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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

March 29, 2016



Dear church family and friends,

What a blessing Easter Sunday was (and is)! The music, youth choreography, flower cross, everything was special! During the service, one way people expressed their faith commitment to God was to bring their own individual stone to lay at the foot of the cross.

It is always moving to see God move in people's lives. What especially touched me was to see two of our oldest members, Irene Black and Glenn Hill, come forward to lay their stones at the foot of the cross. I could feel the tears flow down my cheeks as I watched them both (one with a walker and the other with two canes!) make considerable effort to get out of their pews, come forward, and bend down to place their stones.

The news headlines today blare about terrorist attacks in Brussels and now Pakistan. The headlines trumpet the latest drama in our presidential primaries. This news is presented wit-loudly and with such force, it implies that this is what is most important in all the world.

Louder is not always more important. There is good news for us all. It is not to be found in the headlines. God is alive and well! God is alive and well and working through His people at Wise Baptist Church!

Let's spread the word! See you this Sunday.

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Business Meeting
March 30

Baby Shower
April 3

BCM Luncheon
April 4

Missions Committee
April 6

"Armor of God"
April 7

Ballroom Dancing
April 10

Children's Ministry Team Meeting
April 10

Volunteer / Service Appreciation Meal
April 12

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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



VOLUNTEER / SERVICE APPRECIATION DAY

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a luncheon at Wise Baptist on Tuesday, April 12 (11:30—2:00 pm) for our town & county employees & volunteers. Please contact Sherlene Hall or indicate on the Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin if you would like to help serve that day or are able to donate a side dish, dessert or buns for BBQ.

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, Bea Hill, 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).

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



Missions Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 6
5:00 pm

Children's Ministry Team Meeting
Sunday, April 10
12:00 Noon



Baptist Collegiate Ministry Meal



WBC will be serving lunch at the BCM on Monday, April 4. Please contact Donna Hutchinson if you would like to help serve or donate food for this important outreach ministry.

Wise Baptist Church General Fund Giving Summary 9/6/15—3/27/16

General Fund Receipts to Date	\$172,458
<u>General Fund Needed to Date</u>	<u>\$175,403</u>
Variance	\$ 2,945
 Average Weekly Variance	 (\$98)
Weekly General Fund Budget	\$ 5,847

Reba Smiddy Memorials

James & Janet Brown
Tami Ely
Polly Lyons
Bill & Marilyn Maxwell
Powell Valley National Bank
Merry Lu Prior
William & Marjorie Rose
Joe & Pat Stallard
William & Drama Gaye Sturgill
UVA Foundation
Vistar Eye Center
Dawneda Williams
Sandra Williams
Ashraf & Sarah Youssef

Business Meeting

Following our Fellowship Meal on March 30, we will meet briefly to vote on several new church ministry leaders.

MOTHERS' DAY OUT

Saturday, May 7 10am—3pm
Stay tuned for more details!



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...

It's a GIRL!!

You are invited to attend a
Baby Shower
for

Brittany (Osborne) & Trevor Criswell

Sunday, April 3, 2016

3:00 pm

in the Fellowship Hall

Brittany is registered at Walmart.com.



**BIBLE
STUDY**



DON't MISS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES

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!



"A Time to Dance!"

Join us for fun & fellowship as we learn basic Swing, Foxtrot, Waltz, & Rumba steps on Sunday evenings, April 10—May 29. There will be a "beginners" class from 4:30—5:30, followed by a Devotional & Snack. An "intermediate" class will then be taught from 6:00—7:00 pm. Classes will be held in the Fellowship Hall at church. Please sign up on your Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin or call the church office by **April 3**, as space is limited.

Thank You!!

Thank you to Martha & Gil Blackburn and Pastor Mike & Leigh for all of the thought and preparation that went into planning the Seder Service for last Thursday evening!

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Tabitha Ray for organizing the Children's Easter Egg Hunt event last Saturday and to Mike Osborne for driving the bus for us!



