

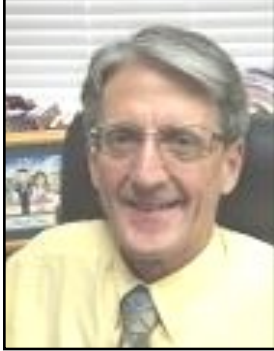
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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

January 30, 2024

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

Honest doubt? The great poet Alfred Lord Tennyson said, “there is more faith in honest doubt...than in half the creeds.” Does honest doubt contradict faith in God? Not if it pursues the truth. That puts you on a path toward Jesus, Who is the Truth (John 14:6).

Dishonest doubters appear to pursue the truth. But they have already made up their minds. They select “facts” to back up what they have already decided.

Honest doubters ask hard questions. Can you be sure that God exists? If so, is He directly involved with you, or far away? Where is God when innocent people suffer? If you are trying to please God, why can life be so hard? Why doesn't God do more to stop evil?

Jesus' disciple, Thomas, had doubts. His hopes crashed and burned when Jesus was cruelly executed on the cross. He had heard the reports that Jesus had risen from the dead. But he refused to believe.

Jesus comes to Thomas directly. Says Thomas' doubts out loud. Then, He shows His hands and feet to him. Thomas proclaims, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28)

If you have doubts, find someone who will listen. Talk to Jesus. Don't fear the truth. Real truth brings you closer to Jesus.

Honest doubts. What are yours? How can they strengthen your faith?

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Choir Practice
Wed, Jan. 31, 6pm

Bible Study
Wed, Jan. 31, 7pm

Men's Bible Study
Thurs, Feb. 1,
6:30am

The Chosen:
Season 4
Episodes 1-3
Norton Cinema
Sun, Feb. 4
5:30pm

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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

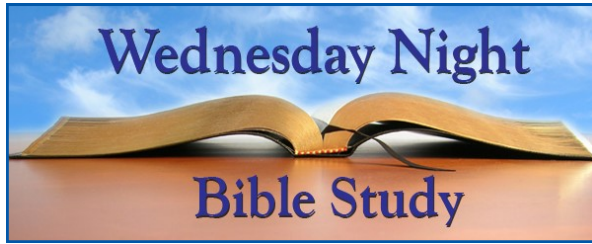
Deacon Emeritus:
 Bob Adkins

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



Wednesday evening Fellowship Meals begin again on **February 7** with a POTLUCK! Hope you will plan to join us! 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...



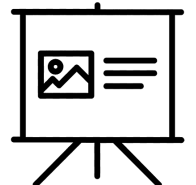
Paula Dobis' parents, Chelsea & Sutton Polly, Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Jean Aker, Pat Winters (Pastor Mike's mom), Emmett Kidd (Karen Ponish's dad), Lu Ellsworth & Family, Gene Bishop, Gil & Martha Blackburn, Brian, brother of Brenda Kunigelis, Kathy Osborne & Family, Susan Smith & Family, 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

February 4

Norton Cinema!

Join us Sunday evening, Feb. 4 at Norton Cinema - movie begins at 5:30pm. We will be seeing Episodes 1-3 of Season 4!

The CHOSEN



...**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 20:26-28

“After eight days His disciples were indoors again, and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, ‘Peace to you!’ Then He said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and observe My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Don’t be an unbeliever, but a believer.’ Thomas responded to Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’”



Thursday, Feb. 1

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*

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC



Happy Birthday!



January 30 Andrew Conway
Brandon Crutchfield

February 1 Rachel Bailey
Jamie Hopkins

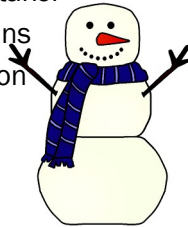


February 3 Ben Harding
Caroline Mullins Jessee

February 6 Kara Kennedy Parker
February 7 Kaitlin Ponish Collins

February 8 Kathy Kennedy
Philip Prince
February 8 David Whittaker

February 10 David Mullins
Adam Sexton



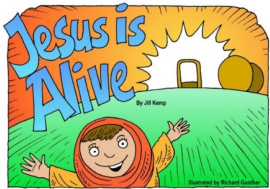
WBC Music Ministry

I have a song stuck in my head! It's been there for about two weeks. I had not heard the song before, but I received the music in a packet that I receive every quarter from a publishing company. It's called "THE JESUS WAY" by Phil Wickham. Here are the words:

