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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

January 23, 2024

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

Since the beginning of time, people have wondered about the existence of God. Is there a God? If not, what does that mean for them? If so, what does that mean for them?

The greatest minds of all time have wrestled with that issue. Can the existence of God be proved? Or disproved?

Some important thinkers believe God was invented to make people feel better. Like a spiritual pacifier. It does not change anything. It just helps people get through the hard things in life. Avoidance and denial.

The problem with those thinkers? They do not understand the Bible. Followers of Jesus are called to be the “salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13). The purpose of salt is to preserve and to add flavor. It cannot do that unless it comes in contact with the meat, etc.

As the salt of the earth, we are called to not only face, but actively engage in, the hard things in life. Follow Jesus as we live, fully. With all the ups and downs in life. It means to try to make our world better through the love and power of Jesus.

Is your faith more like a pacifier or salt?

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Choir Practice
Wed, Jan. 24, 6pm

Bible Study
Wed, Jan. 24, 7pm

Men’s Bible Study
Thurs, Jan. 25,
6:30am

The Chosen:
Season 4
In theaters
Feb. 4, 18, Mar. 3

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DEACONS 2023 - 2024

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
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Jeff Elkins	393-5700
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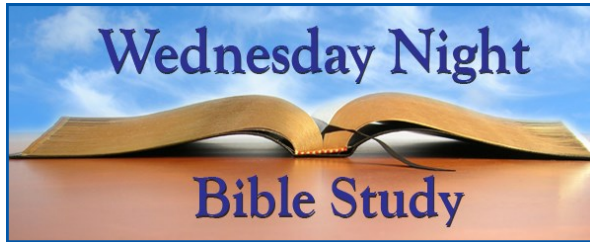
Deacon Emeritus:
 Bob Adkins

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Even though we are taking a break from our Wednesday evening Fellowship Meals during January, Bible Study will continue at 7pm with Pastor Mike! You are invited to participate onsite or virtually with Facebook Live.



Stewardship - Bless and Be Blessed

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." ~ Proverbs 3:6

May you be blessed, through your caring heart, your desire to reach the lost, your giving attitude ... all through being stewards of God's Work here at Wise Baptist Church.

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, P.O. Box 777, Wise VA 24293, or brought by the Church anytime during open hours.

As you pray, please remember...



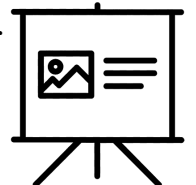
Chelsea & Sutton Polly, Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Jean Aker, Pat Winters (Pastor Mike's mom), Emmett Kidd (Karen Ponish's dad), Lu Ellsworth & Family, Gene Bishop, Gil & Martha Blackburn, Brian, brother of Brenda Kunigelis, Kathy Osborne & Family, Susan Smith & Family, Jim Sturgill, Wanda 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. Presently, David Luther & Rebecca are doing this, but they would like to add at least one member to the slideshow team to help David. 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!*

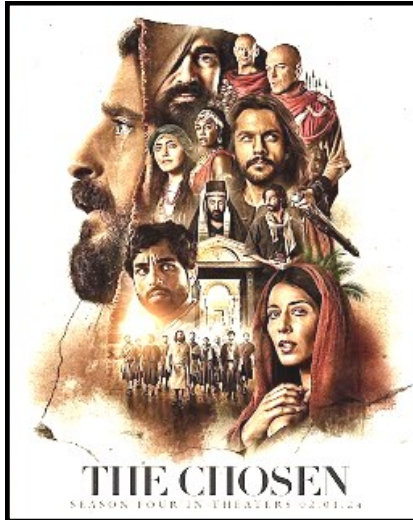


ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEASON 4

Coming to
Norton
Cinema!

We will be
getting a group
together
to go & see
Season 4,
Episodes 1-3



Sunday, February 4
*Movie begins at 5:30pm

The CHOSEN



Scripture
for the Week:

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything...You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

UPcoming EVENTS

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

FAITH. FOOD. FUN.

