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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.



Church Picnic

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the church-wide picnic at **Camp Bethel on Sunday, August 14th from 4:00 pm—8:00 pm**. The church will provide the main dish, drinks and paper goods. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Swimming and other activities will be available. If you are able to help with set-up, clean-up, activities, or lifeguarding, please contact Teresa Adkins (328.6039) or the church office (328.6247).



Rev. Michael Winters

Our Pastor Search Committee, by unanimous consent, has invited Rev. Winters to preach the morning sermon on Sunday, August 14th in view of a Call to be the next Pastor of Wise Baptist Church. A business meeting with ballot voting will be held immediately after worship.

Rev. Winters and his wife will be in our community the weekend of August 13th and 14th. Please see the inside of the newsletter for the schedule of events.

Please see the church website (www.wisebaptist.com) for a document that contains Mike's defining images and values.



School Supplies

Wise Baptist Church will continue to collect school supplies through **August 14th**. Please drop off your donations in the collection bins located in the hallway outside the Sanctuary.

Important Dates:

Wed, August 3rd

6:00 pm—Education
Committee Meeting

7:00 pm—Open Meeting with
Pastor Search Committee

8:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

Sun, August 7th

8:30 am—Deacon Meeting

11:00 am—Communion

Thu, August 11th

Noon—Women on Mission

Sun, August 14th

4:00 pm—Church Picnic at
Camp Bethel

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Continue to be in prayer

for our Pastor Search Committee Members

- * Teresa Adkins
- * Robert England
- * Ron Helton
- * Donna Hutchinson
- * Lewey Lee
- * Karen Ponish
(secretary)
- * Gary Smith
- * Bill Sutherland
(co-chair)
- * Elizabeth Wills
(co-chair)

Dear Family at Wise Baptist Church,

I hope this letter finds you all well, in health and spirit. I have been meaning to write to you since I have been home, but getting my thoughts in print has not been as easy as I might have expected. There is a common misconception among prisoners and society alike that, once released from incarceration, managing emotions will be easy due to the immense joy you experience. While I am certainly joyful beyond comprehension, I sometimes find the emotions to be overwhelming, even if they are of a positive nature. However, I know that the Lord is holding my hand as I walk through this world and am able to take comfort in His divine care, as well as the wonderful people He has placed in my life.

I have often mentioned to several of you in our correspondence that there are not words to express my gratitude for the love and support that has been extended not only to me, but also my family. This is because it is true. Often times there is nothing you can say that accurately represents the way you feel. It is in these moments you realize that something extraordinary is happening in your life. Some would say that nothing of the sort could occur in a difficult situation. I would have to completely disagree, for I have been supremely blessed in abundant ways during the most troubling time of my life. Each of you are a part of these divine blessings. For that, I offer thanks and praise to our Most High heavenly Father.

In addition, I would like to take this time to offer my thanks and appreciation to each of you at Wise Baptist. There were very often cards. There were very often letters. There were very often contributions of money to allow me extra food and phone calls to home. There were many things that each of you did for my family and me. The most important, however, were the constant prayers you offered up on our behalf. I don't exactly know how to describe "feeling" a prayer that someone else has said, but if I did, I would tell you all about it. What I can tell you is that much comfort for me came from knowing that I had a family of brothers and sisters in Christ interceding on my behalf. For this I am most grateful

In closing, I would like to offer a reflection upon a definition I found of the word "church". This particular dictionary considers it to be a religious building. However, a church is much more than a building where Christians meet. A church is a family of believers. Wise Baptist Church is a family. A big, loving, wonderful family. And I am honored and blessed to be a part of it. Thanks again for all you've done for us, and all you continue to do. We are blessed beyond belief and it is my hope and determination to always love with such a generous heart as each of you have taught me. God bless you!! Sincerely In Christ,

Matt Collins



It's A Boy!

Congratulations to Samuel and Stephanie Wharton on the birth of their son, Landon Bledsoe Wharton, on Friday, July 29th. Landon's grandparents are Sam and Debra Wharton.

Upcoming Events at Wise Baptist Church

Open Meeting with the Pastor Search Committee
Wednesday, August 3rd @ 7 pm in the Sanctuary

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Michael Winters
Saturday, August 13th from 3:30—5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Rev. Michael Winters brings our message
Sunday, August 14th during morning worship

Special Called Business Meeting
Sunday, August 14th immediately following morning worship

Faith, Family, and Friends Relay for Life Team Information

Unfortunately, the relay event was rained out on July 30th. Plans for a survivor's walk / luminary walk are in the works now. Until the date is set, you can still make contributions toward the beautiful handmade quilt. Contributions are \$5 each and can be obtained from Rita Isaac or Lois Stallard.



