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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,

Sixteen years...that is how long Leigh Clark, our Minister of Music and Youth has been serving Wise Baptist Church. My first experience with Leigh was a phone conversation in the summer of 2011. She had just been pulling weeds outside the church. Over two years have passed since then and I consider myself blessed to serve with Leigh and love and appreciate her. She is a co-laborer in Christ, a colleague, and friend.

Leigh brings energy, enthusiasm, dedication, challenge, and spirituality into many different areas: the Joyful Noise choir, adult choir, cantatas, leading youth, organizing mission trips, leading in worship, or caring for someone in need.

During my first year, Terry and I had nearly 200 different people from our church into our home. These gatherings were called "Conversations with the Pastor", where I asked, "What is a strength of our church?" At the top of our list was the music program. High on the list was our youth program.

Singing in our Christmas cantatas has given me the opportunity to experience Leigh as she leads the choir. The focus is on ministry, not just performance. During practice she pauses to emphasize the spiritual importance of each song. Leigh also gives practical ideas to help us sing better. Choir practice closes with a personal time of ministry and sharing of prayer concerns.

I have also watched her love our teenagers as she leads them in Bible studies and helps plan and participate in their activities. Last Sunday, we were blessed by the Joyful Noise children's choir as they played hand chimes and sang.

Ministry is a wonderful and satisfying calling. It also has its unique challenges. *Take some time to express appreciation and thanks to Leigh for 16 years of service rendered to God and His people!*

Love, Pastor Mike

## IMPORTANT DATES

- OCC Collection Week**  
Nov 18-25
- "Catching Fire" premier**  
Nov 21
- Operation Christmas Child Collection Day**  
Nov 24
- Youth Lock-in (tentative)**  
Nov 26
- Christmas Cantata**  
Dec 8
- Children's Musical**  
Dec 15
- Marriage Retreat**  
Jan 24-26

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## SPECIAL NOTICE

### 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

### *Volunteers Still Needed for the OCC Relay Center*

Dear Church Family,

The Operation Christmas Child Relay Center will be hosted by Wise Baptist Church again this year. Volunteers are still needed to staff the center during National Collection Week (November 18th - November 25th). The relay center accepts shoebox gifts from our community, counts them, then places them in cartons to be delivered to the collection center in Big Stone Gap.

The specific dates and times that volunteers are currently needed are: Friday, November 22nd (2 pm - 6 pm) and Saturday, November 23rd (9 am - Noon, Noon - 3 pm or the whole time)

Please contact Rebecca Osborne @ 365.0969 or [Osbornes4God@aol.com](mailto:Osbornes4God@aol.com) as soon as possible if you are available to volunteer at any time during the week.



### Love Worth Fighting For

There will be a Marriage enrichment conference, Saturday, Nov 16, 2013. It will be at 6 pm at the David J Prior convocation Center (UVA Wise). Kirk Cameron will be your guide and music will be from Warren Barfield. Tickets at the door will be \$25. Tickets are also available at [www.facebook.com/cgroupproductions.com](http://www.facebook.com/cgroupproductions.com) or by phone 276-523-1866.

*You're invited to a Bridal Shower!*  
*Michelle Hunter requests your presence*

Where: Fellowship Hall

For: Elisha Alexander

When: 11/30/2013

Time: 11 am - 1 pm



### Daily Prayer Guide for Operation Christmas Child

**Sunday:** Thank God for blessing Operation Christmas Child with more than 100 million shoebox gifts over the past 20 years. Pray that millions more children will experience the love of Jesus Christ through these simple gifts.

**Monday:** Ask God to bless the labors of local volunteers who serve year-round to collect, process, transport, and deliver shoebox gifts around the world.

**Tuesday:** Pray that the Lord will use Operation Christmas Child to bring joy to boys and girls in developing countries who face difficult circumstances such as poverty, disease, famine, and war.

**Wednesday:** Pray that every girl and boy who receives a shoebox gift will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Thursday:** Pray that every girl and boy who receives a shoebox will experience God's unconditional love and provision through the gifts they receive.

**Friday:** Pray for the children who enroll in *The Greatest Journey* follow-up discipleship program, that they will come to faith in Jesus and share the Good News with their friends and family.

**Saturday:** Pray for the safety of Operation Christmas Child volunteers who are serving in areas of the world where people may be hostile toward Christians.



From Leigh

Where does time go? It seems like only yesterday that I was invited to join Elizabeth Wills for dinner at Monterrey while Mark was attending Kiwanis Club with Brian Wills and Pastor Ray Jones. In reality, that was 16 years ago! Aaron and Anna were toddlers. Elizabeth was recruiting us for Sunday School and church! She presented a beautiful and personal testimony about the church. And so, a wonderful relationship with Wise Baptist Church began for the Clark family.

