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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

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A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

How we think about God matters. It is important to think about our thinking about God. What we think affects what we believe, which affects what we do.

In recent days, our community has been reeling from the deaths of two young men. Brad Hurt and Brock Funk were both school teachers with students and faculty who were affected. Families, friends, and communities were also deeply affected.

Are their deaths God's will? What does that mean? Does it mean God directly caused their deaths? If that is what we mean, then what are we saying about God? If that is true, then can we honestly trust a God like that? Leslie Weatherhead says sometimes we attribute to God things for which we put people in jail.

Sometimes when we imply something is God's will, it is a way to say that God is in charge or in control. What do we mean by control? Does God cause everything that happens? What about sin?

This belief compromises a basic part of our faith, free choice. If we don't choose God freely, our relationship is meaningless. One of the supreme gifts from God to us is the gift of choice to either accept or reject Him. It would not be love, if the choice was forced.

Sin does harm the innocent. Random events happen. Disease and tragedy injure and kill good people. Where is God? He is in the same place He was when His Son was being killed.

God weeps with us, walks with us, and brings good things out of even the worst tragedy....out of the cross (Jesus' death) came our forgiveness. And the doorway to life everlasting!

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Leadership Team Meeting
January 22

Southwest VA Partnership Speakers
January 25

Mission Luncheon
January 25

BCM Luncheon
February 2

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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

New Adult Wednesday Night Bible Study



A new Bible study began on **Wednesday, Jan 14**. This 4-week study, "I Am a Church Member", is taught in the sanctuary at 6:45 by Pastor Mike. It has some powerful ideas. There is still time to join, pick up your copy and begin reading today. Plan to join us at 6 each week for dinner. There are classes for our children and youth each week as well.



MISSION LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 25th lunch will be served after church. Money donated will buy medical supplies for the Belize trip, that Erra Sutherland, Jim Collie and Jasmine Vance will be going on. The menu will be soup beans and corn bread. Desserts are needed for this meal. If anyone can help please call Sherlene Hall at 328-9315.

All are invited!!

BCM LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon for the college students is February 2nd. We will be needing desserts for this meal. If you can help please call Sherlene Hall at 328-9315.

Tony and Jan Johnson

Tony and Jan Johnson will speak briefly in our morning worship service on Sunday, January 25. They lead the Southwest Virginia Partnership (SWVP). This organization was birthed by the Wise, Clinch Valley, and Powell River Valley Baptist Associations in 2010. Since that time, the SWVP has coordinated hundreds of volunteers from all over the state of Virginia for mission projects of all kinds in our area. These projects include roofing, remodeling, ramp-building etc. for people who could not otherwise afford it.

As you pray, please remember...



Papa Joe and Reba Smiddy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Kim Boggs, Pat Boggs, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, Elizabeth and Susan Davidson, Irene Black, Hubert and Ida Breeding, John and Kay Wright, Wanda Baird, David Mullins, Marty Kennedy, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military.

Hospital: Butch Hutchinson, Mtn. View

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 or shut-ins, please let us know.

LET'S HELP



The Department of Social Service Adult Protection Services is in need of food items. The food items help bridge the gap at the end of the month, when supplies run low. Items needed: peanut butter, saltine crackers, canned soup, tuna, instant oatmeal, spaghetti sauce/noodles, macaroni & cheese (with liquid cheese).

Please place these items in the white baskets in the hallway.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

One of the many opportunities we have to grow as believers is by being part of a class where the Bible is being taught weekly. If you are not a regularly attending Sunday School, please make plans to start this Sunday. We have classes for all ages and I know that you will receive a blessing! Thank you to those who attend weekly and especially to our teachers! May God richly bless you this new year!!

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

January 22, 6:30 pm

Pastor Mike's Home



From Leigh

Know your WHY. That is the secret to success at whatever you are attempting. If you know your **WHY**, you will stick with it and follow through. When you know your **WHY**, you understand the importance and the significance. Knowing your **WHY** is essential!

Our Bible study on Wednesday evenings (*I Am A Church Member*) and Pastor Mike's sermon series (Connecting through the Local Church) is all about the **WHY**. **WHY** belonging (not simply being on the church roll) to a church is important and beneficial and spiritual and Biblical and much more!! I hope you will join us this week.