SAVE THE DATE

May 12, 2016

**Southwest Virginia 2016
Economic Forum**

**David J. Prior Convocation Center
UVA-Wise**

- ♦ Discover SW Virginia's current economic status & future potential
- ♦ Connect with individuals & organizations to unify & collaborate similar initiatives & strategies
- ♦ Ignite action & passion for SW Virginia to move forward together with regional strength & momentum
- ♦ To register: www.uvawise.edu/economicforum
- ♦ Registration Cost: \$25.00



HEARTHWARMING FUND UPDATE

\$195 has been collected to date for the Hearthwarming Fund. It is never too late to contribute to the Mountain Empire Older Citizens' Emergency Fuel Fund, which makes payments directly to heating oil, kerosene, gas, electricity, wood & coal vendors.



From Leigh

I want to say a special thanks to Pastor Mike for bringing the Seder Service experience to WBC; a lot of thought, time and prayer went into this service. It was a very meaningful time of worship and fellowship. The participation was incredible – nearly 70 people! I am also thankful to our Deacons and others for their leadership in the service. And, of course, there were many behind the scenes people who made this night possible (Martha, Terry and Sherlene provided great leadership in this area).

The Easter Cross is always so beautiful! Kathy Helton is a master at putting every flower in the perfect place! I am so grateful that she, Ron, Sarah and Rachel have adopted this important ministry. I am also thankful to Elora Hutchinson for her help.

LIGHT was amazing! Did you know that Lily Snodgrass does all of the choreography herself? Such talent and a willingness to use it for the Glory of God.

The music on Easter morning was truly beautiful. Thank you to our choir who, week in and week out, leads us in thoughtful and meaningful worship. Special thanks to Susan Mullins for her faithfulness in sharing her talent!

Someone took a lot of time and extra effort last week to weed the flower bed near the sanctuary! Thank you!

The children's ministry outing to Natural Tunnel went well on Saturday. Thank you, Tabitha, for organizing this event for our families. Thank you also to Mike Osborne for driving the bus.

Twenty-three ladies have signed up for the *Kindred Spirits* gathering on Tuesday. Wow! Thanks, Wendy, for this ministry.

Friends, I could go on and on because this is such a happening place! This is God's church and He is faithful! May He be glorified in all things.

See all of the wonderful things happening and say a word of thanks to the organizers and to Our God. Continue to pray that new families will visit and join in. Continue to pray for all of the leaders in our church. And, continue to seek ways that you can be involved—don't sit on the sidelines, get in the game! Plant yourself where you are and prepare to bloom.

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

Blessings, Leigh



April 5

Holly Cline

GRADUATES

It does not seem possible that it is time to recognize our graduates! If you have a high school graduate, please provide 12-15 through the years pictures to Leigh by April 20. If you are a college graduate, please provide a current photo. **Everyone** please give Leigh a list of your accomplishments, honors, etc. and your future plans.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Mission Trip Yard Sale is scheduled for May 4, 5 & 6 at the Rock. Clean out your garage and storage building, your attic and your closet! Sherlene Hall needs your stuff! Remember: your "trash" is someone else's "treasure"!

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Kristen Osborne
289 Ambling Way
Apt. 1120B
Boone, NC 28607

Anna Clark
2513 S 2nd Street
Unit #10
Waco, TX 76706

Claire Cahoon
953 Danby Road
Terrace 04, Rm 319
Ithaca, NY 14850

Melissa Blackburn
200 Kelso Way #118
Knoxville, TN 37923

Kaitlin Ponish
PO Box 6375
Boiling Springs, NC
28017



Thank you, LIGHT, for your leadership in our Easter worship service! What a blessed day! I would especially like to thank Lily for her leadership and creativity.

CONGRATULATIONS: Austin Bordlee is a member of the Norton track team. He is having a terrific season—threw a personal best in the shotput in his first meet and won the 200m sprint in his second meet! Way to go, Austin! Lily and Emma and the Central Forensics team will compete for the State title in Richmond this week. Mark Collins, our wonderful assistant youth leader, has accepted a job with the Wise Police force. He begins this week!

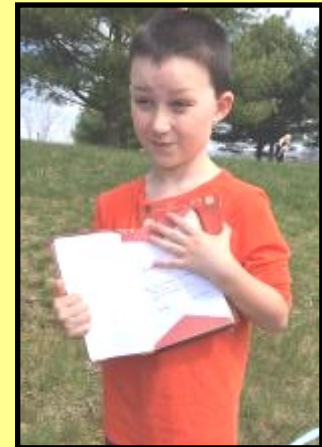
I look forward to seeing everyone this week for Bible study on Wednesday and Sunday!



