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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

March 1, 2016



Dear church family and friends,

Here it is...late-breaking news about dieting, based on careful, scientific research. If you eat standing up, the calories don't count. If you eat foods for medical reasons (such as chocolate to lift your mood), those calories don't count either. If you eat broken cookies, the breakage causes calories to leak out. Finally, eating dessert reduces stress (because "desserts" is "stressed" spelled backwards).

I hope that makes you feel a little better. There is a man described in Luke 18:35-42, whose whole life gets better after meeting Jesus. He is a blind beggar. Every single day, someone has to lead him to his "spot" by the side of the road and lead him home at the day's end. He barely receives enough money or food to get him through **that** day. Imagine how he feels every day when he is led home. He has been insulted, stepped on, tripped over, and was filthy from the dust of the road traffic. After purchasing food, he is flat broke again and has to do it all over again the next day. Every day takes a piece out of his soul.

And then...Jesus comes to town. For three years the crowds around Him have been growing. There are probably thousands of people crowded around Him. When the blind man realizes Jesus is near, he cries out, "Jesus, have mercy upon me!" The crowd tries to quiet him, but he becomes even louder. Imagine how loudly he must have screamed in order to be heard over an entire, noisy crowd of people!

A holy desperation drives him. We are all the blind man. We have hours, days, and more that take a piece out of our soul with no seeming end in sight. In those times, cry out to Jesus with a holy desperation, knowing that He will respond!

Hoping to see you this Lord's Day.

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Deacons' Meeting
March 6

Holy Communion
March 6

Wednesday Night
Bible Study Preview
March 9

Mission Trip Info
Meeting
March 13

The Armor of God
April 7

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DEACONS 2015-16

Lewey Lee	328-3845
Dan Helton	328-6086
Edgar Owens	328-6129
John Kennedy	328-5013
Matt Meade	393-9177
Daniel Ray	328-2483
Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Ron Helton	393-6145

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



Seder Service

Thursday - March 24 - 7-8 pm

Join us for a special time of worship as we reflect on the meaning of Passover and how Jesus fulfilled God's promises through His death and resurrection.

We will observe a Passover meal from a New Testament point of view. The Passover celebration was an anchor that helped hold the people of God together throughout their history. Every object in the service: the candles, yeast, bitter herbs, unleavened bread, and the four cups are loaded with meaning that beautifully tell the story of God and His people. When Jesus came, He became the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." and thus fulfilled the promises and hope of Passover.

As you pray, please remember...

Irene Black, Papa Joe Smiddy, Jean Aker, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Kim Boggs, Pat Boggs, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, Lois Stallard, Hubert Breeding, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Jerry Reynolds, Ron Swindall, Jean Aker, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.

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

Hospitalized: Bea Hill, NCH

If you know of other prayer concerns,



NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT

BIBLE STUDIES

Beginning March 16, two new Small Group Bible Studies will be offered on Wednesday evenings: "Beliefs Important to Baptists" taught by Pastor Mike & "Questions to All Your Answers" taught by Mark Clark. Please sign up on the Communication Card in Sundays bulletin or call the church office.

Each Wednesday begins with a fellowship meal at 6:00pm, followed by Small Group Bible studies for adults, Youth Bible Study and a Children's Mission Program at 6:45. The choir rehearses at 7:50.

It is a great time of FELLOWSHIP!

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Wanda and Jerry Baird in the death of Wanda's mother on February 27. Please keep Wanda and Jerry and their family in your prayers.

REMEMBER AND RENEW

During the Lent Season we prepare our hearts for Easter. Reflect on the times you meet God in 2015 and renew your commitment to God.



Pick up a stone from the church foyer or hall to remind you what God has done for you and what he can do for you.

Missions Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 2 at 5:00 pm
Conference Room

Women on Mission
Thursday, March 10
2:00 pm
Conference Room

Kindred Spirits Update

17 ladies came together on Monday evening at Wendy Adrian's home for a wonderful time of fellowship, great snacks (of course!), and "crafting". Beautiful vases, votives, and glass containers were created as Wendy demonstrated how to etch glass. Many thanks to Wendy for hosting this event.

Kindred Spirits will meet again in March, this time at the home of Tricia Cahoon, where we will be glazing pottery. Stay tuned for details.



From Leigh

Wow, wow, wow, wow, wow! That about sums up our experience last week at the Priscilla Shirer conference in Charleston, SC. We were blessed with great weather for our travel. The entire conference was awesome and inspiring. The music was wonderful and the message was so powerful. The evening started with fervent prayer; the presence and power of the Holy Spirit was felt by everyone.

