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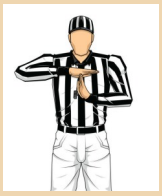
A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

November 17, 2026

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NO DINNER OR BIBLE STUDY ON

11-18-26

DUE TO HEAT PUMP ISSUES



Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 18

6:30 pm

Cantata Practice

Sunday, November 22 @ 6:00 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

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday November 18

No Dinner or Bible Study

Choir Practice @ 6:30 PM

Sunday, Nov. 22

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
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Bob Adkins

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, Becky Curtis(Tom) Christy Dowell (Annabelle's Mom) & Family, Stan Kunigelis, Juanita Wells, Family of Danny Stallard, Virginia Ebert and Family, Virginia Baker, The Family of Ruby Collins, The Family of Larry Maples, 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.

This Week's Scripture:

Isaiah 30:21

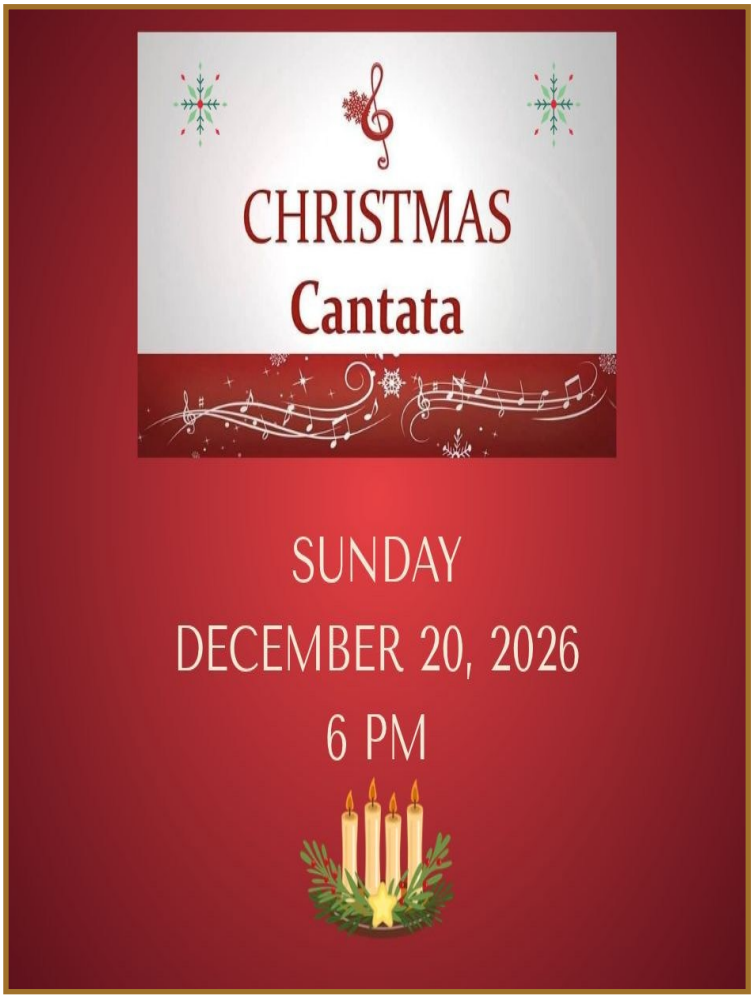
Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC, ETC.



November 18	Gwyn Carlton
November 19	Betty Dotson
November 20	Caitlin Rousseau
November 21	Dwight Jones
November 22	Daniel Ray
November 23	Dan Helton
November 25	Lala Baylor





WBC Music Ministry

Every November, America sets aside a day for gratitude. The turkey is carved, the pie is passed, and someone is asked to say grace. For many of us, it's one of the few days when the whole table pauses to say thank you. I'll interject here that if you have no one to celebrate with, you are invited to partake in a festive meal with me and my family and friends at Natural Tunnel State Park, Lover's Leap Campground #13 at 2:00 pm.

But Scripture never treats thankfulness as a once-a-year holiday. Paul writes to the Thessalonians, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, KJV). Notice that he says in everything, not for everything. We aren't asked to pretend that loss, worry, or hard seasons are good. We're invited to find God's faithfulness in the middle of them.

That's a countercultural idea. We live in a country of abundance, and abundance can quietly dull our gratitude. When we can have almost anything delivered by tomorrow, it's easy to stop seeing gifts as gifts. Our culture also teaches us to look at what's missing: the bigger house, the better job, the life that looks nicer on someone else's screen. Comparison is thankfulness's quiet thief.

Gratitude is also a form of worship. When we thank God, we confess that what we have is received, not earned. Every breath, every friendship, and every ordinary meal comes from the hand of a Father who gives good gifts. Thankfulness loosens our grip on anxiety because it reminds us who is actually providing.

Here are a few simple ways to practice it:

Start small. Each morning, name three specific things you're thankful for. Specifics matter more than generalities.

Say it out loud. Thank someone this week, whether a pastor, a neighbor, or a parent. Gratitude grows when it's shared.

Thank God in the hard places. Even in a difficult season, you can thank Him for His presence, for people who showed up, and for strength you didn't know you had.

Make it a table habit. Before the meal, let each person share one thing from the past week.

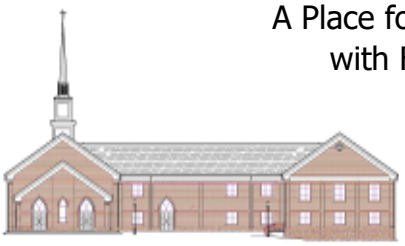
This Thanksgiving, as you gather with family and friends, let the day be more than a pause between work and football. Let it be a rehearsal for how you'll live the other 364 days: with open hands, a grateful heart, and eyes fixed on the Giver.

"*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.*" That's reason enough to begin.

Peace, love & joy, Donna

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	11/15-11/21	Ray Spenilla, David Mullins
	11/22-11/28	John Ponish, Stan Kunigelis
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	November	AshleeTaylor
Children's Church	November 22	TBA
Offering Ushers	November	Jeff Dotson Team
	December	Ron Helton Team
Tellers	November	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
	December	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
Wed. Night Meals	11/18	NO DINNER OR BIBLE STUDY
	11/25	NO WED. NIGHT ACTIVITIES



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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)	
Wednesday	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Friday	Stained Glass Class	7:00 pm



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Thought for the Week

Peace comes when the outcome is His responsibility and the obedience is yours.

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