What a wonderful time of worship as we reflected on the meaning of Passover and how Jesus fulfilled God's promises through His death and resurrection! Every object in the service (the candles, parsley, charoset, bitter herbs, unleavened bread, and the four cups) helped to beautifully tell the story of God's redemption of His people.

Easter Egg Hunt!

March 26



Easter Sunday

"...I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here! For He has been resurrected, just as He said." Matthew 28:5-6



April 2016

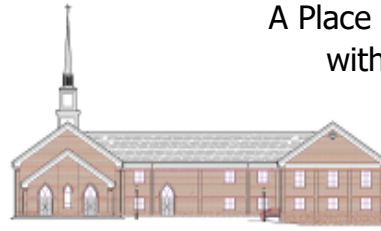


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
B = Birthday A = Anniversary		If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247.			1	2
3 Deacon Mtg. 8:30am Baby Shower 3 pm for Brittany & Trevor Criswell	4 Piecemakers 9:30am Baptist Collegiate Ministry Meal 11:00 am	5 B: Holly Cline	6 Mission Committee Meeting 5 pm Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:50pm B: Don Newlon	7 "Armor of God" 7 pm B: Alex Maine	8	9
10 Children's Ministry Mtg—noon Ballroom Dancing 4:30pm B: Sandy Mullins A: David & Sandy Mullins	11 Caring Friends 9:30am B: Sue Kennedy Karen Ponish	1 Volunteer / Service Appreciation Meal 11:30am—2pm B: Sunny Kennedy	13 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:50pm B: Jeff Cantrell Stan Kunigelis Sarah Lane Hollyn Mullins A: Steve & Debbie Collins	14 Women on Mission 2—4 pm "Armor of God" 7pm B: Taylor Meade	15	16
17 Ballroom Dancing 4:30pm	18 Piecemakers 9:30am B: Kate Kunigelis	19	20 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:50pm B: Eddie Culberson	21 "Armor of God" 7 pm	22 B: Noah Hall	23
24 Ballroom Dancing 4:30pm A: Don & Cyndi Newlon	25 Caring Friends 9:30am	26	27 Dinner 6pm Bible Study 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7:50pm B: Reuben Swindall A: Stan & Brenda Kunigelis	28 "Armor of God" 7 pm	29	30 A: Archie & Joanne Kennedy

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	3/27-4/2	Edgar Owens, Daniel Ray
	4/03-4/09	Jerry Baird, 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:	04/03	Lewey & Brenda Lee
	04/10	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
Nursery:	04/03	Rose Kennedy, Bonnie Owens
	04/10	Tammy Harding, Sara Johnson
Children's Church:	04/03	Carolyn Strouth
	04/10	Kathy Dotson, Elora Hutchinson
PA:	04/03	Mike Osborne
	04/10	Oscar Raile
Tellers:	April	Teresa Adkins, Jeff Dotson
	May	Edgar Owens, Mike Strouth
Ushers:	04/03	Dan Helton*, Marty Adkins^, Jeff Kiser^,
		Jeff Cantrell, Ron Helton, David Mullins,
		John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass
	04/10	Gil Blackburn*, Steve Horton^, Jack Tolbert^,
		Kenny Bowling, Jeff Dotson, Marty Kennedy,
		Jim Sturgill, Clyde Vance
		(*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	03/30	Donna Hutchinson, Cyndi Newlon,
		Rebecca Osborne
	04/06	Potluck Team
Wed. Meal:	03/30	Beef Stew, Cole Slaw, Biscuits
	04/06	Potluck
Wed. Nursery	03/30	Donna Hutchinson
Children in Action	03/30	Kathy Dotson, Cyndi Newlon

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

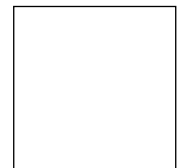
Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers & Caring Friends (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Singing Sunbeams	3:45 pm
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Sanctuary Choir	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission(2nd)	2--4 pm

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Thought for the week:
Listen for God in the
quiet.