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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

July 1, 2025

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family & Friends,

Knowledge is power. Why?

Years ago, Andre Agassi and Boris Becker were top professional tennis players in the world. Becker had such a good serve that most had trouble returning it.

Agassi, after studying hours of videotape of Becker, noticed something. Every time Becker served the ball, he stuck out his tongue. When his tongue was at the right side of his mouth, he served to the right side of the court. When his tongue was to the left side of his mouth, he served the left side of the court.

The next time Agassi played Becker he watched Becker's tongue. Then Agassi knew where Becker was going to hit his serve. He effectively returned Becker's serves. And won the match.

Knowledge is power. It gives you an advantage. And control.

Knowledge can be good. When used the right way for the right reasons.

Or it can be bad. Used for the wrong things for the wrong reasons.

Adam and Eve ate from the forbidden tree. The tree of knowledge of good and evil. They wanted to know everything. To gain total control of their lives. Without God.

What areas do we try to control and leave out God?

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Bible Study
Wed, July 2, 7pm

**No Wed. evening meals
or Choir Practice during
the summer**

Holy Communion
Sunday, JULY 13
11am

**Special Called Business
Meeting**
Wed, July 16, 7pm

Cookie Donations
*needed by July 28

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DEACONS 2024 - 2025

Debbie Collins	393-3875
Jeff Elkins	393-5700
Ron Helton	393-6145
Stan Kunigelis	870-2227
Lewey Lee	393-5370
Matt Meade	393-9177
David Mullins	870-0005
Ruby Salyers	870-0590

Deacon Emeritus:
Bob Adkins

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

*Special
Called*
**Business
Meeting**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

7:00pm

*There will be a special
called business meeting
in the sanctuary to elect*

*& commission a Pastor Search Committee.
Please plan to attend.*



**WEEK 2:
June 29 - July 5**

warmer. safer. drier.

This week (June 29 - July 5) Wise Baptist is housing the second mission/work team from Appalachian Service Project. Approximately 40 youth & leaders from all over the country will be staying here at Wise Baptist & another team of about 40 will be staying at Mt. Olive. All 80 will be eating meals at WBC. They will be using our Fellowship Hall, kitchen, bathrooms & classrooms.

We need all hands on deck on Saturday (July 5) as we do some supplemental cleaning & put classrooms back together in preparation for Sunday. Please contact John Ponish (870-1593) or Diane Cornett (210-3099) if you are available!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped clean the church & vacuum & prepare an amazing dinner for 80 folks on Sunday night! We appreciate John Ponish, Diane Cornett & Teresa Adkins for coordinating all of the preparation!



As you pray, please remember...



Appalachian Service Project Teams, David & Sandy Mullins, Frances Sturdavant, Judy Sturgill, Janes Hughes, Grace Allio, Brenda Lee, Kathy Helton, Jim Sturgill, Wanda Baird, Travis Dutton, Donna Raines, John & Kathy Kennedy, Jordan Joseph (grandson of Virginia Ebert), Natalie Luther, those affected by Hurricane Helene & Hurricane Milton, Jim & June Dotson, Cyrus Jones, Donna Hutchinson, Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Lorna Wherry & Brian Plester (siblings of Brenda Kunigelis), Mike Smith's sister Lynn, Beth Snodgrass, doctors, nurses & all medical/pharmaceutical personnel, law enforcement & emergency personnel, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men & women in the military.

Our Shut Ins: Andrew Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's dad) - Appalachia, VA

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

**Thank
You!**

*A thank you from some of the ASP
folks who stayed here last week...*

Pastor Mike,

Thank you so much for letting us stay and trusting us in this beautiful church. We truly appreciate it! It was so nice getting to know you and your church.

~ First United & Aldersgate



**This Week's
Scripture
Hebrews 11:1**

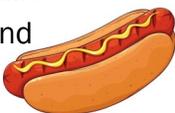
"Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen."

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!



July 2	Tabitha Ray
July 4	Peggy Bowling
July 6	Lu Ellsworth
	Jayda Hutchinson
	Riley Smith
July 8	Rick Meade
	Maverick Mullins
	Andrew Sexton
July 9	Wilma Graham
July 10	Marybeth Adkins
	Jennifer Spenilla
	Erra Sutherland



Happy Anniversary!

Ray & Jennifer Spenilla	July 2
John & Kathy Kennedy	July 6



Being Faithful Stewards

Faithful stewards recognize that God owns it all. Once we accept & understand this foundation of stewardship, we can grow and mature in gratitude, contentment,

patience, generosity, & faith.

May we all long to grow to be faithful stewards of God's work here at Wise Baptist Church.

For those who cannot physically attend Sunday morning worship services in the sanctuary, your tithes & offerings may be mailed to Wise Baptist Church, PO Box 777, Wise VA 24293, or brought by the Church anytime during open hours.

"In all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:6

WBC Music Ministry



Last week, in my article about church life & us middle & older adults, I covered 2 points: 1) Stay eager for change and 2) Learn for real growth, not the accumulation of knowledge.

