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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

November 28, 2017

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

The priority of preparing for retirement from work is impressed on our minds early in life. During our first full-time job, there is usually a retirement plan. We have been told that Social Security will not be adequate to meet our financial needs after retirement. A retirement plan is set up. Over the years, we track it to see

how much money accumulates.

Financial needs do matter. Wisdom and discipline are needed to make adequate provision. However, the spiritual side of retirement does not usually get the same attention. The spiritual side of life always matters, regardless of age. The spiritual side is not just about the here and now. It is about eternity.

Jesus says, "What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?" (Mark 8:36). The financial side is empty without the spiritual side. Jesus talks about money and possessions in the Bible more than either heaven or hell. Money can become our master. Jesus wants money and possessions to serve His causes.

What does spiritual preparation look like? Jesus calls it laying up treasures in heaven. It is about spiritual wealth that lasts forever. What does this look like? Jesus describes it as loving God with all of heart, mind, and strength and loving our neighbor as ourselves.

People are living longer and healthier lives than ever. Retirees can be a great army of servants in the cause of Christ! Retirees can mentor the younger generations. Retirees also have more time to serve.

What spiritual preparation are you making now?

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

IMPORTANT DATES

A Night in Bethlehem
December 2, 4pm

Deacons' Meeting
December 3, 8:30am

BCM Meal
December 4, 11am-1:30pm

Trip to Boone OCC
Processing Center
December 8

Christmas Cantata & Reception
December 10, 7pm

Church-Wide Christmas Dinner
December 13, 6pm

Children Go See "The Star"
December 16

Jubilation Ringers
The Inn at Wise
December 17, 5pm

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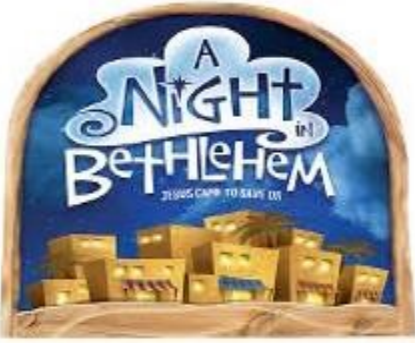
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DEACONS 2017-18

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Jim Collie	393-1710
Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Ron Helton	393-6145
Mike Osborne	365-0968
John Ponish	870-1593
Gary Smith	870-1579

Deacons Emeritus:
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill,
Harold Witt

ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Invite
your
friends
this week!*

**Saturday, December 2
(4 pm)**

*Come & experience Bethlehem on the
night that Jesus was born!*

WBC will be transformed into the town of Bethlehem where you can walk through through the village, visit the local shops, meet Mary, Joseph, & the newborn Jesus, & talk with the shepherds & angels! You will be greeted outside by local residents of Bethlehem & there will be hands-on activities at each of the village shops. This church-wide event is for ALL AGES, families, friends & neighbors!



Set up for Night in Bethlehem has begun! Jim Collie arrives with a tree in his convertible! James Clasby has made all of our station signs!



As you pray, please remember...



Christina Meade & family, Randy Chisenhall & family, Donna Morton & family, Rev. Ben Murphy, David Mullins, Bonnie Rochford (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, Wesley Kennedy, Ron Swindall, Robert & Jennifer England & family, Shirley Willis (The Laurels), Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Bea and Glenn Hill, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military

Hospitalized: Stan Kunigelis (NHC, Farragut, TN)

Our Shut Ins: Elizabeth Davidson, (Heritage Hall), Susan Davidson (Heritage Hall), Eddie Culbertson, Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Betty Easterling (The Laurels), Florine Pennington (The Laurels), Jeanne Stallard

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

DON'T MISS OUT!

Join us for Bible Study led by Pastor Mike on Wednesdays (Nov. 29 & Dec. 6) at 6:45pm in the sanctuary! Children in Action will meet at this same time upstairs. Choir rehearsal will follow at 7:50pm.



Christmas Caroling Opportunities



Friday, December 1, 6pm
Town caroling in front of The Inn at Wise

Wednesday, December 20, 7pm
WBC will go caroling at The Laurels



**Wednesday Evening
December 13, 6pm**

Join us for our annual Christmas dinner! Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Meat will be provided. Please sign up on the Communication Card in your bulletin or notify Teresa Adkins so we can adequately plan.



Annual Christmas Cantata!

You will not want to miss our 21st annual WBC Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 10! The Sanctuary choir and orchestra will present "The First Noel" at 7:00 pm. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Deacons will be available to provide transportation for those unable to drive at night.

Your help with the reception is always appreciated! Please contact Teresa Adkins if you are able to bring food or help with the clean-up.



November 28	T. Ray Maine
December 1	Jeff Dotson
	Brenda Kunigelis
December 3	Mark Clark
December 4	Nathan Lee
December 5	Heath Chisenhall
	Elizabeth Davidson
	Kevin Dotson
	David Sheppard
December 7	Brittany Criswell



December 7
John & Karen Ponish



Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry

* **Be sure to join us on Sunday evenings at 6pm in the Youth Building for Bible Study!**

* **December 31 - New Year's Eve Lock-**



Wise Baptist Children's Ministry



Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24



Help decorate the Jesse Tree each Sunday during of Advent during morning worship.

Dec. 16

Children's outing to see the movie, "The Star"



Kitchenware Sign-Out

So that we may better keep track of kitchenware & linens as used by our congregation for various needs & events throughout the week, the Fellowship Ministry Committee is asking that we sign out items whenever we may temporarily borrow them. Upon returning items, please cross these out on the Sign-Out Sheet in the kitchen. This will let the Fellowship Ministry Committee know that items have been returned & placed back in their proper storage spaces.

