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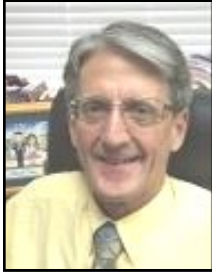
Dr. Ray Jones, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 29, 2020

*A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.*



*Dear Church Family and Friends,*

Can we prove Jesus is the Son of God? Now a question about the question. Why do we need proof?

If we could prove it, then what? Would this convince everyone to believe in Jesus?

The Bible answers that question in John 11. Jesus publicly raised Lazarus from the dead. Some believed. Others plotted His death.

What greater miracle than raising the dead? Why didn't it convince everyone? Because belief in Jesus is more than information. It is a choice. Takes faith. Life commitment.

The Shroud of Turin captured the attention of the world. Claimed to be the burial cloth of Jesus. Turned out to be a fraud. Many were deeply disappointed. Why? They put too faith in this "proof" about Jesus.

Faith in God is not blind. It takes the information we have. Then one more step. The step of faith.

Faith is trust. Can God be trusted? That's the big question. We must answer it. And reaffirm it every day.

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die." (John 11:25)

I believe God can be trusted. How about you?

*Love, Pastor Mike*

### 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

**Genesis Bible Study**  
**December 30, 7pm**  
**WBC Fb Live only**

**Sunday Message**  
**January 3, 11am**  
**in SANCTUARY &**  
**WBC Fb Live**

**Children's Bedtime**  
**Story**  
**January 4, 8:30pm**

**Men's Bible Study**  
**January 5, 6:30am**  
**Via Zoom**

**Children's Advent**  
**Activities**  
**Via Facebook Live**  
**Jan. 9**

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### DEACONS 2020-21

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Ron Helton	393-6145
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Lewey Lee	393-5370
David Mullins	870-0005
Oscar Raile	870-0131

Deacons Emeritus:  
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill,  
Harold Witt

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### *"Power & Purpose: God Unveils the Universe"*

*(A Study of the Genesis 1-11)*

Join us on Wednesday evening at 7:00pm as we continue our Bible study on Genesis on **December 30.**

Sometimes the way forward is back. Let's go way back. "In the beginning" (Gen. 1:1). It is a good place to start! Genesis 1:1 - 11 tells us again, the human story. Who made us. Why we are here. The main problem with the human race. And the solution. All of that is still true today. It is as current as today's newspaper (and a lot more helpful!).

*Tune in on the Wise Baptist Facebook page, Facebook Live at 7pm! See you there.*

*Love, Pastor Mike*



*As you pray, please remember...*



Joe Powers, Carolyn Strouth & Family, Jo Nelle Perry, Cyndi Newlon, Wesley Kennedy, Vickie Rasnick, Gloria & Oscar Raile, Rudolfo Yanez & family, Pat Boggs, Don & Gigi Pippin, Lois Stallard, Sandy & David Mullins, Ron & Vickie Swindall, doctors, nurses & all medical/pharmaceutical personnel, Glenn Hill, Steve Collins, Gerry O'Bryan, Royce McNeal, Bessie Vance, Kathy & John Kennedy, John & Kay Wright, Wanda Takahashi (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Ray & Carolyn Jones, law enforcement & emergency personnel, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.

**Our Shut Ins:** Jeanne Stallard, Bobbie Farmer, Jean Forsythe (Sandy Yun's mother), Kingston Center Assisted Living in Duffield

\*If you know of other prayer concerns, please contact the church office (328-6247).

### With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

*We extend our deepest sympathy to Carolyn & Mike Strouth and their family in the death of Carolyn's mother on Christmas Eve. Fannie Mullins was 99 years old.*



**Children's Advent  
Activities!**

**One More...Jan. 9!**

If your child is signed up for the Advent Activities, please note the date for picking up their last activity packet at church:

**Jan. 7...**pick up Jan. 9 packet

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastor Mike's message this Sunday morning, January 3 -  
"Make 2021 Extraordinary:  
A Compelling Call"  
(Genesis 12:1-9)

There are 3 ways that you can be a part of WBC's Sunday worship service each week:

- (1) Attend the service in the sanctuary.
- (2) View the service on Facebook Live at 11am go to the Wise Baptist Church Fb page
- (3) To view the service after it has "aired" -

<https://www.facebook.com/WiseBaptistChurch/videos/246055226605395>

\*\*(This does not require Facebook!)

- (4) Share the service with others by clicking the "share" button.



Transplant House  
Attn: Mrs. Vickie Swindall #10  
2029 East 115th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

### Remember our Wise Co. Food Bank & WBC Grab-n-Go Ministries!



The Wise County Food Bank & the Wise County Social Service Adult Protective Services are always very appreciative of our help. Thank you to Sherlene Hall for continuing to coordinate with Social Services and to our deacons for collecting & delivering items to the Food Bank. Thank you also to the Ladies' Friendship Sunday School class for their ongoing collection of funds for both of these ministries!

