

# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dr. Ray Jones, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

March 4, 2025

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



*Dear Church Family & Friends,*

When you see the remains of a home decaying in the woods, what part is nearly always standing? The chimney.

While those homes were still in use, the fireplace/chimney was often the center of the home. In every way.

Seeing the dancing flames.

Hearing the crackling.

Feeling it warm you quickly no matter how cold you were.

Smelling the smoke - informing you what you would experience long before you arrive.

Add to that cooking and eating food.

All of the above are an invitation for people to gather and experience this together.

Just as the fireplace/chimney was central in old homes, forgiveness is central to Christian faith.

Jesus made that clear in His model prayer. "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." (Matthew 6:12) And His dying words from the cross. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34)

It is an assignment that we need to continue doing. We can make progress and then a new occasion pops up.

Forgiveness mainly changes you. As you do your part, bitterness is released. Makes room for joy. It helps you to move forward with your life, instead of reliving the past.

You don't need to look far to see how unforgiveness is destroying the world. Make a pledge to God that you will keep working on your part.

*Love, Pastor Mike*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**POTLUCK Meal**  
**Wed, Mar. 5, 6pm**

**Bible Study**  
**Wed, Mar. 5, 7pm**

**Choir Practice**  
**Wed, Mar. 5, 7:30pm**

**Ray Jones' Memorial Service**  
**Sat, Mar. 8, 1pm**

**THE CHOSEN:**  
**SEASON 5**  
**Episodes 1 & 2 in theaters Mar. 27**

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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



### Celebration of life for

*Dr. Ray Jones, Jr.*

*Sat, March 8, 1:00pm*

*Wise Baptist Church*

*As you pray, please remember...*



Friends & Family of Ray Jones, Family of Raymond Dale, Brenda Lee, Loyd & Carlie & Annie Tomlinson, Kathy Helton, Sandy & David Mullins, Jim Sturgill, Mike Strouth's sister Pat, Clyde Vance, Family of Frank Sexton, Billie Harris, 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 & Family, Jane Hughes & Family, Matt Meade, 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).

*sweet  
memories*

If you would like to  
share a special  
memory that you have

of Pastor Ray, please email these to Terry Winters  
at [tllwinters@gmail.com](mailto:tllwinters@gmail.com) no later than March 5.

These will be included in the bulletin for the  
memorial service.

**College  
Bible  
Study**



**SUNDAYS at 12**

**Lunch (provided)  
+  
Bible Study!**

\* The class meets at noon in the first floor  
classroom next to the church offices & is  
being taught by Stan Kunigelis, Cindy & Jeff  
Elkins. Lunch is being provided each week  
by various individuals.

## **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!**

We still need someone to provide

**Lunches!**

for our college class on May 4 & 11.

You can sign up on the  
Communication Card in your Sunday  
bulletin or contact Cindy Elkins at

[Cindia.Elkins@balladhealth.org](mailto:Cindia.Elkins@balladhealth.org)  
276-870-4523

\*Please provide drinks &  
paper products also.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*It's a Girl!!*

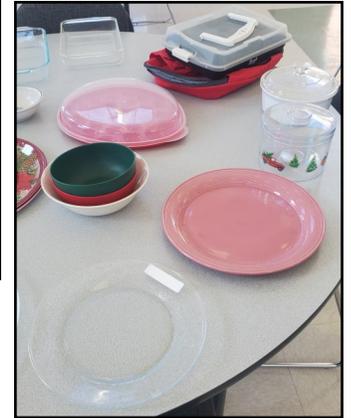


Congratulations to Carlie & Lloyd Tomlinson on the birth of Miss Virginia Ann Tomlinson (Annie) on February 28!

If you would like to help provide meals to this new family of 3, please contact Martha Blackburn or Abbey Lancaster.

### **ARE YOU MISSING ANY DISHES?**

Please check the table in the fellowship hall... all unclaimed dishes will be taken to the Rock for the next yard sale.



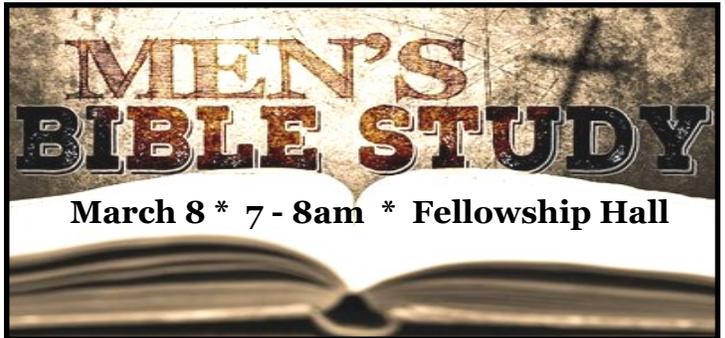
### *Prayer Request*

Please be in prayer for a group of UVAWise students traveling to do mission work during Spring Break. This will be the 3rd mission trip that our Baptist Collegiate Ministry students have made to the Dominican Republic!



*Coming to theaters  
March 27!*

*Info soon about getting a group together  
to attend!*



**This Week's Scripture**  
*Matthew 6:12*

*"Forgive us the wrongs we have done,  
as we forgive the wrongs that others  
have done to us."*

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

*Ages 5 - Grade 4*

*Every Sunday, during Worship*

# BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC

## Happy Birthday!

March 5	Susan Smith
March 6	Katherine Winters
March 8	Asheton Godsey Heather Kunigelis
March 11	Clyde Vance
March 12	Amanda Aker
March 15	Josh Ebert



### Being Faithful Stewards

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



Over the next few weeks, I am going to be writing about an article I recently read about why churches are losing their hold in society. It was a very interesting article and it really grabbed my attention.