Today, we will cover points 3 & 4: 3) Be generous and 4) Invest in the next generation.

BE GENEROUS. One of the biggest benefits of growing older is that you have more money than you did when you were in your 20's or even when you were raising children and getting them through school and college. Some of us have more, some have less. Even if we have less money, we have more possessions than any of us need and in some cases, want. We can be generous! We can share those possessions with those who are in need. We have more time, but maybe not as much energy. We can lend that limited energy to our church projects and missions. If you can't GO, you can PRAY, support through financial giving or just writing kind, encouraging notes to our missionaries. There is even a need ON mission trips for "talkers" to talk with homeowners whose houses we are working on, to people in the community and even to talk with our own missionaries doing their jobs and needing an encouraging word or a bottle of water and a little bit of shade to get through a long, hot afternoon. You can still be an active part without doing construction or heavy-lifting work. There are so many different ways that you can be an active part of any mission activity!

INVEST IN THE NEXT GENERATION. Throughout time, the next generation has always been "beyond help" and was thought to be the end of civilization as we know it. We can laugh about it, but it will always be this way. They don't do things like we used to do them, but they are doing things. We as older adults need to learn from them while we are teaching them. It's hard to establish a relationship with someone from outside of our generation without regular interaction and taking a real interest. It can help both you and the young adult/teenager that you encounter. Really take time to listen and you can learn all sorts of things. They can also help you with understanding current culture and even electronics.

Peace, love & joy, Donna

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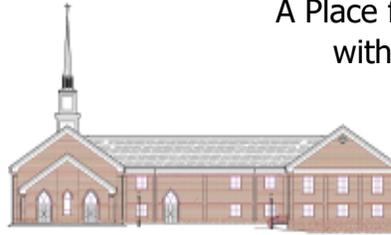
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
	JULY 2: B - Tabitha Ray A - Ray & Jennifer Spenilla		7pm - Bible Study online ONLY 7/2 NO Fellowship Meals or Choir Practice during summer		HAPPY 4th! 	
Appalachian Service Project →					B - Peggy Bowling	
6 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church B - Lu Elworth B - Jayda Hutchinson B - Riley Smith A - John & Kathy Kennedy	7 Piecemakers, 9:30am	8 B - Rick Meade B - Maverick Mullins B - Andrew Sexton	9 7pm - Bible Study NO Fellowship Meals or Choir Practice during summer B - Wilma Graham	10 B - Marybeth Adkins B - Jennifer Spenilla B - Erra Sutherland	11 B - Kenny Bowling B - Lloyd Tomlinson B - Sandy Yun A - Jeff & Kathy Dotson	12 B - Braden Hall
13 8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - Holy Communion	14 Caring Friends, 9:30am A - Steve & Margie Horton	15 B - Ayden Browning B - Lily Sexton	16 B - Cheryl Estep B - Elora Thompson B - Landon Whittaker A - Adam & Nicole Sexton	17 1:30pm - <i>Laurels Ministry</i>	18 B - Charlie Hibbitts B - Will Sturgill A - Ehtan & Lily Elkins	19 B - Wayne Isaac
20 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church B - Carlie Tomlinson	21 Piecemakers, 9:30am B - Vicki Stephens	22 B - Dave Belcher	23 7pm - Bible Study NO Fellowship Meals or Choir Practice during summer A - Doug & Betty Dotson	24 B - Debbie Collins B - Bonnie Owens	25 B - Susie Blanton B - Oscar Raile A - Kenny & Peggy Bowling A - John & Diana Roberts	26 B - David Allio
27 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Message B - Allen Cantrell B - Cam Chisenhall	28 Caring Friends, 9:30am Deadline for Cookie Donations B - Ron Helton B - Oliver Ray	29	30 7pm - Bible Study NO Fellowship Meals or Choir Practice during summer B - Melissa Blackburn	31	B = Birthday A = Anniversary	If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	6/29 - 7/5	Ron Helton, Stan Kunigelis
	7/6 - 7/12	Lewey Lee, David Mullins
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	July	Linda Burgess
Children's Church	July 6	Lisa Blankenbecler, Ann Wade
Offering Ushers	July	Ron Helton Team
	August	Jeff Dotson Team
Teller	July	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
	August	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
Wed. Night Meals		NO Fellowship Meals during the summer



A Place for Faith and Fellowship
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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School Worship	10:00 am 11:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd) Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	9:30 am
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal <i>(will resume in the fall)</i> Bible Study Choir Practice <i>(will resume in the fall)</i>	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm
Thursday	Laurels Ministry (3rd)	1:30 pm
Saturday	Men's Bible Study <i>(will resume in the fall)</i>	7 - 8 am

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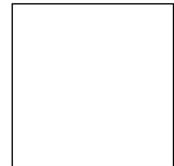
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Thought for the Week:

*The most important knowledge is the
knowledge of God.*