



The SPARK

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

July 8, 2026

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A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

This Sunday !!

We are excited that Cole Dellinger, an applicant for our open pastor position, and his family, will be visiting Wise this weekend, and Cole will be preaching Sunday morning. The Dellinger's currently live in North Carolina. Please plan to join us in worship on Sunday morning.

Also, in lieu of our normal Sunday School hour, at 10AM on Sunday, a meet and greet time with Cole and his family will take place in the fellowship hall. All are welcome! Come help us make the Dellinger's feel welcome.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, July 12

**Meet & Greet
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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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

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

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

As you pray, please remember...

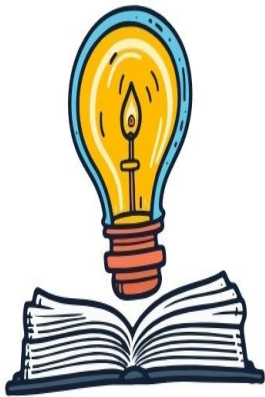


Leona & Jerry Jessee, Greg Johnson, Annie Tomlinson, Laquata Land, Linda Bailey & Family, The Edmiston Family, David & Sandy Mullins, Pauletta Hubbard, Janet Hensen, Stephanie Dellinger & Baby, Kathleen Rasnick, Peggy Stillwell, Deanna Adkins, The Family of Aaron Collier, Vicki Stephens, the family of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

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:

Psalm 25:4-5

**Show me Your ways, O Lord;
Teach me Your paths.**

**Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
For You are the God of
my salvation.**

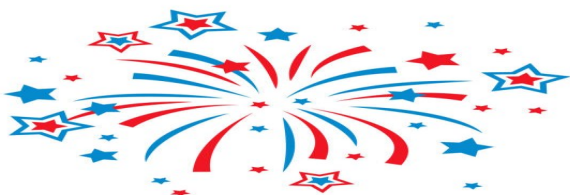
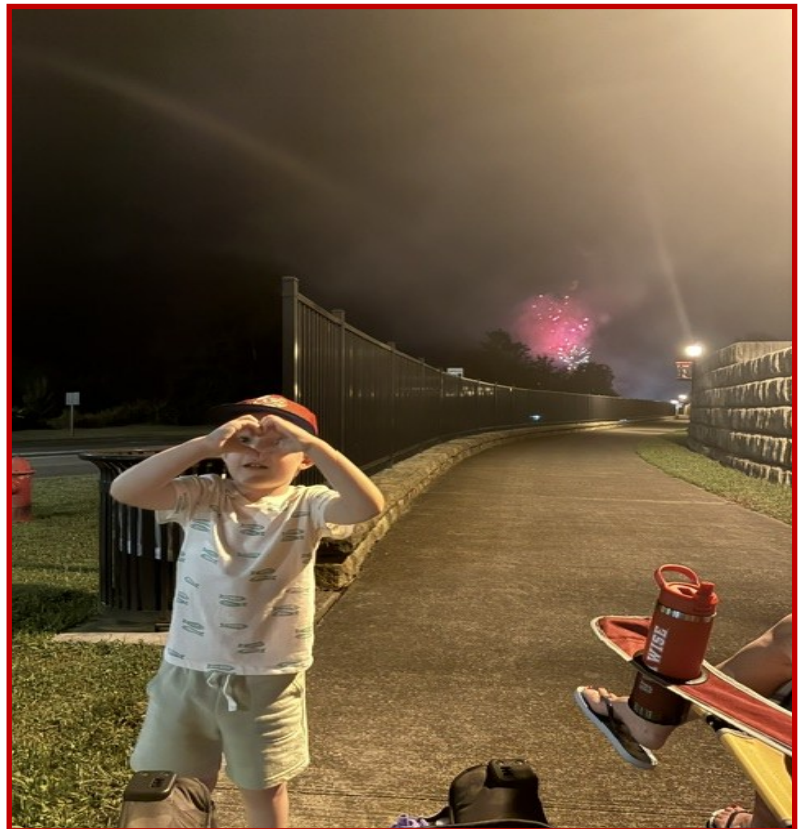
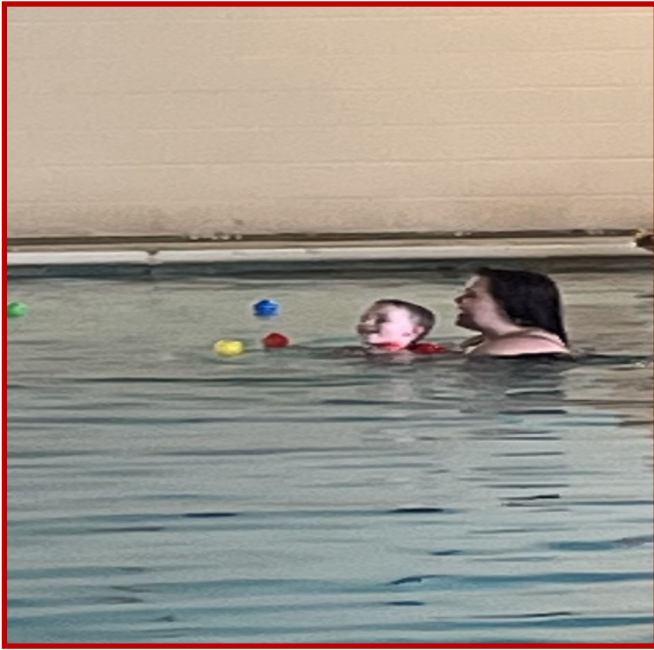
On You I wait all the day.

