

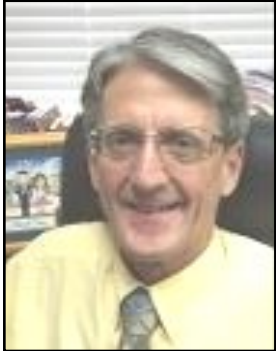
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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

March 19, 2024

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

Try harder. Work harder. These suggestions are given as the solution to just about every problem. This works. Until it doesn't.

In the mid-1850's, settlers pushed across America. Two groups were trying to get to Oregon as quickly as possible. One group pushed hard all week long. The other group stopped and rested. Observed the Sabbath.

Guess which group got there first? The group that rested. Physically and spiritually.

Our world tries to cram more and more into less time. There is always more to do. This violates the way God made us. He built into us the need to rest, physically and spiritually. God created the Sabbath for our benefit.

Observing the Sabbath cuts across the grain in our world. And we pay a heavy price for that approach.

What keeps you from observing a regular Sabbath?

Jesus said, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." (Mark 2:27)

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Fellowship Meal
Wed, Mar. 20, 6pm

Bible Study
Wed, Mar. 20, 7pm

"He's ALIVE!" Event
Sat, Mar. 23, 2-4pm

Palm Sunday Service
March 24, 11am

Passover Seder Service
Thurs, Mar. 28, 7pm

Flowering the Cross
Sun, Mar. 31, 10am

Easter Cantata
Sun, Mar. 31, 11am

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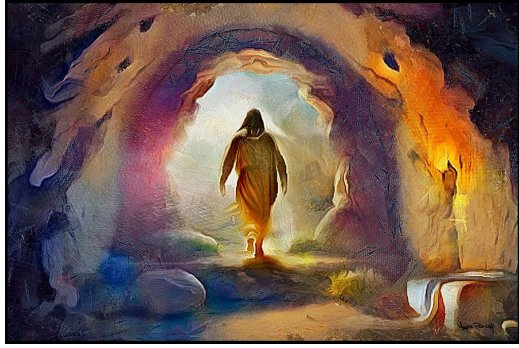
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David Mullins	870-0005
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Deacon Emeritus:
 Bob Adkins

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



He's ALIVE!
SATURDAY, MARCH 23
FELLOWSHIP HALL
2:00 PM

If you enjoyed Night in Bethlehem,
you will not want to miss the
“He’s ALIVE!”
interactive Easter event this year!
An event for all ages - please invite
your friends & neighbors!

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Matt Meade in the death of Christina on Saturday, March 16. Please continue to remember Matt in your prayers.

As you pray, please remember...



Matt Meade, Morgan & Brandon Osborne, Pat Winters (Pastor Mike's mom), Jean Aker, Grace Allio & Family, Rebecca Osborne & Family, Martha Blackburn & Family, Emmett Kidd (Karen Ponish's dad), Paula Dobis' Family, Cyrus Jones, Chelsea & Sutton Polly, Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Lu Ellsworth & Family, Gene Bishop, Brian Plester (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, 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).*

LADIES!



*Find your Easter bonnet
& set it aside for
Easter Sunday morning!*



Stewardship, A Divine Responsibility

God is the Owner. We are the managers. We must oversee His assets for His benefit. Our prayer is for discernment of what God wants done with His assets and then carry out His will. May we all at Wise Baptist Church give abundantly, sacrificially, and joyfully.

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

"For everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your own hand." 1 Chronicles 29:14

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Passover Seder Service

Thursday ~ March 28
7 - 8pm

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 tells 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. **We will need to know by Sunday, March 24 if you plan to attend, so that adequate preparations can be made.** You can contact the church office or indicate this on the Communication Card in your bulletin.



Flowering the Cross

Join in our Wise Baptist tradition of flowering the cross on Easter morning!

Bring fresh flowers at 10am to the courtyard on Easter morning - Cyndi & Don Newlon will be on hand to assist.

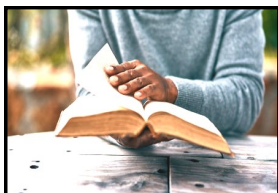
"Risen!" Easter Cantata

The choir will present the Easter Cantata, "Risen!" on Easter morning during worship at 11am.



