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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

We have continuing reminders about the uncertainty of life. The longer we live, the more uncertainties seem to increase. We discover that we have less control over life than we thought. Daily, we wonder what kind of world it is to which we wake up.

For example, on Sunday, Jim and Sherry Collie faced the news of the death of their son, Rick. On Monday, the family of Papa Joe Smiddy faced his death. There are other personal examples we have experienced and there will be others we will experience.

The world can seem to be a fearful place. Our sense of threat is on high-alert. How can we get up each day? How can we get through the day? How can we get to sleep at night?

After years of life experience, study of Scriptures, and trying to follow Jesus, I offer a single phrase...faith. But it is not just faith. The object of our faith matters. Faith in anyone (or anything) other than God is not sufficient. What is needed is **faith in God.**

If we allow our fears to clarify our limits and what we cannot do, then, we are in a position to see and experience what God can do. This is where faith comes in.

Faith continues beyond what I can know and prove. Faith continues beyond my doubts. Faith continues beyond my fears.

Let us claim together, the words of the prophet, Isaiah 41:13 – “For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, ‘Do not fear; I will help 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

Mission Trip Yard Sale
May 4-5, 8am-5pm

Deacons Meeting
May 7, 8:30am

Holy Communion
May 7, 11am

WMU Spring Meeting
May 7, 3pm

Women on Mission
May 11, 2pm

Family Hike
May 20

Graduate Recognition
May 21, 11am

Cooking for the Cause
May 21, 12-2pm

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DEACONS 2016-17

Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Ron Helton	393-6145
John Kennedy	328-5013
Matt Meade	393-9177
Mike Osborne	365-0968
Edgar Owens	328-6129
Daniel Ray	328-2483

ANNOUNCEMENTS

With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

It is with the deepest sympathy that we express our thoughts and prayers to Jim & Sherry Collie in the loss of their son, Rick. Please continue to lift up Jim, Sherry, Pam, Lance & Luke in your prayers.

We also express our deepest sympathy to the family of Papa Joe Smiddy. We will celebrate the life of Papa Joe on Wednesday, May 3 at a 1:30pm service at WBC. Please keep Elizabeth & Joe Frank, family & friends in your prayers.

OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARDS

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE
AT WISE



Congratulations to **Bruce Cahoon** and **Mark Clark** for receiving Outstanding Faculty Awards this past Friday! Bruce was presented the Mentoring Undergraduate Research Award for "fostering the kinds of relationships with undergraduates that result in research appropriate for publication or public presentation". Mark was presented the Distinguished Professor Award for "giving outstanding service in many areas of the academic program over a long period of time".



Cooking for the Cause

Becky Curtis has graciously offered to donate her time and talents to prepare a wonderful lunch for the community at Wise Baptist on Sunday, **May 21** from 12 - 2pm. Tickets (\$10/adults, \$5/kids) will be pre-sold (see Sherlene or Teresa) & all proceeds will go towards the Nick England Scholarship Fund. Invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy pulled pork sandwiches, pasta salad, baked beans, cole slaw & assorted desserts. Kids' boxed meals will include a hot dog, chips, mac & cheese, fruit & drink. *Meals can be delivered to businesses, organizations & clubs with a minimum order of 25. Please contact Teresa Adkins if you are able to help the day of the event.

As you pray, please remember...

Jim & Sherry Collie, family of Papa Joe Smiddy, Alan Adkins, Sam Farmer, Ron Swindall, Robert & Jennifer England & family, Shirley Willis (The Laurels), Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, John and Kay Wright, Pat and Fred Adkins, Bea and Glenn Hill, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military



Hospitalized: Butch Hutchinson (Holston Valley); Pat Boggs (Parkwest Medical Center); Wesley Kennedy (Ridgecrest Manor, Duffield, VA)

Our Shut Ins: Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, Elizabeth Davidson (Heritage Hall—Wise), Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Betty Easterling (The Laurels), Martha Gilliam (Heritage Hall—Wise), Florine Pennington (The Laurels), Jeanne Stallard

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

WBC Couples Cruise



Feb. 18 - 25, 2018

Please contact Donna Hutchinson if you are interested in participating in a special Wise Baptist couples cruise next February! We will gather daily for a marriage enrichment Bible study. We will travel together to New Orleans where the Norwegian Pearl (Norwegian Cruise Lines) will set sail on Feb. 18, sailing down the Mississippi River & into the Caribbean. Ports of call will include Cozumel, Costa Maya, Belize and Roatan. The cost is \$1,693.28 per couple; a \$250 per person deposit is required, but is fully refundable up to 90 days before cruise.

