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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 17 & 24, 2013

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

One of my favorite Christmas carols is “We Three Kings”. It was written by John Henry Hopkins (1820-1891), an Episcopal bishop and seminary music teacher. The song was released in 1863, when the Civil War must have caused people to wonder whether the world was coming to an end.

The Bible tells us there were three gifts offered to Jesus: gold (to honor a king), frankincense, (giving praise and worship) and myrrh (preparation for burial). Listen to the words of this carol and reflect on each gift:

*Born a king of Bethlehem’s plain.
Gold I bring to crown him again;
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.*

*Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship him, God most high.*

*Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying;
Sealed in a cold, dark tomb.*

Now listen as all is gathered and offered in worship!

*Glorious now behold him arise.
King and God and sacrifice!
Alleluia, alleluia,
Sounds through the earth and skies*

The best gifts we can bring are our alleluias. Worship Him with all of your heart!

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Church office closed

Dec 24, 25

Christmas Eve Communion

Dec 24 @ 11 pm

Merry Christmas

Dec 25

Church office closed

Dec 31, Jan 1

Marriage Retreat

Jan 24-26

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

Join us for a special Wise Baptist tradition! Bible reading, Christmas music, candle-lighting, and Communion will help us experience the wondrous Christmas story. Bring a guest. **Dec. 24 at 11pm.** Dress casually.



In Memory

During this holiday season and with the beginning of a new year, take a minute to remember... We have lost people we love to illness and tragedy. Yet many of us have been blessed with regaining our health and are here to be with our friends and family during this holiday season. We pray God's blessing in this new year as we keep the memory in our hearts of the ones we have lost near to us. Amen

Support one of our college students in missions

[Katla Figgitt has attended Wise Baptist and sang in our Christmas cantata.] "Katla has prayerfully decided to devote Spring Break 2014 to work for the glory of God. During the March trip to Oklahoma, students will share their faith as they work with local volunteers to rebuild areas devastated by the May 2013 tornadoes. Students will also build relationships and share hope in these dire circumstances. Prayers for Katla and others on the trip will be appreciated. My hope is that Wise Baptist Church will help offset some of their expenses. Checks can be made out to "Wesley Foundation" and mailed to 1 College Rd. #4512, Wise VA. Deadline is March 1st. Thank you in advance."

Rev. Beth Tipton, Methodist Campus Minister at UVA-Wise

Special Wednesday Night Study

Join us as we study "The Greatness Principle: Finding Significance and Joy by Serving Others". This 7-week study begins on Jan. 8.

Won't you take part...as this study aims us to fully mobilize Wise Baptist Church to serve God, our community and world?

34 have signed up already. Let's shoot for 100 participants! Blessings, Pastor Mike

Lottie Moon

Thank you for supporting International Missions!

Church office holiday schedule

The church office will be closed Tues, December 24th, Wed, December 25th, Tues, December 31st Wed and January 1st.

The **next newsletter** will be published on Fri, January 3rd. Check your e-mail, bulletin, or the church website for updated announcements throughout the holidays.

Volunteers needed

We need more people to help with the serving teams on Wed. nights for the meals (includes providing dessert.) Volunteers are on a rotation and serve only once every 4 weeks or so. If anyone would like to help, please contact the church office. Thanks.



From Leigh



Thank you Jamie, Stacy, Tyler, and Dalton for lighting the Advent Wreath in worship on Sunday. Bob and Teresa Adkins also shared a special blessing

through the telling and singing of *Sweet Little Jesus Boy*. And our children once again enjoyed hearing about the Jesse Tree Ornaments with Ms. Terry.



On Sunday afternoon our children shared the story of Christmas through music and a wonderful play, *Star of Wonder*. It

was a marvelous night! Thank you to everyone who attended and participated.

Blessings, Leigh



As you pray, please remember...



Marty, Rose and Jon Kennedy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Jackie Mullins, Beth Snodgrass, Randy Perry, All of the cancer patients in our area, Our men and women in the military

Our Shut Ins:

Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Jeanne and Debbie Stallard, Vernoy Bolling, and Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG)

If there are other known prayer concerns and/or shut-ins, please let us know.

