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Grace at the Edges

Numbers chapters 13 and 14 are two of the most tragic chapters in Scripture. In chapter 13-14:39 we note that the people of Israel have been brought through the desert and are at the banks of the Jordan. God is about to lead them out of the barrenness of the desert into the fruitfulness of the land of promise. They are on the doorstep of entering into all that they looked for and longed for since their deliverance from Egypt. They are on the doorstep of entering into their place of calling and destiny. Yet they do not enter. They have been brought to the edge of the Jordan and the spies report on all that they have found in the land of promise. They conclude that it is too beyond their capacity and refuse to go up in the grace that would be provided to them. They will return to the barrenness of the desert and live out their days there.

Conversely, in chapter 14:40-45 they decided to move out on their own into the land that God had promised and fail miserably. They have concluded the risks facing them in the challenges of the promised land are preferable to a life lived out in the wilderness. They attempt what God wanted for them in his power in their own power. They move out apart from grace in their own capacity and fail. We know their story well. Too many have been touched by the love and grace of God and hunger to live into the missional call, only to feel as if it is always just beyond their reach. We stand at the edge of a chasm and see the land we live for and long for and wonder is there any way to build a bridge that would take us to the land of fruitfulness and mission. That bridge is the bridge of GRACE.

In the same way we come into the life of Jesus by grace we must live the missional life by grace.

Over the last few months I have been sensing God moving me into a season of empowering persons to live into their missional call by unlocking GATES (**Grace At The EdgeS**). I believe this upcoming season will be a pivotal season in our capacity to live into the mission God has for us as his people in Floyd. My hope is that every facet of our church will be impacted in this season.

Charitable Assumption: In the Anglican Church they practice what is know as "Charitable Assumption". They will assume the best of people. I believe that the leaders and participants in our Sunday School Classes and Ministries know Jesus, want to grow as his disciples, and want to be a part of bringing others into the life he has given them.

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That being said, I want to have conversations with Sunday School, and Ministry leaders about participating in a journey that will empower their groups to move into the mission God has designed for them; their promised land. Starting on September 18 I will be offering **GRace at the Edge or GREDGE** Leadership Huddles. (See Article for a description of these Huddles). Our worship time over the next few months will be focused on Grace at the Edge.

I am trusting in God's grace upon me and us as we take this amazing journey together.

Your Fellow Traveler

Jeff

GREDGE (Grace at the EDGE) Leadership Huddles

Acts 14:26— "From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed."

GREDGE Huddles will be launched on September 17 & 18

GREDGE LEADERSHIP HUDDLES are designed to empower and equip persons in leading their Sunday School Class, Ministry or a Missional Team in discovering and living out their missional calling.

Huddle Participation: Participation in a GREDGE Leadership Huddle is open to anyone within or outside of Floyd Baptist Church upon being interviewed by Pastor Jeff and entering into a Huddle Covenant.

Huddle Meeting Times: Three separate Huddles are being offered so that diverse schedules can be accommodated.

AM Huddle: 7:00 AM Tuesday Mornings (We will adjust the time of this huddle to best suit the needs of the participants once the Huddle is formed.)

Lunch Huddle: 12:00 Noon on Wednesday afternoons.

Evening Huddle 7:00 PM on Wednesday evenings.

Contact Pastor Jeff if you have an interest in joining one of these Huddles or know of someone who would be a potential participant. Jeffch5051@gmail.com or (540) 577-0839.

GRACE AT THE EDGE

Sermon Series

Our Missional Purpose

August 4: Matthew 28: 16-20 "Converted from Conversion"

The Place of Our Mission: Discerning Our Missional Context

August 11: Acts 1:8—There is a Prioritized Place—The Mission to Jerusalem & Judea

August 18: Acts 1:8—There is a Prioritized Place—The Mission to Samaria & The Ends of the Earth

August 25: Ephesians 2:10 "Mission and Personal Affinity"

September 1: Acts 18:1-8 "The Mission: Personal Activities and Access"

September 1: John 3:16, "The Mission and a Purified Passion"

PRESCHOOL NEWS



See you in August!

