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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

November 20, 2018

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



*Dear Church Family and Friends,*

The attention of our nation has been riveted upon the Northern California wildfires. Each day, the numbers mount...80 dead, 1,000 missing, 10,000 homes destroyed and the flames 65% extinguished. The sheer magnitude of the loss is staggering. Photos of lines of cars trying to escape the flames are unforgettable.

David was trying to escape his own life-threatening danger. The king, Saul, spent the last years of his life trying to kill David. David spent years on the run.

Somehow, David found a way to live and embrace life. Instead of running away from life, he learned to run toward God. He even found a way to give thanks! In Psalm 52 David responds to a spy of King Saul, who discovers David's whereabouts. David says in Psalms 52:8-9, "But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. I will thank You forever, because of what You have done."

We can, without realizing it, adopt a life strategy of avoiding difficult situations. We can become so careful, that we live by fear, instead of by faith. We begin running from life and the world itself.

As we consistently give thanks to God, we give more focus to God. As we give more focus to God, our faith increases. As our faith increases, we can move toward life and carry the gospel of Jesus with us.

Happy thanksgiving (to God)!

*Love, Pastor Mike*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Town Tree Lighting**  
November 26, 7pm

**A Night in Bethlehem**  
December 1, 3:30pm

**Deacons' Meeting**  
December 2, 8:30am

**Men's Bible Study**  
December 4, 6:30am

**Missions Committee**  
December 5, 5pm

**Night of Christmas Music**  
December 9, 5:00pm

**Caroling at the Laurels**  
December 19, 6:30pm

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## DEACONS 2018-19

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Jim Collie	393-1710
Jeff Dotson	393-8417
Leton Harding	346-6039
David Mullins	870-0005
Mike Osborne	365-0968
John Ponish	870-1593
Daniel Ray	690-0284
Gary Smith	870-1579

Deacons Emeritus:  
Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill,  
Harold Witt

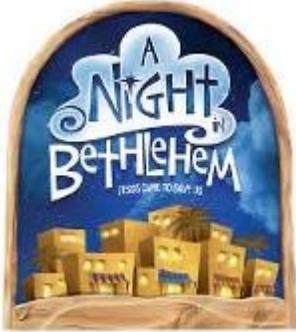
### How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

*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

DECEMBER 1, you & your family are invited to...



### A Night in Bethlehem

A Bible-Times Christmas Event for Everyone !

Saturday, December 1

3:30 - 5:30 pm

Wise Baptist Fellowship Hall

"A Night in Bethlehem" is for ALL AGES, families, friends & neighbors!

WBC will be transformed into the town of Bethlehem where you can walk through the village, visit the local shops, meet Mary, Joseph, & the newborn Jesus, & talk with the shepherds & angels!

You will be greeted outside by local residents of Bethlehem & there will be hands-on activities at each of the village shops.

**Come & experience Bethlehem on the night Jesus was born!**



Scripture for the Week:

Psalm 52:9

"I will praise You forever for what You have done. In the presence of Your faithful people, I will put my hope in Your name, for it is good."

As you pray, please remember...



Gerry O'Bryan, Bob Adkins, Glenn Hill & family, Bessie Vance, Kathy & John Kennedy, Jonah Kelley, John & Kay Wright, Bonnie Rochford & Wanda Takahashi (sisters of Brenda Kunigelis), Beverly Viers, Jim & Sherry Collie, Shirley Willis (The Laurels), Ray & Carolyn Jones, Artie & Clifford Bailey, Pat & Fred Adkins, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men and women in the military

**Hospital:** Ron Swindall (Holston Valley)

**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).



### Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 6:30am

Men, join us for fellowship and Bible study twice a month from 6:30-7:30am in the church fellowship hall. Bring your breakfast & your Bible! The fellowship is awesome and the Bible Study is uplifting. Invite a friend & join us on Tues., Dec. 4 at 6:30am!

**\* NOTICE \***



**TO ALL GMAIL USERS**

Several folks are reporting not receiving church emails & newsletters - please check your "Spam" or "Junk" folder until this issue can be resolved. ~ Jerry Baird

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT.

### Night in Bethlehem Drops Needed!



**RUG & FLOOR  
COVERINGS  
Needed...**



**Please contact Beth  
Snodgrass (870-9585)**

**PLANTS (real or artificial)  
NEEDED...**

**Please contact Ruby  
Salyers (870-0590)**



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
Nov. 19 - 23



*Thank  
you*

*Wise Baptist Church,*

*Thank you for volunteering  
your time and abilities in  
partnership with West Virginia Voluntary Organizations  
Active in Disaster.*

*Your 63 hours of volunteerism on October 6, 2018 has  
helped with the rebuilding of individuals and their  
families affected by disasters in West Virginia.*

*Your gift has made a real difference in the lives of our  
community and your generosity means the world to us!*

*With Gratitude,*

*Jenny Gannaway  
Executive Director*



### Wednesdays at Wise Baptist!

*Fellowship Meal, 6pm*

*Bible Study, 6:50pm*

*Children in Action & Nursery, 6:50pm*

*Choir Rehearsal, 7:50pm*

November 21 - NO Activities

November 28 - Fellowship Meal at the  
Youth Building; Whole  
Group Bible Study

December 5 - Whole Group Bible Study



Town of Wise  
Annual Tree  
Lighting

Monday, Nov. 26

7pm

Gateway Garden  
Main St., Wise  
"Blue Christmas"

*Don't miss this town holiday tradition!*

- \* Music*
- \* Refreshments*
- \* Santa*
- \* ELVIS!*

## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS!



### *Children's Christmas Handbell Choir*

We would like to have a Children's Handbell Choir for our Evening of Music on December 9, 2018!

