



The SPARK

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 18, 2026

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IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, Aug. 19
Dinner, Bible Study

Sunday, August 23

Sunday School
10 AM

Worship Service
11 AM

Wednesday, Aug. 26
Dinner 6 pm
Business Meeting
7pm

Next Choir Practice
Wed., August 26
@ 7:30 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	639-2313

Deacon Emeritus:
Bob Adkins

Wednesday,
August 19th,
6:00 PM

Hamburger,
French Fries,
Salad

Christmas Cantata Practice

First practice / meeting will take
place on Sunday, August 30
at 6:00 PM
in the Fellowship Hall

BUSINESS

Please plan to attend our important
annual business meeting on
Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00 PM

MEETING

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

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, Lynn Tatum, Doug & Donna Adkins, 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,



Back in action, our Kindergarten through Second grade Sunday school class is up and running!

Karen Ponish has graciously volunteered to lead our young hearts and minds in the study of Jesus and His LOVE!

If you know of any families with children these ages, please invite them to join us on Sunday mornings!

This Week's Scripture:

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

ANNOUNCEMENTS



YOUTH ACTIVITY ~ Saturday, August 22

You've been hearing about & seeing photos of our newly created "youth hangout room" at Wise Baptist Church...the time has come for an official Kick-Off activity!!

All youth (grades 6-12) are invited to some fun, food & fellowship in The 4:12 room, which is located at the end of the upstairs hallway nearest the back parking lot.

What TIME are we meeting? At 4:12pm, of course!

* Come find out WHY the youth room is called "The 4:12"!

* Teresa Adkins will be sharing her COOKING skills with us as we gather in the church kitchen to make something sweet & something savory

* POSTER PARTY - help decorate The 4:12

* If time, we will watch an episode of "The Chosen"

* Questions? Contact Isabella Adrian or Terry Winters

Hope to see you Saturday!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!



On September 11, 2026, beginning at 4:00 pm, WBC will be feeding the Central Warrior Football team a pre-game meal before they take on the Ridgeview Wolfpack.

We need volunteers to be there about 3:30 to serve food. This is an excellent opportunity for our church to not only serve our community, but also to reach young kids by getting involved with our local school!!

If you are willing and able to take part in this meaningful occasion, please let Donna know.

276-393-5004



A new year of church programming is upon us, and I thought it would be fun to try something new. I would like to collect recipes from the Wednesday meals and compile them to share at the end of the year. Church cookbooks are

some of my very favorites, and we have many excellent cooks at Wise Baptist. When you bring a dish to potluck, or if you serve on a cook team, please bring a copy of your recipe. I will collect them, put them all together next year when we take our summer break, and make them available to all. What form that will take, I'm not sure yet, and suggestions are welcome. If you would like to include a couple of sentences about the origin of your recipe, that would be even better! I hope you will plan to participate.

Diane

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WBC Introduction to Stained Glass

Beth Snodgrass (276-870-9585) will function as the coordinator for this class.

Stan Kunigelis (florida4cdn@gmail.com) will be the instructor (with volunteer assistants).

Donna Hutchinson (276-393-5004) will be the overseer.

There will be no administrative fee for this course but students will pay for all supplies used for their projects.

You may want to skim over the Delphi website to give you a feel for costs of supplies.

<https://www.delphiglass.com/search/tool-kits>

The course will take place in the WBC Youth Bldg on Friday evenings from 7-9:30pm, starting September 18th.

Anyone who has taken a past stained glass class, WBC or elsewhere, and has a toolkit gathering dust in the closet, would you be willing to let us use it for this course? It will be returned.

We will have an organizational meeting on Friday September 18th at 7 pm to discuss potential projects, supplies, and toolkits.

Please let Beth Snodgrass know if you are interested in attending this exploratory stained glass class.

This is a good time of year to begin thinking about holiday projects and gifts for that special someone.

Blessings,

Stan

SUMMER FUN



Sunday School
Cookout
at Russell Wampler's
House

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC, ETC.



August 18	Kim Hodges
August 19	Rose Kennedy
August 20	Teresa Adkins
	Cindy Elkins
	Holden Osborne
August 21	Suzanne Baird
	Cindi Farmer
	Paul Phillips
	Sutton Polly
August 22	Alex Hall
August 23	Jeff Sturgill
August 24	Jerry Baird
August 25	Linda Bailey
	Brenda Lee



Happy Anniversary



August 21



Scott & Beth Snodgrass

WBC Music Ministry

As we look ahead to the coming church year, the Bible reminds us that rest is not a luxury but a sacred rhythm ordained by God. In Genesis 2, after six days of creation, God rested on the seventh, blessing and sanctifying it as the Sabbath — a pattern we are called to follow. I just did this, and I feel refreshed, renewed, and ready for the coming year. This rest is not laziness; it is an act of faith, a time to depend on God and be renewed in body, soul, and spirit.

I have prepared my mind and body and am now excited for the new church year and the chances of growth that it might bring. Let's all plan rest and relaxation as part of our spiritual discipline and prepare for this coming year. This could mean setting aside time for prayer, worship, family, or quiet reflection. It could be a weekly Sabbath, a midweek pause, or even moments of stillness during the day. These times allow us to "be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

Rest is also a way to honor God's design for our lives. Leisure, when used in worship and connection, becomes an act of devotion, deepening our relationship with Him and with others. In a world that often equates busyness with worth, choosing rest is a declaration of faith and trust.

May the coming year bring not only goals and plans, but also the wisdom to pause, reflect, and rest — so that we may be refreshed, renewed, and ready to serve God with joy and purpose.

While you are "resting", be praying about where you will serve. We ALL need to serve, not just a select few. With all of us serving, we can grow our church, even while being "pastor-less".

Come serve with me!

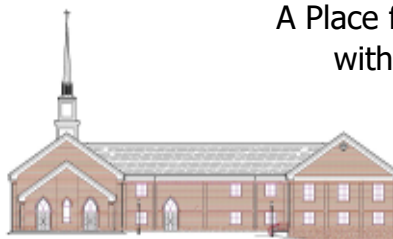
Peace, love & joy, Donna

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	8/16-8/22	Debbie Collins, Ray Spenilla
	8/23-8/29	Matt Meade, John Ponish
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	August	Jack & Marsha Tolbert
Children's Church	August 23	TBA
Offering Ushers	August	Jeff Dotson Team
	September	Ron Helton Team
Tellers	August	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
	September	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Wed. Night Meals	8/19	Hamburgers, French Fries, Salad Don & Team
	8/26	Fajitas, Rice, Beans, Salad Donna & Team



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



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Like us at:
Wise Baptist Church

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

Thought for the Week:

Some people say they found
God. I didn't know He was
lost — I just thought He was
quietly waiting for me to
stop scrolling my phone.

