

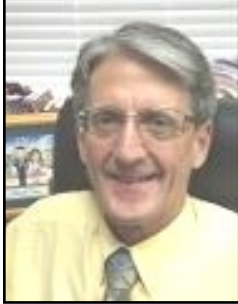
Rev. Mike Winters, Pastor  
 Donna Hutchinson, Music Director  
 Lloyd & Carlie Tomlinson,  
 Youth Directors  
 Dr. Ray Jones, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

March 26, 2024

*A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.*



Years ago, Ray Boltz wrote a beautiful song from the perspective of Simon of Cyrene, called  
**"Watch the Lamb"...**

Walking on the road to Jerusalem,  
 The time had come to sacrifice again,  
 My two small sons,  
 They walked beside me on the road,  
 The reason that they came was to watch the lamb.

"Daddy, Daddy, What will we see there,  
 There's so much that we don't understand."  
 So I told them of Moses & Father Abraham,  
 Then I said, "Dear children, watch the lamb.  
 There will be so many in Jerusalem today, we  
 must be sure the lamb doesn't run away."  
 And I told them of Moses & Father Abraham,  
 Then I said, "Dear children, watch the lamb."

When we reached the city,  
 I knew something must be wrong,  
 There were no joyful worshipers,  
 No joyful worship songs,  
 I stood there with my children  
 in the midst of angry men,  
 Then I heard the crowd cry out, "Crucify Him!".

We tried to leave the city but we could not get  
 away,  
 Forced to play in this drama a part I did not wish  
 to play,  
 "Why upon this day were men condemned to die?,"  
 Why were we standing here, Where  
 soon they would pass by?"

I looked and said, "Even now they come.",  
 The first one cried for mercy, The people gave  
 him none,  
 The second one was violent, He was arrogant  
 & loud,  
 I still can hear his angry voice  
 screaming at the crowd,  
 Then someone said "There's Jesus!",  
 I could scarce believe my eyes,  
 A man so badly beaten,  
 He barely looked alive,  
 Blood poured from His body,  
 From the thorns upon His brow,  
 Running down the cross, Falling to the ground.

I watched Him as He struggled,  
 I watched Him as He fell,  
 The cross came down upon His back,  
 The crowd began to yell,  
 In that moment I felt such agony,  
 In that moment I felt such loss,  
 Till a Roman soldier grabbed my arm  
 and screamed, "You! Carry His cross!".

At first I tried to resist him,  
 Then his hand reached for his sword,  
 So I knelt & took the cross from the Lord,  
 I placed it on my shoulder, And started down the  
 street, The blood that He'd been shedding was  
 running down my cheek.

They led us to Golgotha, They drove nails deep in  
 His feet & hands, Yet upon the cross I heard Him  
 pray, "Father, forgive them".

Oh, never have I seen such love in any  
 other eyes, "Into thy hands I commit my spirit"  
 He prayed & then He died,

I stood for what seemed like years,  
 I'd lost all sense of time until  
 I felt two tiny hands holding tight to mine,  
 My children stood there weeping,  
 I heard the oldest say,  
 "Father, please forgive us, the lamb ran away".

"Daddy, daddy, What have we seen here?,"  
 There's so much that we don't understand.",  
 So I took them in my arms, And we turned  
 and faced the cross,  
 Then I said "Dear children, watch the lamb"

## IMPORTANT DATES

**NO Meal or Bible Study  
 Wed, Mar. 27**

**Choir Practice  
 Wed, March 27, 6:30pm**

**Passover Seder Service  
 Thurs, Mar. 28, 7pm**

**Flowering the Cross  
 Sun, Mar. 31, 10am**

**Easter Cantata  
 Sun, Mar. 31, 11am**

**Deep Dive  
 Bible Study Begins  
 Monday, April 1**

**Potluck Meal  
 Wed, April 3, 6pm**

## INSIDE

Announcements	Pages 2-4
BDays/Anniv.	Page 4
Music /Children	Page 4
April Calendar	Page 5
Opportunities	Page 6

## 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:*

† <b>Transfer of Letter</b>	Transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church
† <b>Baptism</b>	Desire to express faith in Christ through baptism
† <b>Statement of Faith</b>	Baptized believer not on a membership roll
† <b>Watch Care</b>	Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### *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.

