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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

May 1, 2018

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

Sometimes God says “no”. We often think answered prayer means God saying “yes” to our request. “No” is also an answer. It is natural to want a “yes” answer. The Apostle Paul faced this dilemma.

Paul is in the middle of a missionary tour. He needs to be at the top of his game physically, to endure the hardships. Unfortunately, he is burdened with what he calls a “thorn in the flesh”. This is thought to be a constant, painful medical condition. Paul says that it is a “torment” to him.

Paul prays for God’s healing. After all, it would make him more effective on the mission field. He “pleads with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.’ ” (II Cor. 12:8-9).

What if Paul wanted the healing so much that he did not listen to God? What if he kept praying and did not hear the “no”? That would have arrested his spiritual growth. He would have been depending on himself and not on the sufficiency of God’s grace.

Prayer is not a “to do” list for God. Prayer is about a relationship with God. It is about communication. Prayer is not bending God to my desires. It is bending my desires to His.

When God says “no” to one prayer, it opens the door for Him to say “yes” in another way. If we persist asking after being told “no”, we miss the opportunity to experience something important in our spiritual life.

Are there some prayers we need to re-examine?

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

Mission Trip Yard Sale
May 3 & 4
8am—5pm

Deacons’ Meeting
May 6, 8:30am

Holy Communion
May 6, 11am

WMU Spring Meeting
May 6, 3pm

Church Directory Meeting
May 9, 5pm

Leadership Team
May 17, 6:30pm

Children’s Zoo Trip
May 19, 9am-4pm

Graduate Recognition
May 20, 11am

Mission Trip Deposits Due
May 27

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DEACONS 2017-18

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Jim Collie	393-1710
Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Ron Helton	393-6145
Mike Osborne	365-0968
John Ponish	870-1593
Gary Smith	870-1579

Deacons Emeritus:
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill,
Harold Witt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wise Baptist Association Women's Missionary Union Spring Meeting

The Wise Baptist Association WMU Spring Meeting will be held Sunday, May 6 at 3pm at Coeburn First Baptist Church. UVA-Wise student & BCM member, Kaitlyn Wegner, will speak about the recent mission trip to Belize. There will also be other speakers, testimonies & reports. All (women, men, teens, children) are cordially invited to attend. There will be a meal and a time of fellowship after the meeting.



As you pray, please remember...

Family of Alex Knox, Rachel Lyall & family, Marty Adkins, Kiera Harding, Jerry Baird & family, Pat Boggs, Bonnie Rochford & Wanda Takahashi (sisters of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, Ron Swindall, Shirley Willis (The Laurels), 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



Our Shut Ins: Susan Davidson (Heritage Hall), Eddie Culbertson, Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Betty Easterling (The Laurels), Florine Pennington (The Laurels), Jeanne Stallard

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

Spring Bible Studies

Wise Baptist is the Wednesday night place to be!



Join us for a delicious meal each Wed. evening at 6pm, followed by Children in Action for Grades K-6 and Small Group Bible Studies at 7pm.

Small group Bible studies will go through May 23. Pastor Mike will be teaching *The Book of Judges: Choices & Consequences* and John Mark Adrian will be leading a study of C.S.Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*.



Operation Christmas Child Item of the Month

The **Children's Ministry** is collecting items each month this year for our 2018 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. You can be a part of this monthly mission project by checking the newsletter & bulletin for the "Item of the Month"! Donated items may be placed in a box in the foyer or the hall. During the month of May, the children are collecting hygiene items.



ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE

2018

VBS

July 9-13



Scripture for the Week:

11 Corinthians 12:9

"My grace is sufficient for you. My power is made perfect in weakness."



ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT.



MISSION TRIP YARD SALE MAY 3-4

Location: the Rock
Hours: 8am - 5pm

* Don't miss out on this opportunity to help fund our summer mission trip!

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Tarboro, NC * June 23-30

Contact **John Ponish**

870-1593

\$30 deposit due May 27



Graduate Recognition Sunday May 20

Please notify the church office or Kim Hall of anyone you know that is graduating this year! This includes high school, college and graduate school.

OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARDS



Congratulations to **John Mark Adrian** and **Jeff Cantrell** for receiving Outstanding Faculty Awards this past Friday! John Mark was presented a plaque in appreciation of his 6 years of service as the Chair of the Department of Language & Literature.

Jeff was presented a plaque in appreciation of his 17 years of service as the Chair of the Department of Education.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Troy & Winnie Jones Scholarship application is now available. This scholarship is for anyone attending a Baptist college or university in Virginia. Applications are in the church office. Please contact Teresa Adkins for more information.

May 13: Mothers' Day



All children are invited to help with the welcome & announcements on Mothers' Day! Please contact Julie Large at 608-7626 if your child would like to participate!

Elaine, our wonderful kitchen worker, has left us, and Sherlene and I would appreciate any help with set up, salad prep, take-out prep,

clean-up and dishwashing through June 6 for Wednesday nights. Please let us know any nights that you could assist! Thank you in advance!



~ Teresa Adkins

Kitchen Help Needed...



Greetings Everyone!

Thank you to all who called, messaged, or dropped by to visit and check on Ezra this past weekend. The love that we were shown was overwhelming. I also wish to express my gratitude to Pastor Mike

Winters and to Susan Mullins, and everyone else who also congratulated me on attaining my Master's Degree this past Friday. Knowing that I have such a supportive and loving church family has made the difference and means everything in my family's life.

It's not too late to join us on Wednesday evenings!! Why not be like Lu Ellsworth and come to a practice?? I would like to thank him for joining us and hope that his example will inspire anybody else who has a desire to sing!



