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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

January 3, 2017

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear church family and friends,

2016 is over and 2017 is under way! The world is different now than it was on Jan. 1, 2016. Our lives have changed. Some changes we did not choose or want. Other changes were more positive. Regardless of what did or did not

happen, here we are.

What does God want for us in 2017? What is His will for us as individuals and as a church? God's will is sometimes thought of as a detailed plan that is concealed from us. We must discover His will or we will be "out of His will" and on a course that is contrary to God.

This implies that God is making it hard for us to know His will. The very opposite is true. God wants us to know His will. Every verse, every page, and every chapter in the Bible shows that God wants us to know His will. God's will is what He wants for us. How do we know what He wants? **We know what God wants when we know Him better.**

Therefore, it all boils down to knowing God better. Then, the question becomes how we can know God better. My current sermon series is entitled "Knowing God". We can know God better through worship, our daily spiritual walk, our service, fellowship, witness and practice of our faith.

Romans 12:1-2 says, "I appeal to you, therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Love, Pastor Mike

### 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

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Missions Ministry Team Meeting**  
January 4, 5pm

**New Bible Study Begins**  
January 4, 6:45pm

**Personnel Committee Meeting**  
January 5, 5:30pm

**Deacons' Meeting**  
January 8, 8:30am

**Children's Ministry Team**  
January 8, 4pm

**Leadership Team Meeting**  
January 12, 6:30pm

**Church-Wide Birthday Party**  
January 15, 12noon

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Service**  
January 16, 7pm

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### DEACONS 2016-17

Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Ron Helton	393-6145
John Kennedy	328-5013
Matt Meade	393-9177
Mike Osborne	365-0968
Edgar Owens	328-6129
Daniel Ray	328-2483

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE!!



You are cordially invited to attend a birthday party in your honor on Sunday, JANUARY 15 at 12:00 noon. That's right—we will be celebrating **EVERYONE'S** birthday at once at a church-wide Birthday Party following our morning worship service on January 15.

The Missions Committee will be serving a lasagna, salad & garlic bread lunch to help raise funds for future mission projects. The Children's Ministry Team will provide dessert (Birthday Cake), decorations and entertainment. There will be 12 tables (or more) set up in the fellowship hall - one for each month of the year. You can sign up on the Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin or contact Susie Powers.

### TRAIN DISPLAY!



Jim & Sherry Collie graciously invite you to visit their Christmas train display anytime between now & after the New Year. Call them at 276-328-5133 to set up a visit.

### Jewels of Alpine Europe Tour



Join Mike & Carolyn Strouth  
May 1 - 13, 2017 for a 13-day guided  
tour...

"Journey from Switzerland's mountain-lined Lake Lucerne to France's inspiring Lake Annecy. Take in the picturesque Chamonix Valley & stroll along Italy's Lake Como. Then, cross Liechtenstein & hit the winter wonderland of Innsbruck before heading to Munich, the lively capital of Bavaria."

Contact Mike Strouth at 865-394-8930 or  
[amstrouth@gmail.com](mailto:amstrouth@gmail.com) if you are interested.

*As you pray, please remember...*

Glenn & Bea Hill, Debbie Collins, Judy Combs, Cheryl Estep & family, Pat Boggs & family, Irene Black, 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.



**Hospitalized:** Wesley Kennedy (Florida), Elizabeth Davidson (NCH, Norton)

**Our Shut Ins:** Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Archie Kennedy (Heritage Hall—BSG), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG), and Florine Pennington (The Laurels).

*\*If you know of other prayer concerns,*

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

We extend our heart felt sympathy to Glenn & Bea Hill, Debbie Collins, Judy Combs and their families in the loss of Larry Joe Hill on December 24. We also extend our sympathy to Cheryl Estep and her family in the death of her son, Thomas on January 1. Please continue to lift up these families in your prayers.

### WINTER BIBLE STUDY!

Jan. 4—Feb. 22 at 7pm

"Malachi: Overcome Complacency"

Malachi speaks to our natural, human tendency to coast and drift, spiritually. He helps the people overcome doubt and discouragement and find their way back to God. Join Pastor Mike as he leads this timely Bible study.



