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A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

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November 25, 2026

No Wednesday Night Activities

Happy Thanksgiving



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 25

No Activities

Sunday, Nov. 29

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

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:

Hebrews 12:28

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Advent, Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church opens its doors for the fourth annual Season of Hope concert series: four free Sunday-afternoon concerts at 3 p.m., each followed by a reception. This year's theme is the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," and each concert closes with everyone singing a verse of it together.

Nov. 29 · The Cowan Creek Youth Choir, directed by Beverly May, opens the series with the Galleynipper Piano Trio. The young singers are part of the Pick & Bow after-school program of the Cowan Creek Mountain Music School.

Dec. 6 · Bobby and Teddi Cyrus bring bluegrass, country and gospel, along with music for Christmas. The couple made their Grand Ole Opry debut in 2021.

Dec. 13 · The Heavenly Voices, the choir of Williams Chapel AME Zion Church in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, return with Christmas selections and African American spirituals. The choir has sung as the Heavenly Voices since 1998.

Dec. 20 · The finale brings cellist Dave Eggar, guitarist Phil Faconti and soprano Moira Murphy. Dave and Phil are both multi-Grammy nominees, and Moira is at home in opera, jazz and heavy metal.

The music is our gift to you. If you'd like to give in return, we invite you to support four local causes: ICAN Services, the Letcher County Domestic Violence Shelter, and our Backpack Meals or Jail ministries.

Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church · 18 Broadway Street, Whitesburg · All are welcome!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN INTERESTING PASSAGE FROM FACEBOOK

Tomorrow morning, millions of people will walk into church buildings across this country. Some will walk out saying, "That was amazing." Some will walk out saying, "I didn't get anything out of that." And both might be missing the point.

Here's the truth: worship was never about you. It's not about the songs you like or the style you grew up with. It's not about whether the band was too loud or the organ was too quiet. It's not about whether they sang the hymns you love or the new song you've had on repeat all week. It's not about whether the set list set you on fire. Worship is not a concert for us. It's an offering to Him.

I'll be honest with you. Not long ago I got two emails, twenty minutes apart. One said, "Keep going. Lean in even more." The other asked us to go in the exact opposite direction. Same church. Same Sunday. Same songs. Two completely different reactions.

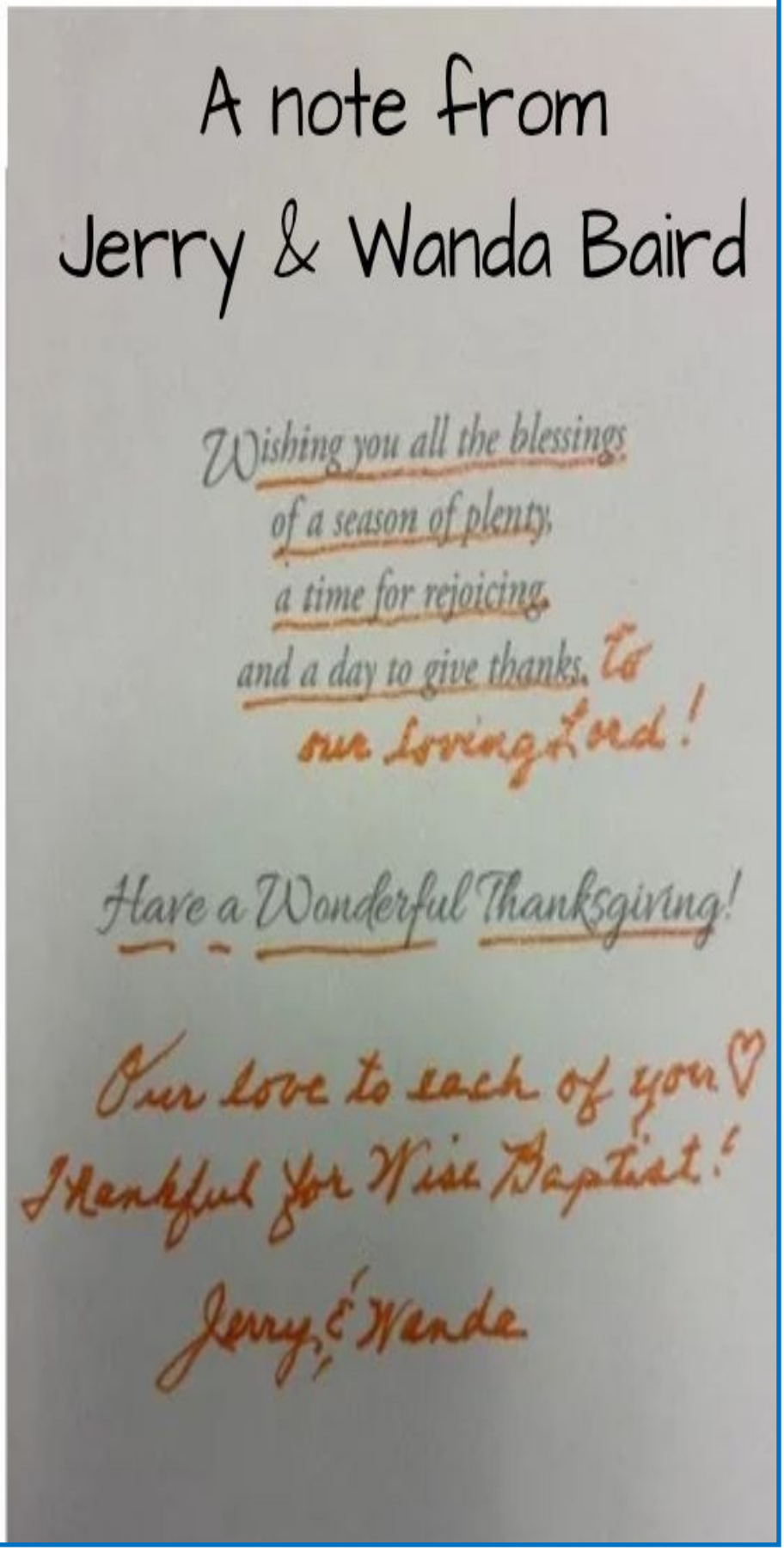
I let it stress me out for a while. I even questioned my prior decisions almost forgetting that it was God who led me there in the first place. If worship is about pleasing us, we will never get it right. But if worship is about glorifying God, we can't get it wrong when our hearts are surrendered to Him.

