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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

May 18, 2021

A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

What are the most important words in the Bible? Four of the most important words in the Bible are the first four. “In the beginning, God”. Genesis 1:1. The following 31,102 verses in the Bible are commentary.

Too often the book of Genesis is the occasion for arguments about creation. People of faith argue the details about how creation happened. Attempts are made to prove that God is the Creator and how He did it.

The author of Genesis was not trying to prove God’s existence. He assumed it. Genesis is not an argument. It is a statement of wonder and worship. “In the beginning, God”... The creation account in Genesis 1 mentions “God” twenty-nine times in thirty-one verses.

Genesis is about the Who, not the how. Argument or worship? I choose worship. How about you?

Love, Pastor Mike

IMPORTANT DATES

Gospel of Mark Study
May 19, 7pm

WBC Fb Live
Men’s Bible Study
May 20, 6:30am
via Zoom

Children’s
Bedtime Story
May 24, 8:30pm

Graduate Recognition
May 23, 11am

Missions Yard Sale
June 4-5

Weekend Missions
June 11-12

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DEACONS 2020-21

Jerry Baird	393-0923
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Jim Collie	393-1710
Leton Harding	346-6039
Ron Helton	393-6145
Jorge Hersel	594-9077
Lewey Lee	393-5370
David Mullins	870-0005
Oscar Raile	870-0131

Deacons Emeritus:

Bob Adkins, Harold Witt

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

Class
of 2021

Graduate Recognition Service
Sunday, May 23
11:00am



**Pastor Mike's message this
Sunday morning, May 23:**

**"Engage a Hostile World:
Unbreakable Fellowship"**

(Acts 2:41 - 44)



Welcome!

We warmly welcome Lloyd Tomlinson to our Wise Baptist Church family! Carlie, who is already a member, and Lloyd were married last May & live in Norton. You may have visited their new bookstore

in Norton: Appalachian Books! Lloyd is a PhD candidate at West Virginia University in Appalachian History & Carlie is employed as a Program Technician for the Office of Advancement & Alumni Engagement at UVAWISE. Please introduce yourself to Lloyd & Carlie when you see them!

As you pray, please remember...



Vickie Swindall & Family, Chelsea Polly & Sutton Polly, Grace Allio, David & Sandy Mullins, Seth Harding, Travis Dutton (Gwyn Carlton's son), Karen Ponish, David Lester (brother of Marsha Tolbert), Family of Glenn Hill, Ray Jones & Family, Don Newlon & Family, Randy & Gwen Chisenhall & Family, Beth Snodgrass, Velma Baird, Gerry O'Bryan, family of Betty Roberts, Wesley Kennedy, Don & Gigi Pippin, Lois Stallard, doctors, nurses & all medical/pharmaceutical personnel, Steve Collins, Royce McNeal, Bessie Vance, Kathy & John Kennedy, John & Kay Wright, Wanda Takahashi (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, law enforcement & emergency personnel, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men & women in the military.

Our Shut Ins: Jeanne Stallard, Bobbie Farmer, Jean Forsythe (Sandy Yun's mother), Kingston Center Assisted Living in Duffield

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

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

We are so saddened by the death of our dear friend & brother in Christ, Ron Swindall on Monday, May 17. We extend our deepest sympathy to Vickie Swindall & Reuben, Nathan & Michelle. Ron fought a long & courageous fight at Cleveland Clinic these past 10 months, and we rejoice that his health is totally restored now in heaven! Please continue to remember Vickie and the family in your prayers.

Ron & Vickie have faithfully joined us for worship each Sunday! This photo was taken May 16



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“The reMARKable Journey Begins”

(A Study of Mark 1-3)

Special one-on-one time with Jesus! We will continue our study of the Gospel of Mark through the month of May. Join us this Wednesday night (May 19) at 7pm, Facebook Live on Wise Baptist's Fb page. See you there!

Having a Heart for Stewardship

JESUS REPLIED: “LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.” THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: “LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”
MATTHEW 22:37-

Your tithes and offerings allow our Church, and its programs, to be more effective. Through an effective Church, lives are changed. The lack of regular physical attendance has taken a toll on our fellowship and our effectiveness, and our giving. But we can rejoice that God's plan for Wise Baptist Church remains rock solid! Through His protection, embrace, and guiding light, Wise Baptist Church can, and will, change hearts and souls. We are thankful for all the joyful stewards of God's work at Wise Baptist Church.

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

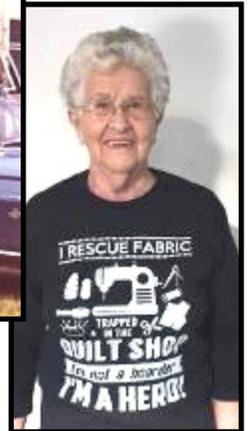
Love is patient, love is kind. 1 Cor 13:4

~ Leton Harding and Ron Helton

90 & Fabulous



Happy Birthday to Grace Allio who is 90 years loved May 24!