Happy Birthday!

- Irene Black Dec 16
- Alex Knox Dec 17
- Marsha Tolbert Dec 20
- Bryan Crutchfield Dec 20
- Samuel Wills Dec 21
- Rick Mullins Dec 22
- Dallas Kennedy Dec 22
- Jon Kennedy Dec 22
- Lee Ann Adkins Dec 23
- Sherlene Hall Dec 23
- Buster Brown Dec 23
- Carolyn Strouth Dec 24
- Jim Collie Dec 24
- Lilyanna Hardin Dec 25
- Linsay Allio Dec 26
- Randy Longworth Dec 27
- Bea Hill Dec 27
- John Steven Wills Dec 27
- Patsy Boggs Dec 29
- Vernoy Bolling Dec 29
- Paul Maine Dec 30
- Alicia Longworth Dec 31
- Cameron Driver Dec 31



Happy Anniversary

Share & Susan Mullins.....Dec 19

Don & Gigi Pippin.....Dec 28

Jeff & Cindy Elkins.....Dec 31



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/15-21	Robert England, Bill Sutherland
	12/22-28	Mark Clark, Jerry Baird
	12/29-1/4	John Ponish, Lewey Lee
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Eva, Susan S.
Worship Welcome Team:		Cindy E., Oscar R., Daniel R., Wendy A.
S.S Greeters:	12/22	Billie Harris
	12/29	David & Sandy Mullins
	01/05	John Kennedy
Nursery:	12/22	Marybeth Adkins, Alex Adkins, Travis Jessee, Lily Snodgrass
	12/29	Lee Ann Adkins, Jeff Adkins, Reagan Elkins, Macey Sheppard
	01/05	Pam Collie, Cyndi Newlon, Chelsea Polly
Children's Church:	12/22	Jennifer England
	12/29	Crutchfields
	01/05	Cindy Elkins
PA:	12/22	Bryan Crutchfield
	12/29	Oscar Raile
	01/05	Mike Strouth
Tellers:	December	Lee Ann Adkins, Kathy Helton
	January	Mike Strouth, David Mullins
Ushers:	12/22	Jeff Elkins*, Bryan Burton, Robert England, Dwight Jessee, Daniel Ray, John Mark Adrian, Travis Jessee, Jason Mullins
	12/29	Stan Kunigelis*, Jeff Dotson, Harold Witt, Butch Hutchinson, Mark Clark, Jerry Baird, Edgar Owens, Roger Viers
	01/05	Jeff Cantrell*, John Ponish, Mark Clark, Scott Snodgrass, Dan Helton, Ron Helton, Jeff Adkins *offertory prayer

Meals will resume on January 8th

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Weekly Opportunities

Wednesday	Dec 18	Christmas Dinner @ 6pm
Sunday	Dec 22	Sunday School @ 10am Worship @ 11am
Tuesday	Dec 24	Church office closed Candlelight communion @ 11 pm
Wednesday	Dec 25	Christmas (church office closed)
Sunday	Dec 29	Sunday School @ 10am Worship @ 11am Mission Meal @ noon
Tuesday	Dec 31	Church office closed

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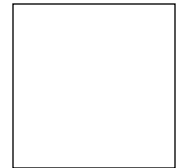
~CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION ~DEC 24 @ 11 PM~



