

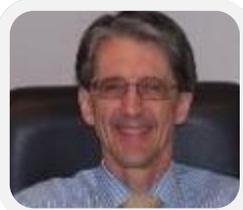
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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

September 4, 2012

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear friends,

As I read the New Testament, it seems that 5 basic purposes of the church emerge. One of those purposes is evangelism. It means to tell the good news of Jesus Christ, Who He is and what He has done. It seems to me that we need to re-think evangelism. We tend to think of it as something someone does who is powerfully persuasive and, therefore, it excludes us.

What appeals to me about Servant Evangelism is that everyone can do it. It is simply an act of kindness, done in a Christ-like spirit, with no strings attached. There is something liberating about that for the giver and the receiver. It takes the pressure off the giver. We have no expectation other than an opportunity to show the love of Christ. We can relax and trust the Holy Spirit to move as He wills.

The receiver, once he or she realizes that we want nothing in return, relaxes. Walls are removed from the giver and receiver's sides. Then there is some free space that opens the way for the Holy Spirit to move. Trust is being established. Seeds are being planted in good soil. To God be the glory!

My challenge to each reader is to get involved in Servant Evangelism. See Steve Sjogren's "Conspiracy of Kindness" or the web-site www.servantevangelism.com. It will help us to better be the church.

Love in Christ, Mike

Important Dates:

Wed, September 5th

5:30 pm—Mission Committee Meeting

5:30 pm—Education Committee Meeting

6:00 pm—Dinner

6:45 pm—Bible Study for All Ages

7:50 pm—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Fri, September 7th

5:30 pm—Bus Trip to Central HS Football Game

Sept. 9th—16th

Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions Emphasis Week

Mark Your Calendars

Thu, September 13th

Noon—Women on Mission

Sat, September 15th

Leadership Team Retreat

Sun, September 16th

3:00 pm—Membership Class



Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions Emphasis Week: September 9th—16th

The Alma Hunt Offering is a statewide offering that provides funding for all Women's Missionary Union missions and ministries in Virginia. This annual offering for Virginia missions was named for Alma Hunt (1909-2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unswerving dedication to the cause of Christ. When you give to this offering, you are equipping those who seek to share with others how God has set them free to live and serve.

When you give to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions, you are claiming God's love for you and acting upon God's command to give and to serve. Through this offering, you and others are able to do something special—to experience God Moments. . . Everywhere!

You can read more about "God Moments" in the insert in this Sunday's bulletin or online at www.almahunt.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study

Our Wednesday night Dinner and Bible Study continue this week! Dinner begins at 6:00 pm.

Suggested donations for dinner are: Adult: \$5; Child: \$3; Family Max: \$15. Bible Study for all ages begins at 6:45 pm.



A nursery is available for children under the age of 3.



Children Age 3 through Grade 6 will lace up their hiking boots, grab their backpacks and get ready for an adventure at "Rock Solid Followers"! Join in for fun, Bible lessons, games, crafts and more!



Youth (Grades 7—12) will meet with Leigh each week in the Youth Building for time in the Word!

There are 3 small group Bible studies available for adults: "Becoming a Contagious Christian", "Habitudes: Images That Form Leadership Habits and Attitudes", and "The Andy Griffith Show" Bible Study Series.

It's not too late to join a Bible Study!

Women's Praise and Worship Conference

You're invited to a special day of worship, praise, music, and speakers who will address the question, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" Broken and Spilled Out will be held on Saturday, September 22nd from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at Thomas Village Baptist Church in Duffield. The cost for the day is \$20. **If you would like to attend, please see Billie Sue Harris by September 17th.**

Senior Adult Retreat

"The Gospel-Centered Life," a senior adult retreat will be held **October 22nd—24th** at Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center. There will be opportunities for personal interest including Bible study, strength and mobility exercises, learning to use Facebook and Skype, navigating the waters of Medicare as well as opportunities for recreation including disc golf, fly fishing, water color painting. There is also a hands-on mission activity planned. The all-inclusive cost per person is \$169 (Voight or Hotel) or \$133 (Lodges). For more information, please visit: www.eagleeyrie.org/events/senior-adult-retreat-2012. **Please see Leigh if you would like to register.**

GOOD NEWS

Thank you to the Deacons for their work with the gasoline buy-down servant evangelism project on Saturday, September 1st. There were 141 families ministered to and who received contact information from our church.

Thank you to Donna Hutchinson for coordinating our meal for the college students through the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at UVA-Wise. Thanks also to those who made food and to those who served.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Fellowship Team

Our deacon fellowship team gives great leadership to Wise Baptist Church through prayer and service. Our deacons for 2012-2013 are: Jerry Baird, Gil Blackburn, Mark Clark (Vice-Chair), Ron Helton (Chair), Phil Mullins, Edgar Owens, John Ponish (Secretary), Gary Smith, and Bill Sutherland. Please be in prayer for each of these as they serve.

Unclaimed Dishes



Thank you to everyone who provides dishes for our meals at the church. There are a number of unclaimed dishes located in the Fellowship Hall. Please stop by to see if one may belong to you!

Attention Parents: If you have a child between the ages of birth and 17 years of age who has a serious allergy and participates in any church related function, please notify the Church office of your child's name, their allergies, and which activities they are involved in so that we may ensure that your child is kept safe during their participation.

