



# The SPARK

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

September 28, 2026

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday**  
**Sept. 30**  
**Dinner 6 pm**

***Bible Study 7 pm***

***Choir Practice***  
***@ 7:30 PM***

## **Sunday, October 4**

**Sunday School**  
**10 AM**

**Worship Service**  
**11 AM**

**Cantata Practice at 6:00**  
**PM**

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## DEACONS 2026 - 2027

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| John Mark Adrian | 328-5564 |
| Jim Collie       | 393-1710 |
| Ron Helton       | 393-6145 |
| Stan Kunigelis   | 328-8717 |
| Matt Meade       | 393-9177 |
| David Mullins    | 870-0005 |
| John Ponish      | 870-1593 |
| Ruby Salyers     | 870-0590 |
| Ray Spenilla     | 639-2313 |

Deacon Emeritus:  
Bob Adkins

Wednesday, September 30 @ 6:00 PM

*Pizza*



**Bible Study**

**Wednesday, September 30th @ 7 PM**

**John Ponish**

**Choir Practice**

**Wednesday, September 30th**

**7:30 pm**

### How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

*Express one of the following to the Pastor during the closing hymn:*

- |                             |                                                                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| † <b>Transfer of Letter</b> | Transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church                              |
| † <b>Baptism</b>            | Desire to express faith in Christ through baptism                       |
| † <b>Statement of Faith</b> | Baptized believer not on a membership roll                              |
| † <b>Watch Care</b>         | 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, Christi Lardieri, James Ramey, Jarret, Maggie, & Kyle Roberts, Linda Dale & Family, Sherlene Hall & Family, Lynn Tatum, Doug & Donna Adkins, Greg Johnson, Annie Tomlinson, Laquata Land, Linda Bailey & Family, The Edmiston Family, David & Sandy Mullins, Pauletta Hubbard, Janet Hensen, 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

"The will of  
**GOD**  
will **never** take  
you to where  
the grace of  
God will not  
protect you."

- Bernadette Devlin

### This Week's Scripture:

**James 1:2-4**

**Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WBC Introduction to Stained Glass

Friday Nights

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

WBC Youth Building

Contact:

Beth Snodgrass (276-870-9585)

### With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

We extend our deepest condolences to Betty Dotson and Family in the loss of her brother, Haskell Dotson.

Please lift Betty and her family up during this difficult time of loss.



## Tiny Tots Story Hour



Join us Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026



10 AM in the WBC Youth Building

Snacks, Crafts, Games,  
and a great Story  
for your little ones!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Community in Action

Wise County DSS is holding a luggage drive for youth in their care. We can help by assisting with luggage donations. We will be holding the drive from October 1-October 31, 2026.



Why luggage?



When a child enters foster care, they may have to leave home quickly, sometimes carrying their belongings in a trash bag. A new suitcase or duffel bag can represent more than a way to carry their belongings – it provides dignity, security, and something of their very own during an uncertain time.

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these...you did for me.” – Matthew 25:40

Please see attached flyer for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Collins at 276-639-5681

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LUGGAGE DRIVE FOR FOSTER YOUTH

### Help Them Pack with Dignity

Imagine having to pack your entire life into a trash bag. Let's change that story. We are collecting new luggage for local youth of all ages entering foster care.



#### DROP OFF DONATIONS

**Wise County Dept. of Social Services**  
10365 Pinnacle Dr  
Wise, VA 24293

**Donation Hours:**  
Mon-Fri 8am-4pm



#### ARRANGE PICK-UP

Can't drop off? We will come to you!  
Call us to schedule a  
convenient pick-up.

