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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

November 16, 2015

IMPORTANT DATES

Stop Hunger Now
November 16th

OCC- WBC Relay Center
November 16th-23rd

OCC-Shoe Box Dedication
November 22

Lottie Moon / International
week of Prayer
Nov. 29—Dec. 6

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November 30th

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DEACONS 2015-16

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John Kennedy	328-5013
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Dear church family and friends,

You may have heard about the Starbucks “red cup controversy”. Starbucks released a plain red coffee cup on Nov. 1 that did not have Christmas season decorations as in the past. The controversy revved up in only four days, by Nov. 5 a video posted on Facebook angrily denounced Starbucks as trying to take Christ out of Christmas.

Then sparks really began to fly. As of Nov. 14, fifteen million had seen the video. Millions more saw it as it was featured on many news outlets and talk shows.

This presents a good opportunity to explore some important principles.

1. Get the facts right. If one was to actually go into Starbucks, one would see Christmas CD's on sale, among other Christmas items. Also, the “Christmas” symbols that were no longer on the cups were, snowmen, snowflakes, etc., not real Christian symbols.
2. The word for gospel means “good news”. The Christmas story is “good news” about God's love coming to earth. The New Testament word for evangelist comes from that very same word. It means a teller of good news. How do we tell good news? We tell it, not with anger, but with joy.
3. Is it Starbucks job to tell the Christmas story? Starbucks is a corporation, whose main goal is to make money. Why would we expect them to tell the good news about Jesus Christ? That is the job of Christians.

One of the hallmarks of a Christian and a teller of the good news of Jesus Christ is joy. Let us tell the story well and with great joy!

Love, Pastor Mike

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES



Join us **Wednesday night** for a wonderful time of fellowship and Bible study, Dinner at 6pm and Bible studies at 6:45pm

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS WEEK OF PRAYER

NOVEMBER 29—DECEMBER 6

Be a part of God's one Sacred Effort; give so more will hear.

STOP HUNGER NOW



On Monday, Nov. 16th, the Wise Baptist Association and the BCM will host a Stop Hunger Now event at UVA-Wise in Cantrell Hall. Beginning at 7pm, we will form assembly lines to package 10,000 meals for distribution around the world. There is no cost involved. We simply need HANDS!! Won't you join us in this great cause for two hours? You will be blessed! Call the church office (328.6247) and speak with Leigh if you have any questions.

As you pray, please remember...



Buster and Liz Brown, Irene Black and family, Papa Joe and Reba Smiddy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Emily Bridges, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Kim Boggs, Pat Boggs, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, Hubert Breeding, John and Kay Wright, Lulia Maine, Pat and Fred Adkins, Gary and Susan Smith, Jerry Reynolds, 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).

MEETINGS

- ♦ **Worship Committee Meeting** Wednesday, November 18th at 5pm.
- ♦ **Mission Committee Meeting**, Wednesday, December 2nd at 5 pm.
- ♦ **Women on Mission Meeting**, Thursday, December 10th, from 2-4 pm.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS



CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Pre-K-3rd Grade)

Mondays, 3:45-5pm..
(Singing, learn to play handbells, snack time)



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Saturday, December 5, 3pm—8pm
Drop your child off at the Church for an evening of fun while you shop, have dinner or a movie. The kids will enjoy crafts, Christmas movie, dinner and a "Santa's Workshop". Open for children ages birth through 6th grade.



FAMILY FUN ACTIVITY

Sunday, December 13, 3pm—6:30pm
"Festival of the Trees" at Southwest Virginia Museum with dinner at Prime Sirloin

For more information contact the Church office at 328-6247.

LET'S HELP!! GRAB N GO MINISTRY



The Grab N Go Ministry is a year round ministry to help the Department of Social Service Adult Protection Services. Non-perishable food items and other items (a list is available on the table by the elevator) help bridge the gap at the end of the month, when supplies run low. You can also donate small gift cards to Food City or to Payless for the Social Workers to buy perishable food items for those in need. Once items are at the Social Service office, a bag is filled with each of these items. The social worker keeps some of the bags with them while out on their home visits. If there is a need, a bag of assorted food, etc. is ready and available to those in need.

Sherlene Hall gathers the items you place in the white baskets twice a month and takes them to Social Services. Thank you for giving. Thank you for your prayers.



From Leigh

I would like to say a special word of thanks to Susan Mullins for the wonderful "birthday" offertory yesterday. "This Little Light of Mine was awesome and jazzy! Thank you to everyone for the sweet birthday wishes and hugs!

"What Do I Know of Holy?" by Addison Road is a song that I recently came across. I instantly connected with this song and the idea that I can't really "know" God because He is God and I am NOT! We often become too familiar with God—as if He is one of us. We assume to know what He thinks and we often speak on His behalf! One part of the song sums it up pretty well: *I think I made You too small. I never really feared You at all.*

As a Christian, I should be in awe of who God is and all that He can do. I should worship and adore Him and spend my life and energy serving and loving others with joy in His Name. God doesn't need me to speak for Him or to defend Him or to prove Him to others. He created me to love, worship, and adore Him. He alone is God. "What do I know of Holy?" I know He is my Savior, my Redeemer, My King and that He is Holy.

Mark your calendars: December 4—Jubilation Ringers will ring and sing at The Inn at Wise, 7 pm.

December 6—A Night of Christmas Music with the sanctuary choir and orchestra, 7 pm.

