

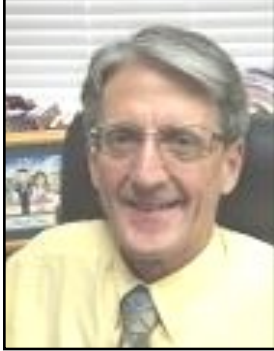
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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

March 5, 2024

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



*Dear Church Family and Friends,*

The TV remote device. An important feature is **the pause button**. Sometimes too much information is coming at you too fast. You might have missed something important, without which you can't follow the story. But you can hit the pause button. Then, go back to review what you missed.

You need a pause button in life. So much comes at you so fast. You get confused. Disoriented. Lose your way. This makes decisions more difficult.

God has built in for you a pause button. It is called the Sabbath. Take a pause in your life. To worship God. Study the Bible. Pray. And plan to serve God. This will give you a fresh look at your life. A clearer picture. About what matters and what doesn't.

The Sabbath pause. To reflect about where you have been. Where you are now. And where you are headed.

The great news is that God has given us a wonderful and much-needed pause button. It covers your past, present and future. Plan to use it often. You will be glad you did.

“not neglecting to meet together as is the habit of some, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25)

*Love, Pastor Mike*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**POTLUCK Meal**  
 Wed, Mar. 6, 6pm

**Bible Study**  
 Wed, Mar. 6, 7pm

**Choir Practice**  
 Wed, Mar. 6, 7:30pm

**Men's Bible Study**  
 Thurs, Mar. 7, 6:30am

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

**Palm Sunday Service**  
 March 24, 11am

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## 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:

- † **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

## With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

*We extend our deepest sympathy to Rebecca Osborne in the recent death of both her aunt & uncle.*

*We also extend our sympathy to Grace Allio in the death of her brother, Edgar Mullins.*

*Please remember these friends and their families in your prayers.*

## *As you pray, please remember...*



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).**



## *Scripture for the Week:*

### **Hebrews 10:25**

*"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer."*

**Volunteer Needed!** Rebecca & Mike Osborne are leaving the area at the end of March, so we are needing someone to help **CREATE** the slideshows for morning worship & for special occasions such as Graduate Recognition, etc. Training will be provided! Please contact Rebecca at 276-365-0969 or Terry Winters at 276-870-2712 if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity!



## *Thank you*

Many thanks to our TV Installation Crew!!  
Thanks to Bryon

Burton, Jeff Elkins, David Luther, Randy Miller, Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile & Scott Snodgrass, we now have 2 new (LARGE) TV screens set up at the front of the sanctuary for use during worship!



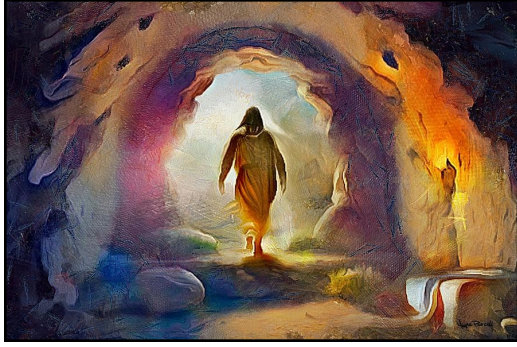
## *Stewardship, A Divine Responsibility*

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



**He's ALIVE!**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 23**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
**2:00 - 4:00 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!

**alleluia**  
THE LORD IS RISEN. INDEED!

...**Easter** comes early this year - MARCH 31!

**Sat, March 23**

“He’s Alive!” Interactive Event  
(similar to Night in Bethlehem)

**Sun, March 24**

Seder (Passover) Celebration

**Thurs, March 28**

Seder (Passover) Celebration

**Sun, March 31**

Flowering the Cross  
Easter Cantata



Food delivery  
to Social  
Services last  
Thursday was  
much appreciated and needed!

Please continue to  
remember to  
donate items to  
our Grab & Go bins  
in the church  
hallway!



