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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

September 17, 2025

GOD'S FAMILY, GROWING TOGETHER

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Don't forget, Bible Study Sept. 17 at 7 PM
(following dinner at 6 PM)

*WE CURRENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH BIBLE STUDY EACH WEEK!
YOU MAY CHOOSE A CHARACTER OR TOPIC. SIGN UP SHEETS ARE LOCATED
IN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS, OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE, AND IN
THE FOYER OF THE SANCTUARY.

SCHEDULE OF PRESENTERS / TOPICS

September 17	Teresa Adkins	Mary & Martha
September 24	Brian Wills	Bad Boys of The Bible
October 1	Donna Hutchison	Phoebe

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Pastor Search Committee has prepared a Pastor/Church/Community Profile for your review and feedback. Hard copies will be available at church this Sunday. If you prefer, we can provide a copy by email, mail, or hand delivery. Please return your comments and suggestions by Sunday, September 28, 2025.

Request a copy / return feedback: [matt@wisebaptist.com or call the Church] •
Drop at the church office or place in the designated box in the foyer.

Thank you for praying with us and sharing your insights!

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

Fellowship Meal
Wed, Sept. 17, 6 pm

Bible Study
Wed, Sept. 17, 7 pm

Choir Practice
Wed, Sept. 17, 7:30 pm

Christmas Cantata
Rehearsals
Sun, Sept. 21, 6:30 pm

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DEACONS 2025 - 2026

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Debbie Collins	393-3875
Jeff Elkins	393-5700
Ron Helton	393-6145
Lewey Lee	393-5370
Matt Meade	393-9177
John Ponish	870-1593
Ruby Salyers	870-0590
Ray Spenilla	248-5652

Deacon Emeritus:
Bob Adkins

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SWEATSHIRTS

We are taking orders for a sweatshirt with the church logo imprinted on the front left, the same logo as the water bottles - the steeple with the church's name. You have a choice of a navy or light blue shirt, and the logo will be in white.

Payment is due when you place your order; make checks payable to Wise Baptist Church. To order, please see Diane Cornett on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening at church. If you don't usually attend church, Diane will be glad to meet you in Wise or Norton; or you can mail your check to Diane at 580 Oak Ave NW, Norton VA 24273. Call or text Diane at 276-210-3099 if you have questions.

Orders and payment are due Monday, Sept. 29. Prices are the same for children's and adult's sweatshirts.

Small - XL = \$16
XXL = \$20
XXXL = \$23
XXXXL = \$26

With Heartfelt
Sympathy



We extend our prayers and deepest condolences to the family of Daniel Mullins.



**This Week's
Scripture:**

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.



**COLLEGE
SUNDAY SCHOOL !!!**

*A college Sunday School class will be
offered here at Wise Baptist Church!*

*If interested, contact the church office at
276-328-6247 or Cindy Elkins at 276-870-4523.*

As you pray, please remember...



Wilma Vanover, Britney Edmiston, Greg, Kimberly Lyon, David & Sandy Mullins & family, Brenda Lee, Jerry & Wanda Baird, Cecil & Glenna Mullins, Alan Adkins, David Luther, Carlie Tomlinson, Irene Humphries, Mike Peak, Megan Moody, Wendy Adrian, Mike & Terry Winters, Bonnie Aker, Frances Sturdavant, Jane Hughes, Grace Allio, Kathy Helton, Jim & Judy Sturgill, John & Kathy Kennedy, Jordan Joseph (grandson of Virginia Ebert), Natalie Luther, those affected by Hurricane Helene & Hurricane Milton, Jim & June Dotson, Cyrus Jones, Donna Hutchinson, Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Lorna Wherry & Brian Plester (siblings of Brenda Kunigelis), Beth Snodgrass, 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

**Giving is
an Act of Worship**



Our stewardship of God's work at Wise Baptist Church is an opportunity of spiritual sacrifice. Our stewardship is an opportunity for each of us to express our love and gratitude to the One who has given us everything. And our stewardship allows us to be a part of God changing lives and souls.

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, P.O. Box 777, Wise VA 24293 or brought by the Church office anytime during open hours.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10



**THIS FALL,
REMEMBER...**

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

**Nonperishable items can
be placed in the white con-
tainers by the elevator.**

The Wise County Food Bank & the Wise County Social Services Adult Protective Services are always very appreciative of our help. We have had great stewardship of this mission over the years, but are currently seeking volunteers to help collect and deliver these items to the Food Bank. This invaluable mission provides numerous blessings to members of our very own community. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Matt Collins.

*You may also make a monetary donation by writing a check to Wise Baptist Church, designating it to be used for the Food Bank or Grab-n-Go.

*Grab-n-Go Drop Off: white baskets near the elevator at church

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Pictures from September 11, 2025



*** ITEMS CONTAINING MEAT ARE
ESPECIALLY NEEDED AT THIS
TIME.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS



The church will be participating in the town-wide yard sale for Fall Fling on Friday, October 10, from 8:30am - 2:30pm. Please let Donna or Teresa know if you can help, and/or if you need to

drop off anything for the yard sale. PLEASE, do not leave items on the porches! We will take items on Sundays after church.

Thank You!



BGAV

202nd BGAV Annual Meeting
November 10-12, 2025
Abingdon, VA

Each year, pastors, church staffers, lay leaders, and guests gather at our annual conference for fellowship, networking, and learning opportunities.