Summer Fun !!!

Check out some of the activities Carter Collins has been up to this summer, from bubbles and playgrounds, to fireworks and the Creeper Trail, learning to swim and movie nights at The Big Glades!



Summer Fun !!!



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC, ETC.



July 8	Rick Meade
	Maverick Mullins
	Andrew Sexton
July 9	Wilma Graham
July 10	Mary Beth Adkins
	Jennifer Spenilla
	Erra Sutherland
July 11	Kenny Bowling
	Lloyd Tomlinson
	Sandy Yun
July 12	Braden Hall
July 15	Ayden Browning
	Lily Sexton



July 11	Jeff & Kathy Dotson
July 14	Steve & Margie Horton



WBC Music Ministry

Doug's message Sunday got me thinking about the part music plays in worshipping God.

Worship has always been intertwined with music, not as an accessory but as a core expression of faith. At its heart, worship is about directing attention, affection, and awe toward the divine. Music becomes the bridge that carries those emotions farther than spoken words alone ever could.

Melody and rhythm tap into parts of the mind that are deeply emotional. A simple chord progression can soften the heart, open the mind, and create a sense of unity among people gathered to worship. This emotional resonance helps worshippers move from everyday distractions into a posture of reverence.

Different musical styles influence how worship feels. A soaring hymn can evoke tradition and stability. A quiet acoustic song invites reflection. A driving, energetic chorus can spark celebration. Music sets the tone, guiding the congregation through moments of praise, confession, lament, and joy. That is why our choir chooses to sing just before the message presented by our pastor or preacher.

When people sing together, they breathe together, listen to one another, and contribute their voices to a shared purpose. This collective act strengthens community bonds and reminds worshippers that faith is not a solitary journey.

For many, singing becomes a form of prayer. Lyrics help articulate beliefs, hopes, and struggles. Repetition reinforces spiritual truths. The act of singing itself—lifting one's voice—becomes a physical expression of devotion.

Music doesn't just accompany worship; it shapes it. It gives worship a heartbeat, a voice, and a way for people to connect deeply with their faith and with one another.

It is not just a suggestion from God, it is an edict from God that we sing praises to him.

Peace, love & joy, Donna

Volunteers this Week

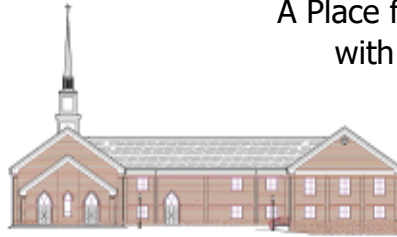
Deacons On Call	7/5-7/11	Lewey Lee, Debbie Collins
	7/12-7/18	Ruby Salyers, Matt Meade
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	July	John Ponish
Children's Church	July 12	TBA
Offering Ushers	July	Matt Meade Team
	August	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	July	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
	August	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth

Wed. Night Meals

No Dinners or Bible Study until August 5th



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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Meet & Greet (Fellowship Hall) Worship	10:00 am 11:00 am
Monday	Piecemakers (1st, 3rd, 5th) Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	9:00 am

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Thought for the Week:

Even mosquitos know there is
Power in the Blood !!