### GUEST SPEAKERS



Jan & Tony Johnson will be speaking about the Southwest Virginia Partnership during morning worship on Sunday, January 15. Offering baskets will be placed by the front doors, if you would like to give to this ministry.

# 2016

## *A Celebration of God's Many Blessings in 2016!*

*January...* The Flock made Thankful Jars & went sledding at the Snodgrass home; Church-Wide Birthday Party

*February...* "Souper" Bowl Sunday, Youth "Escape" Adventure, Lent Service, "Risen" movie, Fervent Tour in SC

*March...* Seder Service, Children's Egg Hunt at Natural Tunnel, Flowering of the Cross, Easter Sunday

*April...* Ballroom Dancing Class began, Volunteer / Service Appreciation Day Luncheon

*May...* Mission Trip Yard Sale, Graduate Recognition Sunday, Gas Buy-Down & Free Car Wash

*June...* Cave Quest VBS, Summer S.O.A. P. Bible Study began, Community Block Party, Papa Joe & Bluegrass Band

*July...* Mission Trip to Gainesville, FL, Brown Bag Ministry, RAM, Back-to-School Goodie Bags distributed

*August...* BCM Flooring Project, Wise Men & Women Cookout for Law Enforcement, Church-Wide Ice Cream Social

*September...* Senior Ladies' Tea Party, Fall Youth Retreat

*October...* Steeple cleaning, Youth Hiking Trip, A Night of Music, Trunk or Treat, Raise the Roof project at the Rock

*November...* Children's Snack-n-Paint, Thanksgiving S.O.A.P. Bible Study

*December...* 20th Christmas Cantata, Parents' Night Out, Jubilation Ringers at The Inn, Reception for Leigh & Mark

### **WISE BAPTIST CHURCH INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

#### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL & BIBLE STUDY**

If the Wise area is experiencing inclement weather, i.e. snow, ice, on a Wednesday, a decision will be made by the Pastor as to whether our meal and Bible study will be held as usual or cancelled.

We will **NOT** automatically cancel our activities because Wise County or Norton City schools are closed.

The decision to cancel our activities will be made no later than 2:00 pm and will be communicated through email, website, Facebook, and phone calls.

Your safety is most important. Please don't attempt to get out if the weather/conditions are dangerous.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP**

We will have Sunday School and Worship even during inclement weather. The exception to this will be if our building is without power.

Our Pastor and Building Stewards will make that decision, if necessary.

In the event that our services are cancelled, communication will be sent via email, website, Facebook and phone calls.

#### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

If Wise County Schools are closed or dismiss early due to weather, children's choir will **NOT** meet.

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS / SMALL GROUPS**

The chairperson or leader of the affected committee or group will make this decision and will be responsible for letting everyone know.



*A special thank you to Ron & Vickie Swindall for sharing special music with us on Sunday morning! With all that Ron has been through this past year, it is wonderful that he could start the new year sharing with us in worship!*

*Choir practice has begun & will continue on Wednesday evenings at 7:45pm. New members are always welcome—come & join us!*

*Peace and love, Donna*



### Wise Baptist Church Youth Ministry

On January 2, youth, parents and youth leaders met at Pastor Mike's and Terry's home. There was food, fellowship and future planning. A big reason for the meeting was to confirm that Wise Baptist Church is committed to our youth and will provide ministry to and through them.

Leigh loves our youth and is missed. The youth ministry will not and cannot look the same. No two people are the same or do things in the same way. There will be some grief at every youth event, because Leigh's absence will be felt. It is wise to acknowledge and allow for that grief. A good way to honor her legacy is to build upon her ministry with our young people.

Though there is sadness, we look forward with hopefulness. Plans were made at the meeting last evening to continue the Sunday youth Bible study/fellowship time/meal. Mark Collins will be leading Bible study this Sunday night (Jan. 8) & Susan Mullins will be providing the meal.

Other plans and events being made include: the youth Super Bowl party, a Winter Ski Trip and a Spring Lock-In. Stay tuned for upcoming news & events!

A good youth program has a balance of spiritual growth, fellowship/recreation, and service. Those elements will continue. The commitment of Wise Baptist to our youth continues. Most importantly, the love and guidance of God continues.



