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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.*



Dear church family and friends,

There are approximately 400,000 churches in the United States. How do we relate to each other? It depends on the ways in which any particular churches want to cooperate.

If the activity is very general, such as doing a community clean-up, not just churches, but civic groups could participate. The unity is based on working together, as a community, for the common good. The specific differences in beliefs are not as much the issue.

If different churches are worshipping together, there must be a greater unity of belief. A good place to begin might be with what has been determined to be the oldest statement of belief used by the early church. I Cor. 12:3 says, "Jesus is Lord".

Those three words are loaded with meaning. The name "Jesus" expresses His humanity. "Lord" expresses His divinity. To acknowledge Him as Lord, we must also acknowledge His saving work on the Cross. His resurrection from death testifies that the message of the cross is true. Jesus' resurrection declares Jesus to be truly "Lord". To acknowledge Jesus' divinity means following Him and trusting Him.

An example of Christian unity occurred when Wise Baptist Church joined with Norton Christian Church to buy out an entire theater to watch "Son of God". Both churches received a blessing. Our church did not have to give up being Baptist. Norton Christian Church did not have to give up being the Christian Church.

When someone joins our church, the specific beliefs become much more important. Who we are, what we believe, and how we practice our faith requires a closer look when someone unites with our church fellowship.

With so much division and dissension in the world, I believe it is important to continue to find appropriate ways to express unity and work together with community and churches.

Love, Pastor Mike

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Wednesday Night Bible Studies

6:45 each week

### Men's Cake Auction

May 21 at 6 pm

### The Daniel Plan

Thursdays at 6:30  
Youth Building

### Leadership Team

May 28 at 5pm

### Yard Sale for Missions

May 30-31

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### 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

The Church office will be closed for Memorial Day  
Monday, May 26, 2014

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### It's not too late to jump in for our Wednesday Night Adult Bible studies!

**Recovering from the Losses of Life**—H. Norman Wright guides through losses by death, broken relationships, job, leaving home, etc. Taught by Mike Winters

**What Are You Afraid Of?** - David Jeremiah explores ten fears holding us back. He shares the supernatural secrets for facing down these fears with faith. Taught by Teresa Adkins

**Kingdom Agenda** - Dr. Tony Evans teaches that the Bible provides authority to all of life. This study aligns your life with God's kingdom agenda. Taught by Robert England

### Calling All Men

All men are encouraged to bake a cake for the Cake Bake Auction on Wednesday, May 21. Prizes will be awarded! Bring all cakes to the fellowship hall by 5:45 pm. A silent auction will be held during dinner. Winners of the cakes will be announced at the end of Bible study. All proceeds will be used for our summer mission trip to New Jersey. Contact Leigh if you have questions.

### Operation Christmas Child

Are your collection boxes starting to get full? Collect items now so your shoeboxes are ready to pack in November.

You've probably done some spring cleaning around your house. Everyone likes to feel clean and smell good, too. **For the month of May, pick up soap (bars only, please) and washcloths.** Place each bar of soap in a Ziploc bag before storing in your collection box. Hygiene items are some of the most useful things you can include.

Alternate items to collect now: if you are preparing to head to the beach for vacation, pick up an uninflated beach ball or two for your box.

These are just some suggestions of items to pick up when you are out shopping for your family. Set aside space at your house to collect your shoebox treasures. Everyone likes a sale, so be on the lookout for great deals any time of the year!

Questions? Contact Rebecca Osborne.

### *As you pray, please remember...*

Marty, Rose and Jon Kennedy, Ray and Carolyn Jones, Artie and Clifford Bailey, Kim Boggs, Pat Boggs, Archie and Joanne Kennedy, all of the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military

### **Our Shut Ins:**

Hazel Dixon (Mountain View), Martha Gilliam, Eddie Culbertson, Vernoy Bolling, and Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall—BSG)

If there are other known prayer concerns and/or shut-ins, please let us know.



Wednesday Night Kids! Our youngest children are taught by Mark Clark and John

Ponish. They enjoy their time each week learning about God's Word, making crafts and playing! Looks like fun!

### VBS WORKSHOP OF WONDERS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

JULY 14—17

There are many ways you can help!

**Help BEFORE VBS With:** Prayers, Distribute/Coordinate publicity, preregistration, create decorations, make costumes, provide supplies, prepare craft packets, paint backdrops, make phone calls, gather donations, help with kickoff event

**Help DURING VBS With:** Prayers, Child care, take photos, Registration, greeter, room set up, transportation, provide snacks for leaders

**Help AFTER VBS With:** Send thank you cards, take down decorations, return donated items

Contact: Cindy Elkins at (276) 275-9675 or  
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*From Leigh*

What a blessing to have three former TRUTH members singing and playing in worship last Sunday. Kristen Osborne, Caitlin Adkins, and Anna Clark are beautiful representatives of God's Kingdom on earth at their respective colleges. Another former youth, Kaitlin Ponish, is on mission this week in Guatemala with a group from her college. The list could go on and on.