The message was on The Armor of God from Paul's writings in Ephesians 6. She focused on the *Belt of Truth* and the *Breastplate of Righteousness*. Paul warns us that the enemy is real and that he is here to deceive us with distractions that cause us to take our eyes off of God. He wants to destroy our relationship with our Savior and therefore, rob us of the joy of living a righteous life based on God's truth.

There is so much more to learn! So, we are going to offer a study on The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer beginning Thursday, April 7. It is a seven week study. We will meet in the youth building from 6:30-8:30. The cost is \$15 per person for your study book. Please reserve your spot with me by March 23. Invite others to join us! It will be a great time of fellowship and spiritual growth!

WBC is beginning new Wednesday night studies on March 16. If you are searching for ways to get involved, to dive deeper into your faith and/or just to engage in fellowship with other believers—Wednesday nights are a great opportunity! Join us for a delicious meal at 6. Bring the family; invite a friend.

Get involved—you will be blessed and you will be a blessing! Allow me to paraphrase a quote: "The grass is not always greener on the other side. Plant yourself where you are and make *your spot* as green as it can be". My prayer is that you will plant yourself here at WBC through your presence in Sunday school, Bible study, prayer, and worship.

I am praying for all of you this week; pray for each other, too.

Blessings, Leigh



March 3

Michael Allio

Regina Cantrell

Nathan Stalnaker

March 4

Rebekah Ison

March 5

Susan Smith

March 6

Katherine Driver

March 8

Asheton Campbell

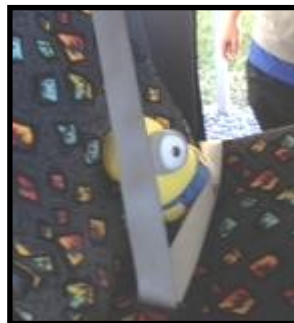
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

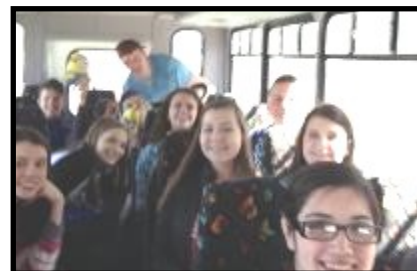
Our summer mission trip will take place July 2-9. A destination has not been determined yet. There will be a brief informational meeting following worship on March 13. Our tasks will center around service, outreach, and light to moderate construction projects. If you are interested in participating, a **\$50/person deposit is due by March 16.**

Leigh Clark will once again lead our mission team—feel free to contact her if you have any questions. You can reserve your spot for the trip by directly talking with Leigh or by using the Communication Card on Sunday.

The Mission Trip Yard Sale is scheduled for May 4, 5 & 6 at the Rock. Stay tuned for more details.



The FLOCK on the way to Knoxville!



We had an awesome time in Knoxville on Sunday! Our group was divided into two teams and we had to "Breakout" of a situation room. Each team had 60 minutes to search for clues, unlock boxes, solve the exit code and escape. It was intense and fun. One of our teams successfully escaped (see the pictures!). It was a great time of fellowship.





It was so good to see our dear friends, John and Edna Hedden.

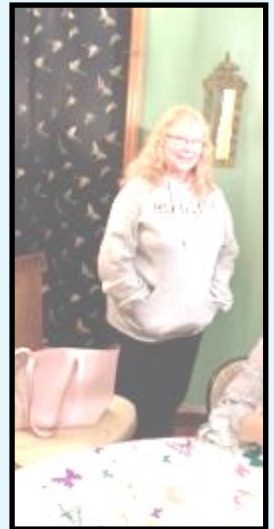
The Fervant Tour
with Priscilla Shirer & Anthony Evans
Charleston, SC, Feb. 25