I am praying for all of you this week. Pray for each other, too. Blessings, Leigh



YOUTH: Thank you, Hopkins family, for providing our meal on Sunday evening. We really had a great shopping for OCC. We will pack our boxes on Wednesday, Nov. 18. **If any parents are available to come and help pack, that would be great!**

Our youth are continuing to bring their **"Change for Change"**. It is great to see them excited about what we can do together to help those in need. We are going to sponsor the education of a child in Belize for one year. We will receive information on our child soon and we will share that with you. We are excited to see how this will impact the life of this child and the life of the "FLOCK".

WEDNESDAY NIGHT: Dinner (6) and Bible study (6:45).

PRAYING for our Central One Act Team as they compete on Saturday in the Region competition!

MOVIE NIGHT: All youth are invited to the movie premiere of the final Hunger Games movie on Thursday, Nov. 19. We will meet at the youth building at 8:45 pm.



November 16
November 20
November 21
November 22

Luke Collie
Caitlin Adkins
Dwight Jones
Rick Collie
Jakob Harden

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us at 10 am for Sunday school on Sunday mornings. There are classes for all ages. It is a great way to get to know people and to grow spiritually. Plan to join us this week!



WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

In order that we may plan and have enough for Wednesday night meal, those that plan to attend, please sign up on Sundays Communication Card or call the Church office by Noon on Wednesdays. Thank you

Christmas Cantata Rehearsal Schedule

Wednesday, Nov. 18—8:00 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 24—7:00 pm

Sunday, Nov. 29—Noon

Wednesday, Dec. 1—8:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 6—3:45 pm



CHURCH LIBRARY

Be sure to check out the Church Library which is located in the Ladies SS Classroom on the first floor. There is something for everyone - fiction, non-fiction, novels, devotionals, Bible translations and more!!

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As the semester winds down, please take a moment and send our college students a word of encouragement. They will be so pleased to hear from you!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



SHOEBOX PROJECT

It is time!! WBC is once again participating in the OCC shoebox project. Boxes (\$1 donation) are available for your use and can be found in the Church foyer. Gift suggestions: start with a large toy that a child will cherish, like a beautiful doll, a deflated soccer ball with pump, or a plush stuffed animal. Then fill the box completely, adding quality items like cars, musical instruments, puzzles, jump ropes, school supplies such as pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, coloring books, non-liquid hygiene items such as toothbrushes, bar soap, wash clothes, combs, etc.. Also include a donation of \$7 for shipping cost. We will dedicate the boxes in worship on Sunday, November 22.

WBC RELAY CENTER

NOVEMBER 16–23, 2015

Wise Baptist Church will again serve as a relay center for Operation Christmas Child. **What does this mean?** We will receive shoe boxes from other churches, community groups, individuals, and families during National Collection Week, November 16th-23rd. We will then relay those boxes to the collection center in Big Stone Gap. **How can you help?**

WBC needs to staff our relay center, The Rock, during that collection week according to the following schedule:

Monday, Nov. 16, Tuesday, Nov. 17, Thursday, Nov. 19 and Friday, Nov. 20 —4-7pm;

Wednesday, Nov. 18—3-6pm; Saturday, Nov. 21—12-3pm; Sunday, Nov. 22—2-5pm

Monday, Nov. 23—9am-Noon

If you are available during any of these times, please contact Rebecca Osborne at Osbornes4God@aol.com or (276) 365-0969.

PROCESSING CENTER

NOVEMBER 30TH

WBC will volunteer at the OCC Center in Boone, NC on Monday, Nov. 30th from 1-6pm. We plan to leave from the Church around 9am and return around 9pm. The bus is full but if interested in attending contact Rebecca Osborne at (276)265-0969, there may be changes as time goes on.

Pictures from Worship



Tabitha & Sweet Case Dedication



Rebecca, OCC

**Sunday
Worship,
Welcome**



**Leigh, Sunday
Worship**



**Flock
OCC Shopping**

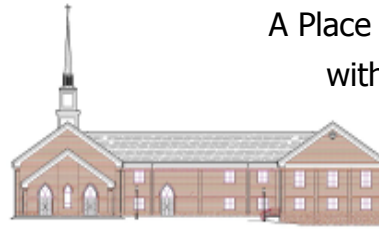


Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	11/15-11/21	Dan Helton, Gil Blackburn
	11/22-11/28	Daniel Ray, Edgar Owens
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:	11/22	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
	11/29	Bob & Teresa Adkins
Nursery:	11/22	Chelsea Polly, Cindy Newlon
	11/29	Jessica Crutchfield, Emma Snodgrass
Children's Church:	11/22	Beth & Scott Snodgrass
	11/29	Lulia Maine
PA:	11/22	Mike Osborne
	11/29	Oscar Raile
Tellers:	November	Edgar Owens, Martha Blackburn
	December	LeeAnn Adkins, Jeff Dotson
Ushers:	11/22	Roger Viers*, Harold Witt^, Mark Clark, Stan Kunigelis, Leton Harding, Edgar Owens, Jerry Baird
	11/29	Jeff Cantrell*, Dan Helton^, Ron Helton^, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass, Jeff Adkins, Jeff Kiser, Marty Adkins
		(*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Team:	11/18	Kathy Dotson, Jessica Crutchfield, Gail Kiser
	12/02	Potluck Team
Wed. Meal:	11/18	Soups and Cornbread
	12/02	Potluck with Ham

(Rotation Schedules are on the hall table by the elevator)

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	Office Hours	9—2 pm
	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
	Singing Sunbeams	3:45 pm
Wednesday	Office Hours	9—2 pm
	Worship Committee Meeting	5:00 pm
	Fellowship Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2—4 pm

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**Thought for the week:
Tell the Christmas story
with joy!**