



The SPARK

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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July 20, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, July 26

Sunday School
10 AM

Worship Service
11 AM

Wednesday Night
Activities

Dinner, Bible Study,
& Choir Practice
Will resume on...

August 5th
6:00 PM

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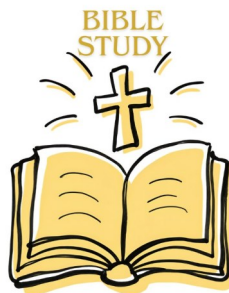
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DEACONS 2025 - 2026

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

Wednesday, August 5th, 6:00 PM



Seeking Assistance

Martha Blackburn will be renting to 3 college students in a few weeks when school starts back at UVA-Wise. The boys are in need of single beds (long if possible), mattresses, and something to use as desks for classwork. If you have any of these items you would be willing to loan out, they will be well taken care of and returned to you upon their departure. Please contact Martha if you are able to help.

Cell: 704-473-0156

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

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Nominations

On Sunday, August 9, the Church will submit suggestions for 3 new Deacons for the 2026-2027 church year. As we all prayerfully consider suggestions for Deacons, please be reminded of our by-laws description of the general responsibilities of a Deacon:

In accordance with the meaning of the work and the practice of the New Testament, Deacons are to be servants of the Church. The tasks of the Deacons are to assist the Pastor and staff by providing lay leadership; to assist with visitation and care for the Church and their families in times of need; to assist as needed with Church ordinances; and to otherwise assist the Pastor and staff in engaging the Church in a fellowship of worship and witness in accordance with the mission of the Church.

More information about the selection process will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Elkins at jeff@jeffelkinsesq.com.

Message from the Personnel Committee

Dear Church Family,

As we prepare for the upcoming church year, it is time to confirm that our church ministries are covered for another year.

This year, we are introducing a simpler and less time-consuming annual confirmation process.

Everyone who currently serves will receive a brief email listing their present ministry role or roles.

When you receive your email, simply hit Reply and confirm that you are willing to continue serving. That is all your Personnel Committee needs!

Thank you in advance for responding promptly—and, most importantly, thank you for sharing your time, gifts, and talents through the ministries of our church.

*"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*

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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.

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As you pray, please remember...

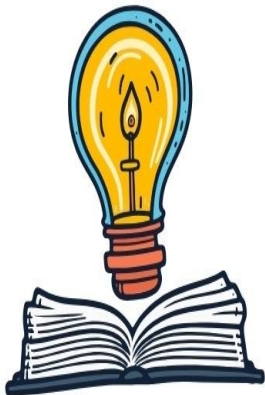


Leona & Jerry Jessee, Greg Johnson, Annie Tomlinson, Laquata Land, Linda Bailey & Family, The Edmiston Family, David & Sandy Mullins, Pauletta Hubbard, Janet Hensen, Stephanie Dellinger & Baby, Kathleen Rasnick, Peggy Stillwell, Deanna Adkins, The Family of Aaron Collier, Vicki Stephens, the family of Joe Bandy, Jeannie Knotts & Family, Terry Winters & Mom, Christy Kelley, Ann Wade, John & Diana Roberts, Dawn Hawes, 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.

Our Shut Ins: Andrew Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's dad)
Appalachia, VA

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

CHURCH LIBRARY



Our church library, located downstairs in the Ladies' Friendship classroom, holds numerous books of varying subjects, waiting to be picked up and read! No check-out required, no time limit to read. Stop by and see what literary treasures are waiting for you!

This Week's Scripture:

Ephesians 1:17-18

[I pray] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Help
Wanted*

Donations Needed

Becky Curtis needs our help!

The Health Wagon is excited to host the 5th Annual Davey's Back-to-School Shuffle on Thursday, July 30, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Shelcy Mullins, Sr. Fairgrounds.

She is in need of 40 packs of these type cookies, to give a few each to kids at the event.

**If you are able to donate, please bring your cookies to the church office by
Friday, July 24th.**



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC, ETC.



July 20	Ashton Taylor
	Carlie Tomlinson
July 21	Vicki Stephens
July 22	Dave Belcher
July 24	Debbie Collins
	Bonnie Owens
July 25	Susie Blanton
	Oscar Raile
July 26	David Allio
July 27	Allen Cantrell
	Cam Chisenhall



July 23	Doug & Betty Dotson
July 25	Kenny & Peggy Bowling
	John & Diana Roberts



WBC Music Ministry

As we get closer to finding a new shepherd for our church, we need to accept some hard truths. **THERE WILL BE CHANGE!** and no matter who you are or where you are within our church family, this is a fact that we must accept. Change is hard, especially the older you get.

Churches throughout the ages have always been shaped by the world around them, but today the pace of change is forcing many congregations to rethink how they connect, communicate, and serve. The heart of the church may remain the same, yet the ways it reaches people are evolving quickly.

Churches are adapting to cultural shifts, new technologies, and changing community needs. Many congregations, such as ours, livestream services, some offer digital devotionals, and use social media to stay connected with members who may rarely step inside a sanctuary. This isn't about replacing tradition—it's about expanding it so people can participate wherever they are.

At the same time, churches are reimagining their role in local communities. Instead of focusing solely on Sunday mornings, many are investing in food programs, mental-health support, addiction recovery groups, and youth outreach. These efforts reflect a broader understanding of ministry: meeting people's needs in practical, everyday ways.

Worship styles are shifting too. We sometimes sing contemporary pieces such as *The Goodness of God*, *10,000 Reasons*, etc. Some churches incorporate modern music, conversational teaching, or interactive elements to make services feel more accessible. Others are rediscovering ancient practices—like liturgy, silence, or communal prayer—to offer a sense of grounding in a fast-moving world. The common thread is a desire to help people feel connected, not just informed.

Churches that adapt thoughtfully often find themselves becoming more inclusive, more community-focused, and more resilient. Change doesn't mean abandoning core beliefs; it means expressing them in ways that resonate with today's world. As society continues to evolve, churches that listen, learn, and innovate will remain vital places of hope and belonging.

Let's focus on Jesus and try to remember that just because it's not how we've always done it, doesn't mean that it is wrong and might attract others to worship with us.

Peace, love & joy, Donna

Volunteers this Week

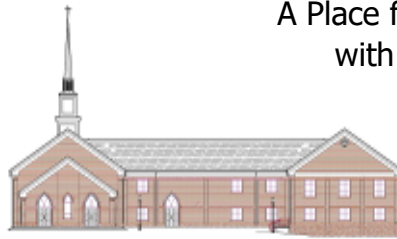
Deacons On Call	7/19-7/25	John Mark Adrian, Ron Helton
	7/26-8/1	Ray Spenilla, Lewey Lee
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	July	John Ponish
Children's Church	July 12	TBA
Offering Ushers	July	Matt Meade Team
	August	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	July	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
	August	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth

Wed. Night Meals

Will Resume on **August 5th** at 6:00 PM



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)	

A MERRY HEART
DOETH GOOD
LIKE A MEDICINE.
PROVERBS 17:22

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Like us at:
Wise Baptist Church

TRUST
IN THE
LORD
WITH ALL
YOUR
[preverbs 3:5]

Thought for the Week:

God answers knee-mail.
Send Him some!

