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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

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 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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



Dear church family and friends,

It was our privilege again to host the "18<sup>th</sup> Annual Remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." at our church on Martin Luther King Day, January 20. It was organized by The Black History Committee at the University of Virginia's College

at Wise. It was a great blessing to worship with our African-American family of God!

It is ironic that the Temple in Jesus' day was segregated. There was a dividing wall that separated Jews and Gentiles in God's own house of worship! The Apostle Paul was a Jew who had become a Christian. That makes what he says in Eph. 2:14 all the more startling... "he [Jesus] himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility."

People have created dividing walls that have separated African-American and white people. There is a history between Jews and Gentiles and African-American and white America. But, the death of Jesus tore down the dividing wall between Jews and Gentiles and all races. Through the sacrifice of our Lord, we can be one. This makes it that much more important that we worshipped together as one on Monday night at Wise Baptist.

The ground is level around the cross. Based on what Christ has done for all, each human being is of worth and value. Therefore, let us bridge the race gap. **The best way I know to bridge a gap is to get to know the other person.** Be specific. Take time to begin a relationship with one of our African American brothers and sisters.

Love, Pastor Mike

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Leadership Team meets**  
 Jan 22 @ 5pm  
**Marriage Retreat**  
 Jan 24-26  
**Superbowl Party (youth)**  
 Feb 2  
**Winter Retreat (youth)**  
 Feb 8 -9

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## SPECIAL NOTICE

***In Sympathy***  
***Our condolences to Pat Adkins and family for the loss of her sister Catherine's husband, Jerry. He passed away last Friday. Please pray for Catherine . She is going through her own illness.***  
***Our Condolences to Jeanne Stallard and family for the recent loss of her daughter, Debbie . She died on January 17th at home.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Southwest Virginia Partnership

On Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, Wise Baptist Church welcomed Tony and Jan Johnson, coordinators for the Southwest Virginia Partnership, who presented information regarding their ongoing work in our area. Through our contributions, the partnership is able to meet a number of needs in our area, including projects associated with Impact Virginia and projects for members of our church. The Mission Committee asks that you consider making a donation to the partnership during the month of January. A special offering will be received on Sunday Jan 26<sup>th</sup> at the end of worship. If you would like to give, please indicate "Southwest Virginia Partnership" on your check or offering envelope and place in the offering plate.



### Inclement weather policy

When Wise County Schools are closed or dismissed early, then our Wednesday night activities will be cancelled. If the prediction is that the weather will worsen as the evening progresses, we will also cancel our activities. The safety of our congregation is very important. We will make every effort to let you know of any schedule changes as soon as possible. God bless and safety first!



### Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Ten couples from Wise Baptist are participating in a marriage enrichment retreat this weekend. It will be led by Pastor and Mrs. Winters. It is a planned getaway at Bent Creek Lodge in Ashville. They will relax and laugh and work on insights that can improve and deepen their marriages.



### Mountain Empire Older Citizens Emergency Fuel Fund Mission Project

**Save Your Change!!** The Mission Committee, in conjunction with Sunday School, will sponsor a project for the month of February to help support the Fuel Fund at MEOC. This service assists people 60 years of age and older who are trapped in winter emergency situations with no money to buy fuel or pay fuel bills. Designed to prevent needy persons from having to choose between paying for fuel, food, or medicine, this is one of MEOC's longest running programs which assists over 900 elderly each winter. **How can you help?** Please bring your change to Sunday School each Sunday in February. We will collect the change during Sunday School and then place the collection in the special container in the Sanctuary. All classes are encouraged to participate.

### 18th Annual Remembrance of MLK



***On Monday Jan 20th, this important event began with soul food at First Church of God. With candles lit, we marched to this side of town for the community service here at Wise Baptist Church. Our guest speaker was Rev. Charles Hawkins. Other guests included Bethel A.M.E. Zion Choir, The Wise Guys, Hannah Jones & Shameeka Shepard, the Mt. Sinai Spirituals and Grace Livingston. The Service included Rev. Justin Preston reciting Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous "I Have a Dream" speech. "We Shall Overcome" was sung at the conclusion of the event.***



*From Leigh*

Like most people, I have set some 2014 “goals” for myself; not New Year’s Resolutions, but hopefully new ways of thinking and choosing and living. Anything new is difficult. When a struggle or an inconvenience or an emergency arises, immediately the old ways seem easier. So, I have experienced set-backs and anticipate that I will experience more set-backs in the future. However, I am going to choose not to be defined by those moments; I am going to choose to “fail forward” as much as possible.

I am reading “The Daniel Plan” by Rick Warren (I highly recommend it!) and was intrigued with a question in the book: “So, what if you could learn the two most important words in the English language when it comes to your health?” (What? Two words! That’s all I need to be healthy? You’re kidding, right?) **THEN WHAT.** Wait! That’s it? **Then what.**

Paul says in 1 Corinthians, “Everything is permissible for me”, - but everything is not good.” Yes, I can eat that unhealthy item, but **then what.** Yes, I can sit down all day long, but **then what.** Yes, I can be short or hateful or dismissive or irresponsible, but **then what.** The more I think about it, these two words are pretty powerful; definitely worth thinking about!