If you curse me, then I will bless you. If you hurt me, I will forgive
And if you hate me, then I will love you, I choose the Jesus way
If you're helpless, I will defend you And if you're burdened, I'll
share the weight And if you're hopeless, then let me show you
There's hope in the Jesus way. I follow Jesus. I follow Jesus. He
wore my sin, I'll gladly wear His name
He is the treasure. He is the answer. Oh, I choose the Jesus way
If you strike me, I will embrace you And if you chain me, I'll sing
His praise. And if you kill me, my home is heaven
For I choose the Jesus way. I follow Jesus. I follow Jesus. He
wore my sin, I'll gladly wear His name
He is the treasure, He is the answer. Oh, I choose the Jesus way.
And I choose surrender. I choose to love
Oh, God my Savior, You'll always be enough. I choose for-
giveness. I choose grace. I choose to worship, no matter what I
face
I choose the Jesus way I follow Jesus I follow Jesus
He wore my sin, I'll gladly wear His name He is the treasure He is
the answer
Oh, I choose the Jesus way I follow Jesus I follow Jesus He
wore my sin, I'll gladly wear His name
He is the treasure He is the answer Oh, I choose the Jesus way
Oh, I choose the Jesus way

I've had several things happen in the past two weeks and when I started to respond with hateful words or with spite in my heart, this song suddenly injected itself into my brain. So, I challenge you to do it THE JESUS WAY. Give it a try and if you have the capability, look up the song and give it a listen. It will do your heart good.

Joy, Peace and Love, Donna



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

Easter event in the Fellowship Hall!

SAT, MARCH 23, 2-4PM

CHILDREN'S Ministry

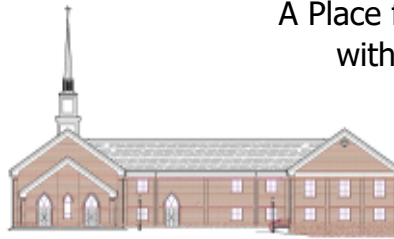
Children, grades K-4 are invited to participate in **Children's Church** each Sunday! At the beginning of the 11am worship service, children will be taken upstairs for a lesson & craft. Thank you to all of our Children's Church teachers who faithfully prepare each week!

February 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>B = Birthday A = Anniversary</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</p>			<p>1 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Rachel Bailey B - Jamie Hopkins</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>B - Ben Harding B - Caroline Jessee</p>
<p>4 8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - Communion</p> <p>"THE CHOSEN" Season 4, Ep. 1-3 Norton Cinema 5:30pm</p>	<p>5 Piecemakers, 9:30am</p>	<p>6</p> <p>B - Kara Parker</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6pm - POTLUCK 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Kaitlin Collins B - Kathy Kennedy B - Philip Prince</p>	<p>8 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - David Whittaker</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>B - David Mullins B - Adam Sexton</p>
<p>11</p> <p>10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p>	<p>12 Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Kristin Trick</p>	<p>13</p> <p>B - Brandon Osborne A - Jim & June Dotson</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>15 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>1:30am - LAURELS MINISTRY</p> <p>B - June Dotson B - Megan Burton Douglas B - Logan Stewart</p>	<p>16</p> <p>B - Conner Browning</p>	<p>17</p> <p>FEB. 18 Birthdays: B - Addie Browning B - Brandi Cox B - Joshua Helton</p> <p>B - Lily Elkins</p>
<p>18</p> <p>10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p> <p>"THE CHOSEN" Season 4, Ep. 4-6 Norton Cinema 5:30pm</p>	<p>19 Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Nicolette Cox</p>	<p>20</p> <p>B - Ben Bolling</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Amy Yun</p>	<p>22 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Juanita Wells</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>B - Mark Lardieri</p>
<p>25</p> <p>10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's</p> <p>B - Hunter Farmer</p>	<p>26 Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Amy Beth Bridges B - James Clasby B - Joanne Kennedy</p>	<p>27</p> <p>B - Meisha Addington B - Eric Smith</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Sam Farmer</p>	<p>29 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>Don't Miss the last 2 episodes of Season 4!!</p> <p>Sun, March 3 "THE CHOSEN" Season 4, Ep. 7-8 Norton Cinema 5:30pm</p>	

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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	1/28 - 2/3	John Mark Adrian, Jeff Cantrell
	2/4 - 2/10	Butch Hutchinson, John Ponish
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	February	Donna Hutchinson
Children's Church	2/4	Pam & Jorge Hersel
	2/11	John & Karen Ponish
Offering Ushers	February	Jerry Baird Team
	March	Ron Helton Team
Tellers	February	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	March	Jeff Kiser, Martha Blackburn
Wed. Night Meals	January 27	No Fellowship Meals in January POTLUCK



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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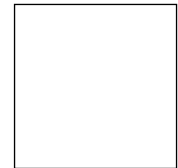
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