Thank You!

- ◇ To all those who helped with roofing the Rock this past weekend!
- ◇ To Donna Hutchinson & everyone who has helped with the BCM meals this year!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SON Golf league

What Is It? Approximately 25 churches participate from all over the Tri-Cities.

When? We will play one Saturday each month through October. Check-in is usually 7:30am & start time is 8am. I will confirm this each month.

Where? It will be a different golf course in the Tri-Cities each time. The next one is Clear Creek in Bristol, VA.

How Much? Each player will pay their own entry fee. This is just the cost of the course with each being around \$30-\$35 (depending on the course).

Prizes? Golf balls or other small items will be given away but nothing big. The league is more about gathering together and fellowship.

Who Can Play? A team of 4 plays each time, but anyone is invited. If we have more than 4 people interested for a particular day, we may have to put someone on standby to fill in. Also, other teams seem to always be looking for players to join and fill in as needed.

How To Sign Up? Since it changes a little each month, come see me or call medirectly: Stephen Large (276) 393-0433. I will keep up a list of who wants to play each month and potential alternates.

The next tournament is 8:00 a.m. on May 13th, at Clear Creek in Bristol, VA.

~ Stephen Large



Mission Trip Yard Sale

May 4 - 5 (8am-5pm)

Located at the Rock. Contact Sherlene Hall at 328-9315 or sherlenehall@gmail.com if you have any questions.

FAMILY HIKE

**Natural Tunnel
Saturday, May 20
11am - 1:30pm**



The Children's Ministry Team is coordinating a Family Hike at Natural Tunnel on May 20. We will begin in the campground, have a picnic lunch (pack your lunch) along the way at the Carter Cabin & ride the chairlift (\$3) or walk down into the gorge. Please contact Donna Hutchinson or sign up on the Communication Card in your bulletin. All are welcome!



NEW SPRING BIBLE STUDIES

WEDNESDAYS, 7PM
MAY 3—JUNE 7

Join us **May 3** for a preview of our next series of Small Group Bible Studies! The next rotation will be May 10 - June 7.

Following our 6pm Fellowship Meal each Wed. evening, 3 small group Bible studies will be offered (6:45-7:45pm):

1) "The Power of God's Names", taught by Karen Polish
Who is God? How can we trust him? Meet Elohim, our powerful creator; Jehovah, the self-revealing one; El Shaddai, the almighty sufficient one; and Immanuel, God with us; and gain a deeper understanding of God's identity.

2) "Leading Your Child to Jesus", taught by Terry Winters
What will you say when your child asks how Jesus can fit inside their heart? Here's help with responding in words your little one will understand. The enormity of leading your child to Christ doesn't have to leave you tongue-tied. You can help your little one make the most important decision of his or her life - the decision to follow Jesus.

3) "The Gospel of Matthew", taught by Pastor Mike
People often treat Jesus as their personal "concierge". The Gospel of Matthew declares that Jesus is not a concierge, but a King who deserves our loyalty and obedience. This study of Matthew will reawaken us to the majesty of King Jesus.

Children, ages K - 6 are invited to join Julie Large & Kathy Dotson for our children's mission program (Children in Action) during this same time.



Vacation Bible School!!

June 12 - 16
(*date change)

"Created by God, Built for a Purpose"

Please contact Susan Mullins if you would like to help this year! stpsych@gmail.com or 276-708-6221



From Debbie Collins...Our children are so much fun! We had a great time preparing our music for Sunday morning. They love to sing, play bells and have a good time. Sometimes, they are trying on my nerves, but still fun. We had our end-of-the-year party at Mr. Gatti's yesterday. Thanks for your love of children and all that you do!

From Donna Hutchinson...I am just overwhelmed by the loss we have suffered within our church family this week. Jim and Sherry, Pam, Lance and Luke have again experienced an unthinkable blow and I ask you to join me in lifting their names to the Great Healer. Papa Joe was such a larger than life man, and his legacy will live on for years to come in our region and beyond. We will all miss him, but none more so than his family.