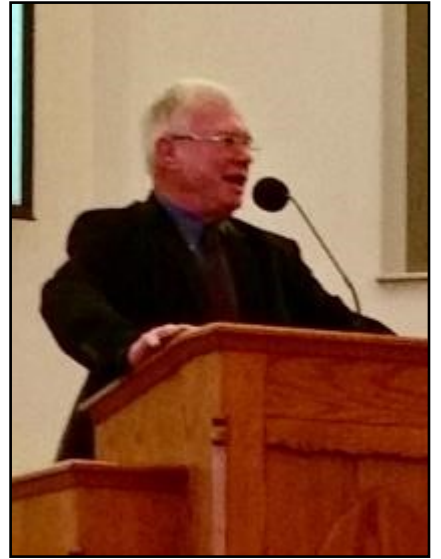
Thank you! Teresa Adkins, Sherlene Hall, Linda Burgess, Susan Smith



It's time for an update!!

Interested in helping with a **2018 Church Directory?**

Contact Teresa Adkins at 276-393-0097!





December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>B = Birthday A = Anniversary</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</p>				<p>1</p> <p>B - Jeff Dotson B - Brenda Kunigelis</p>	<p>2</p> <p>A Night in Bethlehem 4pm</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Deacons, 8:30am</p> <p>B - Mark Clark</p>	<p>4</p> <p>BCM Meal 11am-1pm</p> <p>B - Nathan Lee</p>	<p>5</p> <p>B - Heath Chisenhall B - Elizabeth Davidson B - Kevin Dotson B - David Sheppard</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5pm - Missions Committee 6pm - Dinner 6:45pm - Bible Study 6:45pm - Children in Action 7:50pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p> <p>B - Brittany Criswell A - John & Karen Ponish</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>B - Robert Baird</p>
<p>10</p> <p>7pm - Christmas Cantata, Reception B - Penny Greenwood</p>	<p>11</p> <p>B - Jessica Crutchfield A - John Mark & Wendy Adrian</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6pm - Christmas Dinner 7:50pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>14</p> <p>B - Jim Sturgill</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Children go to see movie, "The Star" B - Taylor Gardner</p>
<p>17</p> <p>5pm - Jubilation Ringers at The Inn at Wise B - Alex Knox</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>B - Dana Hall A - Shane & Susan Mullins</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6pm - Dinner & Caroling B - Bryan Crutchfeld B - Marsha Tolbert</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>B - Dallas Kennedy B - Jon Kennedy B - Rick Mullins</p>	<p>23</p> <p>B - Buster Brown B - Sherlene Hall</p>
<p>24</p> <p>11pm - Candlelight Communion B - Jim Collie B - Carolyn Strouth B - William Sturgill</p>	<p>25</p> <p><i>Merry Christmas!</i> B - Lilyanna Harden</p>	<p>26</p> <p>B - Lindsay Allioi B - Diana Roberts B - Miles Wampler</p>	<p>27</p> <p>No Wednesday Evening Activities B - Bea Hill</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>B - Patsy Boggs</p>	<p>30</p> <p>B - Paul Maine</p>
<p>31</p> <p>YOUTH LOCK-IN B - Gabriella Collins A - Jeff & Cindy Elkins</p>						

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	11/26-12/2	Jerry Baird, Jim Collie
	12/3-12/9	Jeff Dotson, John Ponish
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome	12/3	Oscar Raile
	12/10	Oscar Raile
S.S. Greeters:	12/3	John Ponish
	12/10	David & Sandy Mullins
Nursery:	12/3	Susie Clasby, Emma Snodgrass
	12/10	Landon Elkins, Bonnie Owens
Children's Church:	12/3	Scott & Beth Snodgrass
	12/10	Joe & Susie Powers
Sound System:	12/3	Mike Osborne
	12/10	Oscar Raile
Tellers:	November	June Dotson, Edgar Owens
	December	Teresa Adkins, Stephen Large
Ushers:	12/3	Youth
	12/10	Gil Blackburn*, Dave Belcher^, Bryon Burton, Jeff Dotson, Marty Kennedy, Stephen Large, Jack Tolbert (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	11/29	Martha Blackburn, Linda Burgess, Kathy Helton, Susie Powers
	12/6	Brenda Lee, Susan Smith, Ann Wade
Wed. Meals	11/29	Hamburgers & French Fries
	12/6	Pizza & Salad
Children-in-Action:	11/29	Kathy Dotson, Julie Large
	12/6	Kathy Dotson, Julie Large

Wise Baptist Church General Fund Giving Summary 9/1/17 - 11/26/17

General Fund Receipts To Date	\$ 61,648
<u>General Fund Needed To Date</u>	<u>\$ 72,955</u>
Variance	(\$ 11,308)
Average Weekly Variance	(\$ 870)
Weekly General Fund Budget	\$ 5,612

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

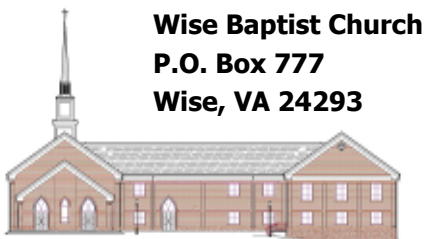
Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth (Grades 7-12)	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Studies	6:45 pm
	Children in Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth - Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm

Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

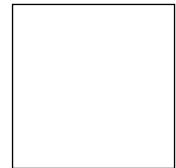
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Like us at: Wise Baptist Church and at
Wise Baptist Youth

Thought for the Week:
**Make spiritual preparation for
retirement.**