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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

March 7, 2017

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family & friends,

Crabgrass! Every spring and summer I battle the crabgrass in our yard. Twice I year, I put down weed-killer. The nature of crabgrass is to grow, spread and choke out any grass in its path. Crabgrass spreads all by itself. It takes time and effort to limit its growth.

Jesus, in Mark 4, talks about four kinds of soil that represent the human heart. One is the soil filled with weeds (and probably crabgrass) that chokes out the good seed. There is also the good soil that allows for abundant spiritual growth.

We must be vigilant to limit the crabgrass of legalism. It can spread and take over our lives if we are not careful. Legalism is creating my own list of what it means to be a good Christian. It is about what I achieve and give to God. It is about what I do, instead of what God does.

Clues to the presence of legalism in my life are increases in pride, being judgmental and loss of personal joy. Ironically, legalism pushes me further away from God.

Grace, instead, celebrates what God has done. It is about keeping our eyes on Him, instead of some man-made measure of performance. Graces allows us to experience His joy and draws us closer to Him. Our hearts become the "good soil" and enable us to grow!

I invite you to experience and live out God's grace with us at Wise Baptist Church. This is a great relief to a world that values or devalues us by our "performance".

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

Lent Service
March 8, 7pm

Women on Mission
March 9, 2pm

**New Small Group Bible
Study Previews**
March 15, 6:45pm

**New Small Group Bible
Studies Begin**
March 22, 6:45pm

Children's Snack-n-Paint
March 25, 10am

Mission Trip Deposits Due
March 26

"Facing the Darkness"
movie in Bristol
March 30

**Church-Wide Luncheon &
Children's Easter Egg
Scavenger Hunt**
April 9, 12pm

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DEACONS 2016-17

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WEEK OF PRAYER for North American Missions March 5—12

Prayer Guides will be available in the
foyer & in the church bulletins this week.

BCM Clean-Up Day

Saturday, March 18, 10am—2pm

Volunteers are needed to help with "spring cleaning" at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry building at UVA-Wise in preparation for the Annual Wise Baptist Associational Spring Meeting! If you are available to help, please contact the church office or sign up on your Communication Card. Please bring your lunch, as well as cleaning supplies.



Summer Mission Trip...

June 24—July 1, Tarboro, NC

- * If you are interested in being a part of the 2017 mission team, please contact John Ponish at jponish@atsone.com
- * We will be mainly doing construction (skilled & unskilled labor needed!) as well as coordinating a block party.
- * Each participant will need to turn in a **\$50 deposit** by March 26.

May 4 & 5



It's not too early to begin going through things & setting aside items for this year's Mission Trip Yard Sale! All proceeds will go towards the summer mission trip to Tarboro, NC to help rebuild homes damaged by recent flooding. See Sherlene Hall (276-328-9315) if you are available to help with this ministry.

As you pray, please remember...

Joanne Kennedy & family, the Irene Black family, 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: Wesley Kennedy (Ridgecrest Manor, Duffield, VA)

Our Shut Ins: Elizabeth Davidson (Heritage Hall—Wise), Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, and Florine Pennington (The Laurels).

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



New Spring Bible Studies

Wednesday Evenings, 7pm
March 22 - April 26

Join us on Wednesday, March 15 to hear the previews for the new spring Bible studies.

The next rotation of Small Group Bible studies will begin on March 22 & continue through April 26.



The Children's Ministry at Wise Baptist has several special activities planned to help celebrate Easter this year!

- ✂ March 26-April 16, books about the first Easter will be given to each child.
- ✂ April 9 - Everyone is invited to a lunch (provided by the Missions Committee) following morning worship. After lunch an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt will be held for all children.
- ✂ April 9-15 - "You've Been Egged!"...The children will hand out candy-filled Easter eggs with an invitation to attend the Easter Worship Service to neighbors & friends.



Thank you to Julie Large and Kathy Dotson who coordinate our Children in Action Missions program on Wednesday nights for children Grades K—6! The children now have their own CIA T-shirts! Sandy Mullins and Susie Clasby will be leading Children in Action during March and April.



*Pictured:
Chloe Cantrell, Jayda Hutchinson, Kasey Mullins*



Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry

Many thanks to Mark Collins and Bryon Burton for their faithful leadership with our youth! The youth continue to meet each Sunday evening at the youth building for dinner, fellowship and Bible study. Lori Crisp will be providing dinner this Sunday evening, March 12. Several upcoming activities include:

- * MARCH 30 - "Facing the Darkness" movie, Bristol
- * APRIL 6 - Spring Break Lock-In
- * APRIL 30 - Prom Attire Sunday
- * MAY 19-20 - Camping at Natural Tunnel
- * TBA - Graduate Recognition Sunday
- * TBA - End-of-School Cookout
- * TBA - Team Building, Camp Bethel
- * TBA - Movie Night



March 8

March 9

March 10

March 11

March 12

March 18

Asheton Campbell
Heather Kunigelis
Gary Stratton
Florine Pennington
Clyde Vance
Amanda Aker
Aaron Clark

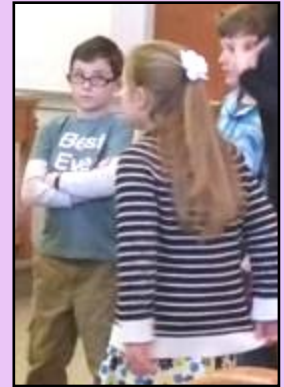


March 13
Oscar & Gloria Raile

WBC Children's Ministry



Thank you to our children for helping to take up the offering during worship this past Sunday! And thank you to our youth for "partnering" with the children and teaching them how to do this! The children will be involved in worship at least once a month, helping with the welcome, offering, scripture reading, prayer or handing out bulletins.



