



WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

☘ March 17, 2026 ☘

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A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, Mar. 18,
6 PM Dinner

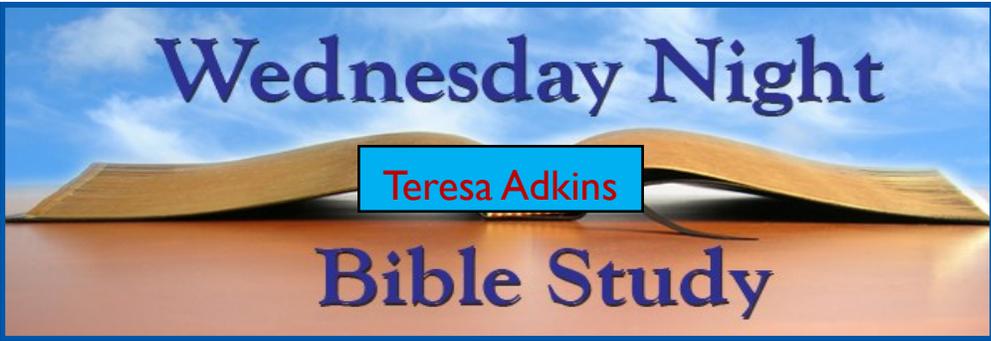
7 PM Bible Study

7:30 PM Choir Prac.

Sunday, March 22

Sunday School
10 AM

Worship Service
11 AM



WEDNESDAY MEAL
Chicken Casserole, Roasted Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes

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DEACONS 2025 - 2026

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Debbie Collins	393-3875
Jeff Elkins	393-5700
Ron Helton	393-6145
Lewey Lee	393-5370
Matt Meade	393-9177
John Ponish	870-1593
Ruby Salyers	870-0590
Ray Spenilla	639-2313
Deacon Emeritus: Bob Adkins	

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

Working Women's Bible Study

A brand new Bible Study group will be offered for Working Women!!

First meeting will be on March 29th, at 5 PM, in the Fellowship Hall.

Please contact Jennifer Mullins if interested at (276) 393-9532

As you pray, please remember...



Leona & Jerry Jessee, Deanna Adkins, Aaron Collier, Vickie Stephens, the family of Joe Bandy, Jeannie Knotts & Family, Mike & Terry Winters, Christy Kelley, Ann Wade, John & Diana Roberts, Dawn Hawes, Bella Sisson, Robert Raines & Family, Family of Susan Rose, Gwyn Carlton, Brenda Lee, Jerry & Wanda Baird, Cecil & Glenna Mullins, Alan Adkins, David & Natalie Luther, Irene Humphries, Mike Peak, Megan Moody, Jane Hughes, Grace Allio, Kathy Helton, Jim & Judy Sturgill, John & Kathy Kennedy, Jordan Joseph (grandson of Virginia Ebert), Jim & June Dotson, Cyrus Jones, Andy Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's brother), Lorna Wherry & Brian Plester (siblings of Brenda Kunigelis), Beth Snodgrass, doctors, nurses & all medical/pharmaceutical personnel, law enforcement & emergency personnel, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men & women in the military.

Our Shut Ins: Andrew Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's dad)

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY

10 AM SUNDAY
MORNINGS

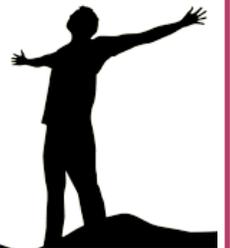
BREAKFAST &
FELLOWSHIP!!



MEN'S Bible Study
Saturday MORNINGS
Fellowship Hall / 7:00 am



Giving is an Act of Worship



Our stewardship of God's work at Wise Baptist Church is an opportunity of spiritual sacrifice. Our stewardship is an opportunity for each of us to express our love and gratitude to the One who has given us everything. And our stewardship allows us to be a part of God changing lives and souls.

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, P.O. Box 777, Wise, VA 24293 or brought by the Church office anytime during open hours.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

History of St. Patrick's Day



St. Patrick's Day originated as a religious feast honoring St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, and evolved into a global celebration of Irish culture.

Historical Background

St. Patrick, born in Roman Britain around 385 AD, was kidnapped by Irish raiders at age 16 and enslaved in Ireland for six years. After escaping, he returned to Ireland around 432 AD as a missionary, spreading Christianity and establishing churches, schools, and monasteries. He is credited with converting much of Ireland to Christianity and became a legendary figure, with stories such as using the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity and driving snakes from Ireland.