With this activity, you DO NOT NEED TO KNOW ANY MUSIC! Your child will need to know their colors since the bells are color-specific, but they do not need to have any experience with handbells. We have found that children that have not practiced AT ALL can still perform well.

We will only meet one or at the most, two times before our performance on Dec. 9. We will be playing 2 Christmas songs that are easy, even for first time players.

We will practice on Sunday, December 2, immediately after worship (at approximately 12:15) for about 45 minutes and then again on Wednesday, December 5 at 5:00pm for about 30 minutes.

If your child can only be at one practice, please let me know so we can save their spot.

Contact Donna Hutchinson at 276-393-5004.

We look forward to celebrating this glorious Advent season with you and your child!

Thanks,  
Donna Hutchinson



### Trip to Boone, NC!

December 7 - 8



We will be taking the church bus to travel to Boone, NC to work 2 shifts at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center. We will leave Wise at noon on Dec. 7 & work 4-10pm, stay in a hotel overnight, & then work on Saturday 9-3pm



before returning home to Wise about 6pm. See Donna Hutchinson to sign up NOW as space is limited!

Hello,

I am the Gallery Director at the Charles W. Harris Library Art Gallery, Wise, VA. I would like to invite members of your congregation to participate in the annual quilt show, to be displayed in our library gallery.



The quilt show is a very popular annual holiday exhibit. We are proud to showcase the time honored tradition and artistry of hand made quilts and wall hangings.

We will be collecting quilt works for display through the 3rd of December. I look forward to having members of your congregation and friends of the church participate in this event.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or to arrange days for submitting works. I look forward to working with you on this event.

Tessa G. Meade  
Gallery Director  
Charles W. Harris Library Art Gallery  
276-220-9201



*Save the Date!*

*Sunday, December 9*

*A Night of Christmas Music*

*& Dinner*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November 20 Caitlin Adkins

November 21 Dwight Jones



November 22 Jakeb Harden

Daniel Ray

November 23 Dan Helton



November 28 T. Ray Maine

December 1 Jeff Dotson



Brenda Kunigelis

December 2 Landon Tolbert



December 4 Nathan Lee

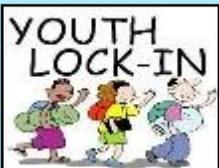
## WBC Youth Ministry



**Sunday, November 25, 6pm**

Youth Bible Study, Dinner, Fellowship

Thank you to Jessica Crutchfield for providing supper on Nov. 25!



**New Year's Eve Lock-In!**

Contact Bryon Burton to sign up.

Stay tuned for details!



## WBC Children's Ministry



### *Upcoming Activities...*

Dec. 1 - Night in Bethlehem, 3:30pm

Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 - Decorating Jesse Tree, 11am

Dec. 9 - Children read Scripture, 11am

Dec. 9 - A Night of Christmas Music, 5pm

Dec. 19 - Caroling at the Laurels, 6:30pm

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 11pm



# Operation Christmas Child... One of Wise Baptist's Favorite Missions Projects!



Our youth shopped for & packed  
58 boxes this month!



Children in Action shopped too!  
They packed 21 boxes last  
Wednesday evening!



We dedicated 108  
shoeboxes on Sunday!

# Leton Harding

## Deacon Ordination ~ November 18



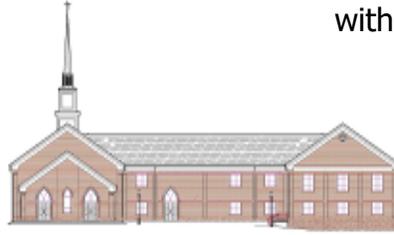
*Sear Ye! Sear Ye! A  
Night in Bethlehem will  
commence in 10 days!*

*Dec. 1, 3:30-5:30pm*

Those steps & that platform are  
so much fun to play on  
after church!



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with Family and Friends



### Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	11/18-11/24	John Mark Adrian, Jim Collie
	11/25-12/1	David Mullins, John Ponish
Building Stewards:		Ron, Dan, Scott S
Instrumentalists:		Susan M., Susan S.
Worship Welcome	11/25	Leton Harding
	12/2	Jeff Kiser
S.S. Greeters:	11/25	Grace Allio, Shirlee Barnette
	12/2	Mike & Rebecca Osborne
Nursery:	11/25	Stephen & Julie Large
	12/2	Regina Carson, Rachel Lyall
Children's Church:	11/25	Kathy Dotson
	12/2	Jorge & Pam Hersel
Sound System:	11/25	Oscar Raile
	12/2	Marty Adkins
Ushers:	11/25	Jerry Baird, Stan Kunigelis, Edgar Owens, Gary Smith, John Thacker, Roger Viers, Harold Witt
	12/2	Youth
Tellers:	Nov.	Leton Harding, Oscar Raile
	Dec.	Cliff Carson, Jeff Dotson
Youth Bible Study	11/25	Meal: Jessica Crutchfield
	12/2	Meal: Carla McCoy
Wed. Serving Team	11/21	NO Wednesday Activities
	11/28	Wanda Baird, Donna Hutchinson, Cyndi Newlon, Rebecca Osborne
Wed. Night Meal	11/21	NO Wednesday Activities
	11/28	Baked Chicken, Baked Potatoes, Vegetable Medley
Children-in-Action:	11/21	NO Wednesday Activities
	11/28	Regina Cantrell, Terry Winters
Wed, Nursery	11/21	NO Wednesday Activities
	11/28	Jeff & Eileen Cantrell

### 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

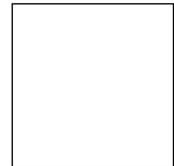
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at Wise Baptist Youth

**Thought for the Week:**  
**Give thanks to God everyday!**