**276-328-8056**

#### WHAT WE NEED (New Only)



Any Size New Rollers



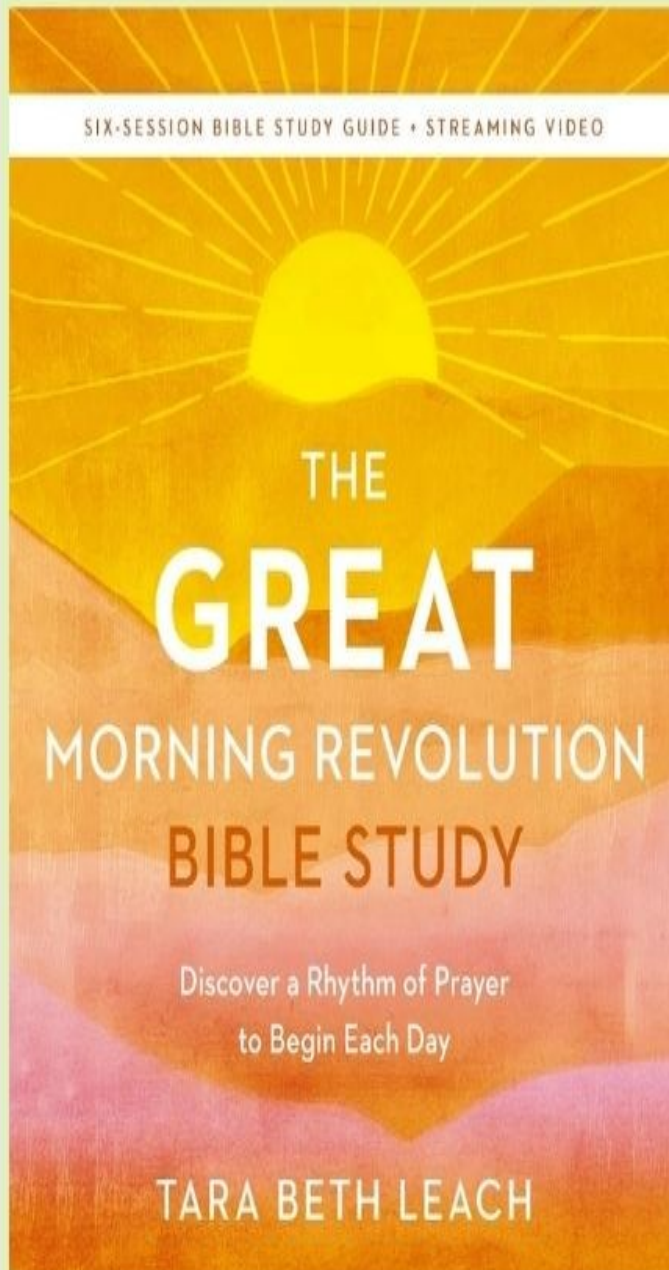
Any Size New Duffels

**Every Youth Deserves to Feel Valued.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Discover ways to help you prayerfully center your day on God through this 6 week Bible study!

Offered on Tuesdays at  
10 AM or 6:30 PM  
(You Choose!)

Begins at WBC on Tuesday,  
September 22nd

To sign up today, contact  
Karen Ponish  
276-870-6665

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC, ETC.



|              |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|
| September 28 | Jonathan Whittaker |
| September 30 | Lloyd Cantrell     |
| October 1    | Misty Belcher      |
|              | Gloria Raile       |
| October 2    | Ann Wade           |
|              | Annika Addington   |
| October 4    | Brandon Winters    |
| October 6    | Tony Harris        |
|              | Mason Wampler      |



### Happy Anniversary



October 5



Rick and Holly Meade



### WBC Music Ministry

Karen Ponish is offering a Bible study on Tuesday mornings/and or evenings in the Fellowship Hall and we are using THE GREAT MORNING REVOLUTION Bible Study by Tara Beth Leach.

This is a 6-week study and this past week has been about setting a routine in the mornings to support prayer. The first couple of mornings were great and I felt refreshed, but then I began struggling to get myself up and moving; Legend (my dog), wanted to snuggle and play, my phone started ringing EARLY in the morning, etc. I DID get in my prayer and used my study guide, but it was definitely a struggle. After a few days of this, it got better. The puppy decided he wanted to go outside and hang in the yard for a few minutes and my phone quit ringing. I was still groggy, but I did talk to God for about 10 minutes each morning.

Jesus told us to go into a quiet place in secret. I chose my bathroom. It is quiet, it is out of the way and it's usually good and warm.

I have found that morning prayer is more than a spiritual ritual—it's a powerful way to set the tone for the entire day. In those quiet moments before the world fully awakens, prayer offers a sacred pause, allowing the heart and mind to align with peace, gratitude, and purpose.

Starting the day with prayer helps shift focus from worry to trust. It invites clarity in decision-making, strengthens resilience against daily challenges, and nurtures a sense of hope. Whether whispered in solitude, spoken aloud, or simply felt in the heart, morning prayer creates a space where faith meets intention.

Beyond personal benefits, morning prayer can deepen our connection to God and foster compassion toward others. It reminds us that each day is a gift—an opportunity to live with kindness, patience, and courage. Even a few minutes of sincere prayer can transform the way we approach our responsibilities, relationships, and goals.

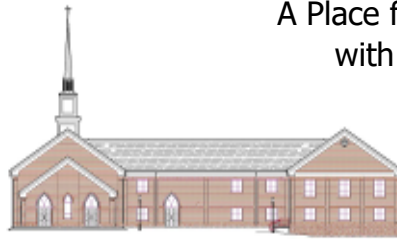
Peace, love & joy, Donna

## Volunteers this Week

|                        |            |                                          |
|------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------|
| Deacons On Call        | 9/27-10/3  | David Mullins, Stan Kunigelis            |
|                        | 10/4-10/10 | Stan Kunigelis, Ron Helton               |
| Building Stewards      |            | Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass              |
| Instrumentalists       |            | Susan Mullins, Susan Smith               |
| Sunday School Greeters | October    | TBA                                      |
| Children's Church      | October 4  | TBA                                      |
| Offering Ushers        | October    | Matt Meade Team                          |
|                        | November   | Jeff Dotson Team                         |
| Tellers                | October    | Martha Blackburn,<br>Jessica Crutchfield |
|                        | November   | Don Newlon, Oscar Raile                  |
| Wed. Night Meals       | 9/30       | Pizza                                    |
|                        |            | Volunteers                               |
|                        | 10/7       | Potluck<br>Diane Cornett, Sherry Collie  |

SEPTEMBER

A Place for Faith and Fellowship  
with Family and Friends



## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

|           |                             |                     |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday    | Sunday School               | 10:00 am            |
|           | Worship                     | 11:00 am            |
|           | Cantata Practice            | 6:00 pm             |
| Monday    | Piecemakers (1st, 3rd, 5th) | 9:00 am             |
|           | Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)  |                     |
| Tuesday   | Women's Bible Study         | 10:00 am or 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday | Dinner                      | 6:00 pm             |
|           | Bible Study                 | 7:00 pm             |
|           | Choir Practice              | 7:30 pm             |
| Friday    | Stained Glass Class         | 7:00 pm             |
| Saturday  | Tiny Tots Story Hour        | 10:00 am            |



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Like us at:  
Wise Baptist Church

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

## Thought for the Week

Never be afraid to trust an  
unknown future to our  
known God.  
-Corrie ten Boom