Worship...
Sunday, Feb. 28



"Kindred Spirits"
Glass Etching at Adrian's Home
Feb. 29





Youth "Escape!" Adventure in
Knoxville
Feb. 28



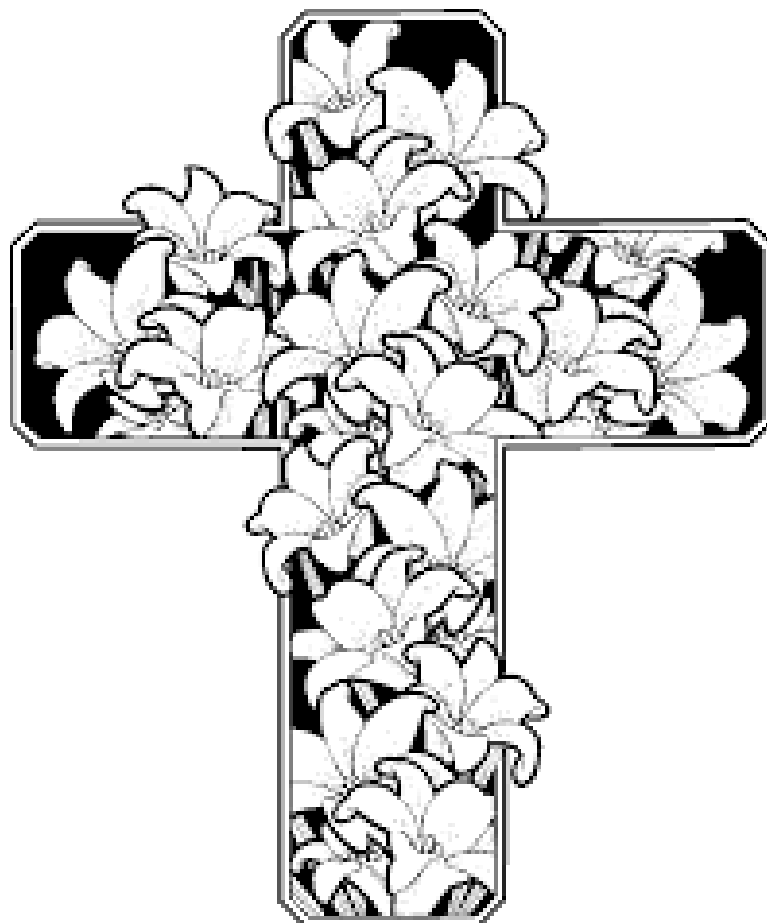
WBC helps with
Long Term Recovery Coalition
Project in Norton, VA
Feb. 28



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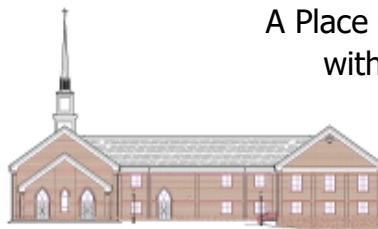
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
B = Birthday A = Anniversary		1	2 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:50pm	3 B: Nathan Stalnaker Michael Allio Regina Cantrell	4 B: Rebekah Ison	5 B: Susan Smith
6 Deacon Mtg. 8:30am Holy Communion 11am B: Katherine Driver	7 Piecemakers 9:30am	8 B: Asheton Campbell Heather Kunigelis	9 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:50pm B: Gary Stratton	10 Women on Mission 2—4 pm B: Florine Pennington	11	12 Set your clocks tonight— Daylight Saving Time begins tomorrow!
13 A: Oscar & Gloria Raile	14 Caring Friends 9:30am	15	16 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:50pm	17	18 B: Aaron Clark	19 B: Betty Easterling
20 Palm Sunday	21 Piecemakers 9:30am B: Cameron Curtis	22	23 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:50pm B: Rick Johnson	24 Seder Service 7-8pm	25 Good Friday	26 Easter Egg Hunt at Natural Tunnel & Lunch at McDonald's (Ages 0—6th grade) 11:30am—5pm B: Chloe Cantrell
27  Easter Sunday B: Nancy Stalnaker	28 Caring Friends 9:30am B: Ashley Farmer Deborah Knox Christi Lardieri Isabella Lardieri	29 B: Matthew Collins Matthew Mullins	30 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:50pm	31	If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247.	



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	2/28-3/05	Ron Helton, Edgar Owens
	3/06-3/12	Jerry Baird, Matt Meade
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:	03/06	David & Sandy Mullins
	03/13	John Ponish
Nursery:	03/06	Regina Carson, Landon Elkins
Children's Church:	03/06	Cindy Elkins
	03/13	Beth Snodgrass
PA:	03/06	Oscar Raile
	03/13	Mike Osborne
Tellers:	March	David Mullins, Oscar Raile
	April	Teresa Adkins, Jeff Dotson
Ushers:	03/06	Youth
	03/13	Mike Strouth*, David Mullins^, Ron Swindall^, Bob Adkins, Lewey Lee, Matt Meade, Gary Smith, Bill Sutherland (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	03/02	Potluck Team
	03/09	Linda Bailey, Linda Burgess, Karen Ponish, Ruby Salyers
Wed. Meal:	03/02	Potluck
	03/09	Hamburgers & Fries

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers & Caring Friends (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Singing Sunbeams	3:45 pm
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Sanctuary Choir	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission(2nd)	2--4 pm

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Thought for the week:
Have a holy desperation
for God.