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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

February 6, 2018

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

“Cytokinetic storm”. What? What does that phrase even mean? My thoughts exactly...when I saw it last week. When I looked it up, I learned that it refers to an overreaction by a person’s immune system. One reason this flu season is more severe is because of the over-activity of

the immune system. The immune system sees the body as the enemy and attacks it.

I Peter 3:15 is sometimes translated that we must give a “defense” of the gospel to unbelievers. The word “defense” can conjure the idea of being defensive. Defensiveness is a high state of alert that anticipates and expects a hostile response.

Therefore, we might unconsciously see an unbeliever as a threat or an enemy. We might get irritated, argue, debate, or say more than we should. This will hinder the effectiveness of our witness.

Let’s take a closer look at I Peter 3:15. “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer [defense] to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” (NIV)

Read this verse slowly. What do we learn?

Put Christ first.

Be ready...to share why God gives you hope.

Wait until someone asks (shows interest) before saying too much. However, if we show Christ as we live, people will be more likely to ask.

When we do speak about Christ, do it with gentleness and respect.

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Church Directory Meeting
February 11, 12pm

Ash Wednesday Service
February 14, 7pm

Laurels Ministry
February 15, 1:30pm

Senior Adult Valentine Banquet
February 17, 5pm

“Risen” Movie at WBC
February 21, 6:30pm

Youth Winter Retreat
February 23-25

Children’s Ministry Team
March 2, 6pm

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DEACONS 2017-18

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
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Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Jim Collie	393-1710
Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Ron Helton	393-6145
Mike Osborne	365-0968
John Ponish	870-1593
Gary Smith	870-1579

Deacons Emeritus:
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill,
Harold Witt

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



RISEN: THE MOVIE

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 6:30pm

Invite your friends, family & neighbors to join us on the evening of February 21 as we

gather to watch the movie "Risen" here at Wise Baptist. Our fellowship meal will be served beginning at 5:30pm that night. **Childcare will be available.**

On the following 5 Wed. evenings (Feb. 28-Mar. 28), we will be studying the scriptures that talk about Jesus' death & resurrection as we prepare for Easter Sunday.

As you pray, please remember...



Peggy Yanez, family of Elizabeth Davidson, Donna Morton & family, Bonnie Rochford (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, 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

Our Shut Ins: Susan Davidson (Heritage Hall), Eddie Culbertson, Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Betty Easterling (The Laurels), Florine Pennington (The Laurels), Jeanne Stallard

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



Mission Trip Opportunities

Weekend Trip:

March 16-18...



White Sulfur Springs, WV

**Contact Bryon Burton (594-0025)*

Both of these mission trips will involve ongoing disaster relief efforts in areas affected by flooding.

Summer Trip:

June 23-30...



Tarboro, NC

** Contact John Ponish (870-1593)*

*Ash 
Wednesday
February 14, 2018
7:00 pm*

Join us for a special time of worship in the sanctuary on February 14 as we begin to prepare our hearts for Easter this year.

This would be a wonderful opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbors.



WINTER BIBLE STUDY!

Wednesdays, Jan. 3 - Feb. 7,

6:45pm

"First Peter:

Living as Strangers in a Secular World"

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Senior Adult Valentine Banquet

Saturday, February 17, 5pm

We would like to honor our Senior Adults in a special way this February with a special dinner & entertainment!

If you would like to host a senior adult(s), please contact John Ponish at 870-1593. Hosting would include doing anything you would like to honor them & show them how special they are, such as: invite them to the banquet, offer to pick them up, sit with them, pay for their meal(s), etc!



Operation Christmas Child
YEAR-ROUND
Gift Ideas!

#OCCitemofthemoth

JAN. hats, gloves, scarves	FEB. accessories	MAR. crafts
APR. stuffed animals	MAY hygiene items	JUNE toys
JULY school supplies	AUG. clothing items	SEPT. games
OCT. letter & photo to recipient	NOV. \$9 for shipping	DEC. PRAY

CHEESE!



Sunday, February 11 ~ If you are interested in helping put together an updated church directory for 2018, please meet Teresa Adkins in the church library (Friendship Classroom) immediately following worship on Feb. 11.