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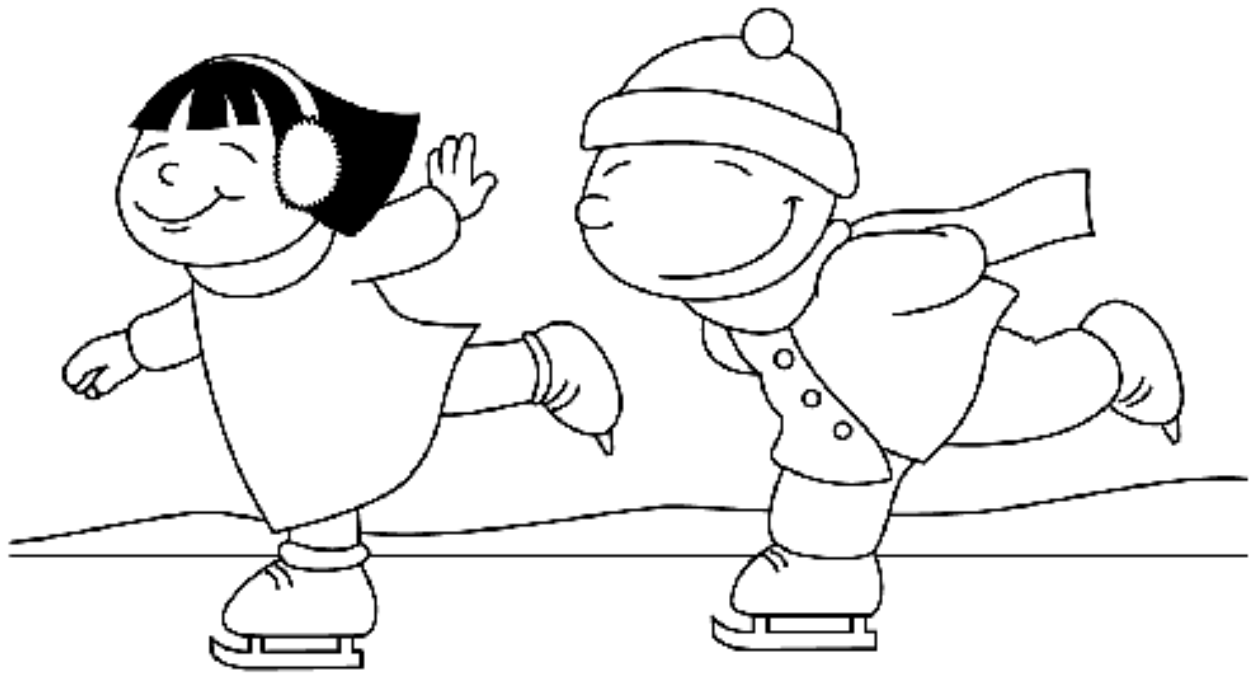
Thought For The Week :

“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago)” [Luke 1:68-70 NIV](#)



Merry Christmas!

*To the friends and family of
Wise Baptist Church
from the Staff
Pastor Mike, Leigh, Randy and Rose.*



MONTH of JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
B-Birthday A-Anniversary			1 Mission Committee 5pm	2 B:Scott Snodgrass	3 B: Eileen Cantrell Caleb Godsey	4 B:Mark Collins Hazel Dixon A: Thomas & Nalasha Kennedy
5 Deacon's meeting 8:30 am A: Mike & Terry Winters	6 Piecemakers 9:30 am BCM Lunch at UVA 11am	7 B:Brian Wills A:Jack & Marsha Tolbert	8 B: Reba Smiddy Bret Chisenhall	9 Women on Mission Noon	10 B:Ruby Salyers	11
12 B:Eden Mullins	13 Caring friends 9:30am B:Joyce Home	14	15	16 B: Beth Snodgrass Susan Mullins	17 B: Steve Collins A:Ray & Carolyn Jones	18 A:Jeff & Eileen Cantrell
19	20 Piecemakers 9:30am MLK Rally B:Samuel Wharton	21	22	23 B:Scott Harris	24 B:Carolyn Jones Edgar Owens Gary Smith Jim Dotson	25 B:Billie Harris Wanda Baird Shirlee Barnette
26 B:Ray Jones Lula Maine Garrison Sheppard A: Tim & Angel Cox	27 Caring friends 9:30am B:Macey Sheppard	28 B:Lance Colie Regina Carson Toni Thacker	29 B:Mike Strouth Rebecca Osborne	30 B:Andrew Conway	31 B:Scott Pippin	