Open House on Sunday, August 25 at 5pm

Preschool starts Monday, August 26

Ms. Janice, Ms. Patsy, & Ms. Brenda

FLOYD COUNTY
SCHOOLS

OPEN AUGUST 13

DRIVE SAFELY!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Karen Whitlock, Minister of Music

Calendar:

Wed, **August 7**, 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Wed, **August 14**, 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Wed, **August 21**, 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Wed, **August 28**, 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir



The Sanctuary Choir Robes and Stoles Fund is growing. We have collected \$3,469.79 as of July 26, 2019. We will be collecting through the month of August 2019. If you wish to donate, please make your donation for "Choir Robe Fund". The total cost for new robes and stoles is \$4,428.

MEMBER NEWS

Leslie Moran became a member of Floyd Baptist Church & was baptized on July 14, 2019.

Welcome Leslie!

Floyd Baptist Church expresses sympathy to its members and their families on the recent loss of a family member:

The Browning Family on the death of Nina Browning

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2- Theodore Via, Jr. Kimberly Bond	11- Ronnie Shelton 12- Rhonda Vaughn	Clyde Thomas, Jr. Donna Toler
3- Jesse Slusher Gerald Via	13- Trudy Pecoul 15- Judith Dempsey	27- Nellie Overstreet Emily Thompson
4- Larry Midkiff	16- Luke Harris	29- Peggy Wirt
5- Lindsey Thompson	19- Bert Hatcher	30- Karen Whitlock
6- Margie Clinger	22- Cassie Radford	Kayla Howell
7- Peyton Weeks Carlotta Eaton	23- Dorothy Kitts Stacy Thompson	Mabel DeHart
9- Peggy Profitt	25- John Robert Weeks	

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

DEACON NEWS

The Deacon Nominations held on Sunday, July 28, resulted in one nominee: **Jim Sharp**.

We ask that you continue to pray for more nominations to be received.

Check the Sunday Bulletins for updates on nominees.

The election to fill the **four positions** that are being vacated will take place on **Sunday, August 25**, during the worship service.

A candidate should possess qualifications as outlined in the scriptures with special attention to **Acts 6:1-8** and **1 Timothy 3:8-13**.

Please prayerfully consider these qualifications when casting your vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship "Pot Luck" Dinner

Wednesday, August 14, 6:30 pm

Business Meeting

Wednesday, August 14, 7:00 pm

Review & Discuss

2019-20 Presentation of Budget

Church Council Meeting

Monday, August 19, 7:00 p.m.

Deacons Meeting

Monday, August 26, 6:30 p.m.

INFORMER

deadline for the **September** issue is

Sunday, August 18

Woods Annex Report

Principal Owed: \$ 112,360.13

Monthly Loan Payment: \$ 1,329.14

Additional Principal: \$ 6,070.00

Total Paid in June: \$ 7,399.14

THANK YOU NOTES

The family of Nina Browning wishes to thank each of you for your prayers, calls, visits, and support during her illness and passing. We are overwhelmed by your love and generosity.

We thank you for the abundant and most delicious meal after the funeral and for all who helped.

There are no words to convey our most sincere appreciation.

*With love,
The Browning's*

SENIOR MINISTRY

The Young at Heart is planning a trip to the Hillsville Farmers Market on Monday, August 19. Lunch will be at Shoney's. The bus will leave the church at 10:00 a.m.

Save these dates:

Friday, September 13, Wohlfhart Haus, Lunch & Matinee

Monday, October 14, Christiansburg, Lunch at Olive Garden & Shopping at Walmart

If you have any questions about the Young at Heart, please contact
Kathryn West at 745-3281.



SERVICE MINISTRIES

Greeters

August 4 Jim & Louellen Sharp
Richard Wood
August 11 M&C Quesenberry
Chris & Kim Bond
August 18 Connie/Carlotta Browning
Danny & Martha Thompson
August 25 John & Ashlee Weeks
Robert & Donna Petty
Sept 1 Jim & Louellen Sharp
Richard Wood

Deacon of the Week

August 4 Janice Yearout-Patton
August 11 Chris Bond
August 18 Michael Browning
August 25 Dirk Davis
Sept 1 Steve Hamlin

Nursery I & II

August 4 Brenda Weeks & Christen Cross
August 11 Peggy Proffitt/Louellen Sharp
August 18 M & C Quesenberry
August 25 Vicky Shaffer & Denise Peters
& Ryan Davis
Sept 1 Vicky Shaffer & Louellen Sharp