WBC
Feb. 1- May 10
2018

GriefShare is a Biblically-based program that offers Christ-centered teaching focusing on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts & the real-life stories of real people, followed by a small group discussion.

To register, please contact Gail Bryant at 275-6002 by January 19. The program will take place Feb. 1—May 10 in the WBC Fellowship Hall. A light dinner will be served.

**We're expecting
someone little!**



You are invited to a baby shower for

Josh & Kristen Owens

Sat., February 10 at 10:30am

Model City Event Center, Kingsport

****Please RSVP to Bonnie Owens (275-8539)**

MUSIC * YOUTH * CHILDREN NEWS



Greetings Everyone!

It is a new month, which means that we are one month closer to the spring season than we originally were. However, Punxsutawney Phil has decreed that there will be six more weeks of winter. Sometimes he brings us good news, and sometimes he brings this bad news, such as today. However, no matter what we face or what we come across, we know that our heavenly Father is in all things and all things were created through Him. How can we be discouraged knowing this?? Several of you have come to talk to me about your interest in joining "Truth" and how you can contribute through your participation. I will be getting back with each of you who has contacted me, along with following up on any leads that have been brought to my attention. I want you to know that if you are feeling like you are being called to come join us, you will be welcomed with open arms. Like I say to the choir all the time, as long as we are making a joyful noise, then this is all that matters.

Stay warm, and I look forward to seeing everyone of you again! God bless you all!! *Ben*



- February 6 Kara Kennedy
- February 7 Randy Chisenhall
Kaitlin Collins
Kathy Kennedy
Phillip Prince
- February 8 David Whittaker
- February 10 David Mullins
Adam Sexton
- February 12 Kristin Trick
- February 13 Brandon Osborne
- February 15 Megan Burton
June Dotson
Logan Stewart
Corrie White
- February 16 Conner Browning
Bessie Vance



February 13
Jim & June Dotson

Wise Baptist Church

Youth Ministry



MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the Winter Retreat scheduled for Feb. 23-25 at Beech Mountain, NC. This year's trip is open to parents & other adults as well. Lodging will be at the White Wolf Lodge & there is limited space. If you are interested in going, please turn in a \$50 deposit by **Feb. 4** to Bryon Burton 594-0025 or vol4lifebb@gmail.com



Wise Baptist Children's Ministry



Upcoming Children's Activities!

February 14

Valentines will be mailed to all children

March 24

Craft Day for Operation Christmas Child

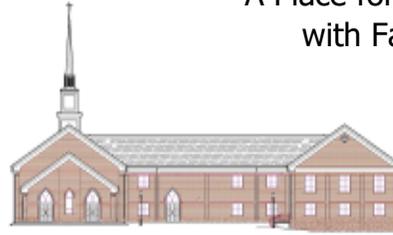
April 1

Resurrection Eggs Presentation during worship

April 21

Children's Snack & Paint

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	2/4-2/10	Jeff Dotson, John Ponish
	2/11-2/17	Mike Osborne, Gil Blackburn
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome	2/11	Beth Snodgrass
	2/18	Beth Snodgrass
S.S. Greeters:	2/11	John Ponish
	2/18	Bob & Teresa Adkins
Nursery:	2/11	Stephen & Julie Large
	2/18	John Mark & Wendy Adrian
Children's Church:	2/11	Debbie Collins, Pam Hersel
	2/18	Johnny & Renee Robinson
Sound System:	2/11	Oscar Raile
	2/18	Marty Adkins
Tellers:	February	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	March	Edgar Owens, Martha Blackburn
Wed. Serving Teams:	2/7	Brenda Lee, Susan Smith, Ann Wade
	2/14	Linda Bailey, Karen Ponish, Ruby Salyers
Wed. Meals	2/7	Potluck
	2/14	BBQ, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Chips
Children-in-Action:	2/7	Julie Large
	2/14	Ash Wednesday Service

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth (Grades 7-12)	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Studies	6:45 pm
	Children in Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth - Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm

Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

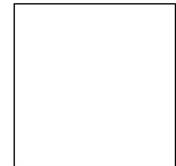
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Thought for the Week:
Be ready to share why God
gives you hope!