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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

September 20, 2016

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

Fear of rejection can paralyze us. King Saul discovered that. We read in I Samuel 15:24 – “Then Saul said to Samuel, ‘I have sinned. I violated the Lord’s command and your instructions. I was afraid of the people and so I gave in to them.’ ”

Saul wanted the approval of the people. He feared their lack of approval (rejection) so much, that he sinned greatly. He knew what he was doing at the time and still chose to sin against God.

David experienced rejection of a different kind. Saul’s sins led to God withdrawing support of Saul as king. The prophet Samuel then went to locate and anoint the next king. God led him to a man called Jesse in order to anoint one of his sons. One by one, from the oldest to the youngest, the sons of Jesse came forward. Six stepped forward and yet none were the right candidate. Samuel then asked if there were any other sons. He was told there was one, David, the youngest, who was tending the sheep.

David was rejected as even being a possibility. This was so much the case that Jesse did not even consider including him along with the older brothers. David, the one who was rejected by men, was the one God had chosen.

Jesus was rejected. I Peter reads, “Come to Him...rejected by men but... in the sight of God, chosen and precious.” The King of kings and Lord of lords was rejected and executed like a criminal.

There is no escaping rejection in this world. However, God often chooses to work through the rejected. When some of the world around you rejects you, know that there is One Who loves you...and has chosen you!

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday Night
Small Group Bible
Studies
September 21**

**Christmas Cantata
Rehearsal
September 21**

**Gideon Bible Study
September 22
7:00 pm
Youth Building**

**Bridal Shower
for Kaitlin Ponish
October 1**

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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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Singing Sunbeams

The Singing Sunbeams choir
(Grades K—5) every Monday
afternoon from 4-5pm at the Rock.



(Ms. Debbie is working at WPS and Ms. Donna drives from Norton so choir will begin at 4 instead of 3:45.)

Children-in-Action Mission Project

Our Children-in-Action, led by Julie Large & Kathy Dotson, are sending a package to missionary David Parsons who works with children in Winston-Salem, NC. You are invited to contribute items to their "Care Package"! Any of the following items would be appreciated:

- Coloring books
- 8-pack crayons
- Jump ropes
- Puzzles
- Small toy cars, trucks
- Sidewalk chalk
- Socks (girls & boys aged 2 - 18)
- Individually wrapped snack foods
- Gently used children's books (elementary level)
- NIV Bibles



*Please place items in the box in the hall by the elevator by October 9.

Wednesday Night Program

Join us on Wed. nights for a time of fellowship and spiritual renewal!

SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

- 6:00 pm Fellowship Meal
- 6:45 pm Small Group Bible Studies
- Children-in-Action
- Nursery
- 7:45 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 8:15 pm Cantata Rehearsal



As you pray, please remember...

Kara Kennedy and family, Wanda Baird, Tony Hill, Irene Black, Papa Joe Smiddy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, 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.



Our Shut Ins: Susan Davidson (Heritage Hall—Wise), Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Archie Kennedy (Heritage Hall—BSG), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG), and Florine Pennington (The Laurels).

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

CHRISTMAS CANTATA CHOIR



Have you ever wanted to sing with the choir at Christmas? Here is your chance! Our 20th annual cantata will be held on December 4 at 7:00 pm. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday evening at 8:15pm. Contact Leigh if you are interested!



What a great surprise to have Kara & Rose Kennedy join us on Wednesday night! God is so good!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Wise Baptist Association WMU Fall Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 25 at 3pm at Norton First Baptist Church. All—women, men, youth—are invited! Dr. Joe Frank Smiddy will be speaking about his involvement in missions.

A meal will be provided after the program.

To date, \$530 has been collected for the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions. We will be collecting offerings for Virginia Missions during the month of September. Envelopes are in the pew racks. Thank you to our Women on Mission who faithfully promote this offering and carry out missions in our community, in Virginia and beyond!



You are cordially invited to attend a drop-in Bridal Shower for Kaitlin Ponish and Joseph Collins on Saturday, October 1 from 12—2 pm.

