



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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, Mar. 25,
6 PM Dinner

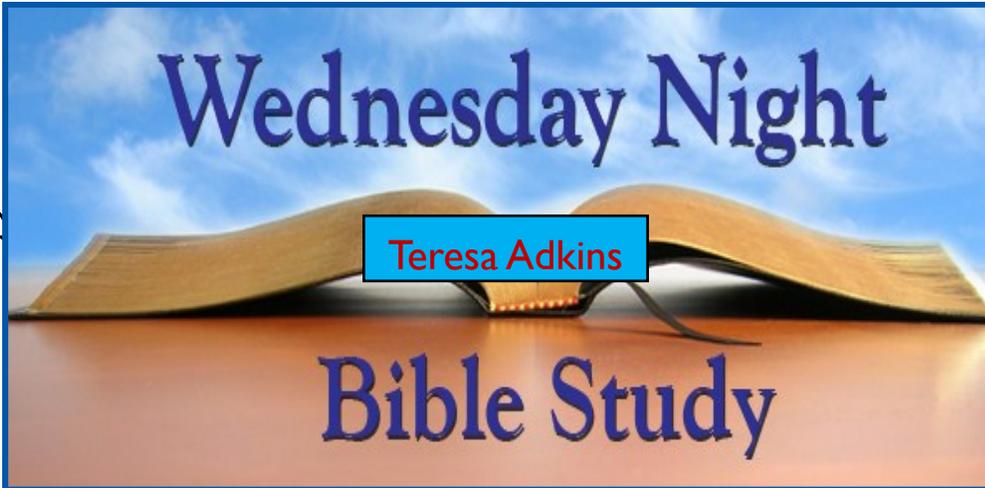
7 PM Bible Study

7:30 PM Choir Prac.

Sunday, March 29

Sunday School
10 AM

Worship Service
11 AM



Teresa Adkins

Bible Study

WEDNESDAY MEAL

Hamburgers, French Fries, Salad

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DEACONS 2025 - 2026

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
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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, Peggy Stillwell, 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

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the Christian moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four Gospels. Its name originates from the palm branches waved by the crowd to greet and honor Jesus as he entered the city. Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week; in Western Christianity, this is the beginning of the last week of the solemn season of Lent, preceding Easter.

According to the Gospels, Jesus Christ rode on a donkey into Jerusalem, and the celebrating people there laid down their cloaks and small branches of trees in front of him, singing part of Psalm 118: 25–26.....”Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.”

Why Did Jesus Ride a Donkey?

Jesus rode a donkey on Palm Sunday as a symbolic fulfillment of prophecy and a declaration of His true mission. This act directly fulfilled Zechariah 9:9, which prophesied that the Messiah would enter Jerusalem “righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey.” By doing this, Jesus publicly announced that He was the long-awaited King, but not in the way many expected. In ancient times, rulers rode horses into battle, but a donkey symbolized peace. Jesus did not come as a warrior to overthrow Rome; instead, He came as a humble King bringing salvation.

The donkey also reflected Jesus’ humility and servanthood. Unlike the powerful image of a warhorse, a donkey was a simple, everyday animal, used by common people. This choice emphasized that His Kingdom was not about earthly power but about love, sacrifice, and redemption. As He entered Jerusalem, the crowds laid palm branches and cloaks before Him, shouting “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” They welcomed Him as a King, but many misunderstood His purpose, expecting a political savior rather than one who would die for their sins.

Palm Sunday

What Do Palm Branches Represent?

So why did the people wave palm branches and place them at the feet of Jesus' colt? No doubt, in Palestine, where Jesus ministered, there were plenty of palm trees scattered throughout the land. But what was the meaning of using palm trees?

According to Easton's Bible Dictionary, the branches and trees actually have a significant meaning. People didn't just grab whatever leaves they could find for no reason.

"Its branches are a symbol of victory (Revelation 7:9). "Rising with slender stems 40 or 50, at times even 80, feet aloft, its only branches, the feathery, snow-like, pale-green fronds from 6 to 12 feet long, bending from its top, the palm attracts the eye wherever it is seen." The whole land of Palestine was called by the Greeks and Romans Phoenicia, i.e., "the land of palms."

The Jewish people wanted victory, victory over the Romans who had invaded their land. Jesus did come to enact a victory, but not quite the one they had in mind.

When we use palm branches in our services, we can remember how Jesus conquered death for us to have a chance of salvation through Him.

Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PALM SUNDAY

Join us Sunday morning as we celebrate the triumphant entry of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem and Holy Week.

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BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MUSIC, ETC.



March 26	Chloe Cantrell
March 28	Ashley Farmer
	Deborah Knox
	Christi Lardieri
	Isabella Wesolowasi
March 29	Matthew Mullins
	Matt Collins
March 30	George Chappell



This Week's Scripture:

Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide!
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

*WBC Music
Ministry*



As Easter draws near, I find myself slowing down a little more often—pausing in the quiet moments to notice what God is stirring in my heart. There's something about this season that feels both tender and powerful, like God is gently reminding me of truths I tend to forget in the rush of everyday life.

Lent has a way of holding up a mirror. It nudges me to look honestly at the places where I've grown weary, distracted, or distant from God. Not in a condemning way, but in that loving, persistent way Christ always calls us back. It's a season that whispers, "Let Me make you new again."

And honestly, I need that. Most of us do.

But what moves me most is how Easter doesn't leave us in reflection—it carries us into hope. The empty tomb isn't just a story I've heard since childhood; it's the reminder that nothing in my life is beyond God's ability to resurrect. Not broken relationships, not old wounds, not the parts of myself I've written off as "too far gone."

Christ's resurrection is personal. It reaches into the hidden corners of our lives and says, "This can live again."

Even the world around us seems to join in. The first warm breeze, the stubborn little flowers pushing through the soil—they feel like God's way of saying, "See? I'm still doing new things." And somehow, that simple truth settles my spirit.

As Easter approaches, I'm trying to hold my heart open—to let God surprise me, to let grace soften me, to let hope rise again in places I didn't expect. Easter isn't just a date; it's an invitation. A reminder that Christ's victory is meant to shape how we live, love, and believe today.

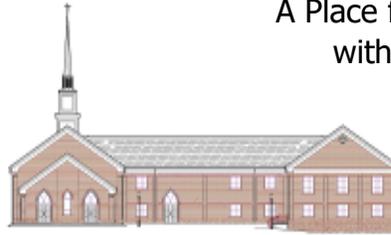
And maybe that's the most beautiful part: Easter comes not because we've earned it, but because God's love refuses to leave us unchanged.

Peace, love & joy, Donna

Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call	3/22-3/28	Ray Spenilla, Lewey Lee
	3/29-4/4	John Ponish, Ruby Salyers
Building Stewards		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sunday School Greeters	March	Donna Hutchinson
Children's Church	March 29	Jennifer Mullins
Offering Ushers	March	Ron Helton Team
	April	Matt Meade Team
Tellers	March	Don Newlon, Oscar Raile
	April	Matt Meade, Mike Strouth
Wed. Night Meals	3/25	Hamburgers, French Fries, Salad
		Don & Team
	4/1	Podluck
		Diane Cornett, Sherry Collie

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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



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Thoughts for the Week:

John 14:6

"I am the way, the truth, and the life, and no man comes unto the Father, but by me."

