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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

July 29, 2025

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family & Friends,

Remember dissecting a frog in school? I can still remember the smell of formaldehyde when each of us received our assigned frog. We cut it open and identified various body parts. Heart, lungs, liver, etc. It was like an autopsy for a frog. This helped us study the frog more closely.

Now imagine doing that to a live frog! Our attempt to study it would kill it!

Sometimes it is like that when we study the Bible. We break it down. Dissect it. But Hebrews 4:12 says that the Bible is "alive and active, sharper than any two-edged sword."

We over-analyze and dissect the Bible in a way that kills the meaning.

In my opinion, the Book of Revelation is the most misunderstood book in the Bible. Partly because it is overanalyzed. We can get lost in the details.

The Apostle John wrote Revelation from his prison cell and had it sent to the churches. They were in distress and needed to hear from God. When the churches got it, they had it read out loud in worship. All twenty-two chapters. At one time.

Today we are in distress. We need to hear from God. Read the Book of Revelation out loud. All twenty-two chapters.

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

Bible Study
Wed, July 30, 7pm

POTLUCK Meal
Wed, Aug. 6, 6pm

Deacon Suggestions
Sunday, August 10
11:00 am

Annual Church Business Meeting
Wed, August 27, 7pm

Christmas Cantata Rehearsals Begin
Wed, Sept. 10, 7:45pm

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Ministry

On Sunday, August 10, the Church will submit suggestions for 3 new deacons for the 2025-2026 church year.

- All suggestions will be received until 12:30pm on August 10.
- We are asking that each church member suggest 3 qualified Church members as new deacons.
- Suggestions will be received in 1 of 3 ways:

1) Suggestion Slips will be provided to all Church members in attendance at the live service in the sanctuary on August 10.

2) For members who are not in attendance at the live service in the sanctuary on August 10, an email may be sent to Ron Helton (rhelton@t-l.com) with your 3 suggestions for new deacons.

3) For those who cannot be in attendance on Aug. 10, but would prefer to use a written Suggestion Slip, please contact Ron Helton (rhelton@t-l.com) or 276-393-6145, and a deacon will deliver a Suggestion Slip to you to be completed at that time.

The following members are not eligible to be nominated as they are either already serving or are rotating off:

- **Current deacons who are rotating off this year:**

Stan Kunigelis, David Mullins

- **The remaining active deacons are:**

Bob Adkins, Debbie Collins, Jeff Elkins, Ron Helton, Lewey Lee, Matt Meade, Ruby Salyers

Please be in prayer about the leaders of our church that you may wish to offer as suggestions for deacons.

If you have any questions, please contact Ron Helton (rhelton@t-l.com).

As you pray, please remember...



David Luther, Irene Humphries, Mike Smith, Megan Moody, Wendy Adrian, Terry Winters, Skip Dobis, Bonnie Aker, 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), 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

With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

We extend our deepest sympathy to David Luther in the death of his step-father. Please remember David & his family in your prayers.

This Week's Scripture: Hebrews 4:12



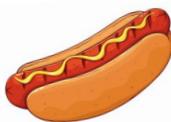
"For the Word of God is living and effective and sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating as far as to divide soul, spirit, joints, and marrow; it is a judge of the ideas and thoughts of the heart."

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

Happy Birthday!



July 30	Melissa Blackburn
August 1	Angie Brady
	Greg Hutchinson
	Matt Meade
August 3	Caroline Wilson
August 5	Maci Cantrell
	Morgan Meade
August 7	Abbie Crutchfield
August 9	Lotta Stewart
August 10	Ben Duncan
	Macie Conway
	Lewey Lee



Happy Anniversary!

Jamie & Stacy Hopkins	August 2
Jake & Caroline Jessee	August 5
Chuck & Lulia Maine	August 5
Matt & Stephanie Collins	August 8

*It's not too late to be a part of our
2025 Christmas Cantata!*



WBC Music Ministry



**Things are changing at Wise Baptist Church!
Mike and Terry's retirement will bring about change,
even if we aren't ready!**

The world is constantly shifting—culturally, technologically, and socially. To remain relevant and impactful, churches must adapt to meet people where they are. This doesn't mean compromising on core beliefs but finding new ways to communicate them. Whether it's incorporating digital tools for outreach, modernizing worship styles, or addressing contemporary issues, change allows the church to stay connected to its community.

Change can be challenging, especially in a space where tradition holds deep meaning. However, tradition and innovation can coexist beautifully. For example, a church might preserve its liturgical practices while introducing contemporary music and online services. This balance honors the past while embracing the future, ensuring that the church remains a place of comfort and inspiration for all generations.

