
Hazel Dixon
January 7 - Brian Wills
January 8 - Bret Chisenhall
Seth Harding
Reid Mullins
January 10 - Ruby Salyers



January 1 - Daniel & Tabitha Ray
January 5 - Mike & Terry Winters
January 7 - Jack & Marsha Tolbert

Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry



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



Wise Baptist Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry Team
2018 Planning Meeting!

Friday, January 12
6pm til ?
Winters' home



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.

A Celebration of God's Many Blessings in 2017!

January... Martin Luther King, Jr. Service, Youth Planning Meeting at Winters home, Church-Wide Birthday Party, sledding at Snodgrass home

February... Youth Super Bowl Party at Snodgrass home, Youth Ski Trip to Sugar Mountain, 90th Birthday Celebration for Lois Stallard

March... Lent Service, Children's Snack-n-Paint, BCM Clean-Up Day

April... Seder Service, Children's Ministry "You've Been Egged" Outreach project, Children's Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt, Flowering of the Cross, Easter Sunday, Youth Spring Break Lock-In, Roofing the Rock, Prom Attire Sunday

May... Mission Trip Yard Sale, distribution of "Stress-Buster" bags for UVA-Wise students, Graduate Recognition Sunday, Gas Buy-Down & Free Car Wash, SON Golf League

June... End-of-Year Youth/Parent Cookout, Mission Trip Yard Sale (Part 2), Children's Trip to Barter Theatre, "Maker Fun Factory" VBS, Mission Trip to Tarboro, NC, Gasoline Buy-Down,

July... Brown Bag Ministry, RAM, Children's Free Lemonade Stand, Youth Christmas-in-July Lock-In

August... Wise Men & Women Cookout for Law Enforcement, Church-Wide Ice Cream Social, Youth Rafting Trip to WV, Youth/Parent Fall Planning Meeting

September... Senior Ladies' Tea Party, Jump Rope Project,

October... Caring Friends Bazaar, Fall Fling Set-Up & Take-Down, , Disaster Relief Trip to WV, Trunk or Treat

November... Children's Snack-n-Paint, Sunday School Breakfast, Trip to Noah's Ark Museum, , Parent-Child Dedication, Operation Christmas Child

December... "A Night in Bethlehem", Christmas Cantata, Jubilation Ringers at The Inn, Jesse Tree, Caroling at The Laurels, Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, Trip to OCC Processing Center in Boone, NC, Youth New Year's Eve Lock-In

WISE BAPTIST CHURCH INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL & 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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS / SMALL GROUPS

The chairperson or leader of the affected committee or group will make this decision and will be responsible for letting everyone know.

Youth New Year's Eve LOCK-IN



Thank you to everyone who supports our youth ministry at Wise Baptist! Bryon Burton & Jessica Crutchfield deserve special awards for chaperoning an all-night lock-in!



Donna Hutchinson reports...

On Wednesday, December 27, a group of 13 of us headed off bright, cold and early heading to Boone, NC to work in the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center. Those that went were: Regina Cantrell, Kim Hall, Noah Hall, Jessica Hibbitts, Butch Hutchinson, Donna Hutchinson, Rachel Lyall, Mike Osborne, Rebecca Osborne, Sherry Osborne, Edgar Owens & Joe Powers.

We processed over 78 cartons containing an average of 20 individual boxes, which will be spread out over the world. These cartons will fill in places that did not receive enough boxes or experience loss and need throughout the coming year.



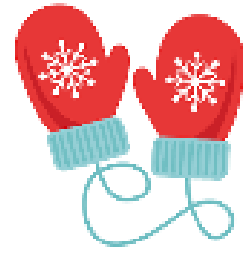
On Tuesday afternoon, there was a substantial water leak in the ceiling of the sanctuary foyer. The water spread quickly into the sanctuary. Thankfully, volunteers responded right away, and professionals were at work by 5pm. The damage could have been much worse. You will be notified about any kinds of changes in services.

We have been blessed with a wonderful church building which has been carefully tended. This building helps the church to worship, fellowship, grow spiritually, serve & share our faith. The buildings help us to be the church.

