



The SPARK

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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September 8, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday
Sept. 9
Dinner 6 pm

Bible Study 7 pm

Choir Practice
@ 7:30 PM

Sunday, September
13

Sunday School
10 AM

Worship Service
11 AM

Cantata Practice at 6:00
PM

Wednesday, September 9 @ 6:00 PM

Meat Loaf, Green Beans,
Baked Potato



Bible Study

Wednesday, September 9th @ 7 PM

Karen Ponish

Choir Practice

Wednesday, September 9th

7:30 pm

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

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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

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

The Lord's Prayer

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During Jesus' public ministry, the 12 disciples, who later became apostles, saw Jesus teach, heal the sick, and perform miracles which drew large crowds in Galilee.

The apostles saw that private prayer was an important part of Jesus' life. Jesus' ministry required regular prayer with God. Jesus gained strength and guidance from his prayer sessions. Earthly Jesus relied upon his heavenly Father for guidance and strength. Healing, miracles, teaching were all public events. However, Jesus often prayed in private. This intrigued the 12 disciples.

The Sermon on the Mount took place during Jesus' first year of ministry. Matthew chapter 6 records one of the disciples, possibly Peter, asking Jesus to teach them to pray. This is also recorded in Luke 11:1. Luke never met Jesus, he was not an apostle or one of the original disciples. Luke was a gentile, a physician, a disciple to the apostle Paul. His gospel was written at least 50 years after Jesus' crucifixion.

Jesus did not teach the 12 disciples a single prayer but taught them the components of prayer. Basically, the template / structure/ framework of any prayer. What should a prayer include? I must admit that I have incorrectly thought that the Lord's Prayer was an actual prayer and have often recited it as such.



KNOWLEDGE & WISDOM

Prayer contains six components known as the Lord's Prayer Hexagon. Each side of the hexagon is an important part of any prayer.

The top of the hexagon is side number one. Side one is labeled "Character" and is meant to honor God who is central to all things. God is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. He is at the center, not us, "Hallowed be your name".

When constructing a prayer, side two is called "Kingdom". Here, you ask for God's heavenly will to be applied to earthly matters. Our desires are secondary to God's will, "Your will be done on earth as in heaven".

The third of six sides is called "Provision". We are God's children and depend upon him to help meet our earthly needs. We can't do it alone, "Give us this day our daily bread".

The fourth side of the hexagon is "Forgiveness". Here, receiving God's grace teaches to forgive those who have wronged you. Think of sin as debt. "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Mercy is both received and given.

The fifth hexagonal side is called "Guidance". Here, we seek wisdom and direction to make godly choices and decisions, "Lead us not into temptation".

The sixth and final side, is "Protection". Here, we acknowledge our spiritual difficulties and seek God's help to keep us from harm, "Deliver us from evil".

So, when we pray, our prayers should contain all six sides or items of the Lord's Prayer Hexagon. You can start on any side and emphasize any of the six attributes according to your current life's situation and needs. God will understand.

Pray frequently and earnestly.

May the Lord bless you and guide you through prayer.

Stan

It's a good day to be a Christian!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You

We sincerely appreciate
Betty Dotson and Diane Cornett
for planting and watering the
beautiful flowers that adorn our
church property!!



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, 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

*If you know of other prayer concerns,

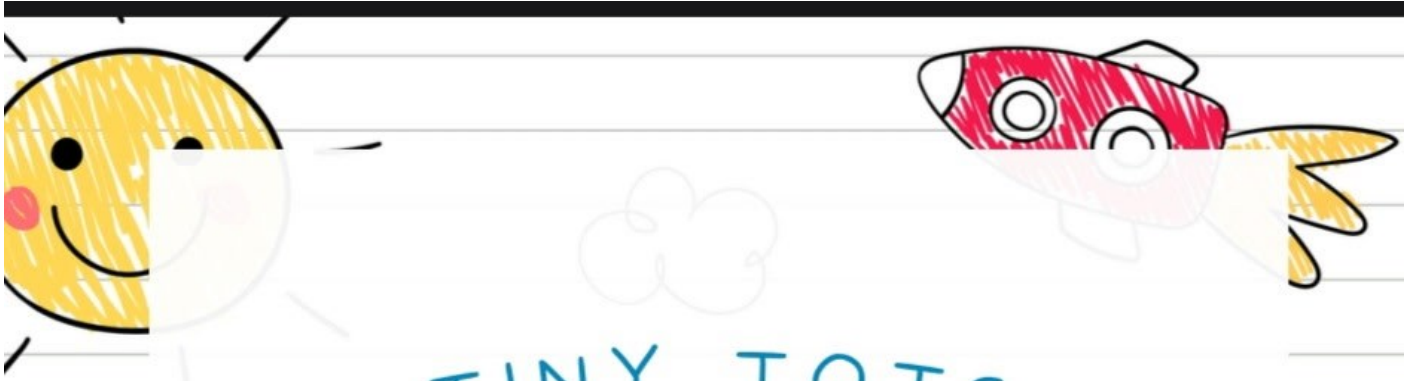
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YOU DO
DO IT ALL
for the glory of
GOD

This Week's Scripture:

Mark 6: 42-44

They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish.

The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.



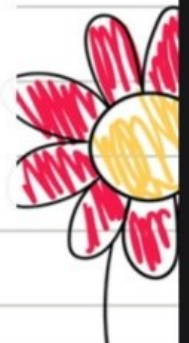
TINY TOTS

STORY HOUR

JOIN US SEPTEMBER 12TH AT
10:00AM FOR A STORY HOUR!
FREE SNACKS, CRAFTS, AND
ACTIVITIES!