Hold those that we love close and tell them and show them that they are loved. Speaking of those I love, Butch will again be having back surgery on Wednesday at Holston Valley. Please whisper a prayer for him.

Peace and love, Donna



May 2	Roger Viers
May 6	Sharon Bradley
	Stacy Hopkins
May 7	Lin Allio
May 8	Susie Clasby
	Rachel Helton
	Sarah Helton
May 9	Rosemarie Boyle
May 10	Susan Duncan
May 11	Ron Swindall
May 12	Joe Powers
	Jack Tolbert
May 13	Dalton Hopkins



Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

MAY 21



On Sunday, May 21, we will recognize all of our high school and college graduates during our morning worship service. This is a highlight for our congregation every year! We rejoice in your accomplishments. Below is a list of graduates; if your name should be included, please call Kim Hall or the church office ASAP!

High School: Rachel Bailey, Austin Bordlee, Taylor Gardner, Noah Hall, Zoey Parrish, Rachel Porchie

(* Please wear your cap, gown, honors stole)



College: Caroline Greenwood, Kristen Osborne

Our youth looked very lovely & handsome in their prom attire on Sunday morning!

WBC Children's Ministry



Many thanks to Debbie Collins, Donna Hutchinson & Susan Mullins for ministering to our children through music! Thank you to our Children's Choir for sharing your voices & bells & readings during worship this past Sunday!

Mark your calendar!

- 🕊 May 10 - June 14
 - Bible Study: How to Lead Your Child / Grandchild to Jesus
- 🕊 May 20
 - Family Hike at Natural Tunnel, 11am
- 🕊 June 2*
 - Barter Theatre
- 🕊 June 12-16*
 - Vacation Bible School: "Maker of Fun Factory"

*date change!

*Children's Ministry Team
Dinner Meeting
Saturday, May 7, 4pm
Winters' Home*



The roofing of the Rock continues!



Youth taking up the offering in their prom attire.



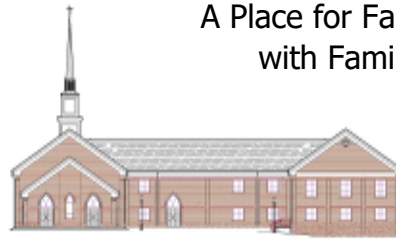
Children's Choir singing & ringing during worship.



Holly Meade sent this in... Papa Joe waiting for a ride to Wise Baptist!



A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	4/30—5/06	John Kennedy, Mike Osborne
	5/07-5/13	Gil Blackburn, Daniel Ray
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome Team:		Dave Belcher, Misty Belcher, Jeff Kiser, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray
S.S. Greeters:	5/07	Bob & Teresa Adkins
	5/14	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
Nursery:	5/07	Don & Cyndi Newlon
	5/14	Tammie Harding, Sara Johnson
Children's Church:	5/07	Stephen & Julie Large
	5/14	Joe & Susie Powers
PA:	5/07	Marty Adkins
	5/14	Mike Osborne
Tellers:	May	Martha Blackburn, Mike Strouth
	June	June Dotson, Edgar Owens
Ushers:	5/07	Clyde Vance*, Gil Blackburn^, Dave Belcher, Bryon Burton, Jeff Dotson, Marty Kennedy, Jack Tolbert
	5/14	Bob Adkins*, Kenny Bowling^, Matt Meade, Daniel Ray, Johnny Robinson, Jim Sturgill *Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	5/03	Jessica Crutchfield, Kathy Dotson, Gail Kiser
	5/10	Martha Blackburn, Linda Burgess, Kathy Helton, Susie Powers
Wed. Meals:	5/03	Potluck
	5/10	Chicken Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Rolls, Salad
Children-in-Action:	5/03	Julie Large, Kathy Dotson
	5/10	Julie Large, Kathy Dotson

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

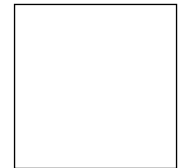
Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
	Singing Sunbeams	4-5 pm
Wednesday	Missions Committee (1st)	5:00 pm
	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Children-in-Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth-Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2-4 pm

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Thought for the week:
God is bigger than our
fears!