The 10 reasons that were given were:

- With Our Words
- Complaining
- Entitlement
- Short-sidedness
- Self Absorption
- Judging
- Unrealistic Expectations of Our Leaders
- People Pleasing
- Worldliness
- Pew Warming

Each of these are definitely something that EVERY Christian needs to think about and strive to improve upon each and every day. Let's take a look at the first couple this week. They kind of go "hand in hand".

**\*With Our Words\*** Love should always be considered in everything we do and say, but many times, our minds will over-ride that love. The words that should be held back include those that are gossip, backbiting, slander and just venting. These can cause severed relationships within the church and wounded Christians. Love should be our primary goal and we should protect our fellow church members from any harm. That's hard to do when we are spreading that gossip that might or might not be true. Venting is something everyone does, but it should be done to the one person that understands and can see all that is happening....GOD! He knows the whole truth and can open your eyes to understanding. If all of that fails, Matthew 18:15-17 explains how things should be done in a Christ-like manner.

**\*Complaining\*** may seem harmless but it stems from a negative outlook and this spewing of negativity can bring us all down. The Bible is full of men who complained... Moses, Job, etc. But they got it right! They complained TO GOD, not to others. Complaints will spread, some like wildfire, and can become a toxic environment that will lead not only the complainer, but others to be less than joyful in God's presence.

-to be continued-

Love to you all, Donna

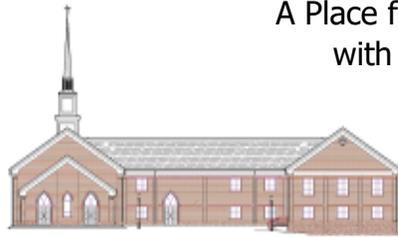


# HELLO March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>B</b> = Birthday <b>A</b> = Anniversary</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</p>					<p>1 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p>
<p><b>2</b> 8:30am - Deacons' Meeting 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church - Communion 12pm - College Bible Study + Lunch</p>	<p><b>3</b> Piecemakers, 9:30am  B - Michael Allio B - Regina Cantrell B - Britney Edmiston</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> <u>6pm</u> - POTLUCK Meal <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study <u>7:45pm</u> - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Susan Smith</p>	<p><b>6</b>  B - Katherine Winters</p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>MARCH 8:</b> B - Asheton Godsey B - Heather Kunigelis</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p><i>Celebrating</i> THE LIFE OF Dr. Ray Jones, Jr. 1:00 pm Wise Baptist Church</p>
<p><b>9</b> 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 12pm - College Bible Study + Lunch</p>	<p><b>10</b> Caring Friends, 9:30am</p>	<p><b>11</b>  B - Clyde Vance</p>	<p><b>12</b> <u>6pm</u> - Fellowship Meal <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study <u>7:45pm</u> - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Amanda Aker</p>	<p><b>13</b>  A - Oscar &amp; Gloria Raile</p>	<p><b>14</b>  A - Dustin &amp; Kristen Phillips</p>	<p><b>15</b> 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Josh Ebert</p>
<p><b>16</b> 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 12pm - College Bible Study + Lunch</p>	<p><b>17</b> Piecemakers, 9:30am</p>	<p><b>18</b>  B - Dylan Luther</p>	<p><b>19</b> <u>6pm</u> - Fellowship Meal <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study <u>7:45pm</u> - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b>  B - Pat Adkins</p>	<p><b>22</b> 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p>
<p><b>23</b> 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 12pm - College Bible Study + Lunch</p> <p><b>30</b> 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Children's Church 12pm - College Bible Study + Lunch</p>	<p><b>24</b> Caring Friends, 9:30am</p> <p>Piecemakers, 9:30am</p> <p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> <u>6pm</u> - Fellowship Meal <u>7pm</u> - Bible Study <u>7:45pm</u> - Choir Practice</p> <p>B - Chloe Cantrell</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>  <p><b>"The Chosen": SEASON 5! Episodes 1 &amp; 2 in Theaters</b></p>	<p><b>28</b>  B - Ashley Farmer B - Deborah Knox B - Christi Lardieri B - Isabella Lardieri</p>	<p><b>29</b> 7 - 8 am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B - Matt Collins B - Matthew Mullins</p>

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### Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	3/2 - 3/8	Matt Meade, Ruby Salyers
	3/9 - 3/15	Ron Helton, Stan Kunigelis
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	March	Jeff & Cindy Elkins
	April	John Mark & Isabella Adrian
Children's Church	3/9	Jessica & Brandon Crutchfield
	3/16	Wendy & John Mark Adrian
Offering Ushers	March	Ron Helton Team
	April	Jeff Dotson
Tellers	March	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
Wed. Night Meals	3/5	POTLUCK Meal
	3/12	Meatloaf, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad
Wed. Night Cook Teams	3/5	<u>Volunteers</u> for Set up, Clean up
	3/12	<u>Teresa's Team</u> : Linda Burgess, Susan Smith, Toni Thacker, Ann Wade, Terry Winters

### WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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



### Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

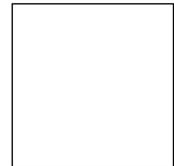
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### Thought for the Week:

*Do your part of forgiving.*