But, at the end of the day, the church is the people. It is the people in whom the Holy Spirit lives and breathes. Paul says that the human body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. The body houses the Spirit of God. The damage to our sanctuary is a reminder of the truth that the church is the people of God. Let this be an occasion to rely on God all the more to help us be the church.



January 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Church office closed <i>Happy New Year's!</i> B. Tricia Cahoon A. Daniel & Tabitha Ray	2 B. Scott Snodgrass	3 Missions Committee 5pm Potluck 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir 7:50 pm B. Eileen Cantrell B. Canaan Godsey	4 B. Mark Collins B. Hazel Dixon	5 A. Mike & Terry Winters	6
7 Deacons Meeting - 8:30 am Holy Communion - 11 am B. Brian Wills A. Jack & Marsha Tolbert	8 B. Bret Chisenhall B. Seth Harding B. Reid Mullins	9 	10 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir 7:50 pm B. Ruby Salyers	11 Leadership Team Meeting, 6:30pm	12 Children's Ministry Team Meeting, 6pm Winters' Home B. Eden Mullins	13 B. John Mark Adrian B. Joyce Horne
14 Church Directory Meeting, 12 noon	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Service 7pm B. Mingkwan Collins	16 B. Susan Mullins B. Beth Snodgrass	17 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir 7:50 pm B. Steve Collins B. Russell Wampler A. Ray & Carolyn Jones	18 A. Jeff & Eileen Cantrell	19 	20
21 	22 B. Zero Kennedy	23 B. Scott Harris	24 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir 7:50 pm B. Jim Dotson B. Carolyn Jones B. Edgar Owens B. Gary Smith B. Ali Stuedemann	25 B. Wanda Baird B. Shirlee Barnette B. Billie Harris B. John Roberts	26 B. Ray Jones, Jr. B. Lulia Maine B. Garrison Sheppard	27 B. Macey Sheppard
28 CHURCH-WIDE BIRTHDAY PARTY 12 noon B. Regina Carson B. Lance Collie B. Toni Thacker	29 B. Rebecca Osborne B. Mike Strouth	30 B. Andrew Conway B. Brandon Crutchfield	31 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir 7:50 pm	B = Birthday A = Anniversary	If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247	

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/31-1/6	Jim Collie, Jeff Dotson
	1/7-1/13	John Ponish, Mike Osborne
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome	1/7	Misty Belcher
	1/14	Misty Belcher
S.S. Greeters:	1/7	John Ponish
	1/14	David & Sandy Mullins
Nursery:	1/7	Ben Hersel, Pam Hersel
	1/14	Noah Hall, Caroline Mullins
Children's Church:	1/7	Charles & Lulia Maine
	1/14	Kathy Dotson, Elora Hutchinson
Sound System:	1/7	Oscar Raile
	1/14	Marty Adkins
Tellers:	January	Leton Harding, Oscar Raile
	February	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Ushers:	1/7	Youth (teens)
	1/14	Leton Harding*, Ron Helton^, Jorge Hersel, Jeff Kiser, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass, Marty Adkins (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	1/3	Teresa Adkins, Jean Aker, Bonnie Owens
	1/10	Sherry Collie, Brenda Kunigelis, Sandy Mullins, Toni Thacker
Wed. Meals	1/3	Potluck
	1/10	Pork Tenderloin, Potatoes, Carrots, Cornbread
Children-in-Action:	1/3	Julie Large, Kathy Dotson
	1/10	Julie Large, Kathy Dotson

Wise Baptist Church General Fund Giving Summary 9/1/17 - 12/31/17

General Fund Receipts To Date	\$ 87,202
General Fund Needed To Date	\$101,015
Variance	(\$ 13,813)
Average Weekly Variance	(\$ 767)
Weekly General Fund Budget	\$ 5,612

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

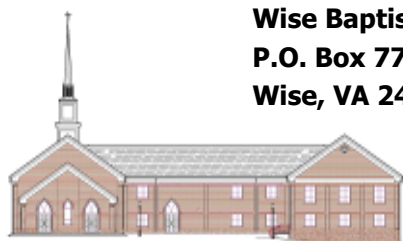
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with Family and Friends



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Wise Baptist Youth

Thought for the Week:
This year, fill your mind & heart with
the Good News of Jesus!