## *Thank You*

*The Gilmer Blackburn Family is so grateful for our Wise Baptist Church Family. We appreciate all of your prayers, calls, cards, and visits. Our thanks to the deacons who served as pallbearers, and to those who prepared food and served. Your many kindnesses will be long remembered.*

## *With Heartfelt Sympathy*

*We extend our deepest sympathy to Pastor Mike in the death of his mom, Pat Winters.*

*Mike will be doing a graveside service for his mom on Saturday, April 6 in Kenbridge, VA. Please keep Mike & his brother Austin in your prayers.*

*As you pray, please remember...*



Pastor Mike & Family, Mary Beth Adkins, Matt Meade, Morgan & Brandon Osborne, 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

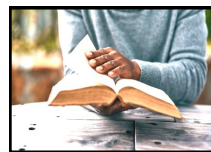
*\*If you know of other prayer concerns, please contact the church office (328-6247).*

## *With Sympathy*

*We extend our deepest sympathy to Harold Stallard in the death of his wife, Katherine.*

*We also extend our sympathy to Mary Beth Adkins in the death of her dad.*

*Please remember these friends in your prayers.*



## *Scripture for the Week:*

### **John 1:29**

*"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'"*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# 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'!)*

## LADIES!

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



Many thanks to everyone who helped with our He's ALIVE! event this past Saturday! We had a good crowd in spite of the weather! A few photos....

# GRIEF SHARE<sup>®</sup>

Thursday  
MARCH 28

Mt View Freewill Baptist Church  
6:00 pm  
New Materials!

*"Everyone experiences grief differently. Grief cannot be rushed. Finding support is crucial"*

- *Join a Grief Share Group*
- *Sign up for daily encouraging emails*
- *Check out the online bookstore*

**For more info, contact Jim Collie:**

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC



### *Happy Birthday!*

March 26 Chloe Cantrell  
March 28 Ashley Farmer  
Deborah Knox  
Christi Lardieri  
Isabella Lardieri  
March 29 Matt Collins  
Matthew Mullins  
March 30 George Chappell  
April 1 Cory Farmer  
April 2 Frank Bellamy  
April 5 Holly Cline  
April 6 Henley Greene  
Don Newlon



### *Happy Anniversary!*

April 3 Marty & Mary Beth Adkins

*thank you*

*Many, many thanks to **all** who helped with the "He's ALIVE!" event on Saturday!*

*Thank you, also, to **Jennifer Mullins** for providing live palms for Palm Sunday!*

*alleluia!*  
*Christ has Risen!*

*WBC*  
*Music Ministry*



I have really struggled during the Lenten season with the immense & endless forgiveness & grace that God has offered me. The "He's ALIVE!" program that we did really pulled at my heartstrings & filled my mind with how very much Jesus suffered for me. The enormity of the hatred & vileness that He encountered should make us all a little bit ashamed that He or anyone was subjected to such pain & hatred & THEN, was killed.

The picture that I have had in my head since I was a child was of a white man with long light-brown hair & blue eyes that had a halo over His head hanging there on the cross so peacefully. That is not reality! In reality, the whole weeklong process was so dark & full of Satan, vileness, destruction, divisiveness & death that no one would even make a horror movie about what all was done to my Savior, Jesus.

We know he was a darker skinned Jewish male of Middle Eastern heritage with dark eyes & probably shorter hair, & He went willingly, but I'm sure it was nowhere near peacefully. He asked His Father to not require Him to do what He knew was coming, but He did it. Think about that----He went WILLINGLY! Can you imagine signing on for something like that when you KNEW it would happen? I love my husband, my children, my family & my friends, but don't know if I could knowingly subject myself to that kind of pain & torture. I would attempt to figure out a way to take the punishment for them, but not to be ridiculed, beaten, paraded around, then be slowly & painfully executed.