Religious Origins

The holiday was first observed as a feast day in the Catholic Church by the 9th or 10th century, commemorating St. Patrick's death on March 17, 461. Early celebrations in Ireland involved attending church services in the morning and feasting in the afternoon, with Lenten restrictions on meat and alcohol temporarily lifted. The day became an official Christian feast in the 17th century, recognized by the Catholic Church, Anglican Communion, and other Christian denominations.

Evolution into a Cultural Celebration

Irish immigrants brought St. Patrick's Day to the United States, where it transformed into a secular celebration of Irish heritage. The first recorded celebration in America occurred in St. Augustine, Florida, in 1601, organized by an Irish vicar. The first New York City parade took place in 1762, led by Irish soldiers in the British Army, and parades became a symbol of Irish unity and cultural pride throughout the 19th century. Today, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated worldwide with parades, wearing green, shamrocks, traditional music, and festive foods like corned beef and cabbage.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC, ETC.



March 18 Dylan Luther

March 21 Pat Adkins



This Week's Scripture:

John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me, and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.

HE LIVES TO TAKE AWAY MY SHAME
AND HE LIVES FOREVER
I'LL PROCLAIM
THAT THE PAYMENT FOR MY SIN
WAS THE PRECIOUS LIFE HE GAVE
BUT NOW HE'S ALIVE AND THERE'S
AN EMPTY GRAVE
AND I KNOW MY REDEEMER,
HE LIVES
I KNOW MY REDEEMER LIVES
LET ALL CREATION TESTIFY
LET THIS LIFE WITHIN ME CRY
I KNOW MY REDEEMER
LIVES!

*WBC Music
Ministry*



On Wednesday night, Jim lead a study about Lent and what it means to the different Christian denominations. Lent invites Christians into a forty-day journey of renewal—a deliberate slowing down that prepares the heart to fully rejoice in the miracle of Christ's resurrection. Rather than being merely a season of restraint, Lent is a purposeful time of realignment, helping believers draw closer to God and rediscover the depth of Easter's promise.

Lent encourages honest reflection. Through prayer, Scripture reading, and quiet contemplation, Christians examine the patterns that distract them from God's presence. This spiritual "clearing of the clutter" creates space for grace to take root and grow.

Fasting is a part of many denominations, but is not about deprivation for its own sake. It's a practice that sharpens awareness—reminding believers of their dependence on God and awakening compassion for others. By stepping away from excess, Christians learn to hunger for what truly satisfies. While growing up, my dad fasted one day each week. From 8 am on Wednesday until 8 am on Thursday, he ate no food, but drank lots of water and coffee. (He tried to do without coffee, but my Mom put an end to that....he was not very pleasant to be around). He explained that it was Biblical, but more importantly, it helped him to feel closer to God through his hunger pangs. I'm not sure about that, but he followed that practice for years. He only quit when he was diagnosed with diabetes and his doctor told him he could no longer do that.

Lent also calls for generosity. Serving others, giving to those in need, and practicing forgiveness embody Christ's love in tangible ways. These acts prepare the heart to receive Easter not just as a historical event, but as a living reality. This is probably one of the hardest things for me and that is forgiveness. It takes a lot to get me mad, but then I have to pray A LOT to not have harsh feelings

As Lent unfolds, its disciplines gently shape the soul. By the time Easter morning arrives, believers are ready—not only to celebrate Christ's victory over death, but to experience renewal in their own lives. Lent transforms Easter from a single day into a deeply felt encounter with hope.

I hope you have a wonderful encounter with Christ during this Lenten season.



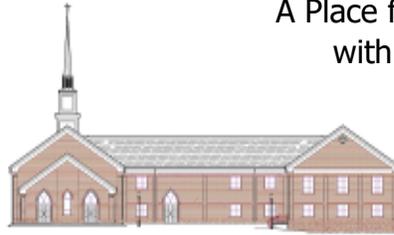
Peace, love & joy, Donna

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	3/15-3/21	John Mark Adrian, Ron Helton
	3/22-3/28	Ray Spenilla, Lewey Lee
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	March	Donna Hutchinson
Children's Church	March 22	
Offering Ushers	March	Ron Helton Team
	April	Matt Meade Team
Tellers	March	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
	April	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
Wed. Night Meals	3/18	Chicken Casserole, Roasted Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes
		Donna & Team
	3/25	Hamburgers, French Fries, Salad
		Don & Team



A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family and Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School Worship	10:00 am 11:00 am
Monday	Piecemakers (1st, 3rd, 5th) Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	9:00 am
Wednesday	Dinner Bible Study Choir Practice	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm
Saturday	Men's Bible Study	7:00 am



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Thoughts for the Week:

You cannot have a positive life
with a negative mind.

- Joyce Meyer