Did you know...?

Grace received the first four-year diploma from Clinch Valley College, due to her name beginning with an “A”!



Scripture for the Week

Genesis 1:1

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

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DATES TO REMEMBER...



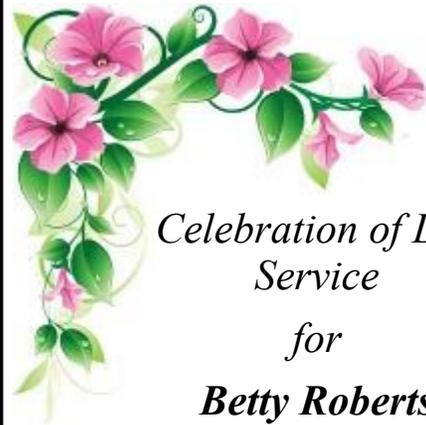
**Drop-off times
for June yard sale items:**

May 27 (1-4pm)

You can also arrange drop-off by appointment
with Susie Powers or Teresa Adkins.

YARD SALE:

June 4-5 & June 11-12



*Celebration of Life
Service*

for

Betty Roberts

Saturday, May 22

2:00 pm

Sturgill Funeral Home

Wise, Virginia

*There will be a festive gathering including
appetizers and beverages immediately after
the service at The Inn at Wise.*

**Our 2021 Mission trip
...is going to look different!**

Due to Covid restrictions & reduced funding in most nearby
states, our Summer Mission Trip will once again take place in
Wise County—but in a different way this year!

We are calling this our

"Second Weekend Mission Projects"



This is how it will work!

We will still perform construction-related
mission work in our own area, but we will not
limit our activities to one specific week.

This year, we are spreading the work
throughout the summer, the 2nd
weekend of each month, June through
September.

You can work part of a day, one day or both
days of the designated weekends. No skills
required! Just contact John Ponish to let him
know of your interest!

*Please mark your calendar for:

June 11-12

July 9-10

August 13-14

September 10-11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday!



May 18	John Bridges
May 19	Khaleesi Criswell
May 22	Christina Meade
	Jordan Owens
	Courtney Makris
May 23	John Thacker
May 24	Grace Allio
	Sarah Means
May 26	Charles Maine
May 27	Jorge Hersel
	Jeremiah Johnson
May 29	Angel Cox
May 30	Joshua Owens



WBC



Be Thou My Vision

“Be Thou My Vision” is one of my all time favorite hymns. This particular hymn stems from an old Irish hymn, “Rop tú mo Baile.” This song was first translated into English in 1912 by the president of the Irish Literary Society, Eleanor Hull. The hymn itself belongs to a type of prayer, or loric, a prayer for protection. The lyrics are often sung over another old Irish melody known as “Slane.”

My best wishes to all 2021 graduates. I hope that this hymn will stay with you as it has with me no matter where life takes you. Congratulations!

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art*

*High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's
sun*

*Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all*

Peace, Love and Blessings, Joe

Happy Anniversary!

May 23	Joe & Susie Powers
May 30	Bob & Teresa Adkins
May 31	Jim & Sherry Collie



Children, ages birth—Grade 6!

Join us for...

- * A One-Day VBS - July 24
- * Mon. Bedtime Stories - join us at 8:30pm on **May 24!**

PHOTOS

Weekend Missions #1: May 14-15!



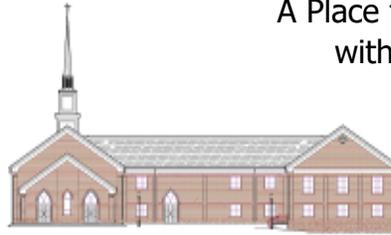
*Sign up now for
Weekend Missions #2: June 11-12!
by contacting John Ponish: 276-870-1593*

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	05/16 - 05/22	Lewey Lee, Jerry Baird
Building Stewards:		Ron Helton, Dan Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists:		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sound System:	05/23	Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile
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Tellers:	May	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
	June	June Dotson, Mike Strouth
Benediction	05/23	Jorge Hersel



A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	12:00 pm
	* Truth Rehearsal	4:45 pm
	* Youth (Grades 7-12)	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd) Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	9:30 am
Wednesday	* Children's Choir (Ages 3 - Grade 6)	4:45 pm
	* Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
	* Youth Hand Chimes	7:00 pm
	* Children in Action (Ages 5 - Grade 6)	
	* Nursery (Birth - Age 4)	

(* activities are **POSTPONED** until further notice)

Rev. Mike Winters Contact Information

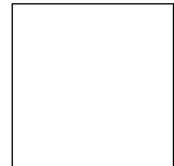
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and at Wise Baptist Youth

Thought for the Week:

*Creation:
worship, not argument.*