God bless you all!! *Ben*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- May 1  Mike Winters
- May 2  Roger Viers
- May 6  Sharon Bradley
- May 7  Stacy Hopkins
- May 8  Lin Allio
- May 8  Susie Clasby
- May 8  Rachel Helton
- May 8  Sarah Helton
- May 8  Rudolfo Yanez
- May 9  Rosemarie Boyle
- May 10  Susan Duncan
- May 11  Ron Swindall
- May 12  Joe Powers
- May 12  Jack Tolbert

WBC Children's Ministry



May 19

Trip to Creation Kingdom Zoo in Gate City, followed by a picnic at Warrior's Path

State Park in Kingsport. We will be taking the church bus & departing Wise at 9:00am on Saturday, May 19. We will be at the zoo from about 10am-12pm. Afterwards, we will travel to Warrior's Path State Park where we will eat a picnic lunch & play on the playground.

Cost of admission to the zoo is \$10 per person. There is no charge for Warrior's Path State Park. Please sign up by May 13 by contacting Terry Winters at 870-2712 or tllwinters@gmail.com

Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Children in Action April Mission Project!! These items will be

much appreciated at the Family Crisis Support Services in Norton!

**2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 9-13**



May 5
Ben & Kiera Harding

WBC Youth Ministry



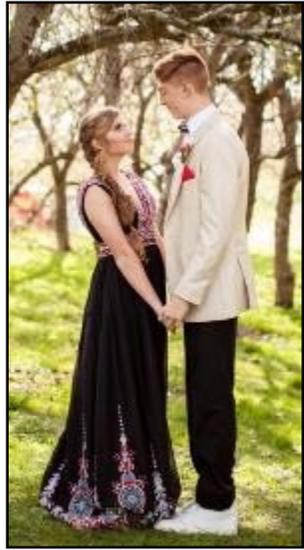
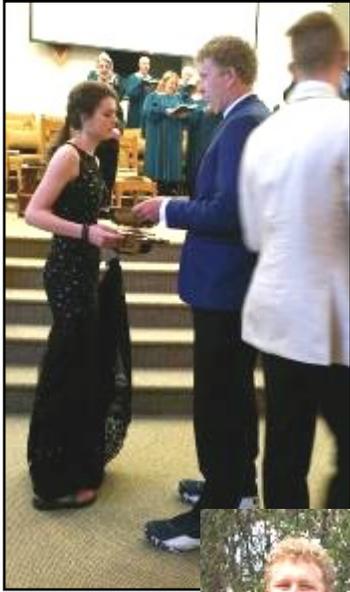
**Grad. Recognition
Sunday, May 20**

**End-of-Year Cookout
Sat., June 2**



**Weekly Bible Study &
Supper, Sundays
6pm, Youth Building**

Prom Attire Sunday, April 29



PROM



Thank you to everyone who helped prepare food, clean up, & eat at the Hamburger/ Hotdog Luncheon yesterday! Over \$700 was donated for this year's summer's mission trip to Tarboro, NC! Thank you Missions Committee for coordinating this event!



"Where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20
Ladies' Friendship Sunday School Class gathers for prayer at the end of class.



First ice cream cone!
Verdict: YUM!!



Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	4/29 - 5/5	Ron Helton, Jerry Baird
	5/6 - 5/12	Jim Collie, Jeff Dotson
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome	5/6	Leton Harding
	5/13	Leton Harding
S.S. Greeters:	5/6	John Ponish
	5/13	David & Sandy Mullins
Nursery:	5/6	Leton & Tammie Harding
	5/13	Stephen & Julie Large
Children's Church:	5/6	Daniel & Tabitha Ray
	5/13	John & Karen Ponish
Sound System:	5/6	Mike Strouth
	5/13	Marty Adkins
Ushers:	5/6	Marty Adkins, Leton Harding, Ron Helton, Jorge Hersel, Jeff Kiser, John Ponish, Scott Snodgrass
	5/13	Dave Belcher, Bryon Burton, Jeff Dotson, Marty Kennedy, Stephen Large, Jack Tolbert
Tellers:	May	Stephen Large, Teresa Adkins
	June	Leton Harding, Oscar Raile
Wed. Serving Teams:	5/2	Jessica Crutchfield, Phyllis Hatcher, Gail Kiser
	5/9	Martha Blackburn, Linda Burgess, Kathy Helton, Susie Powers
Wed. Meals	5/2	Potluck
	5/9	Chicken Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Rolls, Salad
Children-in-Action:	5/2	Terry Winters
	5/9	Terry Winters

Wise Baptist Church
General Fund Giving Summary
9/1/17 - 4/29/18

General Fund Receipts To Date	\$176,107
General Fund Needed To Date	\$196,418
Variance	(\$ 20,311)
Average Weekly Variance	(\$ 580)
Weekly General Fund Budget	\$ 5,612

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

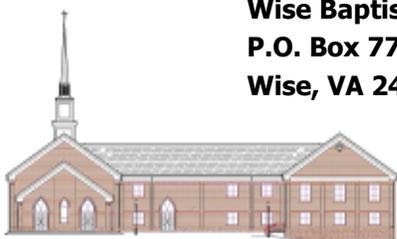
Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth (Grades 7-12)	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	Adult Bible Studies	7:00 pm
	Children in Action (Grades K-6)	
	Nursery (Birth - Preschool)	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm

Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

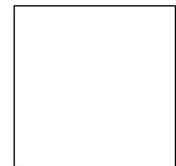
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Like us at: Wise Baptist Church and
at Wise Baptist Youth

Thought for the Week:
God's "No" opens the door
for His "Yes".