Children's Worship

August 4 John & Ashlee Weeks
August 11 Chris & Kim Bond
August 18 Donna Petty
August 25 Brian & Deanna Swortzel
Sept 1 John & Ashlee Weeks

Children's Church

August 4 Leisa Holman
August 11 Alena Bond & Haleigh Hamlin
August 18 Belinda Horney & Michelle Tucker
August 25 Elizabeth Reynolds
Sept 1 Janice Shortt

Time For Young Disciples

August 4 Michael Browning
August 11 **Mission Sunday**
August 18 Kelly Krantz
August 25 John Weeks
Sept 1 Ruth Thompson

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The proposed budget for 2019-2020 church year will be sent to church members via email or regular mail on or about August 1.

There will be additional copies left in the back of the church.

The budget will be presented to the Business Meeting on Wednesday, August 14th.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It is the time of the year we need to fill positions in our church committees. We ask all church members to PRAY if God would have you to serve Him in this way. Please get in touch with one of us on the Nominating Committee if you have a question or feel lead to fill a vacancy. Belinda Alderman; Mike Patton; Danny Thompson; Billie Hall; Judy Dempsey, Ross Linkous.

EVANGELISM & MISSION NEWS



OPERATION IN AS MUCH - OIAM

August Missions News

By the time you read this, OIAM day will be only a couple of weeks away. August 24th is fast approaching!!! Hopefully you have been praying and seeking God's guidance as to where you should serve, and your name is on one of the signup sheets posted by the choir room. There are a variety of activities going on that day and your God given gifts and talents can certainly be used in His service in our community on that day.

The **Nursing Home Team** has a program planned for the residents there, and is also collecting items like tissues, old country CD's and games to be given to the residents. Lap quilts for residents have been sewn by some of our ladies, and the smiles on the residents' faces when the folks on this team visit their rooms and talk with them are priceless.

The **Cookies and Cards Team** will be busy writing notes of encouragement and sending cards to folks in the military and to folks who just need to know that someone is thinking of them. If you have patriotic cards or "thinking of you" cards you would like to donate, that would be wonderful. Kathryn West also needs names and addresses of people who would be the recipients of these notes. On the Friday before OIAM day, some of your most tasty and delicious cookies can be dropped off at the fellowship hall, and these will be put together on platters and delivered to some of our community helpers.

The good news from the **Firewood Delivery Team** is that the firewood has been cut and split and folks won't need to be cutting and splitting in this WARM weather we have been having. If you know of someone though, who could use a load of firewood to help them through the winter, please contact Mark West.

The **Large Projects Team** has a big project lined up for that day, and Richard Wood and Steve Hamlin need a large crew to help with the project!

***** Our youth are looking for some small projects or yardwork that they can help with on that day. If you are someone who needs help with yardwork or a small project that the youth can help with, or if you know someone who does, please let Kelly Krantz or call the church office.

The **Free For All Team** has already been at work sorting the donations that have come in. Boxes can be found throughout the church for food and school supplies to be distributed on OIAM day. Vacation Bible School donations have given us a good start with these donations, but donations of clothing, household items, etc. for the Free For All, as well as food and school supplies are still needed.

*****In previous year, food bags have been distributed to folks who came to the Free For All, but it has come to our attention that some folks aren't able to come out that day, and they could really use help with food. So this year, we are looking at delivering some food bags out in the community. If you know of someone whom we could help with the food delivery, please let us know. You can contact Lisa Radford, Tony Vest, Kay Slusher, Jim Sharp, Kelly Krantz, or Maurice Quesenberry.

EVANGELISM & MISSION NEWS



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With all these activities going on, there are workers who will need to be fed, and that is the job of our **Meals Team**. I have heard it said before that we are a church that shows up to help but doesn't always sign up. If you would sign up so this meals team would know how many to prepare food for.....that would be GREAT and much appreciated.

If you're not sure about where you will serve yet, there is a signup sheet for "Put me where you need me," and it can be figured out from there. Your name on one of those teams just might encourage someone else to sign up too.