MEETING REMINDERS

The **Mission Committee** will meet on Wednesday, September 5th at 5:30 pm in the Men's Sunday School classroom.

The **Education Committee** will meet on Wednesday, September 5th at 5:30 pm in the Ladies' Sunday School classroom.

Kindred Spirits will meet on **Thursday, September 20th at 6:30 pm** at the home of Kathy Helton (203 Ridgefield Rd., Wise). Please RSVP to Kathy (328.0907) by Tuesday, September 18th.



From Leigh

Faithfulness, dedication, perseverance, and commitment are attributes that describe two very special people in our congregation—Don and Gigi Pippin. They have been the backbone of our children’s choir program for 22 years. The Singing Sunbeam Choir has been one of the most successful outreach programs of our church. Gigi and Don welcomed everyone—members, non-members, friends, and neighbors. Many have joined our congregation because of their association with the Singing Sunbeams. Gigi has decided to retire from that position this year because of family obligations and travel plans. Words are not enough to describe the impact of their ministry to our church and God’s Kingdom. She will continue to serve as our church organist.

The Singing Sunbeam choir will continue under the direction and leadership of Debbie Collins and Carla Sheppard. I am certain they will do an outstanding job!

Donna Hutchinson and Sandy Yun will lead the Silver Bells choir; Susan Mullins and I will continue to lead the Joyful Noise Choir. All choirs will begin on Monday, September 24. All children, Age 3–Grade 7 are encouraged to participate; neighbors and friends are certainly welcome!

Blessings, Leigh

TRUTH will meet at 9 am on Sunday morning and we will rehearse following youth on Sunday night. We welcome our newest member, Daniel England, who will play bass guitar!

As you pray, please remember...

Pat and Fred Adkins, George Barnette, Kim Boggs, Carolyn Jones, Patsy Boggs, Michelle Hunter, Clayton and Shirley Willis, David Mullins, Glenn and Bea Hill, Lawrence and Irene Black, Michelle Sisson, Sherry Collie, Ron Swindall, and Rita Isaac
All of the cancer patients in our area
Our men and women in the military

Our Shut Ins:

Jewell Bradley, 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.



- September 5** Sam Wharton
- September 7** Chris Austin
Kathy Helton
Gwen Chisenhall
Jesse Kopp
- September 8** Scott Hall
Nicole Sexton
Marty Kennedy
Butch Hutchinson
- September 9** Stephanie Lawson



- September 6th**
Joe & Reba Smiddy
- September 7th**
Roger & Beverly Viers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, Sept 7

Bus Trip to Central Football Game

Meet at 5:30 pm and bring money for game and for eating at Cheddar’s afterward

Sunday, Sept 9

Dinner/Bible Study

6:00 pm—7:30 pm

Friday, Sept 21

Tailgate party at Central Football Game

Sunday, Oct 7

Creepier Trail Bike Trip—Following Worship

Saturday, Oct 20

Bonfire



Mailing Addresses for Our College Students

We have collected addresses for 14 college students who are a part of our congregation. Some are close to home and others far away. A note or care package from their church family would make their day! Keep these young adults in your prayers as they study and explore who they are and Whose they are. Some addresses were included in last week’s newsletter and others sent via e-mail. Paper copies are available in the church office.

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	9/2-9/8 9/9-9/15	Jerry Baird; Gary Smith Edgar Owens; Phil Mullins
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Worship Welcome Team		Jason Mullins, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray, and Wendy Adrian
SS Greeters	9/9 9/16	John Ponish Lewey & Brenda Lee
Nursery	9/9 9/16	Vance Family; Kathy Osborne Susie Clasby; Regina Carson; Regina Cantrell; Melissa Blackburn
Children's Church	9/9 9/16	Vanessa Mullins Megan Cline
PA	9/9 9/16	Mike Strouth Wayne Isaac
Tellers	Sept	Kathy Helton and David Mullins
Ushers	9/9 9/16	Ron Swindall*, David Mullins, Lewey Lee, Bob Adkins, Gary Smith, Bill Sutherland, Mike Strouth, and Matt Meade Ron Helton*, Mark Clark, Jeff Adkins, Jeff Cantrell, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass, and Dan Helton * Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	9/5 9/12	Kim Coomer, Kathy Helton, Martha Blackburn, & Donna Hutchinson Teresa Adkins, Brenda Lee, Gina Chisenhall, Cyndi Newlon & Edna Hedden
Menu	9/5 9/12	Pizza and Salad Hamburgers & Hotdogs, French Fries, Baked Beans, and Salad

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	TRUTH	7:45 pm
	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd, 4th, & 5th)	9:00 am
Wednesday	Children's Choirs	In Recess
	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bible Study (All Ages)	6:45 pm
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
	Women On Mission (2nd)	Noon

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DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY ~ WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH ~ 6:00 PM

Wise Baptist Church

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Wise, VA 24293

Thought For The Week:

"You were saved by faith in God, who treats us much better than we deserve. This is God's gift to you, and not anything you have done on your own. It isn't something you have earned, so there is nothing you can brag about. God planned for us to do good things and to live as he has always wanted us to live. That's why he sent Christ to make us what we are."

~ Ephesians 2:8—10 (CEV)