The shower will be held in the Wise Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Kaitlin and Joseph are registered at Walmart, Bed Bath and Beyond and Target.

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

LUNCHEON

BCM Building at UVA-Wise

OCTOBER 3, 11am

If you would like to participate by donating food, money or helping to serve, please sign up on your Communication Card in your bulletin or contact Donna Hutchinson.



COME & SEE THE NEW FLOOR AT OUR BCM BUILDING!

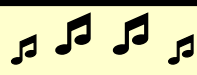
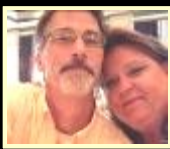
The BCM Flooring Project was initiated by the WMU of the Wise Baptist Association. The Flooring Committee members were Glenda Collins (Coeburn), Angie Mullins (Clinchco), Brenda Lee (Wise), with assistance from WMU Director Mary Sue Steffey (Clinchco). Several of the churches in the Association made donations to the project, and the remaining costs were paid from the WMU General fund.

Many volunteers made the completion of the project possible. Students and a teacher from Job Corps took up the old carpet. Gene Collins from Coeburn First Baptist hauled it away. A large platform in the room was removed by Don Newlon (Wise Baptist) and others from UVAWISE Maintenance.

The following volunteers from Wise Baptist installed the flooring: Mark Clark, Matt Collins, Butch Hutchinson (crew leader), Steven Large, Matt Meade, Mike Osborne, John Ponish, Oscar Raille, Scott Snodgrass.

Thomas Kennedy of Wise Lumber provided invaluable advice and assistance in choosing a quality product at a very good price. He also put the Committee in contact with Stephen Caldwell, whose crew prepped the floor. Steve Collins (Wise Baptist) painted the room on very short notice (with costs taken care of by a donor). Paula Coffey, regional manager of FasMart, furnished a sub platter for the workers.





From Leigh

I would like to thank Mark Clark, Susan Smith and Susan Mullins for their leadership with music in worship last Sunday while I was away with the youth. I never like to miss worship but I am thankful to have wonderful people available and willing to lead.

On our retreat last weekend, we talked about finding our "sweet spot" - a place where your "what, why and where" come together. Each of us is uniquely made. The Parable of the Talents in Matthew says that the talents were given to "each according to his ability". So, God has created each of us with gifts and strengths. The challenge is to use them for God's purpose and for His glory. Sometimes that is easy and sometimes it is very difficult. But, basically, we should make a big deal out of God with everything that we do. Max Lucado says, "Use your uniqueness to make a big deal out of God everyday of your life".

I would encourage everyone to take an inventory of your strengths and your passions and then figure out how you can give God glory through those gifts. Find your sweet spot. Make a "big deal" out of God today and everyday.

For me, this topic of strengths and gifts and purpose has just taken on new importance as I figure out the next steps of my life. I realize that God has gifted me and that He has plans for me. I have to admit, though, that it is a little scary and exciting all at the same time. My prayer is that I will find just the right spot so that He can be glorified. Your prayers for me are always appreciated.

I give thanks for each of you and for this church. I am praying for you this week; pray for each other, too.

Blessings, Leigh

The Jubilation Ringers will rehearse on Sunday, October 9 at 5:00 pm. Are you interested? See me.

	September 23	Vickie Swindall
		Terry Winters
	September 25	Peggy Tolbert
	September 27	Kristen Osborne
	September 28	Jonathan Whittaker


Happy Anniversary

September 20 Tim & Kathy Osborne

Gideon Small Group Bible Study

Join us for a Bible study by Priscilla Shirer called "Gideon - your weakness. God's strength". We will begin on Thursday, September 22 at 7pm in the youth building. The cost for your book is \$15. Please see Leigh if you have questions and to order your book.


CONGRATULATIONS!




Bayler Ryan was born on September 6, 2016.

The proud grandparents are Robbin Arnold and Stan Botts, Jr.