Blessings, Leigh

- TRUTH will rehearse on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 9:15 am.
- The Jubilation Ringers will rehearse on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 4:15 pm.
- Children’s Choirs will resume on Monday, January 27.

**As you pray, please remember...**



Marty, Rose and Jon Kennedy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Jeanne Stallard and family, Pat Adkins and family, all of the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military

**Our Shut Ins:**

Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, 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!**

Scott Harris	Jan 23	Carolyn Jones	Jan 24
Edgar Owens	Jan 24	Gary Smith	Jan 24
Jim Dotson	Jan 24	Billie Harris	Jan 25
Wanda Baird	Jan 25	Shirlee Barnette	Jan 25
Ray Jones	Jan 26	Lulia Maine	Jan 26
Garrison Sheppard	Jan 26	Macey Sheppard	Jan 27
Lance Collie	Jan 28	Regina Carson	Jan 28
Toni Thacker	Jan 28		

**Bible Study**

The Zombie Apocalypse Survival Guide for Teenagers has been a wonderful study for our youth! We have learned nuggets of wisdom that we can apply to our everyday lives. For instance, “two are better than one” - we are all stronger together because we hold each other accountable and we also encourage one another.

It’s not too late to get in on this study. Join Mark and I at youth on Wednesdays and Sundays to learn more. Friends are always welcome.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Feb. 2, 6:00 pm Super Bowl Party (Adkins home)
- Feb. 8-9, Winter Retreat, Winter Place Resort, WV (\$30 deposit due 1/22)

**“SOUPER BOWL” SUNDAY**

Sunday, February 2, is the day that Denver and Seattle will face off in the NFL Super Bowl. Our youth would like to make that day a “**Souper**” Sunday by collecting cans of soup for our local food bank. We will have collection boxes set up for the next few Sundays if you would like to contribute.

*Happy Anniversary*

*Tim & Angel Cox Jan 26*



**Serve Our Lord through His Church**

- ✎ Discover and use your gifts and talents
- ✎ Serve with Pastor, Staff and Leaders
- ✎ Develop a servant’s heart

There are many opportunities in our church on a daily basis where you could participate. Volunteers produce and serve the Wednesday night meal. Volunteers help out with the nursery. Volunteers teach our Sunday School classes. Where do your talents lie? How could YOU serve Our Lord through His Church? Contact the office to let us know where you would like to serve.

## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	1/19-25 1/26-2/1	Robert England, Gil Blackburn John Ponish, Bill Sutherland Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Building Stewards:		Susan M., Eva, Susan S.
Instrumentalists:		Cindy E., Oscar R., Daniel R., Wendy A.
Worship Welcome Team:		
S.S Greeters:	01/26 02/02	Mike and Rebecca Osborne Bob and Teresa Adkins
Nursery:	01/26  02/02	Regina Carson, Susie Clasby, Brooklyn Kennedy, Mary Steudemann Kathy Osborne, Daniel Ray, Tabitha Ray, Noah Hall
Children's Church:	01/26 02/02	Beth Snodgrass Jennifer England
PA:	01/26 02/02	Bryan Crutchfield Oscar Raile
Tellers:	January February	Mike Strouth, David Mullins Martha Blackburn, Oscar Raile
Ushers:	01/26  02/02	Daniel Ray*, John Mark Adrian, Travis Jessee, Jason Mullins, Jeff Elkins, Bryon Burton, Robert England, Dwight Jessee Mark Clark*, Jerry Baird, Edgar Owens, Robert Viers, Stan Kunigelis, Jeff Dotson, Harold Witt, Butch Hutchinson *offertory prayer
Serving Team:	01/22  01/29	Teresa Adkins, Brenda Lee, Cyndi Newlon, Gina Chisenhall Linda Bailey, Ruby Salyers, Rebecca Osborne, Artie Bailey
Wed meal:	01/22  01/29	Grilled Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Veg Medley, Rolls, Salad Potluck

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## Weekly Opportunities

Wed	Jan 22	Leadership Team meets @ 5pm Meal @ 6pm Bible Study @ 6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal @ 7:45 pm
Fri Sun	Jan 24 Jan 26	Marriage Retreat through Sunday TRUTH rehearsal @ 9:15 am Sunday School @ 10 am Worship @ 11 am Jubilation Ringers @ 4:15 pm Youth @ 6pm
Mon	Jan 27	Caring Friends @ 9:30 am Children's choir @ 3:45 pm

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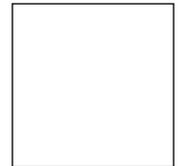
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~YOUTH WINTER RETREAT ~ FEBRUARY 8 & 9~ 

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### Thought For The Week :

[ *Trials and Temptations* ] "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. "

[James 1:2-3 NIV](#)