As a mother and as a Minister to these youth, I am grateful to Wise Baptist Church for investing year after year in our children and youth. You have invested financially, yes. But, you have also invested in prayer, time and encouragement; you have taken an active and interested role in their lives. I'm no financial expert, but I'd say we're getting an exceptional return on our investment! Amen! Blessings, Leigh



Pictured: Kristen Osborne, Caitlin Adkins, Russell Cyphers, Anna Clark, Daniel England, Kaitlin Ponish and two of her friends from Gardner-Webb.



Thank you, Suzy and Kathy, for the wonderful meal on Sunday night for our youth. Following dinner, we went to Norton Cinema to watch "Million Dollar Arm". It was a fabulous movie! Central's Baccalaureate Service will be held at Mt. Olive at 6 pm on Sunday evening. Everyone is welcome! We will not have youth at WBC.

### MAY BIRTHDAYS



- May 22 Archie Kennedy  
Christina Meade  
Jordan Owens  
Courtney Sturgill Coughlin
- May 23 Devan Johnson  
John Thacker
- May 24 Grace Allio  
Sarah Means
- May 26 Dr. Charles Maine

The Church received a Thank You Note from the Wise Co. Food Bank thanking those that participated in the Peanut butter collection.

It is posted on the bulletin board.

To My Wise Baptist Family,

College is a time when we are tested mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually. This has been easier when surrounded by kind, loving, and genuine people. When Debra and Sam Wharton invited me to come to church with them I was interested to see what church would be like so many miles from my home. When I walked through the doors I was met by smiles, hugs, and loving faces. Attending church at Wise Baptist rejuvenated my life. I made so many friends and memories and I am eternally grateful for that. Thank you for inviting me to be a part of your family. I cannot wait to see all of you again soon!!

Love and Blessings,  
Madison Savarese

UPDATE: Madison accepted a job with Blue Ridge Entertainment as an Event Coordinator. She will coordinate events in Oakland, Philadelphia, Atlanta, San Diego, Brooklyn, and Kansas City.

We are very proud of you, Madison!

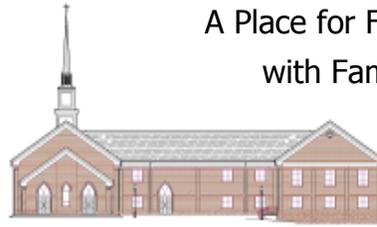
Our youth helping Cindy Elkins recruit volunteers for Vacation Bible School. Pictured: Tyler Hopkins, Landon Elkins, Caroline Mullins, Emma Snodgrass.



## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	05/20-05/24	John Ponish, Mark Clark
	05/25-05/31	Robert England, Gill Blackburn
Building Stewards:		Ron, Da, Scott S.
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Eva, Susan S.
Worship Welcome Team:		Cindy E., Oscar R., Daniel R., Wendy A.
S.S Greeters:	05/25	Bob & Teresa Adkins
	06/01	Jim & Sherry Collie
Nursery:	05/25	Pat Adkins, Pam Collie, Cyndi Newlon, Chelsea Polly
	06/01	Ginger Vance, Jerry Vance, Jasmine Vance, Melissa Blackburn
Children's Church:	05/25	Jennifer England
	06/01	Beth Snodgrass
PA:	05/25	Mike Strouth
	06/01	Wayne Issac
Tellers:	May	Oscar Raile, June Dotson
Ushers:	05/25	Jeff Adkins*, Jeff Cantrell, John Ponish, Mark Clark, Scott Snodgrass, Dan Helton, Ron Helton
	06/01	Youth *Offertory Prayer
Serving Team:	05/21	Pat Adkins, Gail Kiser, Mingkwan Collins
	05/28	Teresa Adkins, Brenda Lee, Cyndi Newlon, Gina Chisenhall
Wed meal:	05/21	Tacos, Chips and Salsa, Refried Beans, Rice
	05/28	Potluck

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## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Youth	6:00 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd, 4th, & 5th)	9:00 am
	Children's Choirs	3:45 pm
Wednesday	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bible Study (All Ages)	6:45 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:50 pm
Thursday	Women On Mission (2nd)	Noon

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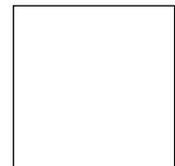
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**Thought For The Week: "Unity  
is not uniformity."**