COLLEGE STUDENTS' ADDRESSES

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 Thank you to Beth Snodgrass, Shane Mullins and Bryon Burton for chaperoning the Fall Flock retreat. Your investment of time is very much appreciated!

Sunday, we will have youth at 6 pm. The Hersel family will provide our dinner. Sunday, October 2, Bryon Burton will lead our youth on a trip to Laurel Falls. More details will be available on Sunday. Also, at our parent/youth meeting last month, we discussed ways to serve in our community. So, on Sunday, October 9, we will serve cold water at the Wise Fall Fling.

I hope you will plan to participate in these upcoming events! As always, friends are welcome!

Parents' Day Out: Sept. 17...

A great time was had by all! Miss Donna even helped us cook our own lunch: chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans & peanut butter cookies!!

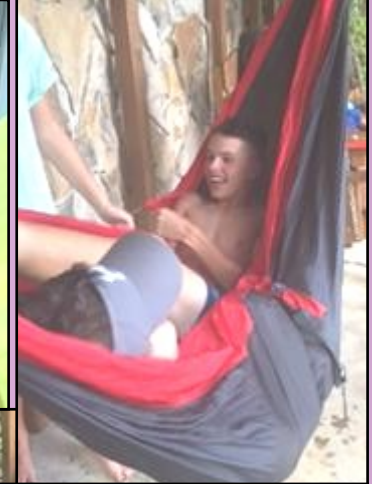


Thank you to Miss Donna, Miss Julie, Miss Beverly, & Miss Terry!





Fall Flock Retreat



What an awesome retreat! We left early Saturday morning with 11 youth and 4 adults. We enjoyed swimming and fishing from the dock on Saturday. We grilled out burgers and dogs for dinner. We spent time discovering how to find our "Sweet Spot"

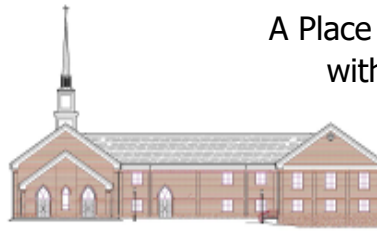


in life! What does that look like? What does that mean? We examined our strengths and gifts that are God-given and how we can and should make a "big deal" out of God with everything we do in life. We sang praises, read scriptures, prayed and worshipped the God of the Universe. On Sunday, we rafted the Ocoee river—it was very exciting! WBC is blessed with an extraordinary group of youth!

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	9/25-10/1	Mike Osborne, Gil Blackburn
	10/2-10/8	Daniel Ray, Edgar Owens
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:	9/25	John Ponish
	10/2	David & Sandy Mullins
Nursery:	9/25	Abbie & Jessica Crutchfield
Children's Church:	9/25	Dave & Misty Belcher
	10/2	Joe & Susie Powers
PA:	9/25	Noah Hall
	10/2	Marty Adkins
Tellers:	September	June Dotson, David Mullins,
	October	Stephen Large, Oscar Raile
Ushers:	9/25	Gil Blackburn*, Steve Horton^, Jack Tolbert^, Jeff Dotson, Marty Kennedy, Jim Sturgill, Clyde Vance, Roger Viers
	10/2	Youth (*Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	9/21	Teresa Adkins, Jean Aker, Bonnie Owens
	9/28	Sherry Collie, Brenda Kunigelis, Sandy Mullins, Beverly Viers
Wed. Meals:	9/21	Chicken Casserole, (Chicken Nuggets), Mashed Potatoes, Corn
	9/28	Mexican (Fajitas &/or Tacos & the works)
Children-in-Action:	9/21	Kathy Dotson, Julie Large
	9/28	Kathy Dotson, Julie Large

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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	Mission Team Meets (1st)	5:00 pm
	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Youth Bible Study	
	Children-in-Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth-Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2--4 pm
	Gideon Bible Study	7:00 pm

Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

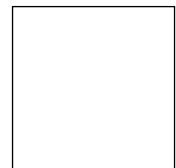
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**Thought for the week:
 Feel rejected? God
 CHOOSES you!**