Well.....that's a lot going on and while OIAM day is a big day in the life of our church, the opportunities to serve and share God's love are always there. Throughout the year, you can donate food to be delivered to the New River Community Action food bank, or you can donate items for Operation Christmas Child. You can help with the May Day baskets, or the Valentine cards, or the Christmas food boxes. Our Hearts and Hammers group has projects throughout the year that can use your help, and the Nursing Home is always there where we can go and visit. Belinda Horney would love to have some more names to add to her list of folks who are willing to help with the Transportation Ministry..... assisting members of our church family in getting to appointments when transportation help is needed.

So, so many opportunities are out there for us to share God's love. And really, OIAM day should not be just one day to go out and serve and show love, but really it should be a day to help us refocus and think about the opportunities that are there every single day throughout the year to show God's love. Please continue to pray for the OIAM volunteers and the people who will be served on that day. But also, pray that we all will become more and more aware of the little ways that we can show God's great love to those around us each and every day.

*****The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, inasmuch as you have done such things for the least of my brothers and sisters, you have done the same for me' Matthew 25:40* ****



MISSION NEWS

Food Drive

Please help us with our collection of food items for the local food bank

The theme for August is:

Canned Meats
(tuna, Spam, Treet, etc)

Please drop off your donations by
August 31
in the box outside the Fellowship Hall

*In July, **63** items were collected.*

Each month the Youth will be collecting an item that will be used in filling the shoeboxes in November for **Operation Christmas Child**.

So far, bar soap, tooth brushes, small toys, plastic items, wash cloths, nail clippers, chap sticks, socks & small toys have been collected.

In August, school supplies (including small plastic pencil sharpeners, markers, colored pencils, crayons, erasers, glue & small writing tablets) will be collected.

With your donations the youth will be able to purchase extra things with the money they are provided.

Please place your donations in the box located in the Sanctuary.

Thank You!



"Free For All" Yard Sale

OIAM is collecting donations to be used in the "Free For All" Yard Sale.

Items collected are: coats, shoes, clothing, gloves, blankets, sheets, towels, plates, and other items that you are no longer using and would like to donate. You can bring your donations to the Church, and place them in the upstairs Child. Dept. room across from the 1st-4th Sunday School Class room.

Thank you for your support of this local mission project!



OIAM

NURSING HOME PROJECT

The Skyline Nursing Home OIAM Team would like to present gifts to the residents on August 24. Donated items would be greatly appreciated and may be given to Brenda Wood, Ruby Moran or Connie Quesenberry.

Needed items:

Purse-size tissues, old country music cd's (Johnny Cash, Loretta Lynn, etc.), board games (Yahtzee, monopoly, dominos, playing cards, Chinese checkers, etc.)

Monetary gifts are welcome.

If you would like to serve with this team, please contact Connie Q.



OIAM FOOD BOXES

There are many ways to serve in our church's OIAM project. One of the simplest is to bring non-perishable food items for the grocery give away on the day of our project, August 24.

There will be several boxes scattered at entrance points inside the building. Thank you for your support.

Sign up for the team where you feel led to serve. Sign up Sheets for the OIAM teams are located on the bulletin board next to the choir room.

AUGUST 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 5:00-7:00 pm, FH, Knowles Party
4 Lord's Supper 9:00 am, E&M Committee, OIAM Meeting 6-7pm Boy Scouts	5 7-9pm, FH, AA	6	7 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir 7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Annex	8	9	10
11 MISSION SUNDAY 6-7pm Boy Scouts	12 2:00-5:00 pm Annex, J. Hudgins 7-9pm, FH, AA	13 FH, Reserved for Hostess Committee Floyd Schools Open	14 6:30 pm Potluck Dinner 7:00 pm Business Meeting 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir 7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Annex	15	16	17
18 INFORMER DEADLINE PM, FH Thompson Family Reunion 6-7pm Boy Scouts	19 Young at Heart , 10:00 AM Hillsville-Lunch, Shoney's & Farmer's Mkt. 7:00PM Church Council 7-9pm, FH, AA	20	21 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir 7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Annex	22	23 pm, FH reserved for OIAM set-up	24 OIAM DAY
25 DEACON ELECTIONS 5pm Preschool Open House 6-7pm Boy Scouts	26 6:30 pm Deacons' Meeting Preschool Starts 7-9pm, FH, AA	27	28 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir 7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Annex	29	30	31