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## WISE BAPTIST NEWS

#### A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

March 7, 2023

Dear Church Family and Friends.

"God opened the door". "God closed the door". Ever said that?

What do those phrases mean? Often it means that circumstances made it possible for something to happen. Or circumstances prevented something from happening.

It can mean taking the path of least resistance. The easier way. Sometimes it works out that way. Sometimes not.

Jesus said to all of His followers, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me." (Luke 9:23)

A cross in Jesus' day meant one thing. Death. It was an execution. The Romans crucified thousands of Jews. Everyone who had spent much time in Jerusalem had seen people on crosses.

Following Jesus means putting to death selfish wishes to make room for His. Every day. Giving ourselves away in Jesus' name.

Love. Pastor Mike

How to Join Wise Baptist Church: Express one of the following to the Pastor during the closing hymn:

† Transfer of Letter † Baptism † Statement of Faith † Watch Care

Transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church Desire to express faith in Christ through baptism Baptized believer not on a membership roll Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Reading the Bible Through 3-21-22 to 3-20-23

Wed. Fellowship Meal March 8, 6pm

Bible Study Wed. March 8, 7pm

Choir Practice Wed. March 8, 7:45pm

The Chosen: Season 2, Episodes 5 & 6 Sun. March 12, 6pm

Special Service Sun. March 26, 11am

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DEACONS 2022 - 2023		
John Mark Adrian	328-5564	
Gil Blackburn	328-0046	
Jeff Cantrell	275-9427	
Jim Collie	393-1710	
Jorge Hersel	594-9077	
<b>Butch Hutchinson</b>	393-5008	
Stan Kunigelis	870-2227	
David Mullins	870-0005	
John Ponish	870-1593	
Deacon Emeritus:		
Bob Adk	ins	

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# 6pm

## Season 2, Episodes 5 & 6

We have had a great turnout & a good time on Sunday nights watching "The Chosen"! If you haven't had a chance to watch "The Chosen", it's not too late to join in us in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday evening at 6pm!

Episodes 5 & 6 of Season 2 will be shown on March 12 - come enjoy a light supper, popcorn & great fellowship!

We are now in Season 2 and are showing two episodes each week; we will begin showing Season 3 on March 26.

\* We will skip Easter Sunday, April 9.



## As you pray, please remember...

Gil & Martha Blackburn, Billie Sue Harris, Lisa Broyles, Hannah Glass, family of Kelly Hammond (Beth Snodgrass' niece), Graham Hawes, Glenna Ruth Horne, Jeff Carty, Lois Stallard, Rachel



Helton, William "Twig" Bolling, Pat Boggs, Rowyn Renee Adkins (great-niece of Teresa & Billy Glines), Irene Humphreys, John & Kathy Kennedy & Suzy Bailey, Clyde Vance & family, David Dykes, Gigi & Scott Pippin, Harold Stallard, Paula Coffey, Butch Hutchinson, Mike Smith's sister Lynn, Artie Bailey, Beth Snodgrass, Adele Plester (Brenda Kunigelis' sister-in-law), Roger Viers & family, Jim & June Dotson, Lorna Wherry & family, (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Natalie Luther, Cooper Carlson, Russell, Miles & Mason Wampler, Brenda Lee, Phyllis Hatcher, Ray Jones & family, John & Kay Wright, 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) Lakeland, FL, Jeanne Stallard

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



Scripture for the Week:

## Luke 9:23-24

"Then He said to them all, 'If anyone wants to come with Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of Me will save it.' "

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



On **Sunday, March 26**, we will celebrate ONE YEAR of reading through the Bible! Join us for this special worship service at 11am on March 26!



## There's No Family Like Church Family!

You are invited to join us each Wed. evening for supper at <u>6 pm</u>, followed by Bible study in the sanctuary & youth group in the youth building at <u>7 pm</u>. Choir Practice begins at <u>7:45 pm</u>. Invite a friend—dinner is complimentary the first time someone joins us.



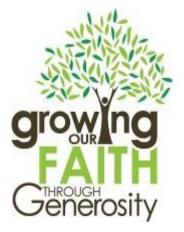
Thank you to Teresa Glines for sharing this beautiful photo from the sanctuary Sunday morning!

## Stewardship...Managing God-Given Resources for God's Nork

Stewardship at Wise Baptist Church is utilizing and managing all resources that God provides to us, for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation. We, as Christian stewards, are not only responsible for the financial blessings provided by God, but also the spiritual gifts that are given to us through the Holy Spirit.

God wants us to be His stewards in His work at Wise Baptist Church. Thank you for your giving attitude, for yielding to God, and for expressing your love and gratitude for God ... all through your stewardship.

\* For those who cannot physically attend Sun. morning worship services in the sanctuary, your tithes and offerings may still be mailed to <u>Wise Baptist Church,</u> <u>PO Box 777, Wise VA</u> <u>24293,</u> or brought by the Church anytime during open hours.



## **MUSIC, YOUTH, CHILDREN**





March 13 March 14 Oscar & Gloria Raile Dustin & Kristen Phillips

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## Flock News (WBC Youth)

Each week...

<u>Wed.</u> – 7pm, Youth Gathering Youth Building

Youth Leaders... Lloyd & Carlie Tomlinson 276-337-4997



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I shared with you a couple of weeks ago that I was making prayer a part of my Lenten season. I will share with you a prayer that I have been praying each and every morning.

Heavenly Father, You have provided us with everlasting salvation through Your Son, Jesus Christ, and we are thankful. Thank You for showing us what it means to truly love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us, as Jesus did on the cross. Give us the faith to love others in this way. Give us hope in our everlasting salvation through Jesus. Forgive us where we fall short and guide us as we walk in Your way. In Jesus's name I pray. Amen

This prayer has helped me to be closer to God and has provided me with the peace to start my day and walk with Jesus beside me. I hope it will do the same for you.

Peace and love, Donna

## (Isabella Adrian, dishwasher-in-training)





Apparently, John Ponish is training even our youngest members to wash dishes on Wednesday nights!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Look how far we've come!



Volu	inteers this	Week
Deacons On Call:	3/5 - 3/11	Jorge Hersel, David Mullins
	3/12 - 3/18	Gil Blackburn, Jim Collie
Building Stewards:		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists:		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sound System:		Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile
Children's Church	3/12	Carlie Tomlinson,
		Jayda Hutchinson
	3/19	Wendy & John Mark Adrian
Offering Ushers	March	Ron Helton Team
	April	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers:	March	Teresa Adkins, Shirlee Barnette
	April	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
Wed. Night Meals:	3/8	Pork Loin, Potatoes, Carrots,
		Cornbread, Slaw
	3/15	Baked Chicken, Mac & Cheese,
		Roasted Veggies
Wed. Night Serving Teams:	3/8	Teresa's Team: Teresa Adkins,
		Linda Burgess, Eileen Cantrell,
		Sandy Mullins, Diana Roberts, Susan Smith
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	3/15	Donna's Team: Regina Cantrell,
		Debbie Collins, Donna
		Hutchinson, Susan Mullins, Rebecca Osborne.
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### A Place for Faith and Fellowship with Family and Friends



#### WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School Worship Youth (Grades 7-12) Sunday Night at the Movies	10:00 am 11:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd) Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	9:30 am
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal Bible Study onsite & via Fb Live Youth meet (Grades 7-12) Choir Practice	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:45 pm
Thursday	Men's Bible Study Laurels Ministry (3rd)	6:30 am 1:30pm

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## Thought for the Week:

Following Jesus means taking up a cross.