This fall, we are gathering in Abingdon, VA, for our annual meeting. This year's theme is Mission Forward based on Philippians 4:13:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Join us as we Decide, Worship, Learn, and Gather around God's mission for our lives, churches, and communities.

If you would more information or would like to sign up to attend, please see Donna or Matt.

Donna 276-393-5004
Matt 276-219-1046

Church Office 276-328-6247



Laurels Ministry

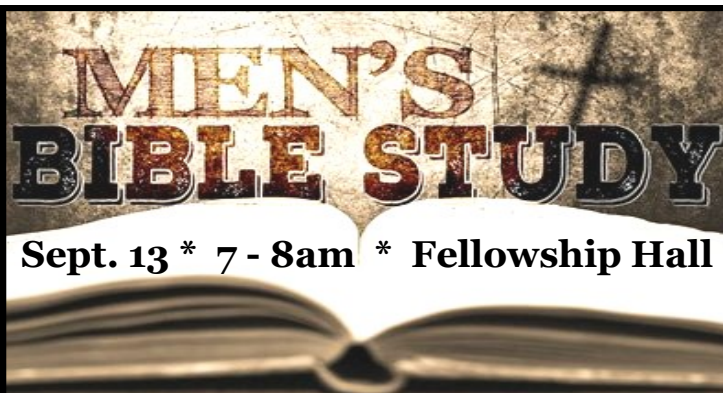
Thursday, September 18, 1:30pm
*Meet at the Laurels

Join us for a time of fellowship and singing at the Laurels each month!

CHILDREN'S

CHURCH

Ages 5 - Grade 4
Every Sunday, during Worship!



Sept. 13 * 7 - 8am * Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Growing in Christ Together

Make new friends & join old friends for Bible study & fellowship each Sunday morning at 10am!

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC



Happy Birthday



September 17	Wendy Adrian Charley Gardner
September 18	Shane Mullins
September 19	Bob Adkins
September 21	Marty Adkins
September 22	Ashlee Taylor
September 23	Vickie Swindall Terry Winters

Happy Anniversary!

September 17	Sam & Cindi Farmer Randy & Carol Miller
September 20	Tim & Kathy Osborne

*It's not too late to be a part of our
2025 Christmas Cantata!*



**Join us for Rehearsals each
Sunday at 6:30 pm!**

WBC Music Ministry



I have been thinking upon the fact that we are without our spiritual leader (pastor) and during these times, lots of things can happen. Churches can flounder without an active leader and things can occur that can divide a congregation into two or three separate entities. There are many causes of this and throughout our Christian history, from the earliest congregations to the present day. The churches began dividing during the Great Schism of 1054 to the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century, theological disagreements, cultural differences, and leadership disputes have repeatedly fractured the body of Christ.

There are many causes of this:

Doctrinal Disputes – Differing interpretations of Scripture often lead to opposing camps, each convinced of their theological correctness.

Personal Conflicts – Pride, ego, and unresolved interpersonal tensions can escalate into church-wide schisms.

Spiritual Deception – The Bible warns that false teachings and misleading revelations can draw believers away from truth, sowing discord.

Cultural and Political Pressures – External influences, from societal trends to political ideologies, can polarize congregations.

Consequences

Weakened Witness – Jesus prayed for unity so “that the world may believe” (John 17:21). Division undermines this testimony, giving skeptics reason to doubt the faith.

Loss of Fellowship – Members may leave, relationships fracture, and the sense of spiritual family erodes.

Distraction from Mission – Energy spent on internal disputes detracts from evangelism, discipleship, and service.

The Call to Unity

Scripture repeatedly urges believers to “make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3). This unity does not mean uniformity, but a shared commitment to Christ above personal preference. Church leaders and members alike are called to humility, forgiveness, and a focus on the gospel’s core truths.

In a world already divided, the church’s unity can be a powerful witness—showing that love, grace, and truth can hold diverse people together under the one Lord, Christ Jesus.

Let’s get involved, stay involved and pray for our leadership (deacons, leadership team, etc.) to guide our church and to find us the right shepherd to lead us on into the future.

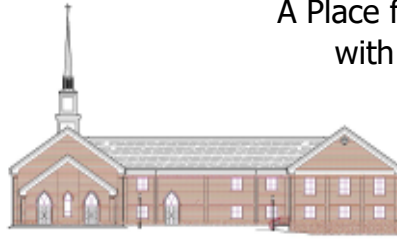
Peace, love & joy, Donna

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	9/14 - 9/20	Ray Spenilla, Lewey Lee
	9/21 - 9/27	John Ponish, Ruby Salyers
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	September	David & Sandy Mullins
		Doug & Betty Dotson
Children's Church	September 21	Caroline Jessee, Sandy Mullins
Offering Ushers	September	Ron Helton Team
Tellers	September	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Wed. Night Meals	9/17	Spaghetti, Salad, Bread
	9/24	Breakfast for Supper
Wed. Cook Teams	9/17	Donna & Team
	9/24	Don & Deacons

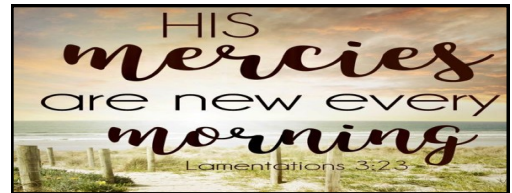


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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 pm
	Christmas Cantata Rehearsals	6:30 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st, 3rd, 5th)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Saturday	Men's Bible Study	7:00 am



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Thought for the Week:

**Whom the Son sets free,
is free indeed!**