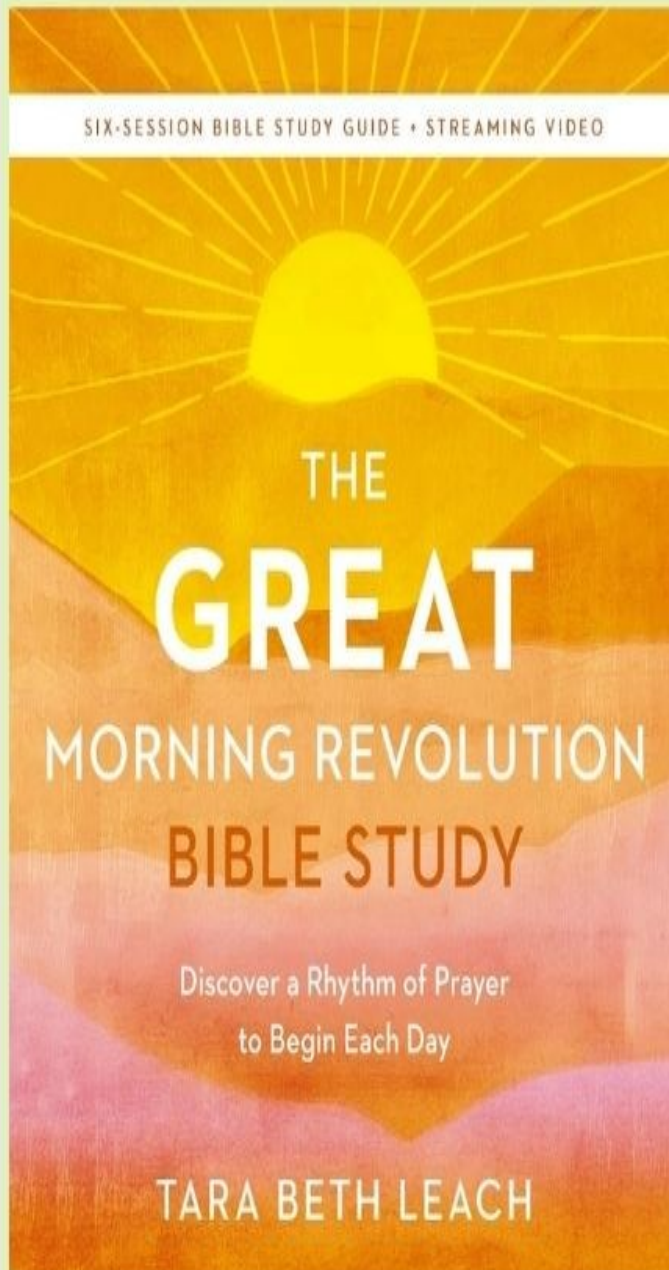
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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



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

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

Collegiate Student Ministries



Join us on Sunday mornings at
10 a.m. for our College Student
Ministries Sunday School class!!

Breakfast will be served!

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 Building 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

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC, ETC.



September 8 Scott Hall
Marty Kennedy
Nicole Sexton
September 9 Stephanie Wilson
September 13 Cordell Haggins
September 14 Cliff Carson
Jeremy Dotson
September 15 Kathy Dotson



WBC Music Ministry

The meteorological Autumn has begun....September 1 is the date even though Autumn doesn't begin until the end of the month. Our weather is feeling more like July than the Fall, but school has begun, we have started another new church year, and it is getting cooler at night.

I've been slowly putting my Summer clothes away and moving my heavier fall clothes into the front of my closet. I've been cleaning out my cabinets of all the old food stuffs that has been forgotten in the back and thinking about soups and stews coming soon to my table. With the coming of the Fall, my thoughts think about the changing of the seasons.

The seasons change with our church, also. These changes can be not so good or they can be a chance for us to grow, change the way we are doing things, and involve more and more people.

While we are going about our everyday lives, let's make a point to grow our church through word-of-mouth, through inviting others that are not involved in another church, and more than anything praying every single day for our church, our leaders and teachers, and our pastor search committee.

Let's continue to grow in this "season" we are in.

Peace, love & joy, Donna

A festive poster for a Christmas Cantata. It features a dark red background with a border of green pine branches, gold bells, and red bows. The text is in white and red, with a large white speech bubble containing the main announcement.

WBC
Christmas Cantata

**PRACTICE WILL RESUME ON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH,
AT 6:00 PM.**

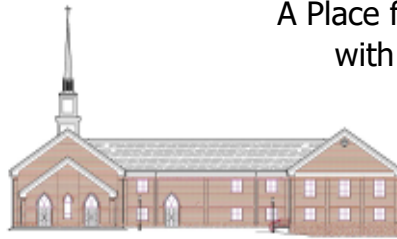
PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US!!

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	9/6-9/12	John Mark Adrian, Ray Spenilla
	9/13-9/19	Ray Spenilla, John Ponish
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	September	David & Sandy Mullins
Children's Church	September 13	TBA
Offering Ushers	September	Ron Helton Team
	October	Matt Meade Team
Tellers	September	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	October	Martha Blackburn,
		Jessica Crutchfield
Wed. Night Meals	9/9	Meat Loaf, Green Beans, Baked Potato Teresa & Team
	9/16	Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread

SEPTEMBER

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



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Wise Baptist Church

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