But not MY Jesus! He did that FOR ME & FOR YOU! He took all that they could throw at Him & made it a celebration of His triumph over Satan, death, destruction & turned it into an event that we remember & celebrate each year with Easter.

*Joy, Peace and Love, Donna*



# April 2024

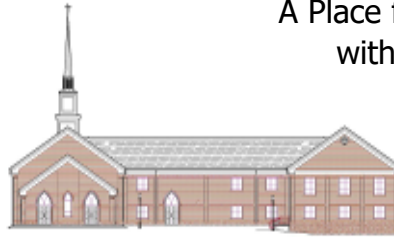
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p><b>DEEP DIVE Bible Study begins</b></p> <p>B - Cory Farmer</p>	<p>2</p> <p>B - Frank Bellamy</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6pm - POTLUCK 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>A - Marty &amp; Mary Beth Adkins</p>	<p>4 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>5</p> <p>B - Holly Cline</p>	<p>6</p> <p>B - Henley Greene B - Don Newlon</p>
<p>7 8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - Communion</p> <p>B - Alex Maine</p>	<p>8 Caring Friends, 9:30am</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Prac-</p> <p>B - Sandy Mullins A - David &amp; Sandy Mullins</p>	<p>11 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Carol Miller B - Karen Ponish B - Ray Spenilla</p>	<p>12</p> <p>B - Sunny Kennedy</p>	<p>13</p> <p>B - Jeff Cantrell B - Stan Kungelis B - Hollyn Mullins A - Ron &amp; Vicki Stephens</p>
<p>14 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p> <p>B - Lillianah Sweeny</p>	<p>15 Piecemakers, 9:30am</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>18 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>1:30am - Laurels Ministry</p> <p>B - Kate Kungelis</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Senior Ladies Tea Winters' Home 11:00am</i></p> <p>B - Billy Glines</p>
<p>21 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Message</p>	<p>22 Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Noah Hall</p>	<p>23</p> <p>B - Tyler Hopkins</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>A - Don &amp; Cyndi Newlon</p>	<p>25 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>26</p> <p>B - Carter Collins</p>	<p>27</p> <p>B - Linda Burgess B - Reuben Swindall A - Stan &amp; Brenda Kungelis</p>
<p>28 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p>	<p>29 Piecemakers, 9:30am</p>	<p>30</p>			<p><b>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</b></p>	<p>B = Birthday A = Anniv.</p>

## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	3/24 - 3/30	John Ponish, David Mullins
	3/31 - 4/6	John Mark Adrian, Jeff Cantrell
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	April	John Mark Adrian
Children's Message	3/31	Terry Winters
Children's Church	4/7	Jessica & Brandon Crutchfield
Offering Ushers	April	Jeff Dotson Team
	May	Jerry Baird Team
Tellers	April	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
	May	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
Wed. Night Meals	3/27	NO Meal or Bible Study
	4/3	POTLUCK Meal
Wed. Serving Teams:	3/27	NO Meal or Bible Study
	4/3	<u>Volunteers</u> Needed for Set Up & Clean Up



A Place for Faith and Fellowship  
with Family and Friends



## 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

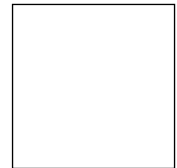
**Mailing Address:** 8915 Red Maple Dr.,  
Wise, VA 24293

**E-mail:** mikewinters@wisebaptist.com

**Phone:** 276.328.6247 **Cell:** 540.280.5598

Phone: (276) 328-6247 Website: [www.wisebaptist.com](http://www.wisebaptist.com) Email: [tllwinters@gmail.com](mailto:tllwinters@gmail.com) Fax: 276-328-6204

**Wise Baptist Church**  
**P.O. Box 777**  
**Wise, VA 24293**



Like us at:  
Wise Baptist Church

**Thought for the Week:**

*Watch the Lamb.*