



WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

April 21, 2026

Supply Pastor
Andy Barnes
(804) 837-0772



Music Director
Donna Hutchinson
(276) 393-5004

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, Apr. 22,
6 PM Dinner

7 PM Bible Study
7:30 PM Choir Prac.

Sunday, April 26

Sunday School
10 AM

Worship Service
11 AM

******Yard Sale******

June 5-6
8:30 am - 2 pm

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

Wednesday Night Bible Study
7 pm
Jim Collie

WEDNESDAY MEAL
BBQ, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans



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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	639-2313
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

Working Women's Bible Study

A brand new Bible Study,
offered for
Working Women!!

Next meeting this Sunday,
April 26th, at 5:15 PM,
in the Fellowship Hall.

Please contact Jennifer
Mullins if interested at
(276) 393-9532

As you pray, please remember...



Leona & Jerry Jessee, David & Sandy Mullins, Pauletta Hubbard, Janet Hensen, Stephanie Dellinger & Baby, Kathleen Rasnick, Peggy Stillwell, Deanna Adkins, Aaron Collier, Vicki Stephens, the family of Joe Bandy, Jeannie Knotts & Family, Terry Winters & Mom, Christy Kelley, Ann Wade, John & Diana Roberts, Dawn Hawes, Bella Sisson, Johnny & Renee Robinson, Robert Raines & Family, Family of Susan Rose, Gwyn Carlton, Lewey & Brenda Lee, Jerry & Wanda Baird, Cecil & Glenna Mullins, Alan Adkins, David & Natalie Luther, Irene Humphries, Mike Peak, Megan Moody, Jane Hughes, Grace Allio, Kathy Helton, Jim & Judy Sturgill, John & Kathy Kennedy, Jordan Joseph (grandson of Virginia Ebert), Jim & June Dotson, Cyrus Jones, 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, our men & women in the military, our college students' studies and jobs, and our pastor search committee.

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

Hi
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IT'S PARTY TIME!



JOIN US FOR

Carter's 5th Birthday

April | 25 | 12 PM

WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

211 Spring Ave. NE

RSVP to Stephanie: 276-639-5681



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC, ETC.



April 21 Hudson Rousseau
April 22 Noah Hall
April 23 Tyler Hopkins
April 26 Carter Collins
April 27 Linda Burgess
Reuben Swindall

Happy Anniversary

April 24 Don & Cyndi Newlon
April 27 Stan & Brenda Kunigelis

2026 MEOC 50th Annual Walkathon

The 50th annual walkathon, to support the Emergency Fuel Fund for the Elderly, will be held on Sunday, May 3, at Bullitt Park in Big Stone Gap. Registration for the 5K walk along the Greenbelt Trail will begin at 1 p.m. The walk starts at 2 p.m., rain or shine. A picnic for all participants will follow, along with food trucks and a live concert by If Birds Could Fly.

If interested, information letter and forms for donations and sponsor information are located on the bulletin board outside the church office.

This Week's Scripture:

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

WBC Music Ministry



I have really been thinking about our church bringing in a new pastor and it hit me that a pastoral transition is one of the most significant moments in the life of a church. It brings anticipation, questions, and the opportunity for renewal. Preparing well—both spiritually and practically—helps the congregation welcome their new pastor with unity and confidence.

Before a new pastor arrives, the congregation benefits from grounding itself in prayer. Praying for openness, humility, and discernment helps the church embrace the new leader God is sending. This season is also a time to reflect on the church's mission and values, ensuring the community is spiritually aligned and ready to move forward.

A new pastor steps into a story already in progress. By revisiting the church's history, strengths, and unique culture, members can better articulate who they are. Sharing this identity with the incoming pastor creates a foundation of trust and understanding.

Transitions can create uncertainty, so clarity matters. Providing the congregation with updates, timelines, and expectations helps reduce anxiety. Likewise, preparing a thoughtful introduction for the new pastor—biographical information, ministry background, and opportunities to meet the congregation—helps everyone feel connected from the start.

Church leaders play a crucial role in smoothing the transition. Ensuring ministries are functioning well, responsibilities are clearly defined, and teams are ready to support the new pastor sets the stage for healthy collaboration. A stable structure allows the pastor to focus on relationships and vision rather than crisis management.

A new pastor needs time to learn names, understand traditions, and build relationships. Encouraging patience, hospitality, and grace helps the congregation create a warm environment where the pastor can thrive. Small gestures—welcome events, handwritten notes, or simple conversations—go a long way in building connection.

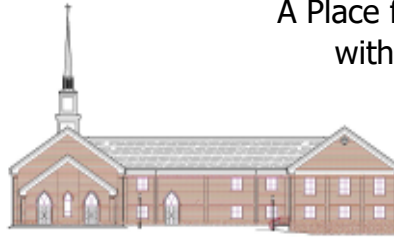
Let's begin preparing NOW for the new pastor and his family. Let's pray that God will lead us to the one that is meant to be here in Wise.

Peace, love & joy, Donna

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	4/19-4/25	Matt Meade, John Ponish
	4/26-5/2	Ron Helton, Jeff Elkins
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	April	Billie Sue Harris
Children's Church	April 26	
Offering Ushers	April	Matt Meade Team
	May	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	April	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
	May	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Wed. Night Meals	4/22	BBQ, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans Don & Team
	4/29	Pizza & Salad Volunteers for Desserts

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
Monday	Piecemakers (1st, 3rd, 5th)	9:00 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Dinner	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:

No one is so good that they don't need grace. No one is so bad that they can't receive it.