So tomorrow, wherever you go, don't walk in asking, "What am I going to get out of this?" Walk in asking, "What am I going to bring Him?" Bring your praise. Bring your surrender. Bring your whole heart. Sing like He's listening, because He is.

"Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and come before him. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness." 1 Chronicles 16:29 (CSB)

It's not about us. It never was. It's all about Him.

See you in church. 🙌

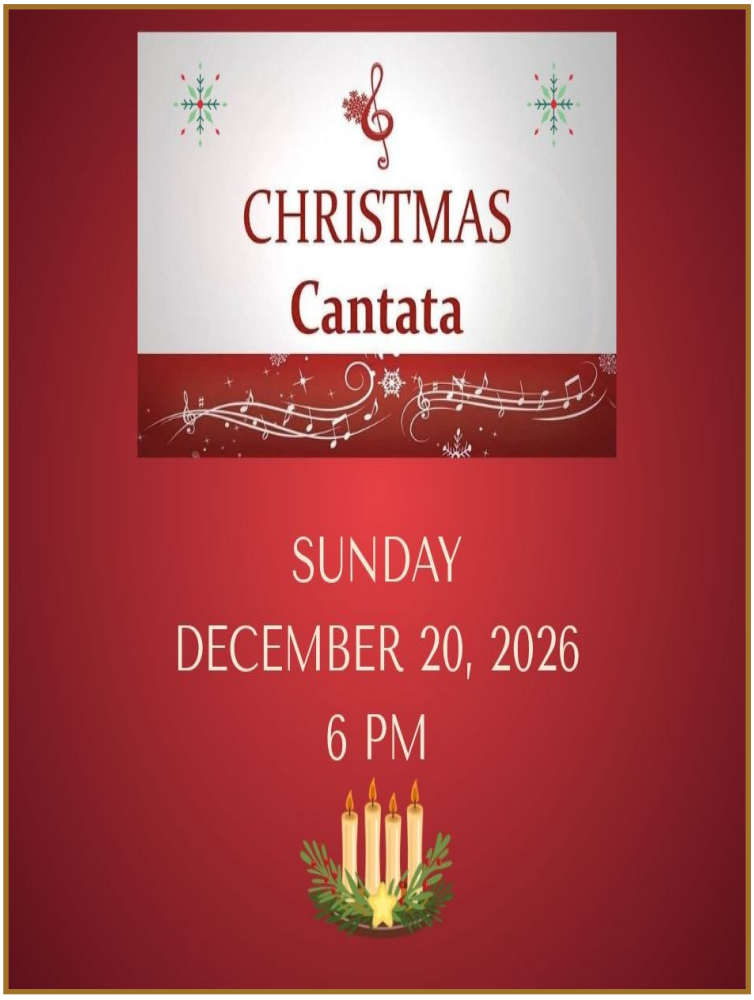


BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC, ETC.



November 25	Lala Baylor
November 28	T. Ray Maine
December 1	Jeff Dotson
	Brenda Kunigelis
December 2	Lalah Lyon
	Landon Tolbert
December 3	Teresa Glines





WBC Music Ministry

Advent is a time of waiting and watching. But what are we waiting on, and what are we watching for? Should we put off telling the story of Jesus and how He came to this world to die for our sins? Are we watchful for the hope that came into this world when God came in the form of a baby? We begin this season this coming Sunday, let us be watching for how we can share Jesus's love with others and waiting for what God can do in our lives through prayer and meditation and more importantly, actions. Let us act and share Jesus' love with people that we meet, with our friends, but more importantly, with our family. We don't want to spend eternity without them.

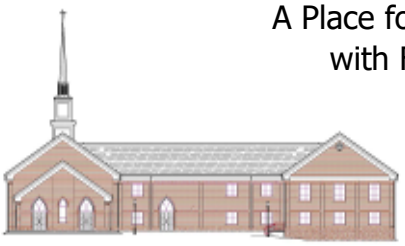
I hope you have a glorious Thanksgiving with those that you love. If you don't have plans, please come and join us at Natural Tunnel at 2 o'clock on Thursday. Just look for all the cars.

Let's go into this Advent season waiting and watching for God to move in our church, our home, and our town.

Peace, love & joy, Donna

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	11/22-11/28	John Ponish, Stan Kunigelis
	11/29-12/5	David Mullins, Jim Collie
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	November	AshleeTaylor
Children's Church	November 29	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	11/25	NO WED. NIGHT ACTIVITIES
	12/2	Potluck
		Diane Cornett, Sherry Collie



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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	No Activities on Wednesday November 25	
	**** Regular Schedule resumes Wed. December 2	



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Thought for the Week

"The most important thing in the world is family and love."
— John Wooden

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