Last night at youth, the kids and I were talking about Mark Collins and Megan Funk and what we could do for them—something uplifting. We decided we would contribute to the scholarship fund. AND we decided to "flock" his yard. We made a huge sign and someone put a youth t-shirt on a pink flamingo. We got everything ready and took off. I let them off around the corner and told them to be quiet, to take pictures and to not get hurt. They were to meet me on the sidewalk below his house. They took off! They were excited to show Mark that they love him.

I talked with Mark earlier today. He won't be back home until Wednesday so I told him what the kids had done. He said, "Leigh, that just brought the biggest smile to my face".

That, my friends, is my **WHY**. What's yours?

Blessings, Leigh



ONE WORD

For the next couple of weeks, Mark and I are going to lead the youth in the One Word process. This is a book by Jon Gordon that helps you discover a word to live by for the year. We will also choose One Word for our youth group. It will be a process of prayer and discovery. Please pray for us as we seek God's guidance.

Dinner/Bible Study
Wednesday—6/6:45
Sunday—6/6:30

Join us and invite someone!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



- January 20 Sam Wharton
- January 23 Scott Harris
- January 24 Jim Dotson
Carolyn Jones
Edgar Owens
Gary Smith
- January 25 Wanda Baird
Billie Harris
Shirlee Barnette
- January 26 Ray Jones, Jr.
Lulia Maine
Garrison Sheppard

MISSION YARD SALE



The mission yard sale will be May 1st & 2nd. Please remember to donate your unwanted items and kindly used, when you do your spring cleaning. Please try to do this as early as possible. Your donations make this project a success. Sherlene Hall will be glad to take your donations any time, 328-9315.

MEOC

The month of February, we will be collecting money for the Hearth warming Fund for MEOC. Baskets will be provided at the front and back of the church.

WEDDING SHOWER INVITATION



A drop-in wedding shower for Joshua Owens (son of Bonnie & Edgar Owens) and his fiancée, Kristen Brooks, will be held on Sunday, February 8, from 2-4 pm in the WBC Fellowship Hall.

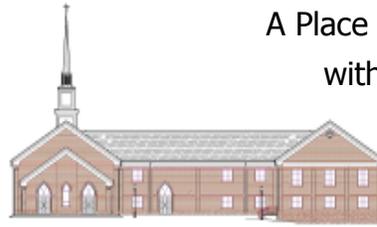
Everyone is cordially invited.

Our **Children's Choir** program will resume in February. Stay tuned for more information.

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	1/18-1/24	Daniel Ray, Edgar Owens
	1/25-1/31	Mark Clark, John Ponish
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Eva, K. Susan S.
Worship Welcome Team:		Dave Belcher, Misty Belcher, Jeff Kiser, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray, Carla Sheppard
S.S. Greeters:	1/25	Sandy & David Mullins
	2/01	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
Nursery:	1/25	Donna Hutchinson(N1), Butch Hutchinson(N2), Mary Steudemann (Floater)
	2/01	Vanessa Cyphers(N1), Russell Cyphers (N2), Caroline Mullins(Floater)
Children's Church:	1/25	Beverly Viers
	2/01	Megan Cline
PA:	1/25	Mike Osborne
	2/01	Bryan Crutchfield
Tellers:	Jan.	Mike Strouth, David Mullins
Ushers:	1/25	Jeff Cantrell*, John Ponish, Mark Clark, Scott Snodgrass, Dan Helton, Ron Helton, Jeff Adkins
	2/01	Youth *Offertory Prayer
Wed.-Serving Team:	1/21	Martha Blackburn, Regina Cantrell, Gina Chisenhall, Sherry Collie
	1/28	Jessica Crutchfield, Kathy Dotson, Kathy Helton, Debbie Helton
Wed. Night Meal:	1/21	Pizza King, Salad
	1/28	Soups-Potato, Vegetable, Chicken Noodle, Italian Wedding

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Caring Friends(2nd & 4th)	9:30 am
	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	
Wednesday	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Sanctuary Choir	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission(1st)	Noon
	Leadership Team Meeting	6:30 pm
	(Pastor Mike's Home)	

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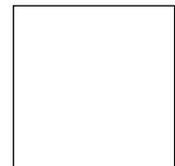
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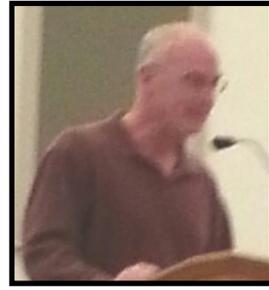
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Thought for the week: Just as plants bend toward the light, when the dark times come, bend toward the Light of God.

SUNDAY WORSHIP



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