\*You may also make a monetary donation by writing a check to Wise Baptist Church, designating it to be used for the Food Bank or Grab-n-Go.

\***Food Bank Drop Off:** by the "offering" table outside the church office (Contact: Gary Smith or John Ponish)

\***Grab-n-Go Drop Off:** white baskets near the elevator at church (Contact: Sherlene Hall)

## Sanctuary Worship



We have re-opened our sanctuary at 11:00am on Sundays for morning worship only. As excited as we all are about seeing each other & worshipping together again, we want to be vigilant about **social distancing** & the wearing of **masks** while we are together. Entrances & exits will be clearly marked, as well as seating - pews will be marked off for social distancing. Please wear a mask & observe these guidelines for the safety of all!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Great *Multitude*  
+ YOU



Special offering envelopes for International Missions will be available on the hall table by the office door during the month of December.

Mens  
Bible  
Study



Guys,  
grab your  
breakfast  
& your  
B i b l e

and join in the Men's Bible Study

**EACH Tuesday morning**

at 6:30am via Zoom

Simply send your email address  
to John Ponish: text 276-870-1593

or

[jponish@atsone.com](mailto:jponish@atsone.com)



*Being Good  
Stewards*

*GOD  
is  
Faithful*

We must continue to be thankful for God's blessings on our Church, through everyone's faithful giving. Through your giving, Wise Baptist Church can continue to be used by God to change lives.

Even though Sunday morning worship services have resumed in the sanctuary, tithes and offerings may still be mailed to Wise Baptist Church, PO Box 777, Wise VA 24293, or brought by the Church during open hours.

We remain excited about God's work through the Church. And even though many of the in-person meetings are still suspended, opportunities still exist, the Church is alive, and ministries are on-going.

Thank you all for your continued flexibility & faithfulness, and for being good stewards of Wise Baptist Church.

*Leton Harding & Ron Helton*



*Scripture  
for the Week*

**John 11:25**

*"Jesus said to her, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life. The one who believes in Me, even if he dies, will live.'"*

## Happy Birthday!

December 29	Pat Boggs
December 30	Paul Maine
December 31	Gabriella Collins
January 2	Scott Snodgrass
January 3	Eileen Cantrell
	Caleb Godsey
January 4	Mark Collins
January 7	Reid Mullins
	Brian Wills
January 8	Bret Chisenhall



## WBC Children's Ministry

January 9

Advent activities (story, craft, song, snack) will be available for one more Saturday on Facebook Live. Children can pick up their activity bags (lesson & craft materials & snack) on Wed., Jan. 5 or Thurs., Jan. 6 & be able to follow along live or watch the activity at a later time.

For more information or questions, contact Susan Mullins at 276-708-6221.



## Happy Anniversary!

December 31	Jeff & Cindy Elkins
January 1	Daniel & Tabitha Ray
January 5	Mike & Terry Winters
January 7	Jack & Marsha Tolbert

## WBC Music Ministry



*As we begin a new year, you are invited to send in your favorite Psalm to be published in the newsletter! You can do this by contacting Terry Winters at: 276-870-2712 or [tllwinters@gmail.com](mailto:tllwinters@gmail.com)*

The Book of Psalms is the longest book in the Bible and has been called "God's inspired hymnbook". In the New Testament, you will find that the most quoted Old Testament book is the Book of Psalms. The word "Psalms" comes from a Greek word that means "song sung to a stringed instrument". Several authors penned the Psalms, including King David.

The Book of Psalms is arranged into 5 "books" or sections: Psalms 1-41, Psalms 42-72, Psalms 73-89, Psalms 90-106, and Psalms 107-150. These sections, however, do not necessarily correspond to the various types of Psalms.

There are generally thought to be 7 types of Psalms:

- (1) Psalms of General Praise - call others to praise God; 74 of the 150 Psalms; ex: Psalm 145
- (2) Psalms of Lament - prayers for God's deliverance in moments of despair; ex: Psalm 90
- (3) Psalms of Wisdom - ex: Psalm 1
- (4) Psalms of Imprecation - call for God's judgement; ex: Psalm 79
- (5) Psalms of Thanksgiving - praise to God for His gracious acts; ex: Psalm 100
- (6) Psalms of Pilgrimage - sung by worshipers as they traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate Jewish festivals; Psalms 120-134
- (7) Royal Psalms - celebrate God as King; ex: Psalm 93

## A CELEBRATION OF GOD'S MANY BLESSINGS IN 2020!

**JANUARY...**Meal served at WBC before Martin Luther King, Jr. Service, Laurels Ministry, Guest Speakers: Tony & Jan Johnson (SW VA Partnership), 5th Annual Church-Wide Birthday Party, Winter Bible Study on Gospel of Luke, Wedding of Kara Kennedy & Dalton Parker, Youth Bible Studies with Hannah Grace.