January 3	Eileen Cantrell Caleb Godsey
January 4	Mark Collins Hazel Dixon
January 7	Brian Wills
January 8	Bret Chisenhall
January 10	Ruby Salyers
January 12	Eden Mullins
January 13	Joyce Horne



January 5 - Mike & Terry Winters  
January 7 - Jack & Marsha Tolbert

### "Let There Be Christmas"

ARC-TV made a video recording of the Christmas Cantata. DVD's are available for purchase (\$20). Call 276.679.4000 to place your order.



## WBC Children's Ministry

### \* JANUARY 8

Thank you to all of those who have been involved in our children's ministry during 2016!! The Children's Ministry Team will be meeting to continue making plans for 2017 on Sunday, January 8. We will begin at the church with a prayer walk at 4pm, followed by a dinner meeting at the Winters' home.

### \* JANUARY 15

**DON'T MISS** the church-wide Birthday Party on January 15! Sign up now so that you have a seat at your birth month table. Contact Susie Powers or call the church office to sign up!

### \* JANUARY 16

The Singing Sunbeams Choir will begin meeting again on Monday, January 16 from 4 - 5pm. All children ages 4 - Grade 5 are welcome. Bring your friends!

## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	1/1-1/7	Gil Blackburn, Daniel Ray
	1/8-1/14	Edgar Owens, Ron Helton
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome Team:		Dave Belcher, Misty Belcher, Jeff Kiser, Oscar Raile, Daniel Ray
S.S. Greeters:	1/8	John Ponish
	1/15	David & Sandy Mullins
Nursery:	1/8	Sandy Mullins, Mary Stuedemann
	1/15	Regina Carson, Noah Hall
Children's Church:	1/8	Renee & Johnny Robinson
	1/15	Dave & Misty Belcher
PA:	1/8	Marty Adkins
	1/15	Mike Osborne
Tellers:	January	Martha Blackburn, David Mullins
	February	Stephen Large, Edgar Owens
Ushers:	1/8	Ron Helton*, Jorge Hersel^, Jeff Kiser^, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass, Marty Adkins, Leton Harding
	1/15	Jeff Dotson*, Marty Kennedy^, Jack Tolbert^, Clyde Vance, Gil Blackburn, Dave Belcher, Bryon Burton *Offertory Prayer; ^Choir Ushers)
Wed. Serving Teams:	1/4	Teresa Adkins, Jean Aker, Bonnie Owens
	1/11	Sherry Collie, Brenda Kunigelis, Sandy Mullins, Beverly Viers
Wed. Meals:	1/4	Potluck
	1/11	Tacos, Refried Beans, Rice, Chips, Salsa
Children-in-Action:	1/4	Kathy Dotson, Julie Large
	1/11	Kathy Dotson, Julie Large

\* Please contact a member of the Personnel Committee or the church office if you would like to serve!

## Wise Baptist Church General Fund Giving Summary 9/4/16 - 12/25/16

General Fund Receipts To Date	\$ 101,219
<u>General Fund Needed To Date</u>	<u>\$ 101,504</u>
Variance	(\$ 285)
Average Weekly Variance	(\$ 17)
Weekly General Fund Budget	\$ 5,971

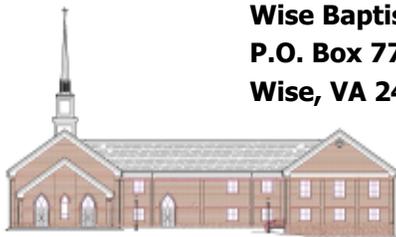
## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (starts again 1-16-17)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (starts again 1-9-17)	
	Singing Sunbeams (starts again 1-16-17)	4-5 pm
Wednesday	Mission Ministry Team (1st)	5:00 pm
	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Study	6:45 pm
	Youth Bible Study	
	Children-in-Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth-Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women on Mission (2nd)	2-4 pm

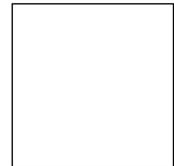
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**Thought for the week:**  
**To know God better is to**  
**know His will better.**