Learning
about the
Body of
Christ

In Sunday School, Isabella & Addie had to help each other work a puzzle...Isabella's sign says "My hands don't work." and Addie's sign says "I am blind."
"...we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body." Romans 12:5



Scripture for the Week:

Mark 2:27

"Then He told them, 'The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath.' "

Dear Church Family,

I want to express my fervent joy in the addition of the two large monitor screens in the sanctuary. Now, the stained glass window that was behind the descending screen can glow. I believe this was the window that was enclosed after a major renovation in the "Little Red Brick Church". If true, it has been dark for a long time. Also, the paraments with their meaningful colors are now visible. My thanks to the installation team who gave their time and talent to make a dream come true.

Sincerely, Vickie Swindall

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

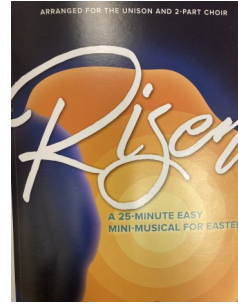


Happy Birthday!

March 21 Pat Adkins
March 26 Chloe Cantrell
March 28 Ashley Farmer
Deborah Knox
Christi Lardieri
Isabella Lardieri
March 29 Matt Collins
Matthew Mullins
March 30 George Chappell



WBC Music Ministry



On Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, the WBC choir will be presenting "RISEN", an Easter Cantata, as part of our worship service at 11:00 am. We have worked hard and are still in the process of preparing to present it to God as a thank you for everything that has been done for us.

"RISEN" features many songs such as the *Easter Medley (Christ is Risen, Christ the Lord is Risen Today and Crown Him with Many Crowns)*, as well as *Death was Arrested*. That song is about the church standing in the light of Jesus and coming awake to the needs around us and how our lives can be brand new with Jesus in our hearts. *Calvary's Love* speaks of the peace and joy we experience with Jesus. The two remaining songs are *Then Came the Morning* and *Jesus Paid it All*, which concentrate on Jesus' death on the cross and how everything stopped, it was dark, and seemed as if nothing good would ever happen again, but THEN CAME THE MORNING! Jesus was alive again - His blood paid for MY salvation and YOUR salvation and it all fell on Him. He paid it all and through His sacrifice, all to Him I owe.

Please pray for the choir, the musicians and myself as we finish up our rehearsals and offer it up on Easter Sunday. Pray that the songs will reach down into a special place in our hearts and our Lord will be lifted up.

Joy, Peace and Love, Donna

Deep Dive Into Scripture

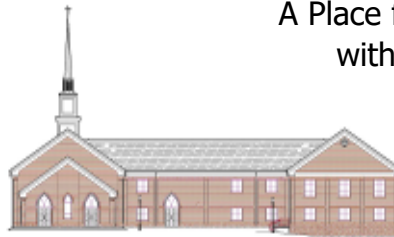
Last year, we read the Bible through. This year, we will dive deep, by looking closely at smaller portions of scripture beginning with Genesis and going through Revelation.

Hope you can be a part of this journey! Please sign up on the Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin or let Pastor Mike know.

** Readings will begin on April 1 (no foolin'!)*

He is risen

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Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	3/17 - 3/23	Jeff Cantrell, Lewey Lee
	3/24 - 3/30	John Ponish, John Mark Adrian
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	March	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
	April	John Mark Adrian
Children's Church	3/17	Susie & Chad Blanton
	3/24	Cindy & Jeff Elkins
Offering Ushers	March	Ron Helton Team
	April	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	March	Jeff Kiser, Martha Blackburn
	April	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
Wed. Night Meals	3/20	Chicken Casserole, Veggies & Potatoes, Salad
	3/27	NO Activities
Wed. Serving Teams:	3/20	<u>Donna's Team:</u> Debbie Collins, Susan Mullins, Rebecca Osborne, Terry Winters
	3/27	NO Activities



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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

Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

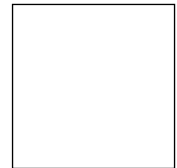
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Thought for the Week:

*The Sabbath keeps us more than
we keep the Sabbath.*