**GRIEF SHARE<sup>®</sup>**

Thursday, March 7

Mt View Freewill Baptist Church

6:00 pm

**New Materials!**

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

- Join a Griefshare Group
- Sign up for daily encouraging emails
- Check out the online bookstore

**For more info, contact Jim Collie**

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC



### *Happy Birthday!*

March 3	Michael Allio Regina Cantrell Britney Edmiston
March 5	Susan Smith
March 6	Katherine Winters
March 8	Asheton Godsey Heather Kunigelis
March 11	Clyde Vance
March 12	Amanda Aker
March 15	Josh Ebert



### *WBC Music Ministry*

*The Sabbath is a special day of rest and worship that God established at creation and commanded His people to observe throughout the Scriptures. The word Sabbath comes from the Hebrew word shabbat, which means to stop working. The Sabbath is a sign of God's covenant with His people, a reminder of His creative and redemptive work, and a foretaste of His eternal rest in the new creation.*

*The Bible teaches that the Sabbath is the seventh day of the week, and there are different religions (Jewish vs Christianity) about when it falls, whether from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset or on Sunday. The day we celebrate the Sabbath doesn't really matter, just that we do observe it. God made the light, world, heavens, man and beast in six days and then rested on the 7<sup>th</sup>. This is also the pattern that God instructed the Israelites to follow when He gave them the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai (Exodus 20:8-11). The Sabbath was a holy day, set apart from the other six days, on which the Israelites were to refrain from any regular work and to worship God in the tabernacle or the temple.*

*Have you ever REALLY rested for an entire day? Most Christians DO NOT! We are inundated by all the things that we MUST do from working our jobs, feeding our children, preparing for the week ahead. We just don't take the time to have a Sabbath and concentrate on God; what He has given us, done for us, and continues to do on a daily basis.*

*Take time this week to really celebrate the Sabbath. Prepare for it, because you know that you will get caught up in preparations for the next week, helping with homework, prepping food, etc. Make a plan to really concentrate on God for an entire day and see if your life becomes happier & healthier. See if you are better able to fully concentrate on the important aspects of your life.*

*Joy, Peace and Love, Donna*



### *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.

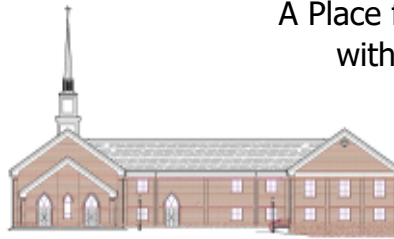


# HELLO March



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - Communion 5pm - Meet for "The Chosen"  B - Michael Allio B - Regina Cantrell B - Britney Edmiston	<b>4</b> Piecemakers, 9:30am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6pm - POTLUCK 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice	<b>7</b> 6:30am - Men's Bible Study	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church	<b>11</b> Caring Friends, 9:30am  B - Clyde Vance	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice	<b>14</b> 6:30am - Men's Bible Study	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> "He's ALIVE!" Event 2 - 4pm 
<b>17</b> 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church	<b>18</b> Piecemakers, 9:30am  B - Dylan Luther	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study	<b>21</b> B - Pat Adkins  6:30am -	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>   10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church	<b>25</b> Caring Friends, 9:30am	<b>26</b> B - Chloe Cantrell	<b>27</b> 7pm - Choir Practice *NO meal or Bible Study  MARCH 28: B - Ashley Farmer B - Deborah Knox B - Christi Lardieri B - Isabella Lardieri	<b>28</b> 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall   7:00pm <b>Passover Seder</b>	<b>29</b> B - Matt Collins B - Matthew Mullins	<b>30</b> B - George Chappell
<b>31</b>   9:30am - Flowering the Cross 10:00am - Sunday School 11am - Worship (onsite/online) - EASTER CANTATA - Children's Message					<b>B</b> = Birthday <b>A</b> = Anniv.	If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247

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### Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	2/18 - 2/24	David Mullins, Butch Hutchinson
	2/25 - 3/2	Jeff Elkins, Stan Kunigelis
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	3/10	Sandy & David Mullins
	3/17	Susie & Chad Blanton
Offering Ushers	March	Ron Helton Team
	April	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	March	Jeff Kiser, Martha Blackburn
	April	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
Wed. Night Meals	3/6	POTLUCK Meal
	3/13	Chili Beans, Grilled Cheese, Salad
Wed. Serving Teams:	3/6	<u>Volunteers Needed</u> for set up & clean up
	3/13	<u>Teresa's Team:</u> Linda Burgess, Eileen Cantrell, Susan Smith, John Ponish



### WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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

### Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

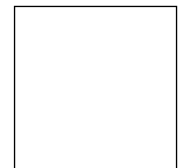
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### Thought for the Week:

*Take pause. To worship God.  
Often.*