You can also still purchase a luminary. Each luminary costs \$5. Please provide the name(s) and whether it is in Honor of or in Memory of that person (no official form is necessary) to the church office as soon as possible.



Summer Brown Bag Lunch Ministry

Thank you to everyone who donated items and helped to pack and deliver the lunches this summer. This past week alone, we distributed over **757** lunches (an average of over 150 per day). The children who received these lunches were very appreciative. **Special thanks to Kim Hall for being our church coordinator for this project.**

There is still time to get involved!!

August 1st—5th: Zion Family Ministries (679.1871)

August 8th—12th: Wise First Church of God (328.8791)

For additional information or questions about how you can help with this ministry, please contact Kim Hall (halls4uk@comcast.net or 276.393.0163).

♪ NOTES ♪ FROM LEIGH

Thank you, Donna, for leading the music in worship last Sunday. I had a wonderful visit with my family in Georgia.

It is time! Our choir will begin rehearsals this week following the Q & A session with the Pastor Search Team. If you've considered being part of the choir, now is the time to get involved. We have a wonderful time of fellowship—everyone is welcome!

TRUTH will rehearse on Sunday, August 7th at 7 pm in the sanctuary.

The Jubilation Ringers are in need of ringers—would you be interested? Men and women are welcome and music reading is not required. Please see me if you're interested.

On Sunday, September 18th at 2:30 pm everyone is invited to the inaugural Praise and Worship Concert at the Big Glades Square. Bring a chair or a blanket for a wonderful afternoon of music. I have been asked to lead the Community Choir in several anthems. It will be a great event—hope you will plan to attend!

Blessings, Leigh

YOUTH MINISTRY

We will continue collecting school supplies through Sunday, August 14th. On August 15th, our youth will distribute the items to our local schools.

I would like to encourage members of our congregation—not just parents—to volunteer to help in the youth ministry of our church. Please pray about how you can be involved—chaperoning, meals, games, or teaching. Contact me if you're interested. I'm praying for leaders and volunteers to step forward. Working with our youth is truly a blessing—hope you will feel led to get involved! Leigh

Notice of Special Called Business Meeting

There will be a special called business meeting of the membership of Wise Baptist Church on Sunday, August 14th immediately following worship for the purpose of voting on the recommendation to call Rev. Michael Winters as our next pastor.

As you pray, please remember...

Clayton Willis, Lynell Wells, Matt Collins,
Pat and Fred Adkins, Tracy Wills,
D L and Patsy Boggs, Wilma Graham,
Kim Boggs, Jackie Salyers, and Rita Isaac.
All of the cancer patients in our area
Our men and women in the military

Hospitalized:

Kathleen Ringley (Holston Valley)

Our Shut Ins:

Jewell Bradley, Martha Gilliam,
Peggy Tolbert (Heritage Hall, BSG),
Jeanne and Debbie Stallard,
Vernoy Bolling, Eddie Culbertson

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



Family Outing to Doe River Gorge

On Saturday, September 3rd, Wise Baptist Church will attend Day Quest at Doe River Gorge. This is an opportunity for families to spend the day together playing disc golf, swimming, sliding down the 700' zip line, or just hanging out. Please contact Leigh by August 21st if you would like to attend.



Nursery Helpers Needed

We are in need of additional helpers in the nursery area during Sunday morning worship. If you can help, please contact Susie Clasby at susieclasby@yahoo.com or 328.5928.

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	7/31-8/6	John Kennedy; Lewey Lee
	8/7-8/13	Mark Coomer; Robert England
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan, Scott S.
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
SS Greeters	8/7	David and Sandy Mullins
	8/14	John Kennedy
Nursery	8/7	Susie & Stephanie; Melissa B.; Wilma
	8/14	Donna & Butch; Tabitha; Regina
Children's Church	8/7	Debbie Helton
	8/14	Vickie Swindall
PA	8/7	Ron Swindall
	8/14	Oscar Raile
Tellers	August	Lee Ann Adkins and Mike Strouth
Ushers	8/7	Isaiah Coomer*, Mark Clark, Dwight Jessee, Daniel Ray, John Mark Adrian, Travis Jessee, Jason Mullins, and Robert England
	8/14	Alex Hall*, Kaitlin Ponish, Nick England, Anna Clark, Christian Coomer, Jerrard Vance, Caitlin Adkins, and Beau Chisenhall
		* Offertory Prayer
Serving Team	In Recess	
Menu:	In Recess	



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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
	Worship	11:00 a.m.
Monday	Piecemakers	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Women On Mission (2nd)	Noon

Thought For The Week:

What we believe is always reflected in how we act.

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Come and Worship! On Sunday, August 7th, we will observe Holy Communion.

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