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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

July 5, 2017

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

Dear church family and friends,



We're back! Even though Tarboro, NC was at sea level, we had a mountain-top experience! It was a team effort by our church in Wise and Tarboro, NC.

It was humbling and holy. It was exhausting and exhilarating. Thank you, Wise Baptist Church, for making this possible. There were many moving parts: six planning meetings, fifty-one people, one bus, four trucks, three cars, and two trailers. It was a living, working picture of the Body of Christ.

First, there was the planning phase. A different person was in charge of each of these areas: trip location, lodging, meals, laundry, advance team, transportation, theme, t-shirts, handling money, fundraising, Sunday worship/community outreach, a fun activity, a group restaurant meal, communication, and spiritual focus. Each of these leaders involved others from the pool of fifty-one participants.

Then there was the execution phase - the plans needed to be carried out. There are always surprises and adjustments with the best of plans. Crews were assigned to different homes to do demolition, wiring, plumbing, roofing, drywall, application of mud, painting, etc.

We were humbled to see up close, the devastation from the flooding. We were blessed to get to know the residents of the homes in which we were working. I served on the demolition team and told the owner, Doris, that while we were rebuilding homes, Jesus rebuilds lives.

The week was one of learning, love, and laughter. It was a week we will never forget. It is a privilege to serve our Lord, together. How is God calling you to serve in our community and in our church in the coming church year?

IMPORTANT DATES

Deacons' Meeting
July 9, 8:30am

Children's Ministry Team Meeting
July 10, 6:30pm

SON Golf Tournament
Graysburg Hills
July 15, 8am

Free Lemonade Stand
July 15

Brown Bag Ministry
July 24-28

Youth Christmas-in-July Lock-In
July 26

Church-Wide Ice Cream Social
August 27

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DEACONS 2016-17

Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Ron Helton	393-6145
John Kennedy	328-5013
Matt Meade	393-9177
Mike Osborne	365-0968
Edgar Owens	328-6129
Daniel Ray	328-2483

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome Baby Ezra!!

Congratulations to Ben & Kiera Harding on the birth of their son, Ezra James Harding! Ezra was born at 5:20pm on Tuesday, June 27. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces & is 21" long. We celebrate Ezra's safe arrival & give thanks to God!

Bookbag Collection

Wise Baptist is continuing to collect bookbags to donate to the Back-to-School Community Kick-Off Event to be held on Saturday, July 15, 10am-1pm at Carroll Dale Stadium (old J.J. Kelly High School). Each year, this event is sponsored by Cavalier Pharmacy. There is a box in the foyer for donations.



SON GOLF LEAGUE

Next tournament:

July 15

Graysburg Hills, 8:00 am

Calling all golfers! Contact Stephen Large at 393-0433 if you would like to participate!



Church-Wide Ice Cream Social!

Sunday, August 27

Sponsored by the Children's Ministry Team

*The children will once again be judging the homemade ice cream & cookies and prizes will be awarded!

- ◆ The church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, but will be open on Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday of this week.

As you pray, please remember...



Beverly Viers, Dennis Lee & family, Spencer Mullins, Jim & Sherry Collie, family of Papa Joe Smiddy, Wesley Kennedy, 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: Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, Elizabeth Davidson (Heritage Hall—Wise), Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Betty Easterling (The Laurels), Martha Gilliam (Heritage Hall-Wise), Florine Pennington (The Laurels), Jeanne Stallard

*If you know of other prayer concerns, please contact the church office (328-6247).

Brown Bag Ministry

Wise Baptist will be participating in our community's Brown Bag Ministry **JULY 24-28**. Please contact Kathy Dotson if you would like to help pack or deliver lunches.



Many thanks to Ann Wade & Martha Blackburn for filling in for Terry in the church office several days during the month of June!!

Thank you to Sharon Bradley for providing the beautiful foyer display publicizing the Free Lemonade Stand mission project coming up on July 15!





Greetings everyone!!

This past week has been an absolute whirlwind for many of us. For many, there have been chances to serve others through missions. For others, there have been

chances to serve through their vocations or day-to-day interactions with family and friends.