**FEBRUARY...**Children/Parents Soup Mix Mission Project, Ash Wednesday Service, Laurels Ministry, One Call Now System Implemented, Guest Speaker Jason Pritchard invited by WBC Drug Task Force to share about his addiction recovery & faith, Jordan Hughes called as Youth Director, Deacons cooked & served breakfast for dinner one Wednesday evening.

**MARCH...**Onsite worship services & other activities were canceled beginning March 15 due to the coronavirus; Pastor Mike learned how to preach via Facebook Live! John Ponish's adult Sunday School class began meeting via Zoom & Terry Winters' children's class began meeting via Facebook Live each week, Pastor Mike began teaching a Bible Study on the Book of Revelation via Facebook Live on Wednesday evenings, a handicap ramp for Glenn Hill was built by our men, Men's Bible Study met weekly via Zoom, Pastor Mike began writing a daily pastoral letter to all.

**APRIL...**Palm Sunday: everyone was invited to place a green branch on their front door; Easter Sunday: everyone was invited to send a photo of a cross or flowers for the newsletter, everyone contributed "Jesus is..." statements to be published in the newsletter, the youth sponsored a night to feed the nurses at a local hospital, youth met for Bible Study via Zoom, Terry began reading a weekly bedtime story to the children via Fb Live, Mens' Bible Study, Wed. Night Revelation Study, Sun. morning worship & Sunday School classes continued to take place virtually, 90 folks contributed recipes, blessings, scriptures, funnies & nature photos to the "Social Distancing Survival Page" in the newsletter each week from April 21 - November 10.

**MAY...**Children's first virtual Snack & Paint, Mission Trip Yard Sale, Graduate Recognition Slideshow posted on church Fb page, Children's Mother's Day videos posted on church Fb page, Mens' Bible Study, Wed. Night Revelation Study, Sun. morning worship & Sunday School classes, & bedtime stories continued virtually, Wise Co. Food Bank & Grab-n-Go ministries continued.

**JUNE...**Mission Trip Yard Sale (Part 2), 78 team members + 68 prayer partners involved in the Summer Mission Trip in Wise County, Children's Father's Day video posted on church's Fb page, children's drawings of dads printed in newsletter, Mens' Bible Study, Wed. Night Revelation Study, Sun. morning worship & Sunday School classes, & bedtime stories continued virtually.

**JULY...**Onsite Sunday morning worship began, Mens' Bible Study, Wed. Night Life After Death Study, Sun. morning worship & Sunday School classes, & bedtime stories continued virtually, Glenn Hill turned 101, new ministry (Tender Loving Care casserole ministry) began.

**AUGUST...**school supplies collected for Family Crisis Support Services, onsite worship suspended temporarily, Mens' Bible Study, Wed. Night Study on Book of Philippians, Sun. morning worship & Sunday School classes, & bedtime stories continued virtually, Kids' Kindness Challenge.

**SEPTEMBER...**6th Annual Senior Ladies' Tea Party via home delivery, Annual Business Meeting held virtually, onsite worship suspended temporarily, Mens' Bible Study, Wed. Night Study on Book of Philippians, Sun. morning worship & Sunday School classes, & bedtime stories continued virtually.

**OCTOBER...**Piecemakers Quilting Group celebrated making over 800 quilts for the cancer center, onsite worship began again, Mens' Bible Study, Wed. Night Study on Book of Philippians, Sun. morning worship & Sunday School classes, & bedtime stories continued virtually, Fall church Service Project Day, Fall Fling Church Yard Sale.

**NOVEMBER...**Fire Pit Fellowship, Children's 2nd virtual Snack-n-Paint, many shared blessings that were printed in the newsletter in celebration of Thanksgiving, Mens' Bible Study, Wed. Night Study on Book of Genesis, Sun. morning worship & Sunday School classes, & bedtime stories continued virtually,

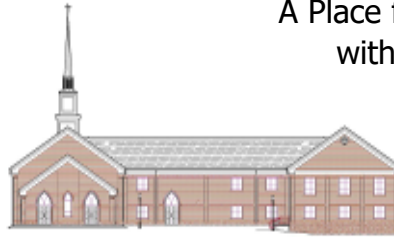
**DECEMBER...**Jesse Tree, Advent Candles, Christmas VBS, special music from Kristen & Distin Phillips (virtually!), Mens' Bible Study, Wed. Night Study on Book of Genesis, Sun. morning worship & Sunday School classes, & bedtime stories continued virtually,