Many of you could tell a similar story...someone from your work place or community group invited you to worship or to a program at WBC. You came, felt at home and kept coming back. Our personal invitations are always best. People believe personal testimonies. When we invite someone to join us in something we love and enjoy—it is compelling! I encourage you to be involved, i.e. worship, music ministry, children's ministry, youth, Sunday School, Wednesday nights, and then, invite someone to come along with you! YOU are the best advertisement for Wise Baptist Church. If we want to grow God's Kingdom and our church, we must invite others. Who can you invite this week?

Blessings, Leigh

It was awesome to have our children's choirs lead us in worship yesterday! The Singing Sunbeams and Joyful Noise Choirs presented a beautiful picture through music of God's love and grace. Thank you, parents, for your faithfulness.

I would also like to especially thank Susan Mullins for the Armed Forces Medley which gave our congregation the opportunity to recognize those who have served in our military.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 8 and Sunday, December 15. Our music ministry will present their annual Advent Music programs on those dates. Stay tuned!

The Jubilation Ringers will rehearse at 4:00 pm on Sunday, November 17.



Above: The Singing Sunbeam Choir led by Debbie Collins and Carla Sheppard. Below: The Joyful Noise Choir led by Leigh Clark and Susan Mullins.



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

Jon Kennedy, Pat and Fred Adkins, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Wanda Baird, Marty and Rose Kennedy, Irene Black and family



All of the cancer patients in our area

Our men and women in the military

**Our Shut Ins:**

Jack Tolbert, Sr., 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.

**Boxes Available**

Please pick up a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. We have them located in the foyer and at the elevator. They are simple to put together. There is a \$1 donation for the box.

Make a difference in a child's life.

**Changes in Schedule**

Due to Thanksgiving there will be some changes in our usual routine. There will be no Wednesday night activities on Nov 27<sup>th</sup> and no quilting groups for Nov 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

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| Olivia Collins | Nov 13 |
| Harold Witt    | Nov 13 |
| Anna Jessee    | Nov 13 |
| Leigh Clark    | Nov 15 |
| Donnie Bradley | Nov 15 |
| Luke Collie    | Nov 16 |
| Dwight Jessee  | Nov 19 |

**Happy Birthday**

**YOUTH ON SUNDAY**

Thank you Donna for a great meal on Sunday evening! This Sunday the England family will provide our meal. We will shop for Operation Christmas Child after dinner. All youth are encouraged to participate. Please bring \$5-10 to contribute to the shopping. Hope to see you there and remember: Invite a friend!!

**CATCHING FIRE**

On Thursday, November 21, the youth are invited to watch the premiere of *Catching Fire*. We will attend the 11 pm show. If you are interested, let Leigh know this week.

**LOCK-IN**

We are tentatively making plans to have a youth lock-in on Tuesday, November 26. Let Leigh know as soon as possible if that date would work for you.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

The Central One-Act Team finished in 2nd place at the Region D Competition on Saturday. They will compete at State on December 2.

## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	11/10-16 11/17-23	Lewey Lee, Dan Helton Robert England, Mark Clark Ron, Dan, Scott S. Susan M., Eva, Susan S.
Building Stewards:		
Instrumentalists:		
Worship Welcome Team:		Cindy E., Oscar R., Daniel R., Wendy A.
S.S Greeters:	11/17 11/24	John Ponish Lewey and Brenda Lee
Nursery:	11/17	Regina Carson, Susie Clasby, Brooklyn Kennedy, Mary Steudemann
	11/24	Kathy Osborne, Daniel Ray, Tabitha Ray, Noah Hall
Children's Church:	11/17 11/24	Holly Meade Beth Snodgrass
PA:	11/17 11/24	Mike Osborne Bryan Crutchfield
Tellers:	November	Oscar Raile, Mike Strouth
Ushers:	11/17	Jason Mullins*, Jeff Elkins, Bryon Burton, Robert England, Dwight Jessee, Daniel Ray, John Mark Adrian, Travis Jessee
	11/24	Roger Viers*, Stan Kunigelis, Jeff Dotson, Harold Witt, Butch Hutchinson, Mark Clark, Jerry Baird, Edgar Owens *offertory prayer
Serving Team:	11/13 11/20	Vanessa Cyphers, Susan Smith, Jennifer England, Karen Ponish Beverly Viers, Sandy Mullins, Sherrie Collie, Brenda Kunigelis
Wed Meal:	11/13 11/20	Spaghetti and Garlic Bread Breakfast for Supper

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## Weekly Opportunities

Wednesday	Nov 13	Meal	6:00 pm
		Bible Study	6:45 pm
		Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Nov 14	WOM	noon
Sunday	Nov 17	Sunday School	10:00 am
		Worship	11:00 am
		Jubilation Ringers	4:00 pm
		Youth (England)	6:00 pm
Monday	Nov 18	OCC Relay Center	2-6 pm
		Children's Choir	3:45 pm
Tuesday	Nov 19	OCC Relay Center	2-6 pm

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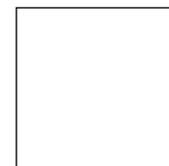
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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NOV 17—NOV 24



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### Thought For The Week :

“ Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.”

[John 2:15-16 NIV](#)