My whirlwind involved the introduction of God's blessing upon my wife and I with the birth of our son, Ezra. The flood of emotions I have felt in the past 6 days would have been enough for me to withdraw from everyone and everything in the past. However, through this experience, I have found myself even closer to our Heavenly Father. Being a father now, myself, I have found a new adoration, respect, and motivation to continue strengthening my relationship with Him so that I may be an inspiration to my son to do the same with his life when the time comes.

Through all of this, I keep thinking of a passage from Romans 5:1-5: "1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, Who has been given to us."

I know in my heart that no matter what I may face, my hope is built upon God's love; proving to me that I can persevere through anything, including raising a God-loving child. It is my hope that you know that you can persevere through anything you encounter, as well.

Bless you all, and thank you for the love you have shown my family...it is one of the greatest gifts we have ever received.

Ben Harding



- July 2 Tabitha Ray
- July 3 Gerry Dickenson
- July 4 Peggy Bowling
- July 5 Artie Bailey
- Glenn Hill
- July 6 Jayda Hutchinson
- Riley Smith
- July 8 Rick Meade
- Andrew Sexton
- Beverly Viers
- July 9 Wilma Graham
- Susie Powers
- July 10 Erra Sutherland
- July 11 Kenny Bowling
- Anna Clark
- Moses Cyphers
- Gabbie Hall
- Sandy Yun



- July 2 Forrest & Nancy Stalnaker
- July 3 Clifford & Artie Bailey
- July 6 John & Kathy Kennedy
- July 9 Leton & Tammie Harding
- July 11 Jeff & Kathy Dotson
- July 14 Steve & Margie Horton

WBC Children's Ministry

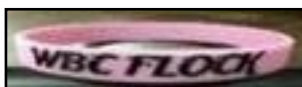


FREE Lemonade Stand!

Saturday, July 15
11am - 12:30pm

Wise Baptist Parking Lot

Our Children in Action will be serving free lemonade to the community during Chillin' & Grillin' as a way of sharing God's love. All children are welcome to help with this activity! Please sign up on the Communication Card in your bulletin or contact Julie Large or Kathy Dotson to provide supplies or help set up.



Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry



Get ready for a
Super Summer Lock-In
JULY 26!

Plans are being made for a "Christmas in July" Youth Lock-In that will include going to Just Jump! as well as the Escape Room in Bristol. Invite your friends—sign up on your Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin or contact Mark Collins or Bryon Burton.



Thank you to our youth, as well as Bryon Burton & Mark Collins for their invaluable contributions to our Summer Mission Trip to Tarboro! Wise Baptist has the BEST youth anywhere!



Tarboro Moments...



80 years separate the oldest & youngest members of our team!



SUNDAY...worshipped with Tar River Community Church & helped with Community Day at the park.



MONDAY...first day on work

continued...



MONDAY...first day
on work sites



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	7/02 - 7/08	John Kennedy, Mike Osborne
	7/09 - 7/15	Gil Blackburn, Daniel Ray
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome Team:		Dave Belcher, Misty Belcher, Jeff Kiser, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray
S.S. Greeters:	7/09	John Ponish
	7/16	Bob & Teresa Adkins
Nursery:	7/09	Kathy Osborne, Ali Stuedemann
	7/16	Cari Braddock, Caroline Mullins
Children's Church:	7/09	Daniel & Tabitha Ray
	7/16	John & Karen Ponish
PA:	7/09	Noah Hall
	7/16	Marty Adkins
Tellers:	July	Stephen Large, David Mullins
	August	Leton Harding, Oscar Raile
Ushers:	7/09	Marty Adkins*, Leton Harding^, Ron Helton, Jorge Hersel, Jeff Kiser, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass
	7/16	Dave Belcher*, Bryon Burton^, Jeff Dotson, Marty Kennedy, Jack Tolbert, Clyde Vance (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Night Fellowship Meal		*Fellowship Meals will begin again in August.
Children-in-Action:		* CIA will begin again in August.

Wise Baptist Church General Fund Giving Summary 9/4/16 - 6/25/17

General Fund Receipts To Date	\$234,571
General Fund Needed To Date	\$256,745
Variance	(\$ 22,174)
Average Weekly Variance	(\$ 516)
Weekly General Fund Budget	\$ 5,971

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (in recess during summer)	
	Singing Sunbeams	4-5 pm
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal, Bible Study, CIA (in recess during summer)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:45 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2-4 pm

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with Family and Friends



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Thought for the Week:

**How is God calling you to
serve through our church?**