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HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY



I thoroughly enjoyed my birthday celebration. It was truly a day I will never forget. Sincere and heartfelt thanks to Wise Baptist Church for the use of the fellowship hall.

I am also so very grateful for everyone who helped in any way and for all those who took the time to stop by and wish me happy birthday.

Thank you, also, for the cards and gifts. You have richly blessed me.

~ Lois



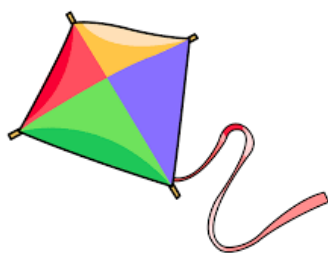
Thank you so much for the beautiful celebration for Lois Stallard's 90th birthday.

She truly loves to come to Wise Baptist Church and loves all her faithful friends.

Lois is not just my sister, but my best friend. Thank you so much for the kindness you show her.

~ Helen Hamm





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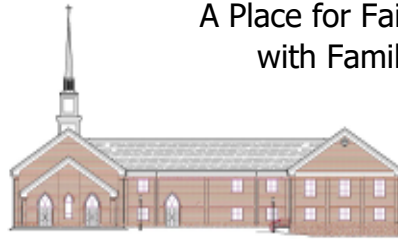
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
B = Birthday A = Anniversary	If your birthday or anniversary is <i>not included,</i> please call the church office at 276-328-6247		1 Activities cancelled due to severe weather	2	3 B. Michael Allio B. Regina Cantrell B. Nathan Stalnaker	4
5 Deacons, 8:30am Holy Communion, 11am Summer Mission Trip Informational Mtg, 12pm Children's Ministry Team Meeting, 4pm B. Susan Smith	6 B. Katherine Winters Driver	7	8 Mission Team 5pm Dinner 6pm Lent Service 7:00 pm Choir 7:50 pm B. Asheton Campbell B. Heather Kunigelis	9 Women on Mission, 2pm B. Gary Stratton	10 B. Florine Pennington	11 B. Clyde Vance
12 B. Amanda Aker	13 A. Oscar & Gloria Raile	14	15 Dinner 6pm Bible Study Previews - 6:45pm Choir 7:50 pm	16	17 	18 BCM CLEAN-UP DAY 10AM - 2PM B. Aaron Clark
19 B. Betty Easterling	20	21 B. Cameron Curtis	22 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir 7:50 pm	23 B. Rick Johnson	24	25 Children's Snack-n-Paint 10am-12pm
26 \$50 deposit for Mission Trip due B. Chloe Cantrell	27 B. Nancy Stalnaker	28 B. Ashley Farmer B. Deborah Knox B. Christi Lardieri B. Isabella Lardieri	29 B. Matt Colins B. Matthew Mullins	30	31	

March Prayer Calendars are available in the foyer & in the hall by the elevator.

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	3/05-3/11	Gil Blackburn, Daniel Ray
	3/12-3/18	Edgar Owens, Ron Helton
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:	3/12	John Kennedy
	3/19	John Ponish
Nursery:	3/12	John Mark & Wendy Adrian
	3/19	Stephen & Julie Large
Children's Church:	3/12	Chuck & Lulia Maine
	3/19	Mike & Rebecca Osborne, Emma Snodgrass
PA:	3/12	Mike Osborne
	3/19	Oscar Raile
Tellers:	March	Leton Harding, Oscar Raile
	April	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Ushers:	3/12	John Thacker*, Roger Viers^, Harold Witt^, Jerry Baird, Stan Kunigelis, Edgar Owens, Gary Smith
	3/19	Jeff Kiser*, John Ponish^, Scott Snodgrass^, Marty Adkins, Leton Harding, Ron Helton, Jorge Hersel
		*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	3/08	Sherry Collie, Donna Hutchinson, Cyndi Newlon, Rebecca Osborne
	3/15	Jessica Crutchfield, Kathy Dotson, Gail Kiser
Wed. Meals:	3/08	Hamburgers & Fries
	3/15	Baked Chicken, Veggies, Rice, Rolls
Children-in-Action:	3/08	Susie Clasby & Sandy Mullins
	3/15	Susie Clasby & Sandy Mullins

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

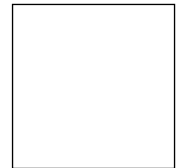
Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
	Singing Sunbeams	4-5 pm
Wednesday	Missions Committee (1st)	5:00 pm
	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Children-in-Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth-Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2-4 pm

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Thought for the week:
It is not about what I
have done, but about
what God has done.