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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

November 28, 2023

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

Words matter. Even those that do not seem important. The last chapter of the last book of the Bible says so. Revelation 22:18-19 warns not to add or take away any words.

The word “in” matters in Romans 8:28. It is a favorite and often-quoted verse of Scripture. It says, “And we know that **in** all things God works together for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purpose.”

It does not say everything that happens to you is good. (When bad things happen to me or around me, I do not believe they are good.). It says “in all things, God works together for good...”

The best example is Jesus’ death on the Cross. Someone without sin was executed. He suffered for something that was not His fault. Spiritually, physically, and mentally.

What was good was how God was working in it all. Salvation, eternal life. Joining and serving in a kingdom that will never end.

What bad things have happened to you? How might God work “in” that circumstance. If He can do it with the Cross, He can do it anywhere.

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Fellowship Meal, Bible Study, Choir Practice
Wed, November 29
6pm

Birthday Party for Jesus
Sat, December 2
3 - 4:30pm

Deacons’ Meeting
Sun, Dec. 3, 8:30am

First Sunday of Advent
December 3
11am

Holy Communion
Sun, Dec. 3, 11am

Coffee & Friends
Sun, Dec. 3, 6pm

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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

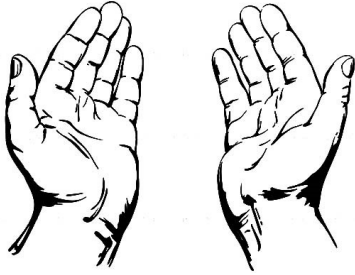
Deacon Emeritus:
 Bob Adkins

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



Stewardship – Bless and Be Blessed

*“In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and
He shall direct thy paths.” ~ Proverbs 3:6*

It is a privilege for us to be called as stewards of God’s Work at Wise Baptist Church. We experience blessings, a special peace, and happiness through our pure motives and following God’s example and instruction of giving.

May you be blessed, through your caring heart, your desire to reach the lost, your giving attitude ... all through being stewards of God’s Work here at Wise Baptist Church.

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.

PRAISE *God* FROM WHOM
all blessings flow

As you pray, please remember...



Gil & Martha Blackburn, Brian, brother of Brenda Kunigelis, Kathy Osborne & Family, Susan Smith & Family, Savannah Adams, Jim Sturgill, Clyde Vance, Jean Aker, Linda Burgess, Wanda Baird, Family of Jeanne Stallard, Phyllis Hatcher, Jim Dotson, John & Kathy Kennedy, Wendy Adrian & Family, Megan (Burton) Douglas, Rev. Michael Weller, Brenda Lee, Edgar Mullins (Grace’s brother), Rowyn Malott (great-niece of Teresa & Billy Glines), Harold Stallard, 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) - Lakeland, FL

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

The Jesse Tree



Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24

During each Sunday of Advent our children will be invited to decorate the Jesse Tree during worship. Each ornament represents people & events that God used to prepare the world for Jesus. Afterwards, during Children’s Church, the children are invited to make their own Jesse Tree ornaments that they can use at home.



Thank You!

Many thanks to Donna Hutchinson and the handbell choir for performing Christmas music at the annual Town Christmas Tree Lighting on Monday evening!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*You
are
invited!*

*Coffee & Friends is
always a good idea!*



Dear friends,

We would like to invite you to come over to our house for dessert & coffee (apple cider, etc.) on a Sunday evening of your choosing: Dec. 3 or Dec. 10.

We look forward to you joining us on Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30pm!

Feel free to call Terry (276-870-2712) or sign-up on the posters in the foyer, hall & fellowship hall.



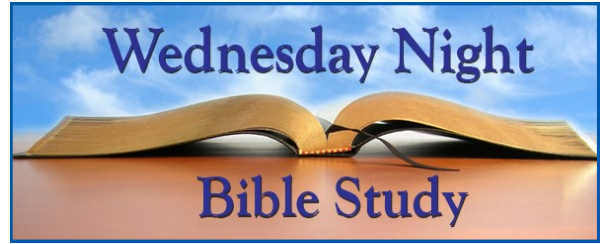
Love, Mike & Terry



*Scripture
for the Week:*

Genesis 50:20

“But Joseph said to them, ‘...You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good...’ ”



Join us tomorrow evening for
“breakfast for dinner” at 6pm &
Bible Study at 7pm!



**AS WE REFLECT ON HOW VERY
BLESSED WE ARE AT THIS TIME
OF YEAR,
REMEMBER...**

our Wise County Food Bank & WBC
Grab-n-Go Ministries!

Nonperishable items can be placed

in the white
containers by
the
elevator.



27 days until Christmas...



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC



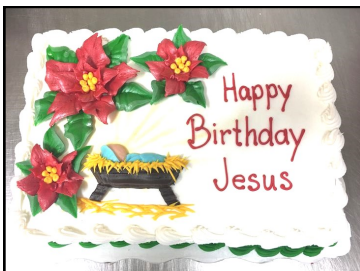
Happy Birthday!

November 28	T. Ray Maine
December 1	Jeff Dotson
	Brenda Kunigelis
December 2	Lalah Grace Lyon
December 3	Teresa Glines
December 4	Nathan Lee
December 5	Heath Chisenhall
	Kevin Dotson
December 7	Brittany Criswell
December 9	Robert Baird



Happy Anniversary!