# January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>B</b> = Birthday <b>A</b> = Anniversary</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</p>				<p><b>1</b></p>  <p><b>Jan. 1 Anniv:</b> Daniel &amp; Tabitha Ray</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>B. Scott Snodgrass</p>
<p><b>3</b> 8:30am - Deacons, Zoom 10:00am - Adult SS Onsite &amp; Zoom 10:00am - Children's SS, Fb Live <b>11am - WORSHIP / Communion</b> B. Eileen Cantrell B. Caleb Godsey</p>	<p><b>4</b> Children's Bedtime Story 8:30pm - Fb Live B. Mark Collins</p>	<p><b>5</b> 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Via Zoom A. Mike &amp; Terry Win-</p>	<p><b>6</b> 7:00pm - Genesis Bible Study with Pastor Mike Facebook Live</p>	<p><b>7</b> Children's Advent Activity Packets available for pick-up at church 9am-3pm B. Reid Mullins B. Brian Wills A. Jack &amp; Marsha Tolbert</p>	<p><b>8</b> B. Bret Chisenhall B. Seth Harding</p>	<p><b>9</b> Children's LAST Advent Activity via Facebook Live</p>
<p><b>10</b> 10:00am - Adult SS Onsite &amp; Zoom 10:00am - Children's SS, Fb Live <b>11am - WORSHIP ONSITE &amp; Fb Live</b> B. Ruby Salyers</p>	<p><b>11</b> Children's Bedtime Story 8:30pm - Fb Live</p>	<p><b>12</b> 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Via Zoom B. Eden Mullins</p>	<p><b>13</b> 7:00pm - Genesis Bible Study with Pastor Mike Facebook Live B. John Mark Adrian B. Joyce Horne</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> B. Mingkwan Collins</p>	<p><b>16</b> B. Susan Mullins B. Beth Snodgrass</p>
<p><b>17</b> 10:00am - Adult SS Onsite &amp; Zoom 10:00am - Children's SS, Fb Live <b>11am - WORSHIP ONSITE &amp; Fb Live</b> B. Steve Collins B. Russell Wampler A. Ray &amp; Carolyn Jones</p>	<p><b>18</b> Children's Bedtime Story 8:30pm - Fb Live A. Jeff &amp; Eileen Cantrell A. Dalton &amp; Kara Parker</p>	<p><b>19</b> 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Via Zoom</p>	<p><b>20</b> 7:00pm - Genesis Bible Study with Pastor Mike Facebook Live</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> B. Zero Kennedy</p>	<p><b>23 Jan. 23 Birthdays:</b> B. Scott Harris B. Ava Mullins <b>Jan. 24 Birthdays:</b> B. Jim Dotson B. Carolyn Jones B. Edgar Owens B. Gary Smith B. Ali Stuedemann</p>
<p><b>24/ 31</b> 10:00am - Adult SS Onsite &amp; Zoom 10:00am - Children's SS, Fb Live <b>11am - WORSHIP ONSITE &amp; Fb Live</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> Children's Bedtime Story 8:30pm - Fb Live B. Wanda Baird B. Shirlee Barnette B. Billie Harris B. John Roberts</p>	<p><b>26</b> 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Via Zoom B. Ray Jones B. Lulia Maine B. Garrison Shepherd</p>	<p><b>27</b> 7:00pm - Genesis Bible Study with Pastor Mike Facebook Live B. Melody Mullins B. Macey Shepherd</p>	<p><b>28</b> B. Regina Carson B. Lance Collie B. Toni Thacker</p>	<p><b>29</b> B. Rebecca Osborne</p>	<p><b>30</b> B. Andrew Conway B. Brandon Crutchfield</p>

A Place for Faith and Fellowship  
with Family and Friends



### Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/27 - 01/02	Jim Collie, Lewey Lee
	01/03 - 01/09	Lewey Lee, Ron Helton
Building Stewards:		Ron Helton, Dan Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists:		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sound System:	01/03	Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile
	01/10	Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile
Tellers:	January	Martha Blackburn, Stephen Large
	February	Jessica Crutchfield, Jeff Kiser
Benediction	01/03	Lewey Lee
	01/10	Lewey Lee



### WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

*(These activities are POSTPONED  
until further notice)*

Sunday	Truth Rehearsal	4:45 pm
	Youth (Grades 7-12)	6:00 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Children's Choir (Ages 3 - Grade 6)	4:45 pm
	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Youth Hand Chimes	7:00 pm
	Children in Action (Ages 5 - Grade 6)	
	Nursery (Birth - Age 4)	

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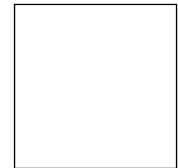
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### Thought for the Week:

Jesus has power over life and death.