Have you ever noticed how often Jesus is eating with folks in the Bible?

He shows us time & time again that gathering with others for a meal not only meets our need for food, but meets our need for fellowship, laughter, conversation, & deepening friendships!

If you would like to see our Wed. Night Meals continue, we need you to indicate that by texting or calling Terry Winters at 276-870-2712
ASAP!

* Please also indicate if you would like to help with cooking, set up &/or clean up.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC



Happy Birthday!



January 23
Scott Harris
Ava Mullins

January 24
Jim Dotson



January 25
Edgar Owens
Ali Stuedemann
Wanda Baird
Shirlee Barnette
Billie Harris
John Roberts

January 26
Ray Jones

Lulia Maine

January 27
Skip Dobis

Melody Mullins

January 28
Regina Carson

Lance Collie

Toni Thacker

January 29
Rebecca Osborne

Mike Strouth

January 30
Andrew Conway

Brandon Crutchfield



February 1
Rachel Bailey

Jamie Hopkins

February 3
Ben Harding

Caroline Mullins Jessee



WBC Music Ministry

Can you believe that we are already into the fourth week of January 2024? The days and weeks have flown by. Even this last week when we were all mostly secluded in our houses due to the snow and the cold. It brought back lots of bad memories of the "Covid Year" that I would really rather forget.

Anytime you are stuck "in" and can't do your usual routine, it gives you time to think and it also gives you some time to do things that you normally don't have time to do. That's what I did this past week - I read! I love to read and my readings are vast and encompass lots of genres. I read a biography, a historical fiction and a murder mystery and have now started a "fluff" book. I subscribe to a daily devotional that is sent to my phone every morning and it has hit me with my thought pattern of the last few weeks.

My devotion was about beliefs and how to determine what you believe. How can I share with others if I'm not sure of my own beliefs. Mike's sermon series on faith and science has also impacted my thoughts on this. In order to get my beliefs firmly ensconced in my brain, I have had to read. I read the Bible, I read other books that have been written by Biblical scholars and I have prayed.

I am challenging you to also search your heart and brain to really KNOW what your beliefs are so that you can share them with others freely.

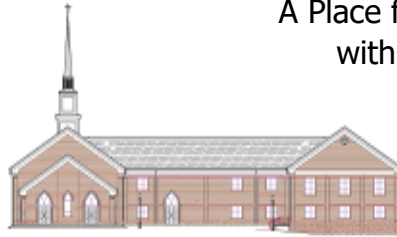
Joy, Peace and Love, Donna

CHILDREN'S Ministry

Children, grades K-4

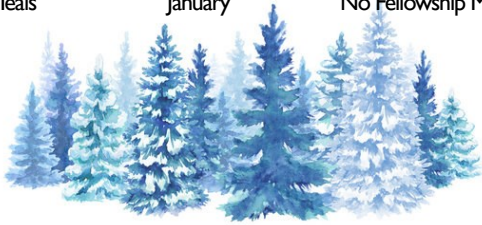
are invited to participate in *Children's Church* each Sunday! At the beginning of the 11am worship service, children will be taken upstairs for a lesson & craft. Thank you to all of our Children's Church teachers who faithfully prepare each week!

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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	1/21 - 1/27	John Ponish, Debbie Collins
	1/28 - 2/3	John Mark Adrian, Jeff Cantrell
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	January	Jeff Elkins
	February	Donna Hutchinson
Children's Church	1/28	Jessica & Brandon Crutchfield
	2/4	Pam & Jorge Hersel
Offering Ushers	January	Jeff Dotson Team
	February	Jerry Baird Team
Tellers	January	Jessica Crutchfield, Ruby Salyers
	February	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Wed. Night Meals	January	No Fellowship Meals in January



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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

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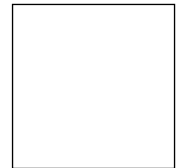
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Thought for the Week:

*To be the "salt of the earth", we must
get out of the salt shaker (the church)
and into the world.*