December 3	Cub & Jennifer Mullins
December 7	John & Karen Ponish



**SATURDAY
DEC. 2
3 - 4:30pm**

JESUS... "the Reason for the season"

Everyone is invited to celebrate the coming of Jesus at Wise Baptist Church—we are having a BIRTHDAY PARTY!

The activities will begin after the Wise Christmas Parade. Stop by between 3:00—4:30 for games, crafts, and refreshments.

~ Karen Ponish



WBC Music Ministry

We have just concluded our Thanksgiving holiday, but we, as Christians, need to continue to be thankful each and every day. Thankfulness is a virtue that can enrich our lives and deepen our faith. In the advent season, we are invited to reflect on the gift of God's love and grace that came to us in the form of Jesus Christ. Advent is a time of preparation, anticipation, and hope for the coming of the Savior. It is also a time of gratitude, for we recognize that God has done great things for us and continues to do so.

One way to cultivate thankfulness in the advent season is to practice daily gratitude. We can make a habit of thanking God for the blessings we have, both big and small. We can also express our gratitude to the people around us who show us kindness, support, and love. By being thankful, we acknowledge the goodness of God and the goodness of others. We also become more aware of the needs of those who are less fortunate and more willing to share what we have.

Another way to cultivate thankfulness in the advent season is to meditate on the scriptures that reveal God's love and promises. We can read the prophecies that foretold the coming of the Messiah, the stories of the annunciation and the birth of Jesus, and the testimonies of the shepherds and the magi. We can also read the psalms and the hymns that praise God for his faithfulness and mercy. By meditating on the scriptures, we deepen our understanding of the meaning of advent and the significance of Christ's incarnation. We also grow in our love and admiration for God and His wonderful works.

Thankfulness is a powerful way to celebrate the advent season and prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas. By being thankful, we honor God, we appreciate His gifts, and we spread His love to others. Thankfulness is a response to God's grace and a sign of our faith. As the apostle Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 5, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Let's prepare, praise, have joy and be thankful.

*Joy, Peace and Love,
Donna*

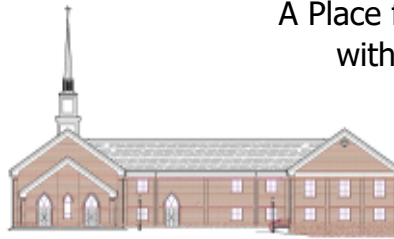
This is how much I love you!

December 2023



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					B - Jeff Dotson B - Brenda Kunigelis	Birthday Party for Jesus 3 - 4:30pm Fellowship Hall B - Lalah Grace Lyon
3 8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Jesse Tree - Children's Church - Communion 6pm - Coffee & Friends B - Teresa Glines A - Cub & Jennifer Mullins	4 Piecemakers, 9:30am B - Nathan Lee	5 B - Kevin Dotson	6 6pm - POTLUCK 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice B - Brittany Criswell A - John & Karen Ponish	7 6:30am - Men's Bible Study B - Brittany Criswell A - John & Karen Ponish	8	9 B - Robert Baird
10 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Jesse Tree - Children's Church 6pm - Coffee & Friends B - Penny Greenwood B - Jane Hughes	11 B - Jessica Crutchfield A - John Mark & Wendy Adrian	12	13 6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice B - Damel Calvert	14 6:30am - Men's Bible Study B - Jim Sturgill	15	16
17 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Jesse Tree - Children's Church 6:30pm - CHRISTMAS CANTATA	18	19 A - Shane & Susan Mullins	20 6:00 pm  Christmas Dinner B - Bryan Crutchfield B - Marsha Tolbert	21 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall B - Bryan Crutchfield B - Marsha Tolbert	22 B - Phyllis Hatcher B - Dallas Kennedy B - Jon Kennedy	23 DEC. 23: B - Sherlene Hall DEC. 24: B - Jim Collie B - Carolyn Strouth B - William Sturgill B - Lois Tveit
24 9:30am - Donuts & Coffee - The Chosen Christmas Special 11am - Worship onsite/online - Jesse Tree - Children's Church 11pm - CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION B - Linsay Allio B - Diana Roberts B - Miles Wampler	25 Christmas Special  MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 B - Linsay Allio B - Diana Roberts B - Miles Wampler	27 NO ACTIVITIES B - Nova Leigh Greene	28 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall	29	30 B - Paul Maine
31 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Message A - Jeff & Cindy Elkins					B = Birthday A = 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	11/26 - 12/2	Lewey Lee, Jeff Cantrell
	12/3 - 12/9	Butch Hutchinson, John Ponish
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Children's Church	12/3	Karen & John Ponish
	12/10	Renee & Johnny Robinson
Offering Ushers	November Team	Jerry Baird Team
	December Team	Ron Helton Team
Tellers	November	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
	December	Matt Meade, Mike Srouth
Wed. Night Meals	11/29	Breakfast for Dinner
	12/6	POTLUCK Meal
Wed. Serving Teams	11/29	<u>Don's Team:</u> Jim Collie, Sherry Collie, Cyndi Newlon, John Ponish, Vicki Stephens + Ron Helton & Edgar Owens

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Bible Study via Fb Live	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:45 pm
Thursday	Men's Bible Study	6:30 am
	Laurels Ministry (3rd)	1:30pm

In all things
GIVE thanks!



12/6
Volunteers needed for set up & clean up

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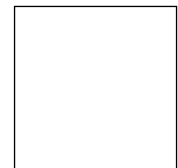
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Thought for the Week:

“God works for good in all things.” ~ Romans 8:28