Change in the church must be approached with care and compassion. Leaders should engage their congregations in open dialogue, listening to concerns and fostering a sense of shared purpose. By emphasizing the "why" behind the change—such as reaching more people or deepening spiritual growth—leaders can inspire unity and trust.

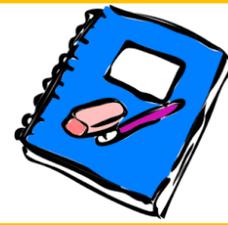
I remember being a teen at my previous church and the church was very rooted in tradition. Change was not easy and was usually denied. I got so tired of hearing "That's not how we do it". Have you ever made that comment? Have you thought that comment?

Ultimately, change in the church reflects the very nature of faith: renewal, transformation, and growth. As Isaiah 43:19 reminds us, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" By embracing change, the church not only stays relevant, but also mirrors the dynamic, life-giving power of God's work in the world.

Change is not something to fear but an opportunity to grow, connect, and thrive. When approached with wisdom and love, it can breathe new life into the church, ensuring its mission endures for generations to come.

Peace, love & joy, Donna

August 2025



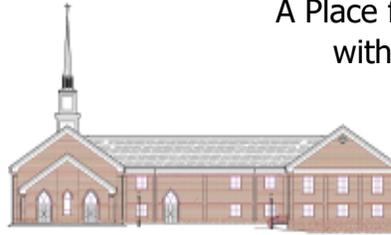
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>B = Birthday A = Anniversary</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</p>				<p>1</p> <p>B - Angie Brady B - Greg Hutchinson B - Matt Meade</p>	<p>2</p> <p>A - Jamie & Stacy Hopkins</p>
<p>3 8:30am - Deacons' mtg. 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - Holy Communion 12nn - Children's Team Mtg.</p> <p>B - Caroline Wilson</p>	<p>4 Piecemakers, 9:30am</p>	<p>5</p> <p>B - Maci Cantrell B - Morgan Meade A - Jake & Caroline Jesse A - Chuck & Lulia Maine</p>	<p>6 6pm - POTLUCK Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>Norton City Schools Start</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Wise County Schools Start</p> <p>B - Abbie Crutchfield</p>	<p>8</p> <p>A - Matt & Stephanie Collins</p>	<p>9 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Lotta Stewart</p>
<p>10 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - Deacon Suggestions</p> <p>B - Ben Duncan B - Macie Conway B - Lewey Lee</p>	<p>11 Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>A - Johnny & Renee Robinson</p>	<p>12</p> <p>B - Tim Cox</p>	<p>13 6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>A - Lewey & Brenda lee</p>	<p>14</p> <p>A - Ron & Kathy Helton</p>	<p>15</p> <p>B - Cub Mullins</p>	<p>16 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Ann Culbertson A - John & ToniThacker</p>
<p>17 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church DEACON ORDINATION</p> <p>B - John Ponish</p>	<p>18 Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Kim Hodges</p>	<p>19</p> <p>B - Rose Kennedy</p>	<p>20 6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Teresa Adkins B - Cindy Elkins B - Holden Osborne</p>	<p>21 Laurels Ministry 1:30pm</p> <p>B - Suzanne Baird B - Cindy Farmer B - Sutton Polly A - Scott & Beth Snodgrass</p>	<p>22</p> <p>B - Alex Hall</p>	<p>23 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Jeff Sturgill</p>
<p>24 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church RETIREMENT MEAL for PASTOR MIKE</p> <p>B - Jerry Baird</p>	<p>25 Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>B - Linda Bailey B - Brenda Lee</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MTG. 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>28</p> <p>B - Megan Moody B - Lisa Blankenbecler</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>31 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church</p>	<p>Sept. 1</p> <p></p>	<p>Sept. 2</p>	<p>Sept. 3 6pm - POTLUCK Meal 7pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>Sept. 4</p>	<p>Sept. 5</p>	<p>Sept. 6 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p>

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	7/27 - 8/2	David Mullins, Matt Meade
	8/3 - 8/9	Jeff Elkins, Ron Helton
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	August	John Mark & Isabella Adrian
	September	David & Sandy Mullins
Children's Message	August 3	Teresa Adkins, Kathy Osborne
	August 10	Holly Meade, Ava Mullins
Offering Ushers	August	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers	August	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
Wed. Night Meals	8/6	POTLUCK Meal
	8/13	Chicken Tenders, Potatoes, Salad
Wed. Cook Teams	8/6	Diane Cornett + volunteers for set up & clean up
	8/13	Teresa's Team: Linda Burgess, Susan Smith, Toni Thacker, Terry Winters



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 Bible Study Choir Practice <i>(will resume in the fall)</i>	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:45 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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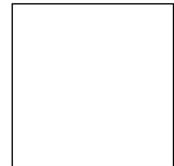
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Thought for the Week:

*Let your Bible reading
come alive!*